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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Requests a study of prospective changes to statutes and policies relative to children placed in state custody pending child in need of care proceedings

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to study prospective
3	changes to Louisiana statutes and policies relative to children placed in state custody
4	pending child in need of care proceedings which would provide for the best interests
5	of such children and to report its findings to the legislative committees on health and
6	welfare.
7	WHEREAS, the best interest of a child in the state foster care system is to spend the
8	least amount of time in that system as is possible; and
9	WHEREAS, the process of unification of a foster child with his family is often
10	lengthy and unproductive; and
11	WHEREAS, a biological mother of a child who is eligible for child in need of care
12	proceedings may desire to place that child for private adoption; and
13	WHEREAS, in an effort to provide for the best interest of a child in foster care, a
14	birth mother should have the liberty to execute a private voluntary act of surrender for
15	adoption either to avoid state involvement or to reduce and ultimately eliminate the state's
16	involvement in the child's care.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to study prospective
19	changes to Louisiana statutes and policies relative to children placed in state custody

- 1 pending child in need of care proceedings which would provide for the best interests of such
- 2 children.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide its findings in the
- 4 form of a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee
- 5 on Health and Welfare on or before December 31, 2012.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 7 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Requests a study by the Dept. of Children and Family Services of prospective changes to La. statutes and policies relative to children placed in state custody pending child in need of care proceedings which would provide for the best interests of such children.

Requests that the department report its findings to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before Dec. 1, 2012.