

SB

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"An Act concerning the philosophy of the Department of Health and Social Services' approach to treating children."

COMMITTEE REPORT

3/15/76

HOUSE

JUDICIARY

Mr. Speaker:

Date May 11, 1976

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had SR 653

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Susan Sullivan _____
John Dackman _____
David Carter _____
Edward ... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman



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HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 12, 1976

Present: Ostrosky Sullivan Hackney
Parr

Testifying: Gary Sheridan, Div. of Soc. Services
Lee Moelein, Evergreen Memorial Chapel
Marjorie Gorsuch, League of Women Voters
Robert Lapotnick

HCR 143 - Legislative Affairs Agency Study on aged Housing

Kathryn presented background reasons for her introducing this resolution. Louise Crane and Gregg Erickson, Legisl. Affairs there to answer questions.

Committee does not see why a new study has to be done, Gleen thinks the information is allready been studies and just has to be compiled. Also questioning the travel \$\$ and why two people needed to travel.

Amendment, p 1, line 25, after agency, add "in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Service".

amendment passed.

Letter of Intent -to be written to indicate that information should be pulled together from various agencies, office of agin, dept, etc. Envision utilizing personnel in other legislative affairs agencies in the state and legislators to accumulate and investigate.

REsolution adopted.

Erickson wants to know if this means reduced or 0 budget from now on regarding this resolution. Committee asks that Gregg redo fiscal note taking all possible economies and report back to committee.

SB 371 am Child protection

Amendment that was adopted last committee meeting regarding the definition of mental was deleted. Bill has one amendment that relates to guardian ad litem.

Motion to move bill - passed

SB 629 - Interstate Compact on Children - Chance

Gary Sheridan explains the need for this and why the Dept. would like to see it passed.

Genie Chance explains how other states have participated and passes around some info collected by other states.

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Gary has some proposed amendments, but the committee asks that he present those to the judiciary committee since this bill has another referral.

Motion to move bill out, passes

SB 653 - ~~Child Protection~~ Child Protection Dept. Philo. on Children

Very little discussion, good bill
Motion to move bill out - do pass

SB 716 am Funeral and Mortuary Science

Lee Moelein, makes some proposed amendments
p 7, delete (3) problems with this by adding the cremation clause.
doesn't feel it is needed.

POSITION PAPER

ON

SENATE BILL NO. 653

B'6

"An Act concerning the philosophy of the Department of Health and Sbcial Services' approach to treating children."

This Bill would delete AS 47.10.280 and add a new section, AS.47.05.060, expressing the general purpose and policy relating to children which would govern actions of the Department of Health & Social Services.

The Department supports the Bill without change.

Recommended by *John Hanats* (Director) 2/27/76 (Date)

Approved by *Louis M. Jurek* (Commissioner) 3/1/76 (Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: _____ (Date)

EFFECT OF SENATE BILL NO. 653 am

"An Act Concerning the Philosophy of the Department of Health and Social Services"

PRESENT STATUTE SECTION REPEALED

NEW SECTION ADDED

COMMENTS

~~Sec. 47.10.280. Purpose of chapter. The purpose of this chapter is to secure for each minor the care and guidance which is as nearly as possible equivalent to that which should be given him by his parents. The principle is recognized that minors under the jurisdiction of the court are wards of the state, subject to its discipline and entitled to its protection, and that the state may act to safeguard them from neglect or injury and to enforce the legal obligation due to them and from them. (§ 2 art I ch 145 SLA 1957)~~

~~Sec. 47.05.050. PURPOSE AND POLICY RELATING TO CHILDREN. The purpose of this title as it relates to children is to secure for each child the care and guidance, preferably in his own home, that will serve the moral, emotional, mental, and physical welfare of the child and the best interests of the community; to preserve and strengthen the child's family ties whenever possible, removing him from the custody of his parents only as a last resort when his welfare or safety or the protection of the public cannot be adequately safeguarded without removal; and, when the child is removed from his family, to secure for him adequate custody and care.~~

New section emphasizes two main new issues:

- (1) Preference to keep children in own home and to preserve family ties, removing child from home only as last resort. (Present statute recognizes only responsibilities of state in placing children outside of the home.)
- (2) Importance of moral, emotional, mental, and physical welfare of children and best of interest of community in placement of children. (Present statute emphasizes protection of children only.)