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Senate Bill 285

(Senator Jacobs)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Child in Need of Assistance - Permanency Planning Hearings

This emergency bill restores a requirement that a court must hold a permanency planning hearing no later than 11 months after a child committed under a Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) proceeding enters an out-of-home placement.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is not expected to affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A court is required to hold a permanency planning hearing to determine the permanency plan for a child no later than 11 months after a child committed under a voluntary placement petition or continued in a voluntary placement enters an out-of-home placement.

Background: This bill is intended to address an omission created with the Voluntary Placement – Children with Disabilities Act of 2003 (Chapter 250 of 2003). The permanency planning hearing requirement for children committed pursuant to CINA proceedings was inadvertently removed. Under this bill, the requirement for a permanency planning hearing for CINA children in out-of-home placements would be restored.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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