

# ACT No. 189

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON AND STEFANSKI

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

