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**Bill Analysis**

SB 686 provides that, in addition to current rights listed in the notice provided to foster parents, foster parents shall also be informed of their right to receive training relating to childhood attachment, the impacts of abuse and neglect on child development, long-term impacts of drug and alcohol abuse on children, infant mental health, and childhood trauma. Foster parents shall also be informed of their right to be represented by counsel, at the foster parent's expense, for any court proceedings in which the foster parent is a party as well as the right to attend and be heard at any Department of Human Services or court proceeding related to a child currently placed in their home. Foster parents shall also be kept informed of decisions made by a court on the date the decision was made and have the right to request a copy of the decision. The measure also requires foster parents to be informed of their right to receive upon request all information in Department records related to the home and the foster care services provided by the foster parent or family. Such parents shall also be informed of their right to intervene after 12 months of placement in any action involving the involuntary termination of parental rights.

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