

House Study Bill 581

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JUDICIARY BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to attendance at child in need of assistance
2 proceedings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5799HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 232.91, subsection 3, Code Supplement
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 3. Any person who is entitled under section 232.88 to
1 4 receive notice of a hearing concerning a child shall be given
1 5 the opportunity to be heard in any other review or hearing
1 6 involving the child. A foster parent, relative, or other
1 7 individual with whom a child has been placed for preadoptive
1 8 care shall have the right to be heard in any proceeding
1 9 involving the child. If a child is of an age appropriate to
1 10 attend the hearing but the child does not attend, the court
1 11 shall determine if the child was informed of the child's right
1 12 to attend the hearing.

EXPLANATION

1 13 This bill relates to attendance at child in need of
1 14 assistance proceedings.
1 15 Under the bill, in any child in need of assistance
1 16 proceedings where the child does not attend and the child's
1 17 age is appropriate to attend such proceedings, the court shall
1 18 determine if the child was informed of the child's right to
1 19 attend.
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