

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Human Services
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 9, 2026
PLACE: E2.012
CHAIR: Rep. Lacey Hull

The committee will hear invited testimony only on the following charges:

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation and associated rulemaking of legislation passed by the Committee and enacted by the 89th Legislature to ensure that legislative purposes are properly implemented, including the following:

HB 109: relating to the construction, expansion, and operation of certain inpatient mental health facilities and the designation of residential treatment facilities for certain juveniles;

SB 513: relating to a rural community-based care pilot program.

HB 1403: relating to the collection and confidentiality of information regarding firearms in agency foster homes; creating a civil penalty

Targeted and Meaningful Child Welfare Services for Families: Ensure that families involved with the Department of Family and Protective Services receive services that promote family stabilization and reunification, as appropriate. Study the availability of services across the state and make recommendations to improve service delivery and outcomes for families, including services to ensure the stability of kinship placements.

Ensuring Transparency in the Adoption Process and Providing Post-Adoptive Supports for Former Foster Youth: Evaluate legal requirements and policies for private adoptions to increase transparency and protect the rights of both adoptive families and biological parents. Review the provision and availability of services available to adoptive families of former foster youth to ensure successful adoptions and make recommendations to address unmet needs.

Protecting Due Process and Civil Rights in Child Protective Services Investigations: Monitor the consistency of practices in child protective services investigations and make improvements related to determinations of abuse and neglect, notification of rights, and access to information and records regarding investigations and case progression. Evaluate the use of the Central Abuse Registry and develop proposals to improve due process reviews.

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Implementation of House Bill 109

Implementation of Senate Bill 513

Implementation of House Bill 1403

Targeted and Meaningful Child Welfare Services for Families

Adoption Transparency & Post- Adoptive Support for Former Foster Youth

Protecting Due Process and Civil Rights in CPS Investigations

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