

AMENDMENTS TO LB 265

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. On page 7, line 14, strike beginning with "the"
2 through the last "of" and show as stricken.

3 2. On page 8, line 10, strike "has had significant
4 contact" and insert "is a trusted adult that has a preexisting,
5 significant relationship"; and in line 25 after "(1)" insert
6 "The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
7 on requirements for licenses, waivers, variances, and approval
8 of foster family homes taking into consideration the health,
9 safety, well-being, and best interests of the child. An initial
10 assessment of a foster family home shall be completed and shall
11 focus on the safety, protection, and immediate health, educational,
12 developmental, and emotional needs of the child and the willingness
13 and ability of the foster home, relative home, or kinship home
14 to provide a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for a
15 child for whom the department or child-placing agency has assumed
16 responsibility.

17 (2) (a)".

18 3. On page 9, line 9, strike "(2)" and insert "(b)"; and
19 strike lines 21 to 25 and insert

20 "(3) Kinship homes and relative homes are exempt from
21 licensure, however, such homes should make efforts to be licensed
22 if such license will facilitate the permanency plan of the
23 child. The department and child-placing agencies shall, when

1 requested or as part of the child's permanency plan, provide
2 resources for and assistance with licensure, including, but
3 not limited to, information on licensure, waivers for relative
4 homes, kinship-specific and relative-specific foster care training,
5 referral to local service providers and support groups, and funding
6 and resources available to address home safety or other barrier to
7 licensure.

8 (4) Prior to placement in a nonlicensed relative home
9 or kinship home, approval shall be obtained from the department.
10 Requirements for initial approval shall include, but not be limited
11 to, the initial assessment provided for in subsection (1) of this
12 section, a home visit to assure adequate and safe housing, and a
13 criminal background check of all adult residents. Final approval
14 shall include, but is not limited to, requirements as appropriate
15 under 71-1903. The department or child-placing agency shall provide
16 assistance to an approved relative home or kinship home to support
17 the care, protection, and nurturing of the child. Support may
18 include, but is not limited to, information on licensure, waivers,
19 and variances, kinship-specific and relative-specific foster care
20 training, mental and physical health care, options for funding for
21 needs of the child, and service providers and support groups to
22 address the needs of relative and kinship parents, families, and
23 children."

24 4. On page 10, strike lines 1 to 9.

25 5. On page 15, strike beginning with "persons" in line 14
26 through "and" in line 15, show as stricken, and insert "a person
27 who has a physical, mental, or developmental disability and is".