

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

New 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.

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

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

New law provides for the initiation of safety assessments for reported pregnant children who are 14 years old and younger.

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

Effective August 1, 2026.

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