

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 832

Relating to child fatalities

SB 832 makes changes to the Critical Incident Response Team process that the Department of Human Services uses when there is a death caused by abuse or neglect involving a child who is in the custody of or who has had contact with DHS. The bill addresses CIRT assignment and reporting timelines, team membership, report content, and website publication requirements.

The bill has an indeterminate direct fiscal impact related to changes in the agency's CIRT process. However, DHS is currently having challenges managing CIRT workload volume increases. This issue, along with other workload and program needs, will be considered as the agency's 2019-21 legislatively adopted budget is finalized.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 832 be reported out do pass.