

Amendment to SB 359

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Child Protection Act; Notice to School District of Out-of-Home Placement; Development of
4 Transition Plan. Amend RSA 169-C:20-a to read as follows:

5 169-C:20-a Notice to School District of Out-of-Home Placement; **Development of** Transition
6 Plan ~~[Required]~~.

7 I. If the department of health and human services recommends or initiates an out-of-home
8 placement or a change in placement ~~[that will result in a change of school assignment]~~, whether
9 within or out of the district, the department shall notify the school district as soon as possible **of the**
10 **change in placement and shall work with the school district to determine how, consistent**
11 **with the best interest of the child, to assure the child's educational stability** ~~[to allow the~~
12 ~~school district to participate in the facilitation of a successful transition of the child from one school~~
13 ~~to the next]~~.

14 II. **When necessary to transition the child to a different school or school district,**
15 the department and school district shall develop a transition plan for the child. The objective of the
16 plan shall be to minimize the number of placements for the child and to facilitate any change in
17 placement or school assignment with the least ~~[emotional and mental impact to the child]~~
18 **disruption to the child's education.** To the extent appropriate, the child may be involved in the
19 formation of the plan.

20 2 New Section; Delinquent Children; Notice to School District of Out-of-Home Placement;
21 Development of Transition Plan. Amend RSA 169-B by inserting after section 22 the following new
22 section:

23 169-B:22-a Notice to School District of Out-of-Home Placement; Development of Transition
24 Plan.

25 I. If the department of health and human services recommends or initiates an out-of-home
26 placement or a change in placement, whether within or out of the district, the department shall
27 notify the school district as soon as possible of the change in placement and shall work with the
28 school district to determine how, consistent with the best interest of the child, to assure the child's
29 educational stability.

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31 department and school district shall develop a transition plan for the child. The objective of the
32 plan shall be to minimize the number of placements for the child and to facilitate any change in

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1 placement or school assignment with the least disruption to the child's education. To the extent
2 appropriate, the child may be involved in the formation of the plan.

3 3 New Section; Children in Need of Services; Notice to School District of Out-of-Home
4 Placement; Development of Transition Plan. Amend RSA 169-D by inserting after section 18-a the
5 following new section:

6 169-D:18-b Notice to School District of Out-of-Home Placement; Development of Transition
7 Plan.

8 I. If the department of health and human services recommends or initiates an out-of-home
9 placement or a change in placement, whether within or out of the district, the department shall
10 notify the school district as soon as possible of the change in placement and shall work with the
11 school district to determine how, consistent with the best interest of the child, to assure the child's
12 educational stability.

13 II. When necessary to transition the child to a different school or school district, the
14 department and school district shall develop a transition plan for the child. The objective of the
15 plan shall be to minimize the number of placements for the child and to facilitate any change in
16 placement or school assignment with the least disruption to the child's education. To the extent
17 appropriate, the child may be involved in the formation of the plan.

18 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to notify the child's school district of an out-of-home placement recommended or initiated by the department in a juvenile court proceeding.