

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5015

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning foster parent licensing.

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

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services

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 providing foster care and the family remains intact after the move.

Summary: A foster family home license remains in effect for 30 days after the foster family moves to a new location, as long as the family remains intact after the move and the home has an acceptable history of providing foster care. Before moving to a new location, licensees must notify their licensor 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.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	45	0
House	98	0

Effective: July 26, 2009

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