

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bridge Orders

- HF 359 allows a juvenile court to close a child in need of assistance (CINA) case by transferring jurisdiction through a modified bridge order

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Child in Need of Assistance Cases- Transfer of Jurisdiction Pursuant to Bridge Modification Order (232.103B)

A juvenile court may close a CINA case and return jurisdiction of the custody to the district court through modifying order if all the following criteria are met:

- Child is adjudicated CINA in an active juvenile court case and a permanency order is in place
- Legal paternity has been established
- The child is safely unified with a parent
- The district court has issued an order concerning the care of the child and the order is in place at the time of the CINA petition filing
- Either parent has qualified for a court appointed attorney in the juvenile case

When the criteria is met any party may file a motion for a bridge modification order.

Bridge order modifications shall only address legal custody, physical care, and parenting time.

The clerk of court shall not assess any filing fees or other court costs.

Nothing in this section requires the appointment of counsel in district court action.

Amendment Analysis