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Amendment to HB 1562

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the role of foster parents.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 New Subdivision; Foster Parents. Amend RSA 170-E by inserting after section 50 the
8 following new subdivision:

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Foster Parents

10 170-E:51 Foster Parents. When a child is placed in a foster home pursuant to a juvenile court
11 order:

12 I. The department of health and human services shall consult with the foster parent prior
13 to the release of the foster parent's address, phone number, or other personally identifying
14 information to the child's parent or guardian.

15 II. The department of health and human services shall make a representative of the
16 department available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the purpose of aiding the foster parent in
17 caring for the acute needs of the foster child.

18 III. Pursuant to RSA 169-C:14, the foster parent shall receive notice of all court proceedings
19 and may, at the court's discretion, attend such hearings and submit written or oral reports of the
20 child's behavior, progress, and developmental needs.

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to consult with foster parents before releasing their personally identifiable information, to make a representative of the department consistently available to foster parents, and to facilitate the foster parents' participation in court hearings.