

2912-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt and Clements)

Brief Description: Requiring the department of social and health services to maintain records on children in state custody who are using psychiatric medications. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Requiring a report concerning children in out-of-home care who received certain medications.)

HB 2912-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department of social and health services to report to the legislature the following information regarding children in out-of-home care who remained in out-of-home care longer than ninety days for at least one placement episode and received "fee for service" medical assistance during fiscal year 1999: (1) The number of children who were prescribed medication during an out-of-home care episode;

(2) the medical diagnosis for all children on prescribed medications;

(3) the number, types, and frequency of medications prescribed to children;

(4) the number of children receiving multiple medications;

(5) the number of children prescribed Ritalin; and

(6) the total number of children in out-of-home care episodes exceeding ninety days during fiscal year 1999, and the number of those children receiving medication.

Provides that the report is due to the legislature on or before December 15, 2000.