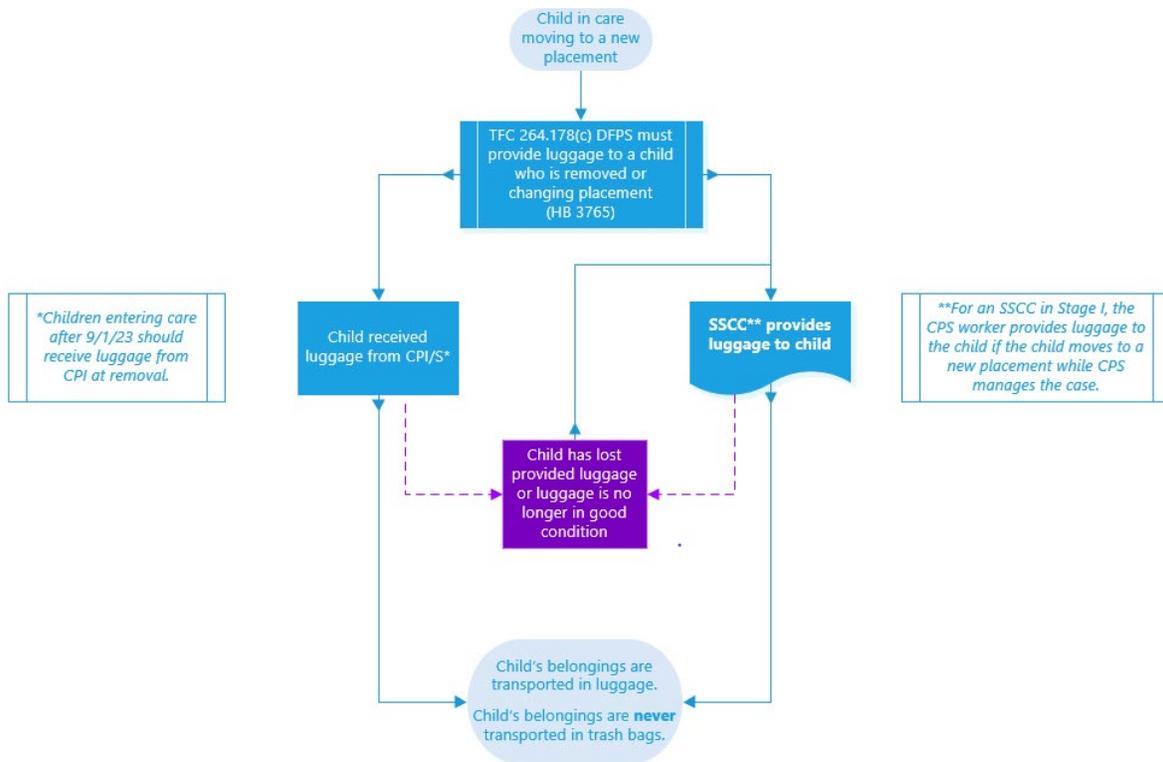


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**For an SSCC in Stage I, the CPS worker provides luggage to the child if the child moves to a new placement while CPS manages the case.