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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 288

**Short Title:** Emergency Child Custody Placement

**Summary:**

- Conforms to federal requirements the language a judge must use at a temporary custody hearing when determining placement of a child who has previously been removed from home.

**Benefits:**

- Requires a judge to explicitly state whether continued placement in the child's home is "contrary to the welfare" of the child.
- Ensures consistency in court rulings.
- The Office of Children's Services estimates that this bill will allow the department to receive an additional \$500,000 in federal Title IV-E funds in FY05.

**Background:**

Currently, the court must hold a hearing within 48 hours of removing a child from their home to determine placement. However, the language used by the courts in making determinations varies and is often not in compliance with federal requirements.