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**AB-592 Juveniles: proof of dependency or wardship.** (2015-2016)

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**Assembly Bill No. 592**

**CHAPTER 215**

An act to add Section 826.8 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[ Approved by Governor August 17, 2015. Filed with Secretary of State August 17, 2015. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 592, Mark Stone. Juveniles: proof of dependency or wardship.

Existing law provides that a minor may be adjudged a dependent child or a ward of the juvenile court under specified circumstances. Existing law authorizes the court to place a minor who has been removed from the custody of his or her parent or guardian in foster care, among other placements. Existing law provides for the termination of the juvenile court jurisdiction when the minor reaches a specified age.

This bill would authorize the State Department of Social Services to provide to a person who was previously adjudged a dependent or ward of the juvenile court, was placed in foster care, and whose dependency or wardship has been dismissed, upon request by that person, the information included in the proof of dependency or wardship document, as specified, or any information necessary to provide verification that the person was formerly a dependent or ward of the juvenile court and placed in foster care.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 826.8 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

**826.8.** Notwithstanding Section 827 and in order to assist with establishing eligibility for programs or services, the State Department of Social Services may provide to a person who was previously adjudged a dependent or ward of the juvenile court, was placed in foster care, and whose dependency or wardship has been dismissed, upon request by that person, the information included in the proof of dependency or wardship document described in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 391, or any information necessary to provide verification that the person was formerly a dependent or ward of the juvenile court and placed in foster care.

**SEC. 2.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to assist persons who were previously adjudged a dependent or ward of the juvenile court, placed in foster care, and whose dependency or wardship has been dismissed in establishing their eligibility for vital programs and services available to them as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take immediate effect.