

**HB 3145 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides the department shall select two geographic areas for phase one of the implementation of a foster parent specialized licensing classification. Phase one of the specialized licensing classification shall begin not later than July 1, 2008. The department shall approach implementation of the program with the goal of expanding the program statewide, based on the experience of the phase one sites.

Provides based on the experiences and lessons learned from implementation of the program at both phase one locations, the department shall develop recommendations for expanding the program and phasing it in, statewide. The department shall report to the governor and the appropriate members of the legislature by December 1, 2008.