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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2185 requires the Department of Human Services to act in due diligence in ensuring action is taken by law enforcement if there is cause to believe that a crime has been committed against a child under DHS authority by an employee or contractor of the Department. The Department will follow up with law enforcement every 30 days after the initial report until the case is resolved or the child is no longer in Department custody. This also applies to employees of the Office of Juvenile Affairs and employees of a municipality in which there is cause to believe a crime has been committed against a child under the custody of those entities. Documentation of these actions will be placed in the child's file.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2185 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) to follow up with law enforcement every thirty (30) days after an initial report is made against a child in legal custody until the case is resolved. The provisions of the measure are not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.