

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 719****2016 Regular Session****Hodges**

CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Provides relative to transportation of children to be admitted to a treatment facility under a physician's emergency commitment certificate

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for procedures pursuant to the issuance of a physician's emergency certificate for treatment of a minor suffering from mental illness or substance abuse. Provides that, if necessary, peace officers shall apprehend and transport, or ambulance services, under appropriate circumstances, may locate and transport a minor patient on whom an emergency certificate has been completed to a treatment facility.

Proposed law retains present law, and adds thereto an authorization for any of the following persons to accompany the minor during transportation to a treatment facility:

- (1) A parent, including a foster parent.
- (2) A legal guardian.
- (3) A Department of Children and Family Services case worker.

Proposed law stipulates that a biological parent of a child in foster care shall accompany the child only if approved by the Department of Children and Family Services.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1431(D); Adds Ch.C. Art. 1427(C))