SB 769   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Human Services to use any information arising from an investigation of abuse committed by a child in care to assess the safety of the child in care and any other individuals receiving services from the same child-caring agency, the appropriateness of the child in care's placement, the quality of supervision and support provided to the child in care, the need for any additional services or supports for individuals involved in the incident and the consideration of the behaviors and needs identified for making safe and appropriate placements in the future. Prohibits DHS from finding that the report is substantiated or founded except under specified circumstances.

Prohibits DHS to find an individual is unfit to serve as a volunteer, intern, employee, or licensee of any entity solely on the basis of a substantiated or founded allegation of abuse if the incident occurred before the individual attained 18 years of age, provides exemptions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Individuals who have been the subject of a founded or substantiated report of child abuse are enrolled in the Central Background Registry prior to providing child care. A child care facility cannot hire or employ an individual if the individual is not enrolled in the Central Background Registry.

Senate Bill 769 would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to use any information arising from an investigation of abuse committed by a child in care to assess the safety of the child in care and any other individuals and prohibits DHS to find an individual is unfit to serve as a volunteer, intern, employee, or licensee of any entity solely on the basis of a substantiated or founded allegation of abuse if the incident occurred before the individual attained 18 years of age