

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON AND STEFANSKI

CHILDREN/CUSTODY: Provides relative to the placement of children in the custody of the Dept. of Children and Family Services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 672(A), relative to the placement of children
3 in custody of the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide relative
4 to placement authority; to provide for the duties of the Department of Children and
5 Family Services; to provide for the duties of judges in child custody cases; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 672(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 Art. 672. Care and treatment by department

11 A.(1) Whenever custody of a child is assigned to the Department of Children
12 and Family Services, the child shall be assigned to the custody of the department
13 rather than to a particular placement setting. The department shall have ~~sole~~
14 authority over the placement within its resources and ~~sole authority~~ over the
15 allocation of other available resources within the department for children judicially
16 committed to its custody.

17 (2) However, upon motion of the court, for good cause shown, a
18 contradictory hearing shall be held and thereafter, the presiding judge shall have the
19 authority to disapprove a placement chosen by the department if it is not in the best

