

HB 2252 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to establish a pilot program of well-coordinated and comprehensive postadoption and postpermanency services to children and families in order to reduce adoption disruptions and terminations and to increase the number of potential adoptive families.

Directs the department to contract with community-based organizations in two or more pilot sites in the state to deliver a combination of intensive and less intensive services to children who have been adopted out of the foster care system and their adoptive families. Intensive services include, but are not limited to: Child assessment and assistance with behavior management; advocacy and case management; parent-to-parent mentoring and support; planned respite; recreational enrichment; problem solving; and crisis response. Less intensive services include, but are not limited to: Parent education classes; and information and referral.

Requires that, by January 2, 2008, the department shall provide the legislature with a progress report on implementation, including the location of pilot sites. Annually, through January 2011, the department shall brief the legislature on the operation of the pilot program, including the data regarding the effectiveness of the coordination and delivery of services in reducing adoption disruptions and terminations and increasing the number of potential adoptive families.