

HB 2233

Relating residential care for children

HB 2233 requires the Department of Human Services to create an advisory committee to counsel DHS with respect to residential care for children, youth or youth offenders and programs and facilities that provide residential care for this population.

The bill directs DHS to focus the work of the committee on evaluating the current process for making findings of abuse or neglect in residential care, and developing recommendations for ensuring the safety of children, youth or youth offenders in residential care.

DHS is required to report to an interim committee of the Legislature by December 15, 2015.

The fiscal impact is minimal. DHS will reprioritize duties of existing staff and resources to facilitate the work of the committee.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2233 be amended by the -A4 amendment, and be reported out do pass as amended.