

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 707

Relating to notices to children placed in out-of-state residential facilities

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Lieber

SB 707 requires the Department of Human Services to provide each child previously placed in an out-of-state facility a notice of their right to seek civil remedy if there is a belief they were treated negligently. Upon written request from the child and the child's representative, the Department is required to provide all information related to the child arising from incidents that occurred during the time the child was placed in the out-of-state facility. The Department is required to report to the Legislature on the number of such requests, its progress obtaining the required records, and information on any facility's refusal to release the required information.

The Department of Human estimates a need for \$204,234 and two positions (1.5 FTE) to implement the measure. If the measure passes, funding and positions will be included in SB 5529, the primary budget bill for the Department.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 707 be reported out do pass.