

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 12, 2023
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB23-1024 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 16, strike lines 18 through 24 and
2 substitute:

3 "(d) THE PURPOSE OF INTERVENTION IS TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE
4 OR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE CHILD
5 OR YOUTH, INCLUDING THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND
6 EMOTIONAL NEEDS. INTERVENTION BY A FOSTER PARENT IS ONLY
7 PERMITTED WHEN A CHILD OR YOUTH HAS BEEN PLACED OUT OF THE HOME
8 FOR TWELVE MONTHS OR MORE AND ADJUDICATION HAS OCCURRED. A
9 MOTION MADE FOR INTERVENTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(d)
10 MUST STATE THE PERSON'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHILD OR YOUTH, THE
11 REASON THAT INTERVENTION IS SOUGHT, AND WHY THE EXISTING PARTIES
12 CANNOT ADEQUATELY PRESENT THE CASE. A FOSTER PARENT MAY
13 INTERVENE IF:

14 (I) THE FOSTER PARENT HAS HAD THE CHILD OR YOUTH IN THE
15 FOSTER PARENT'S CARE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWELVE CONSECUTIVE
16 MONTHS. A FOSTER PARENT WHO INTERVENES PURSUANT TO THIS
17 SUBSECTION (5)(d)(I) MAY DO SO AS A MATTER OF RIGHT AND WITH OR
18 WITHOUT COUNSEL.

19 (II) THE FOSTER PARENT HAS HAD THE CHILD OR YOUTH IN THE
20 FOSTER PARENT'S CARE FOR A MINIMUM OF SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. A
21 FOSTER PARENT WHO INTERVENES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
22 (5)(d)(II) MAY ONLY DO SO AS PERMITTED BY THE COURT AND WITH OR
23 WITHOUT COUNSEL."