

HB 1999-S4 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the department of social and health services, for purposes of providing for the educational success of youth in foster care, to disclose only those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may assist with meeting the educational needs of foster youth to another state agency or state agency's contracted provider responsible under state law or contract for assisting foster youth to attain educational success.

Requires the department of social and health services to contract with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, which in turn must contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to administer a program of education coordination for youth, kindergarten through twelfth grade, who are dependent under the juvenile court act.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) In consultation with the department of social and health services, comply with all requirements necessary to maximize federal reimbursement for the program of education coordination for youth; and

(2) Contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to improve the educational outcomes of students at two sites by providing individualized education services and monitoring and supporting dependent youths' completion of educational milestones, remediation needs, and special education needs.

Requires the department of social and health services children's administration to proactively refer all eligible students thirteen years of age or older, within the site areas, to the contractor for educational services.

Requires the student achievement council, with input from the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department of social and health services, to contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to develop, implement, and administer a program of supplemental educational transition planning for youth in foster care in the state.