The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

DIGEST

SB 151 Original 2021 Regular Session Barrow

Proposed law enacts a "Foster Youth's Bill of Rights" to be implemented through the policies and practices of the Department of Children and Family Services for certain youth in foster care in the state.

Proposed law enumerates rights for youth in foster care who are ages 14-18 involving privacy; participation in planning for care including attending court hearings and case plan meetings; a stable and supportive setting free from neglect and abuse or exploitation; having medical and mental health needs met on a regular and timely basis; meeting with the youth's caseworker, attorney, and CASA volunteer; access to materials necessary for school and to further the youth's education; extracurricular activities; the youth's cultural, religious, and ethnic traditions and belief systems; participation in the Independent Living Skills Program within the youth's region; and the expression and voicing of the youth's needs, concerns, and desires about foster care.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:286.16)