

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1078
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Research Analysis

HB 1078, as introduced:

- requires DHS to notify additional adult relatives upon removal of a child from the home;
- changes, from 16 to 14, the age at which planning for the transition of a child in the custody of the department to successful adulthood will begin;
- requires the court to determine at each review hearing whether the department is ensuring that the foster family follows the reasonable and prudent parent standard and whether the child is given the opportunity to take part in age-appropriate activities;
- provides that, when the permanency plan for a child who is 16 years of age is continued placement in the legal custody of DHS, the court inquire what permanency outcome the child desires and provide compelling reasons why it is not in the child's best interest to return home or be placed for adoption;
- requires that residential care facilities and group homes incorporate the reasonable and prudent parent standard in decisions regarding the child's participation in age appropriate activities;
- requires that the permanency plan for the child in transition to successful adulthood be developed in consultation with the child and allows the child to choose two members of the permanency planning team;
- requires that custody children who are 14 be given a written notice describing their rights;
- directs DHS to establish policies and training for identifying children and youth in its care who are at risk of sex trafficking and to determine the appropriate services; and
- requires the department to notify law enforcement no later than 24 hours after receiving information that a child has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1078 as introduced has no fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None.

