
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 228 by Representative Jefferson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 5, after "years;" and before "and to provide" insert "to provide for drug
3 testing;"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, at the beginning of line 10, change "C." to "C.(1)"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 13, after "R.S. 15:587.1(C)" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines
8 14 and 15 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof a period "." and the following:

9 "(2) No child shall be newly placed in a foster home for
10 temporary care, except for emergency placement, or for adoption
11 until it is determined that the prospective foster or adoptive parent
12 has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to a felony listed
13 in R.S. 40:966(C), and (E), 967(C), 968(C), 969(C), or 970(C) unless
14 five or more years have elapsed between the date of placement and
15 the date of successful completion of any sentence, deferred
16 adjudication, or period of probation or parole.

17 (3) No child shall be placed by the department into a home
18 where the prospective foster or adoptive parent has been convicted of
19 or pled nolo contendere to a felony listed in Paragraph (2) of this
20 Subsection until the individual has submitted to and passed an initial
21 drug test and has provided written consent to any plan of random
22 drug testing required by the department for the duration of the
23 placement. Any required drug tests shall be at the expense of the
24 individual.

25 (4) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to prohibit
26 or prevent the department or its employees from considering prior
27 convictions in determining whether to place a child in a foster home
28 for temporary care or for adoption."