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TITLE: CONCERNING JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Summary of Assessment

Under current law, a county department of social services that has custody of a child may intervene in a judicial proceeding involving the child. Additionally, during the initial advisement of a juvenile by a magistrate, any party to the proceeding, including a county department of social services, has the right to a hearing before the judge. If this right is waived, a party is bound by the findings of the magistrate. These provisions are scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2007. The bill removes the sunset provisions making these provisions permanent.

The bill simply retains current law and clarifies some juvenile court proceedings. As such, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

Judicial Human Services