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Bill Analysis

SB 803 expands the Parents' Bill of Rights to include the right to be informed of any investigation or allegations regarding their parental rights or the welfare of their child, the right a fair and unbiased process for reunification with their child, the right to appeal decisions removing their child, the right to access evidence used to make decisions affecting their parental rights, and the right to a fair investigation. The measure subjects state agency employees involved in the willful violation of such rights to monetary penalties, civil liability, removal from office, and mandatory training. The measure subjects judges who violate the rights of parents by failing to follow due process or by making rulings without sufficient evidence to disciplinary action by the Council on Judicial Complaints. The measure creates the Parental Rights Review Board to monitor compliance.

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