

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 1224

2026 Regular Session

McMakin

CHILDREN: Provides with respect to children in need of care

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides grounds that shall be asserted for allegations that a child is in need of care.

Proposed law provides that if a child is 12 years or younger and pregnant, that is grounds for asserting an allegation that the child is in need of care.

Present law provides for reporting procedures to the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and to law enforcement and for the reporting of child-specific information to the legislature.

Proposed law includes that the pregnancy of children 14 years or younger shall be reported to DCFS.

Proposed law provides for the initiation of safety assessments for reported pregnant children who are 14 years old and under.

Proposed law provides that a pregnant child who is 17 years of age or younger shall be eligible for services provided by the department, including but not limited to medical coordination, counseling, case management, and protective supervision.

(Amends Ch. C. Art. 610(A)(3); Adds Ch. C. Arts. 603.2 and 606(A)(6))