



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 157

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: January 17, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 157 would allow a parent to leave an infant with an on duty firefighter or hospital staff member within seventy-two hours of the infant's birth. The on duty firefighter or hospital staff member would then have four hours to report the incident to law enforcement. LB 157 also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to maintain and update on a monthly basis a report of the number of children who have been abandoned, and to place the infant with a potential adoptive parent as soon as possible. LB 157 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to terminate the parental rights of the parent that leaves the child with a firefighter or hospital staff member.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Arnie E. Stuthman