

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	February 19, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1097 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike line 14 and substitute "CHILD."
- 2 Page 3, strike lines 18 through 27 and substitute "FROM ONE PLACEMENT
3 TO ANOTHER AND THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL USE TO DEVELOP
4 INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLANS. AN INDIVIDUALIZED
5 PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN MUST PRIORITIZE THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL,
6 AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE CHILD WHILE CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF".
- 7 Page 4, line 1, strike "PROVIDERS." and substitute "PROVIDERS, AS THE
8 NEEDS OF THE PARENTS, CURRENT PROVIDERS, AND FUTURE PROVIDERS
9 RELATE TO THE CARE OF THE CHILD."
- 10 Page 4, line 2, strike "A" and substitute "ABSENT AN EMERGENCY
11 PLACEMENT CHANGE, A" and after "DEPARTMENT" insert "CHILD
12 WELFARE".
- 13 Page 4, line 3, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED".
- 14 Page 4, line 6, after "HOME." add "THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHILD
15 WELFARE CASEWORKER SHALL DOCUMENT THE INDIVIDUALIZED
16 PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN IN THE STATE AUTOMATED CASE
17 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM."
- 18 Page 4, after line 6 insert:

19 "(II) THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN MUST BE
20 DEVELOPED IN A MEETING WITH ALL PARTIES TO THE CASE, THE CURRENT
21 AND PROSPECTIVE PROVIDERS, AND THE CHILD IF IT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE

1 CHILD'S AGE OR DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL. IF A PARTY OR PROVIDER DOES
2 NOT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, THE PARTY OR PROVIDER
3 WAIVES THEIR RIGHT TO WEIGH IN ON THE PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN.
4 IF ALL PARTIES AND PROVIDERS AGREE THAT A MEETING IS NOT REQUIRED,
5 THE MEETING MAY BE WAIVED.

6 (III) IF A SIBLING GROUP IS MOVED FROM A PLACEMENT TOGETHER,
7 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHILD WELFARE CASEWORKER MAY DEVELOP
8 ONE INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE SIBLING
9 GROUP AS LONG AS THE PLAN TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE INDIVIDUALIZED
10 NEEDS OF EACH CHILD."

11 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.

12 Page 4, line 7, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED".

13 Page 4, line 8, after "HOME." add "THE COURT MAY ORDER A SPECIFIC
14 DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION
15 PLAN TO ENSURE THAT AN AGREED UPON OR COURT-ORDERED CHANGE IN
16 PLACEMENT IS NOT DELAYED DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE AN
17 INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN."

18 Page 4, strike lines 9 and 10.

19 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

20 Page 4, line 11, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED".

21 Page 4, line 13, after "CHILD." add "THE COURT MAY ORDER AN
22 INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN FOR A CHILD WHO IS
23 MOVED TO A NEW PLACEMENT AS A RESULT OF THE COURT'S ORDER."

24 Page 4, line 14, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED" and
25 strike "PLAN, AT A MINIMUM," and substitute "PLAN".

26 Page 4, line 15, strike "INCLUDE:" and substitute "INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
27 LIMITED TO:".

28 Page 4, strike lines 16 through 27 and substitute:

29 "(a) PRE-TRANSITION LOGISTICS TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE FOR
30 THE CHILD'S NEW PLACEMENT, WHICH INCLUDE:

31 (I) IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH ELEMENT OF
32 THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLAN;

33 (II) DETERMINING THE TIME FRAMES FOR THE IMPENDING

1 PLACEMENT CHANGE;
2 (III) IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILD TO VISIT OR
3 CONTACT THE FUTURE PROVIDER PRIOR TO THE TRANSITION;
4 (IV) IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES THE CHILD MAY HAVE TO
5 MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDER WITH PRIMARY
6 CONSIDERATION TO THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF
7 THE CHILD AND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PREFERENCES OF THE
8 CHILD AND THE FUTURE PROVIDER;
9 (V) DETERMINING, WHEN APPLICABLE, HOW A CHILD WILL
10 MAINTAIN CONNECTIONS WITH SIBLINGS WHEN SIBLINGS ARE NOT PLACED
11 TOGETHER, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 19-7-204;
12 (VI) ENSURING THE CHILD HAS THEIR BELONGINGS AND CURRENT
13 MEDICATIONS, THAT THE CHILD'S BELONGINGS ARE CAREFULLY PACKED IN
14 APPROPRIATE LUGGAGE TO AVOID DAMAGE, AND THAT THERE IS
15 TRANSPORTATION OF THE CHILD'S BELONGINGS TO THE PLACEMENT, AS
16 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 19-7-101;
17 (VII) PROVIDING THE CHILD'S RECORDS AND INFORMATION, AS
18 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 19-3-210.5 (1)(i), TO THE FUTURE PROVIDER,
19 SUBJECT TO ANY PRIVILEGE OR CONFIDENTIALITY STANDARD RECOGNIZED
20 OR GOVERNED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW;
21 (VIII) SHARING INFORMATION BETWEEN THE CURRENT PROVIDER
22 AND THE FUTURE PROVIDER UPON THE CONSENT OF BOTH PROVIDERS;
23 (IX) IDENTIFYING WHETHER THE CHILD'S CURRENT HEALTH CARE
24 AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WILL CONTINUE OR TRANSITION TO NEW
25 PROVIDERS;
26 (X) COMMUNICATING THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENT
27 TRANSITION PLAN WITH THE CHILD IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE MANNER;
28 (XI) PLANNING TO PHYSICALLY MOVE THE CHILD TO THE NEW
29 PLACEMENT; AND
30 (XII) SUPPORTING A CHILD WHO IS FOUND TO BE AN INDIAN CHILD
31 TO MAINTAIN OR DEVELOP CONNECTIONS WITH THE CHILD'S TRIBE
32 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT OF 1978", 25
33 U.S.C. SEC. 1901, ET SEQ."

34 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 27 and substitute:

35 "(b) A PLAN FOR PRE-TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
36 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR THE TRANSITION.
37 THE PRE-TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE CHILD-CENTERED,
38 TRAUMA-INFORMED, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN
39 AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 19-7-101."

40 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 14.

- 1 Page 6, line 18, strike "AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS".
- 2 Page 7, line 3, strike "PLACEMENT; OR" and substitute "PLACEMENT,
3 WHICH MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL FROM THE CURRENT PROVIDER; OR".
- 4 Page 7, line 12, after "FOR" insert "A COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHILD
5 WELFARE CASEWORKER'S".
- 6 Page 7, line 15, strike "PROVIDER WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE
7 TRANSITION," and substitute "PROVIDER,".
- 8 Page 7, lines 23 and 24, strike "SUPPORT WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE
9 TRANSITION." and substitute "SUPPORT.".
- 10 Page 8, line 3, strike "TRANSITIONS." and substitute "TRANSITIONS,
11 INCLUDING AN EMPHASIS ON INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCED PLACEMENT
12 TRANSITIONS.".
- 13 Page 8, line 4, strike "NEWLY EMPLOYED COUNTY" and substitute "NEW
14 COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHILD WELFARE".
- 15 Page 8, line 6, after "COUNTY" insert "DEPARTMENT CHILD WELFARE".
- 16 Page 8, line 7, after "COUNTY" insert "DEPARTMENT CHILD WELFARE".
- 17 Page 9, line 5, strike "PRIOR" and substitute "ABSENT AN EMERGENCY
18 CHANGE, PRIOR".
- 19 Page 9, line 7, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED".
- 20 Page 9, strike lines 8 through 12 and substitute "19-3-213.5 (2)(b).".

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