

HB 2401 -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services and Department of Justice to provide trauma-informed training and curriculum including interview models, symptom recognition, assessment tools, data collection, and methods improving placement stability for case planners and other persons involved in child welfare.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Practices of trauma-informed care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-5 Requires Department of Human Services to provide training including trauma-informed curriculum for child welfare employees. Requires training to include trauma-informed interview models, symptom recognition, assessment tools, data collection methods improving placement stability, and techniques for children's recovery and resiliency. Specifies trauma-informed training is subject to availability of funds at Department of Human Services. Requires DHS to develop written guidelines for trauma-informed practices. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration defines trauma-informed care as an intervention and organizational approach that focuses on how trauma may affect an individual's life and their response to behavioral health services from prevention through treatment.

House Bill 2401 requires the Department of Human Services and Department of Justice to provide trauma-informed training and curriculum for case planners and other persons involved in child welfare. Training must include interview models, symptom recognition, assessment tools, data collection, methods improving placement stability, and techniques for children's recovery and resiliency.