

**CHILD PLACEMENT AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jeremy A. Peterson**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts a provision in the Juvenile Court Act related to child placement during an abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► requires the Division of Child and Family Services to ensure that a parent or guardian has no outstanding arrest warrant before a child is returned to the custody of the parent or guardian.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**78A-6-308.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **78A-6-308.5** is enacted to read:

**78A-6-308.5. Outstanding arrest warrant check before return of custody.**

**(1) For purposes of this section, "immediate family member" means a spouse, child,**



28 parent, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild.

29       (2) Before ordering the return of a child who is in the custody, protective custody, or  
30 temporary custody of the state to the custody of a parent or guardian of the child, the court shall  
31 require the division to ensure that the parent or guardian has no outstanding arrest warrant in  
32 any state where the parent or guardian has resided or in any state where the parent or guardian  
33 has an immediate family member.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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