

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB 1273</b>   |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>CS</b>        |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>None</b>      |

**Research Analysis**

The CS for HB 1273 authorizes counsel for DHS to represent the interests of the state involving a child in the permanent legal custody of the department, with the consent of the district attorney. Expands the conditions under which a child who is at least 14 years of age can request the court to reinstate the previously-terminated parental rights of his or her parent to include that at least three years have passed since the final order of termination and a permanency plan of adoption or guardianship has failed. Finally, the bill makes these provisions retroactive for certain sibling groups and children whose permanency plan of adoption or guardianship has failed.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The CS to HB 1273 has no fiscal implications to the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.