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Research Analysis

The CCS for HB 3135 provides that the Department of Human Services is not prohibited from providing a summary of an individual's child welfare history to an employee of a federally recognized Indian tribe when the tribe is seeking to approve that individual as a foster or adoptive parent or legal guardian in a tribal court.

The measure requires DHS to conduct a child abuse or neglect investigation upon receiving a report of the death or near death of a child resulting from suspected abuse or neglect and produce a report within 45 days. If the department has reasonable cause to believe that a child death or near death is the result of abuse or neglect, the department must notify the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the initial findings of the investigation. Requires DHS to release certain information within five business days of the death or near death of a child and directs that additional information be released upon a determination by the department that a child's death or near death was caused by abuse or neglect. If a child death or near death occurs while the child is in the custody of DHS, and the person responsible for the custodial care of the child was the alleged perpetrator, the department is to release certain specified information pertinent to that incident.

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Other Considerations

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