

**HB 1335 - DIGEST**

Requires that, to the extent funding is appropriated in the operating budget, the department shall establish a pilot program to improve child welfare casework through the development of a team approach to casework by December 1, 2007. The pilot program shall extend through December 31, 2010, to the extent that funding is provided.

Requires the department to measure the performance and outcomes of the program, including changes in any of the following: Reunifications, child abuse or neglect re-referrals, continuances or delays in the court case, progress in dependency cases, caseworker satisfaction, retention, and safety. The department shall report its preliminary findings to the legislature by December 2009 and a final report by December 2010.