

6255-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Talmadge, Wojahn, Haugen, Winsley and McAuliffe; by request of Attorney General)

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to children removed from the custody of parents.

**SB 6255-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Develops alternative goals of care plans to include: Return to the home of the parent or guardian; relatives or foster care; adoption; guardianship; or independent living, if appropriate at age eighteen.

Provides that permanency planning is a process which should begin at the time that child welfare services are initially provided and should continue whenever a child is removed from parental custody.

Does not limit the ability of the agency to petition for termination of parental rights or guardianship.