

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 584**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Boyd**

CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Provides relative to children in foster care

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes references from privilege and privileges to right and rights.
2. Changes references from youth and youth's to child and child's.
3. Adds the right to reliable and safe transportation, including age appropriate car restraint systems in accordance with present law.
4. Adds the right to be placed with suitable family members or other individuals defined in present law.
5. Makes technical changes.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides for the Foster Children's Bill of Rights

Proposed law provides for references from "right" and "rights" to "privilege" and "privileges" in the applicable statute.

Proposed provides for references from "youth" and "youth's" to "child" and "child's" in the applicable statute.

Proposed law expands the age range from fourteen through eighteen to children from birth through eighteen.

Proposed law provides foster children the right to proper luggage when moving between foster homes to ensure their dignity and safety.

Proposed law defines luggage and specifies the condition the luggage must be in.

Proposed law strictly prohibits the use of garbage bags as luggage for foster children.

Proposed law provides for the responsibilities of local social services districts to provide foster children with proper luggage.

Proposed law provides for the responsibilities of host families to ensure that luggage remains with the children.

Proposed law provides for local social service districts and Dept. of Children and Family Services to host biennial luggage donation drives for luggage to be distributed to foster children.

Proposed law provides for the right to reliable and safe transportation, including age appropriate car restraint systems in accordance with present law.

Proposed law provides for the right to be placed with suitable family members or other individuals defined in present law.

(Amends R.S. 46:286.16)