

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

