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Brief Description: Initiating a process to develop collaboration among public and private providers of child welfare services.

**HB 2792 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to establish a process to ensure collaboration of department of social and health services staff and community-based agency staff in the provision of services to families involved in the child welfare system with a focus on implementing research-based practices across the state.

Directs the department of social and health services to convene regional and local department staff and community-based agency staff to develop recommended policies and protocols concerning the following: (1) Collaborative decision making relating to both administrative processes and services provided to families, including, but not limited to, contracting practices, referral practices, and resource allocation; and

(2) Integration of research-based practices into child welfare throughout the state.

Requires the department of social and health services to submit its recommended policies and protocols developed pursuant to this act to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2004.