

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 241

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

April 24

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “parents” delete the rest of the line and insert a pe-  
2 riod.

3 Delete lines 3 through 16.

4 Delete lines 18 through 29 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections shall assign the implementation of a bill**  
6 **of rights of children of incarcerated parents to an existing public body.**

7 **“(2) The bill of rights of children of incarcerated parents implemented under this section**  
8 **must recognize that each child of an incarcerated parent has certain essential rights, in-**  
9 **cluding but not limited to the following:**

10 **“(a) To be protected from additional trauma at the time of parental arrest.**

11 **“(b) To be informed of the arrest in an age-appropriate manner.**

12 **“(c) To be heard and respected by decision makers when decisions are made about the**  
13 **child.**

14 **“(d) To be considered when decisions are made about the child’s parent.**

15 **“(e) To be cared for in the absence of the child’s parent in a way that prioritizes the**  
16 **child’s physical, mental and emotional needs.**

17 **“(f) To speak with, see and touch the incarcerated parent.**

18 **“(g) To be informed about local services and programs that can provide support to the**  
19 **child as the child deals with the parent’s incarceration.**

20 **“(h) To not be judged, labeled or blamed for the parent’s incarceration.**

21 **“(i) To have a lifelong relationship with the incarcerated parent.”.**

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