

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB433

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 16, 2011

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

LB 433 is intended to set parameters for the Department of Health and Human Services as it continues to privatize child welfare services under the Families Matter initiative begun in July 2009.

The bill

- Sets out certain requirements for contracts entered into by the department under Families Matter.
- Prohibits the department from contracting for services that should continue to be performed by the state.
- Requires the department to conduct ongoing assessments of safety to insure that services meet state obligations.
- Requires the department to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for monitoring and oversight of contracts, and specifies minimum monitoring requirements.
- Requires the department to provide a financial report to the Legislature biannually, and specifies the report's content.
- Defines child welfare and related services for the purposes of the legislation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell