

the interaction between the State Foster Care Review Board and the Department of Social Services. These amendments deal with the confidential records access to them and penalties for disclosure of such records. The second grouping contains the statistical changes in the bill. The first directs the Foster Care Review Board to ascertain the need for continued out-of-home placement. The second, in this group, addresses concerns regarding the immunity provisions in the original bill. The amendment grants identical immunity provisions to the State Foster Care Review Board to those currently in the statute for the Department of Social Services. And the final amendment allows the Foster Care Review Board to examine a case as soon as the child enters its care. Under current law, the review board must wait until a child has been in foster care for six months before reviewing the case. With that brief explanation, Mr. Speaker, I would urge adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. On the committee amendments to 603, Senator Hartnett, Senator Nelson on deck.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I simply concur with the committee amendments as adopted by the Judiciary Committee as I think it does...the first two parts, Section 1 and Section 2, as Senator Chizek explained, kind of clarifies the role that the Foster Review Board can have in dealing with different agencies. And I also think that the amendment, subsection 3 of page 3, kind of gives it the same immunity as the social service does now and the county attorneys. And also the...and Section 10 provides criminal penalties for Foster Care Review Board's members who violate the confidentiality rules and so forth. So I think the...I think we had a good bill that I introduced to the Judiciary Committee. I think with their work and the committee amendments, I think they have made it better. So, with that, I would move for the advancement of these committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, with Senator Schmit on deck.

SENATOR NELSON: To the bill, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit. On the bill itself, thank you. Any other discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Chizek, to close.