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Brief Description: Requiring development and implementation of policies concerning visitation for children in foster care. Revised for 1st Substitute: Requiring development of policies concerning visitation for children in foster care.

HB 2361 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Directs the department of social and health services to develop consistent policies and protocols, based on current relevant research, concerning visitation for children in foster care to be implemented consistently throughout the state. The department shall develop the policies and protocols in consultation with researchers in the field and community-based agencies who provide related services in the state.

Requires the policies and protocols to include, but not be limited to: The structure, quality, and frequency of visitations; and training for caseworkers, visitation supervisors, and foster parents related to visitation.

Directs the department of social and health services to implement the policies and protocols required under this act across the state by January 1, 2005.