

**SB 6229-S - DIGEST**

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Requires the department of social and health services, in order to streamline the foster care application process for child-placing agencies when processing a child-placing agency application, to: (1) Accept scanned foster care parent applications that include an original signature electronically;

(2) Complete and return background authorization forms within thirty days or provide explanation to either the prospective parent, the child-placing agency, or both about why there is a delay;

(3) Ensure that the forms required across the state are uniform and consistent between regions;

(4) If related department forms change after the foster care application has been received by the department, not require the applicant to resubmit information on a substantially similar form;

(5) Ensure that foster care parent applications are processed in a timely manner; and

(6) E-mail the fingerprint original case agency number to a child-placing agency within five business days of receipt of the fingerprint-based background notice from the family or child-placing agency.