

HB 2337 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Foster Parent Ombudsman (Ombudsman) within the Department of Human Services (DHS) appointed by the Governor. Prescribes duties assisting foster parents and governs access to certain records. Requires Ombudsman to maintain a foster parent hotline. Provides immunity from liability for foster parents acting in good faith. Allows the Ombudsman to appoint local representatives. Establishes the Foster Parent Ombudsman Advisory Committee and prescribes duties. Takes effect 91st day following *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: