

**HB 1426-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent to support children in the state whose parents are incarcerated by encouraging the state agencies involved with families of individuals who are incarcerated to coordinate and expand existing services for these families in order to improve the well-being of children of incarcerated parents both over the short term and the long term.

Directs the department of corrections, in partnership with the department of social and health services, to establish an oversight committee to develop a comprehensive interagency plan to provide the necessary services and supports for the children of this state whose parents are incarcerated in jail or prison.

Requires the oversight committee to develop the interagency plan by June 30, 2006, with an interim report due to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2006.