

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1439
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Impact:	\$30/ per test, total \$300,000-\$1.5M

Research Analysis

HB 1439, as introduced, modifies requirements of the individualized service plan of a deprived child. The measure requires the plan to include efforts made by the parent and any person living in the home to participate in substance abuse assessments, random drug testing, home studies or a family drug court program.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1439 requires that substance abuse assessments and random drug tests be performed on all adults in a home in which a child is to be returned. With an estimated 10,000 to 50,000 tests per year and a cost of \$30 per test, the annual cost to DHS would be around \$300,000 to \$1,500,000 in state dollars. No federal funding is available, per DHS.

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Other Considerations

Per the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, a drug test alone cannot determine the existence or absence of a substance use disorder. In addition, drug tests do not provide sufficient information for substantiating allegations of child abuse or neglect or for making decisions about the disposition of a case.