

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB928**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

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

The intent of LB 928 is to optimize the placement process for children removed from their home pursuant to 43-284 by incorporating more individuals into this process with the objective of increasing a child's likelihood of placement with a suitable adult who has a pre-existing, significant relationship with the child.

LB 928 amends 71-1901 to define 'fictive kin' as an adult who is not related to a child by blood, marriage, or adoption but who has previously lived with the child or is an otherwise trusted adult with an emotionally significant relationship with the child. The existing definition of 'kinship home' is reworded to include the term 'fictive kin' without substantively changing the meaning of the subsection.

LB 928 also amends 43-1311 to add fictive kin to the list of persons whom the person or court in charge of a child removed from his or her home is required to provide notice to DHHS to begin identifying, locating, and notifying of such removal. 43-1311.01 is also amended to add fictive kin to the list of persons whom DHHS is to identify, locate, and notify of the removal of a child from his or her home.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator R. Brad von Gillern**