

HCR 33 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Encourages state officers, agencies and employees to learn about impact of trauma and to implement evidence-based trauma-informed care practices and interventions.

FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Recent research has resulted in a significantly increased understanding of how emotional neglect and exposure to trauma and toxic stress affect the way children perceive and interact with their world during childhood. This understanding has helped develop evidence-based, trauma-informed practices that promote healing and resiliency. These patterns of perception and interaction persist into adulthood and are passed on to subsequent generations.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and trauma-related symptoms in children and adults can result from a single traumatic incident or cumulative traumatic events, and this toxic stress can impact the development of the brain. Such Children and adults often develop negative coping behaviors and emotions that limit a person's capacity to function in society in a healthy way. Treatment in early childhood is an important way to improve the impacts of adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress, and influencing a child brain development is more effective and less costly than correcting poor learning, health, and behaviors later in life.

House Concurrent Resolution 33-A encourages state officers, agencies and employees to become informed regarding impacts of trauma and to implement evidence-based trauma-informed care practices and interventions.