

2018 Legislative Changes for Child Welfare Professionals



HB 281

Incarcerated Parents

Requires the department to include incarcerated parents of dependent children in the case planning process and to identify available services in the correctional institution.

HB 1073

Department of Financial Services

Requires the Community Based Care Lead Agencies (CBC) to provide information to older youth in care and certain young adults regarding the Department of Financial Services' financial literacy information.

HB 1435

Child Welfare

Makes a number of changes designed to improve the use and support of relative and nonrelative caregivers and provides for educational stability and transitions in educational settings.



Grandparents
can make a great placement

QUICK REFERENCE LINKS

House Bill 281 - <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/45>

House Bill 1073 - <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/102>

House Bill 1435 - <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/108>



HB 281 - INCARCERATED PARENTS

- Requires the department to obtain information from the facility where the parent is incarcerated to determine how the parent can participate in the preparation and completion of the case plan and receive the services that are available.
- Requires the parent who is incarcerated to be included in the case planning and be provided a copy of any case plan that is developed.
- The department must attach a list of the available services in the facility or note that the facility does not have a list of available services in the case plan.
- If a parent becomes incarcerated after a case plan has been developed, the parties to the case plan must move to amend the case plan if the incarceration of the parent has an impact on permanency for the child.

HB 1073 - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Requires the CBCs to provide information regarding the Department of Financial Services' financial literacy on-line program to children who have reached 17 years old and are completing a transition plan or are applying for aftercare services.



HB 1435 - CHILD WELFARE

- Subject to available funds authorizes the department, certain county sheriff's offices, and CBCs to establish family finding programs designed to better identify relatives that may become caregivers for children of family members.
- Subject to available resources, authorizes the CBCs to establish kinship navigator programs to provide assistance to relatives and nonrelatives who are caring for children in out-of-home care to help them navigate the services and benefits available.
- Clarifies a provision in the Rilya Wilson Act that caregivers of children in out-of-home care who stay home all day or work less than full time are not required to keep the child in child care.
- Addresses educational stability and transitions in educational settings for children under school age.