

HB 2085-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to:
(1) Contract in one demonstration region for a statewide relative search service provider, with the goal of earlier identification of more persons who can be appropriate and stable placement options for children in dependency or termination proceedings; and

(2) Select the region with the lowest rate of relative placements as of the effective date of the act.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to incorporate the contract required under the act with another performance contract if doing so is likely to result in improved administrative efficiencies or improved outcomes for children.