

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1657 establishes an order of precedence for determining a child's custody. The measure establishes that a person related in by no more than the third degree of consanguinity or affinity or the fourth degree of consanguinity to the child shall receive priority. The measure also provides that a member of a local religious or faith-based community of the child's family shall receive second priority. Additionally, the measure provides that a prospective foster or adoptive parent shall not be an approved placement for a child if the prospective foster or adoptive parent is an employee of the Department of Human Services or relative to an employee. This prohibition shall apply for a period of 2 years following the termination of the employment with the Department.

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