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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Crews to Engrossed House Bill No. 584 by Representative Boyd

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2, and insert the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 46:286.16, relative to children in foster care; to provide for the  
4 privileges of children in foster care; to provide for the"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete line 8 and insert the following:

7 "Section 1. R.S. 46:286.16 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 12 and insert the following:

11 "SUBPART D-1A. PRIVILEGES OF FOSTER YOUTH'S BILL OF RIGHTS YOUTH  
12 §286.16. Short title; purpose; ~~rights~~  
13 A. This Subpart shall be cited as the "Privileges of Foster Youth's Bill of  
14 Rights Youth".  
15 B. The Department of Children and Family Services shall implement,  
16 promote, and support the ~~rights~~ privileges contained in this Section through the  
17 policies and practices of the department as applied to youth ages fourteen through  
18 eighteen who are in foster care in this state.  
19 C. Youth ages fourteen through eighteen in foster care in this state ~~are~~  
20 entitled to shall receive the following ~~rights~~ privileges granted to them when it is  
21 determined by the"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 4

23 On page 1, delete line 14 and insert the following:

- 24 "(1) The ~~right~~ privilege to privacy concerning the youth's personal and confidential  
25 information.  
26 (2) The ~~right~~ privilege to attend all court hearings regarding the care to be received.  
27 (3) The ~~right~~ privilege to be in a stable and supportive setting that is free from neglect  
28 and emotional, verbal, physical, and sexual abuse or exploitation, and that is the least  
29 restrictive to meet the youth's needs.  
30 (4) The ~~right~~ privilege to participate in all case plan meetings, to include supportive  
31 adults of the youth's choice to be on the planning team, and to be provided a copy of the  
32 youth's case plan every six months or whenever changes are made to the plan.  
33 (5) The ~~right~~ privilege to have the youth's medical and mental health needs met on  
34 a regular and timely basis.  
35 (6) The ~~right~~ privilege to be provided adequate trauma-based counseling and  
36 therapeutic services throughout the youth's time in foster care.

1 (7) The ~~right~~ privilege to be provided the contact information of the youth's  
2 caseworker, attorney, and CASA volunteer, and to attend meetings with them on a regular  
3 basis.

4 (8) The ~~right~~ privilege to have access to a telephone to talk to or visit with approved  
5 friends and relatives, including siblings, at least once a month.

6 (9) The ~~right~~ privilege to access materials necessary for school and to further the  
7 youth's education, including access to a computer or other electronic devices and to the  
8 internet when needed to complete assignments, the ~~right~~ privilege to receive tutoring  
9 services, and the ~~right~~ privilege to access information regarding college admissions.

10 (10) The ~~right~~ privilege to access information regarding testing accommodations for  
11 any learning or developmental disability or special health need.

12 (11) The ~~right~~ privilege to be involved in extracurricular activities, including school  
13 clubs, dances, field trips, and sports teams, and to be provided with supplies and uniforms  
14 required for team participation.

15 (12) The ~~right~~ privilege to remain in the youth's school of origin.

16 (13) The ~~right~~ privilege to attend a driver's education class.

17 (14) The ~~right~~ privilege to obtain employment and transportation to employment  
18 within the vicinity of foster care placement.

19 (15) The ~~right~~ privilege to refuse involvement in religious-based activities and the  
20 ~~right~~ privilege to continue the youth's cultural, religious, and ethnic traditions and belief  
21 systems.

22 (16) The ~~right~~ privilege to be free from discrimination of any kind on the basis of the  
23 youth's race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic, or  
24 social origin, property, disability, birth, or other status.

25 (17) The ~~right~~ privilege to attend and have transportation to services, events, and  
26 activities provided by the Independent Living Skills Program within the youth's region, the  
27 ~~right~~ privilege to receive timely notification of upcoming youth advocacy and engagement  
28 services in the youth's region, and the ~~right~~ privilege to be provided with the entire amount  
29 of the monthly allowance as outlined in department policy.

30 (18) The ~~right~~ privilege to express and voice the youth's needs, concerns, and desires  
31 about foster care."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 5

33 On page 1, line 15 delete "right" and insert "privilege"