

**HB 1279-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/03/06)

Revises provisions relating to public access to child in need of services and at-risk youth hearings.

Provides that the public shall not be excluded from a child in need of services hearing unless the judge finds that excluding the public is in the best interests of the child. The public shall not be excluded from an at-risk youth hearing. However, the court shall exclude the public if either parent requests that the public be excluded.