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Overview

This bill modifies the de facto custodian and interested third party law enacted in the 2002 legislative session.

Section

- 1 De facto custodian.** Amends § 257C.01, subd. 2. Clarifies the definition of de facto custodian. Provides that the six-month or one-year time period that a child must reside with an individual without a parent present and with a parent's lack of demonstrated consistent participation need not be a consecutive time period, for purposes of the definition of de facto custodian.
- 2 Custody consent decree.** Amends § 257C.07. Provides that a parent may transfer legal and physical custody of a child to a third party. Current law provides that a parent may transfer legal and physical custody of a child to a relative. Clarifies that the standards in current law for modifying child custody orders (section 518.18) apply to a modification of a custody consent decree. Also makes a conforming change by striking the definition of relative for purposes of this section.