

## Amendment No. 848

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 43 First Reprint	(BDR 38-672)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Committee on Human Resources and Education	
<b>Amendment Box:</b>	
<b>Resolves Conflicts with:</b> N/A	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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Amend section 1, pages 2 and 3, by deleting lines 3 through 42 on page 2 and lines 1 through 8 on page 3, and inserting:

*“1. An agency which provides child welfare services shall ensure that each child it places in a foster home is able to:*

*(a) Attend and participate in a court hearing which affects the child, to the extent authorized by law;*

*(b) Be informed of any plan adopted for his permanent placement pursuant to NRS 432B.553 and of any changes made to the plan, if the child is over 12 years of age;*

*(c) Receive information concerning his placement and be informed of any changes concerning his placement; and*

*(d) Have fair and equal access to services, placement and care.*

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A.B. No. 43—Establishes certain rights for children who are placed in foster homes.

*2. Each provider of foster care shall provide wise care and management for each child placed in his care, including, without limitation, the provision of:*

*(a) A safe, healthy and comfortable environment;*

*(b) Respectful treatment;*

*(c) Freedom from:*

*(1) Abuse or neglect, as defined in NRS 432B.020;*

*(2) Corporal punishment, as defined in NRS 388.5225; and*

*(3) Being locked in any room, building or premises of the foster home;*

*(d) An education as required by law;*

*(e) Adequate and healthy food and adequate clothing; and*

*(f) Medical care, including dental, vision and mental health services, paid for with money of the State of Nevada, the Federal Government or a local government.*

*3. Except as otherwise prohibited by a court order, each provider of foster care shall provide an opportunity for each child placed in his care to:*

*(a) Contact a family member, social worker, attorney, advocate for children receiving foster care services, counsel or guardian ad litem appointed by a court and probation officer;*

*(b) Contact and visit his siblings;*

*(c) Confidentially contact and communicate with an agency which provides child welfare services concerning his care;*

*(d) Attend religious services of his choice;*

*(e) Maintain a bank account and manage personal income, consistent with the age and developmental level of the child, unless otherwise prohibited by an agency which provides child welfare services;*

*(f) Participate in extracurricular, cultural and personal enrichment activities which are consistent with the age and developmental level of the child;*

*(g) Work and develop job skills, to the extent authorized by law; and*

*(h) Attend a class or program concerning independent living for which he is qualified that is offered by an agency which provides child welfare services, the State of Nevada or any contractor or agent of the agency which provides child welfare services or of the State of Nevada.*

*↪ The opportunities set forth in this subsection are subject to reasonable restrictions by the provider of foster care as to the time, place and manner in which they are provided.”.*

Amend section 1, page 3, line 9, by deleting “2.” and inserting “4.”.

Amend the title of the bill, second line, by deleting “rights for” and inserting:  
“guidelines and requirements for the provision of care, management, treatment, services and opportunities by agencies which provide child welfare services and providers of foster care to”.

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

“SUMMARY—Establishes certain guidelines and requirements for provision of care, management, treatment, services and opportunities to children who are placed in foster homes.  
(BDR 38-672)”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative  
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law prohibits a person from establishing a family or group foster home without receiving a license from the appropriate licensing authority. (NRS 424.030) Under existing law, if the licensing authority finds that a child in a foster home is subject to undesirable influences or lacks proper or wise care and management, the licensing authority must order the child to be removed from the home. (NRS 424.060)

This bill establishes certain guidelines and requirements for the provision of care, management, treatment, services and opportunities by agencies which provide child welfare services and providers of foster care to children who are placed in foster homes. These guidelines and requirements address various aspects of the life and activities of foster children, including the treatment of a child, contact with family members, choice of religious services, financial management, education and fair and equal access to services, placement and care. Foster children must also be given a reasonable opportunity to confidentially contact an agency which provides child welfare services concerning their care.