

HB 1563 -- DILIGENT SEARCHES

SPONSOR: Griffith

This bill requires the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services to make diligent searches for the biological parent or parents in a timely manner after a child is placed into its custody. Additionally, when an initial emergency placement of a child is deemed necessary, the Children's Division is to diligently search and locate grandparents for placement of the child. If grandparents are deemed unavailable or unfit, then the Children's Division must make a diligent search to locate other relatives for placement of the child within 30 days from the time the emergency placement is deemed necessary for the child.