



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 356**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 25, 2009

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

This legislation will provide services for children with behavioral health disorders when their parent or parents voluntarily request those services. This legislation seeks to reduce the number of parents who have legally transferred custody of their children to the state so that they may receive behavioral health services.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Annette Dubas**