

**HB 2657 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Prohibits the secretary of the department of social and health services from setting the amount of certain adoption assistance payments to more than ninety percent of the foster care maintenance payment for that child had he or she remained in a foster family home during the same period.

Requires the department of social and health services to ensure that department workers charged with negotiating adoption support agreements are properly trained.

Requires the department of social and health services, division of behavioral health and recovery, to convene a work group as part of its children's mental health redesign process, to develop recommendations to better address the mental health service needs of adoptive families and to reduce the need for adoptive families to spend adoption support payments on mental health services.