

SB 171
Relating to children

SB 171 makes statutory changes to support the Department of Human Services operating in alignment with the federal Family First Prevention Services Act; changes include modifying language related to child-caring agencies. These agencies are licensed and regulated by DHS.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill and it has passed the Senate.

The -B14 amendment resolves conflicts with SB 181, which requires a county to become a child-caring agency. Current statute requires these agencies to be incorporated, however, counties aren't incorporated; the amendment provides counties an exception to the incorporation provision.

I recommend SB 171 be amended by the -B14 conflict amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.