

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3344
Version:	FULLPCS2
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

The second proposed policy committee substitute for HB3344 adds that foster parents must fulfill the Department of Human Services policy on background investigations for all household members 13 or older; have no history of confirmed child abuse, neglect or sexual abuse; have a working vehicle; provide appropriate sleeping arrangements; complete all required training in a timely manner; and comply with discipline rules. The pcs also adds that potential kinship foster parents must be at least 18 years of age, but that they can be under 21. The pcs changes the charge of making a false or fraudulent application to a misdemeanor along with a disqualification from becoming a foster parent.

HB 3344 outlines requirements for persons applying to be foster parents. Any person who willfully makes a false or fraudulent application or provides false or fraudulent information or any person that aids or abets another in this will, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3344 provides new requirements for foster parent applicants and specifies penalties for providing fraudulent information.

The FULLPCS2 does not change the fiscal impact identified in the previous analysis. The Department of Human Services (DHS) does not anticipate the measure will have an immediate fiscal impact; however, its potential long-term implications remain unknown to the agency.

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Other Considerations

None.