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CYFD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2016

<p>Battery on a CYFD Worker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizes the important, difficult and dangerous jobs our field workers have, by providing stiffer criminal penalties for offenders who assault or batter a worker. • Ensures that our workers are treated the same as a health care worker, police officer and referee. This bill would increase morale and retention within CYFD.
<p>Crimes Against Children Penalties: Expansion of Baby Brianna’s Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands “Baby Brianna’s Law” to provide life imprisonment for anyone who intentionally abuses a child regardless of age or whether the child dies as a result of that intentional abuse.
<p>Expand Scope of Certain Sexual Crimes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds offenders in a position of authority accountable for sexually penetrating a child. • Removes the requirement that a child be injured when a perpetrator touches a child.
<p>Delinquency Act Terms, Petitions and Changes: Absconder Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for the tolling of time when a juvenile absconds from supervised release and a warrant has been issued. • Allows for the filing of a new petition for juveniles who willfully abscond from probation, if the Court finds that it is necessary to safeguard the welfare of the child or the public’s safety. • Currently, there is nothing in statute which might discourage absconding from supervised release.
<p>Child Exploitation Images as Individual Offense</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides that each separate instance of sexual exploitation of children is a crime.
<p>Crimes Against Children Penalties: Increased Penalties—Intentional Child Abuse – No Death or GBH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases penalties for offenders who intentionally abuse a child that does not result in death or great bodily harm.
<p>Federal Funding Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures compliance with federal law, securing critical title IV-E funding.
<p>Removal of Emergency Placement Children: NCIC Bill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows CYFD to do name-based criminal background checks during emergency placement to ensure the safety of children. • Per the FBI, we must include the language that “we shall” remove a child if an adult in home refuses to provide their fingerprints after a name based search has been completed.
<p>Communication of Certain Images to Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures that the intentional sending of any pictures of private or intimate parts to a child is a crime. • Currently, the image must be the offender’s private parts.