

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 194

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after "State;" insert "establishing that this Act does not create, and may not be construed as creating, a new cause of action or substantive legal right for foster parents;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike "PLACEMENT AGENCY PLAN" and substitute "FOSTER PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES"; in line 3, strike "A" and substitute "THE"; and in the same line, after "PARENT" insert "IN A MANNER".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 24, strike "ANY ELEMENT OF"; in the same line, strike "CASE WORKER" and substitute "CASEWORKER, EXCEPT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL,"; and in line 25, strike "COULD" and substitute "WOULD".

On page 3, in line 14, strike "MAY" and substitute "SHALL".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 27, after the first "TO" insert "THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES"; in line 30, after "PARTICIPATE" insert ", WITHOUT SUPERSEDING THE RIGHTS OF THE NATURAL PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS REGARDING THE CHILD,"; in line 32, after "MEETINGS;" insert "AND"; and strike beginning with "AND" in line 34 down through "TEAM;" in line 38.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 10, after "REVIEWS" insert ", PROVIDED THAT A FOSTER PARENT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A PARTY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE NOTICE".

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in lines 16 and 17, strike ": (I)"; in line 20, after "PARENT" insert "AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-534(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE"; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 23, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, in line 14, before "FOSTER" insert "(A)".

On page 3, after line 27, insert:

"(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT CREATE, AND MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING, A NEW CAUSE OF ACTION OR SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL RIGHT FOR FOSTER PARENTS."