

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6435

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Human Services & Corrections, February 01, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to modifying a foster parent license due to a change of residence.

**Brief Description:** Modifying a foster parent license due to a change of residence.

**Sponsors:** Senators Franklin, Hargrove, Stevens and Shin; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 1/18/08, 2/1/08 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Marr and McAuliffe.

**Staff:** Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

**Background:** The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) currently issues foster home licenses for the licensee only at the location specified on the foster home licensing application. A foster home license remains in effect for two weeks after a foster family moves, but only if the foster home has an acceptable history of child care and the family remains intact after the move.

**Summary of Bill:** A foster family home license remains in effect for 30 days after the foster family moves to a new location. This occurs as long as the family remains intact after the move and the home has an acceptable history of child care. Before moving to a new location, licensees must notify their licenser and may request a continuation of the license at the new location. Within 30 days of the licensee's request, DSHS must amend the license to reflect the new location as long as the new location and licensee meet minimum licensing standards.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The bill would extend the time within which a license must be amended in the event a foster family moves. It would not require that the entire relicensing process occur, just a facility check to ensure that the new location meets minimum licensing standards. The bill would ease the burden on foster parents without weakening any standards.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Franklin, prime sponsor; Cheryl Stephani, DSHS.