

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB158

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB158 establishes that when any juvenile court petition is filed, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile. At the first court appearance, the court shall inform such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of the juvenile's right to continued representation.

LB158 also stipulates that any counsel, upon entering an appearance on behalf of a juvenile, shall continue to represent the juvenile through post-dispositional proceedings unless received by the court upon the request of the juvenile upon the substitution of other counsel, or for cause.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks