

2SHB 1227 - H AMD 365

By Representative Ortiz-Self

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1 On page 4, line 37, after "establish" strike "by a preponderance
2 of the evidence" and insert "that there are reasonable grounds to
3 believe"

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5 On page 13, beginning on line 31, after "finds" strike all
6 material through "evidence" on line 32 and insert "there is reasonable
7 cause to believe"

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9 On page 15, line 2, after "establishes" strike "by a preponderance
10 of the evidence" and insert "that there is reasonable cause to
11 believe"

EFFECT: Restores the current law evidentiary standard of "reasonable grounds" and "reasonable cause" (replacing the standard of "preponderance of the evidence" proposed by the underlying bill) when a court is: (1) determining whether there is sufficient evidence to support an order directing a law enforcement officer, probation officer, or child protective services official to take a child into custody; and (2) conducting a shelter care hearing 72 hours after the child's removal to determine, among other things, whether the child can safely return to a parent.

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