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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Stevens and McAuliffe

Brief Description: Requiring greater opportunities for involvement of birth families in foster care.

**SB 5811 - DIGEST**

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Provides that, when a child is placed in out-of-home care foster parents are encouraged to: (1) Provide consultation to the foster care team based upon their experience with the child placed in their care;

(2) Mentor the birth parents by helping them understand their child's needs and correlating appropriate parenting responses;

(3) Participate in educational activities, and enter into community-building activities with birth families and other foster families; and

(4) Transport children to family time visits with birth families and assist children and their families in maximizing the purposefulness of family time.