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**To:** Chair Gelser and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

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SB 245

Modifies definitions of "child" and "child-caring agency."

The Department of Human Services asked for the clarification of the definition of child, so as to not unintentionally include 20-year-old persons who reside in a non-child-caring agency, for example. SB 245 accomplishes this by clarifying the definition of child and child caring agency. This allows DHS to a) exclude children if they are in a facility with their custodial parent or guardian and b) exclude facilities that exclusively serve people over the age of 18.