

HB 2992-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that parents have a fundamental interest in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for questioning and where their child is being held. Because a parent or guardian is most often in a position to provide a juvenile with guidance in matters of great importance to a juvenile, it is the intent of the legislature to assist parents in their ability to aid and guide their children when making important legal decisions, including the decision to waive legal rights during custodial interrogations. It is also the intent of the legislature to provide children in police custody the opportunity to seek and receive consultation with his or her parents.

Provides that, when a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody, the officer must make reasonable attempts to notify a parent, guardian, or custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is being held.

Finds that parents have a fundamental interest in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for questioning and where their child is being held.

Provides that, when a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody, a reasonable attempt must be made to notify a parent, guardian, or custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is being held.