Committee on Children
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1214
Title: AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
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Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to report costs associated with programs serving children and families that have income-based eligibility requirements. The department would also be required to look at how much it would cost if they changed the eligibility requirements.

Looking at costs will allow the department to see if and how it would be possible to expand their services to help more families. While many programs help people below the poverty line, not as many help those who are above the poverty line but below the ALICE threshold.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Social Services Commissioner, Andrea Barton Reeves opposes this bill because the department would require significantly more staff and more funding to comply with this. It would be difficult for them to get this work done. Further, they have already been attempting to expand programs, and for some that they have not expanded it is due to federal requirements.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Xylei Rowland supports this bill because they grew up in a family that needed to utilize childcare services and they believe it would be beneficial for more families to have access to it.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Julia Cabral **Date: 3/3/25**