

SHB 1800 - S AMD TO HSMH COMM AMD (S2816.1) 396
By Senators Roach, Chase

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1 On page 1, line 11 of the amendment, after "continue." insert "If
2 a child is placed with nonrelatives, at the hearing the court shall
3 also review the status of the department's efforts to locate and
4 place a child with a relative, if such placement is in the child's
5 best interest. If a relative is identified but placement is not found
6 to be in the child's best interest, the court shall establish in
7 writing the reason why that placement is not in the child's best
8 interest."

EFFECT: If a child is placed in nonrelative care, at each hearing, the Court is to review DSHS's efforts to place the child with a relative. If a relative is found but determined not to be in the child's best interest, the Court is to establish in writing why such a placement is not in the child's best interest.

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