
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the grounds which qualify a child in need of care, reporting procedures, reporting procedures and safety assessments for pregnant children age 14 and under, and service eligibility for those pregnant children.

Present law provides grounds that shall be asserted for allegations that a child is in need of care.

Proposed law provides that if a child is 12 years or younger and pregnant, that is grounds for asserting an allegation that the child is in need of care.

Present law provides for reporting procedures to the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and to law enforcement and for the reporting of child-specific information to the legislature.

Proposed law includes that the pregnancy of children 14 years or younger shall be reported to DCFS.

Proposed law provides for the initiation of safety assessments for reported pregnant children that are 14 years old and under.

Proposed law provides that a pregnant child that is 17 of age or younger shall be eligible for services provided by the department, including but not limited to medical coordination, counseling, case management, and protective supervision.

(Amends Ch. C. Arts. 606(A)(6) and 610(A)(3); Adds Ch. C. Art. 603.2)