

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Stability and Opportunity for Foster Youth: HB 33

Explanation of Changes from Sponsor Substitute to proposed H&SS Committee Substitute

Section 1:

No changes

Section 2:

No changes

Section 3:

Includes in the definition of sibling a relationship through "marriage or adoption".

Section 4:

No changes

Section 5:

No changes

Section 6:

Subsection (p) adds additional clarifying language that the department may recommend "to the court" another permanent planned living arrangement (APPLA).

Adds in subsection (p)(1) that APPLA may be considered only for a child over the age of 16.

Removes subsection (p)(3) at the recommendation of Department of Law.

Inserts language in subsection (q) that will allow for release from custody in less than 30 days if the child, OCS and the guardian ad litem all agree to the expedited release.

Clarifies in (q)(1) that notification will be made to the child "if the child is available".

Subsection (q)(2) changes the word "petition" to "motion" at the recommendation of the Department of Law.

Subsection (s)(3) of the compelling reason definition has been deleted.

Creates a new subsection (t) which provides a statutory definition of APPLA.

Section 7:

Deletes subsections (b)(1) and (2). The Department of Law raised concern that these provisions were subjective and could create a conflict of interest between the licensing and social workers.