

By Committee on Judiciary

Proposed Amendments to SB 159
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 House Judiciary
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AN ACT concerning children and families; enacting the host families act; relating to temporary care for children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the host families act.

Sec. 2. As used in the host families act:

"Charitable organization" has the same meaning as defined in K.S.A. 17-1760, and amendments thereto.
 (b)

(a) "Child placement agency" means a business or service conducted, maintained or operated by a person engaged in finding homes for children by placing or arranging for the placement of such children for adoption or foster care and licensed by the state of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 65-501, and amendments thereto.

(c) ~~(b)~~ "Host family" means an individual or family who provides temporary care under this act.

(d) ~~(c)~~ "Parent," when used in relation to a child or children, includes a guardian and every person who is by law liable to maintain, care for or support the child.

Sec. 3. (a) A child placement agency may establish a program in which it coordinates with private organizations to provide temporary care of children by placing a child with a host family.

(b) (1) A program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall include screening and background checks for potential host families.

(2) A host family shall not receive payment other than reimbursement for actual expenses of providing temporary care for the child.

(c) Any placement of a child into a program established pursuant to subsection (a):

, or other Kansas charitable organization working under an agreement with a child placement agency,