

SSB 5510 - H AMD TO ELCS COMM AMD (H-2848.2/09) 534  
By Representative Goodman

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1        On page 14, beginning on line 24 of the amendment, after "shall"  
2        strike all material through "consequences" on line 30 and insert  
3        "consider factors affecting the best interests of the child, including  
4        the child's history and attachment status and how separation from  
5        primary caregivers has affected the child. The court shall enter one  
6        of the following orders for the child"

EFFECT:        Removes the requirement for the court, during the permanency planning hearing, to: (1) Utilize a developmentally appropriate, child-centered perspective; and (2) consider how additional separation and change in placement may affect the child's attachment system or create a risk of psychological harm with potentially lifelong consequences. Adds a requirement for the court, when reaching decisions regarding the permanent plan for the child, to consider: (1) Factors affecting the child's best interests; (2) the child's history and attachment status; and (3) how separation from primary caregivers has affected the child.

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