

Amendment to HB 1562

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

AN ACT           relative to collaboration between the department of health and human services and foster parents and relative to the disposition of interests in condominium units.

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

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

Foster Parents

170-E:51 Collaboration Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Foster Parents. The general court finds that foster parents providing care for children who are in the custody of the department of health and human services play an integral, indispensable, and vital role in the department's effort to care for dependent children displaced from their homes. The general court further finds that it is in the best interest of the department of health and human services to acknowledge foster parents as active and participating members of this system and to support them through the following foster parent rights, as primary caregivers for children in the care and custody of the state of New Hampshire.

170-E:52 Foster Parents. When a child is placed in a foster home pursuant to a juvenile court order:

I. The foster parent shall be treated with consideration and respect.

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

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

IV. The foster parent shall be given timely notice of scheduled meetings and appointments involving the foster child. The foster parent shall:

(a) Be provided with a written copy of information pertinent to the care of the child.

(b) Receive reasonable notice of any changes to the case plan.

(c) Be apprised of the number of times the child has moved from one foster home to another and, as appropriate, the reasons therefor.

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1           (d) Have the ability to request a team meeting to address concerns specific to the child,  
2 including participation in development of the child's permanency plan.

3           V. The foster parent shall be given reasonable notice of any plan to remove a child from the  
4 foster home. The notice shall include the reason for the change or termination in placement,  
5 provided there is no concern for the safety and welfare of the child.

6           VI. Pursuant to RSA 169-C:14, the foster parent shall receive notice of all court  
7 proceedings, may submit written reports, and, at the court's discretion, may attend such hearings  
8 and provide oral reports of the child's behavior, progress, and developmental, educational, and  
9 healthcare needs.

10          2 New Paragraph; Condominium Act; Limitations on Dispositions of Units. Amend RSA 356-  
11 B:50 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

12           V. No unit owner, or owner of a time sharing interest as defined in RSA 356-B:3, XXVIII,  
13 shall convey his or her interest in a condominium unit to the condominium unit owners' association  
14 without the acceptance of the deed by the condominium board of directors or its managing agent  
15 prior to the recordation thereof in the county registry of deeds.

16          3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for collaboration between the department of health and human services and foster parents, requires the department to provide foster parents with certain information, and enables foster parents to participate in meetings and court hearings for a child in their care.

The bill also requires the acceptance by the condominium board of directors or its managing agent prior to the conveying and recording of a deed transferring a condominium interest to the unit owners' association.