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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 346

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 346 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Children and Family Support hotline which shall:

1. Serve as a single point of access for children's behavioral health triage through a 24-hour, seven-day-a week telephone line;
2. Provide screening and assessment; and
3. Provide referrals to existing community-based resources.

Under the bill, the Department of Health and Human Services is also required to establish a Family Navigator Program. The program will consist of trained individuals who will provide peer support and connection to services.

Finally, LB 346 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide, on a voluntary basis, post-adoption and post-guardianship case management services for families.

The Department shall provide an annual report evaluating the services established pursuant to LB 346

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tim Gay