

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 04/13, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to notify school districts, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and Department of Education of alleged child abuse in schools and outcomes of investigations. Directs DHS to coordinate with law enforcement on investigation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Coordination and reporting in child abuse investigations
- Abuse of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Physical and sexual abuse of children in schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2360 requires Department of Human Service to notify school districts, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and the Department of Education in all cases of alleged child abuse in schools, and to report outcomes of investigations to those departments. It also requires DHS to work with law enforcement to determine the roles and responsibilities of each entity in their respective investigations.