



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2270

~~foster parent training~~

NOW: backlog cases; private contractor; DCS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Allen J, LD 15

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**DP** Committee on Children and Family Affairs

**DP** Caucus and COW

**X** As Transmitted to the Governor

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## OVERVIEW

HB 2270 requires the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to enter into one or more contracts with one or more private contractors to work cooperatively with DCS to administer backlog cases.

## PROVISIONS

1. Requires DCS to enter into one or more contracts with one or more private contractors to work cooperatively with DCS to administer backlog cases.
2. States a contract may include the use of an analytic support tool to be used by the contractor or DCS, or both, to assist in making a risk assessment.
3. Provides DCS must use emergency procurements to enter into the contracts, except that the procurements must be made with as much competition as is practicable, including using expedited requests for proposals. All contract awards must be reported to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC).
4. Stipulates that in administering backlog cases, the private contractor(s) must complete all aspects of each case needed to be performed according to DCS rules and policies and this section. DCS must maintain direct supervision of all cases.
5. Requires DCS to review each report and identify the tasks to be completed by DCS employees and by the private contractor. When a private contractor completes the tasks assigned, the private contractor must return the case to DCS to determine if any additional work needs to be done on the case.
6. Provides that if a private contractor has a reasonable belief that grounds for removal exist, the private contractor must:
  - a. Immediately contact the designated DCS supervisor.
  - b. Contact law enforcement as appropriate.
  - c. Take other actions necessary to ensure the child's safety.
7. Mandates that a contractor and its employees protect any DCS information received.
8. Requires DCS to report to JLBC within 30 days after each calendar quarter the status of all backlog cases as of the end of that quarter.
9. Repeals this section from and after June 30, 2017.
10. Contains an emergency measure.
11. Defines *backlog case*.

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**CURRENT LAW**

Not currently addressed in statute.