



Bill Number: H.B. 2419

Gray L Floor Amendment

Reference to: House engrossed bill

Amendment drafted by: Legislative Council

FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

The Amendment:

- Specifies that a DES should make reasonable efforts to place a child with their siblings if they are in out-of-home placement, guardianship or adoptive placement.
- States that if placement with siblings is not possible, DES should make reasonable efforts to maintain visitation and contact between siblings.
- Makes technical and conforming changes.

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GRAY L FLOOR AMENDMENT
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2419
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 1, strike lines 26 through 30, insert:

2 "D. IF A CHILD HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CHILD'S HOME AND PLACED IN
3 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT
4 SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PLACE THAT CHILD WITH THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS
5 OR, IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, TO MAINTAIN FREQUENT VISITATION OR OTHER ONGOING
6 CONTACT BETWEEN THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S SIBLINGS UNLESS A COURT DETERMINES
7 THAT EITHER THE PLACEMENT OR THE VISITATION OR CONTACT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO
8 THE CHILD'S OR A SIBLING'S SAFETY OR WELL-BEING."

9 Page 4, lines 3 and 4, after "FREQUENT" insert "VISITATION OR"

10 Line 6, after "TO" insert "THE CHILD'S OR"

11 Page 5, line 44, after "FREQUENT" insert "VISITATION OR"

12 Page 6, line 7, after "FREQUENT" insert "VISITATION OR"; strike "THIS" insert
13 "EITHER THE PLACEMENT WITH THE SIBLINGS OR THE VISITATION OR CONTACT"

14 Line 8, after "TO" insert "THE CHILD'S OR"

15 Line 39, after "FREQUENT" insert "VISITATION OR"

16 Line 40, after "SIBLINGS" insert "OR VISITATION OR CONTACT"

17 Line 41, after "TO" insert "THE CHILD'S OR"

18 Amend title to conform

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