

HB 2346-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that a child admitted to a secure facility not located in a juvenile detention center or a semi-secure facility may remain for not more than fifteen consecutive days. If a child is transferred between a secure and semi-secure facility, the aggregate length of time a child may remain in both facilities shall not exceed fifteen consecutive days per admission, and in no event may a child's stay in a secure facility located in a juvenile detention center exceed five days per admission.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to take a runaway youth to a secure facility after attempting to notify the parent of the child's whereabouts.

Prohibits the department from taking a child to a secure facility if the department has reasonable cause to believe that the reason for the child's runaway status is the result of abuse or neglect.