

SB 5776-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to adopt rules by December 1, 2007, establishing a review process for modifications to foster care maintenance payments that are disputed by foster parents.

Declares that the rules must establish a review process within the department in which parties may present evidence that would tend to support a particular foster care maintenance payment level.

Provides that the rules must also establish a process for applying for review, before an administrative law judge, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, of the department's decision in its internal review process.

Provides that the evidence that is the subject of the administrative law judge's review shall be limited to the evidence that was presented in the department's internal review process.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to create in any person an entitlement to financial assistance.