

HB 2008 - H AMD 315

By Representative Hargrove

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1 On page 4, after line 11, insert the following:

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3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of social and health
4 services children's administration shall, as part of its budget
5 request submittal for the 2018 supplemental operating budget, conduct
6 of a review of the most recent caseload forecast of children in foster
7 care and the availability and capacity of licensed foster homes. The
8 review shall include:

9 (a) an analysis of the need for licensed foster homes;

10 (b) a listing of support resources available for parents in
11 licensed foster homes; and

12 (c) a review of department policies that affect the recruitment
13 and retention of licensed foster homes.

14 A report containing the results of the review shall be submitted
15 to the office of financial management and appropriated committees of
16 the legislature no later than October 1, 2017.

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18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 5 of this act expires on October 1,
19 2017."

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EFFECT: Requires the DSHS Children's Administration to review the availability and capacity of licensed foster homes in comparison to the foster care caseload as part of the 2018 Supplemental budget request process, and to report to the Legislature and OFM by October 1, 2017.

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