

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 15, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1347 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 4, strike "(5)(a)," and substitute "(5)(a)
2 introductory portion, (5)(a)(III),".
- 3 Page 2, lines 5 and 6, strike "(8)(a.5), (8)(g.5), and (10) as follows:" and
4 substitute "(5)(a)(II.5), and (8)(a.5) as follows:".
- 5 Page 3, strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute:
6 "SYSTEM BE SCREENED FOR POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL
7 BENEFITS, INCLUDING FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME;".
- 8 Page 3, line 8, strike "RESOURCES, INCLUDING BENEFIT PLANNERS," and
9 substitute "RESOURCES".
- 10 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 13 and substitute:
11 "(3) (a.5) (I) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, IF THE
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS GRANTED CUSTODY OF OR AUTHORITY FOR
13 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF A CHILD OR YOUTH WHO IS UNDER SIX
14 YEARS OLD, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER THE CHILD OR YOUTH
15 TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL
16 SCREENING WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S
17 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT. IF THE CHILD OR YOUTH IS SIX YEARS OLD OR
18 OLDER, THE INITIAL MEDICAL INTAKE MUST INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF
19 THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S DISABILITY ASSESSMENT NEEDS.
20 (II) IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A CHILD OR
21 YOUTH MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
22 INCOME AND THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IS

1 ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
2 INCOME, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE THE APPLICATION
3 PROCESS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN
4 FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING:

5 (A) THE INFORMATION FROM A SCREENING DESCRIBED IN
6 SUBSECTION (3)(a.5)(I) OF THIS SECTION THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
7 USED TO DETERMINE THE CHILD OR YOUTH MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
8 FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME; AND

9 (B) THE DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AN
10 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ON BEHALF
11 OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH."

12 Page 4, line 27, strike "annually" and substitute "annually".

13 Page 5, line 1, after "youth" insert "WHEN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
14 RECEIVES NEW, RELEVANT INFORMATION, BUT AT LEAST ANNUALLY AS
15 PART OF THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAM,".

16 Page 5, line 2, after "youth" insert "POTENTIALLY".

17 Page 6, line 5, strike "is" and substitute "is, CONSISTENT WITH THE
18 PREFERRED REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE ORDER OF SELECTION IN FEDERAL
19 LAW OR RULE,".

20 Page 7, line 9, after "fiduciary." insert "IF LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD
21 OR YOUTH IS TRANSFERRING FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO
22 ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL REASSESS, IN
23 CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, THE DESIGNATION OF THE
24 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY. A DECISION REGARDING THE MOST
25 APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY MUST BE
26 CONSISTENT WITH THE PREFERRED REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE ORDER OF
27 SELECTION IN FEDERAL LAW OR RULE.".

28 Page 7, strike lines 15 through 27.

29 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 12.

30 Page 8, line 13, strike "(B)" and substitute "(II.5)".

31 Page 8, line 14, strike "THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL".

32 Page 8, line 18, after "SOURCE." insert "IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS
33 THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT

- 1 MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW AND RULES REGARDING MEETING WITH
2 THE CHILD OR YOUTH AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO DETERMINE THE
3 CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S REASONABLE AND FORESEEABLE NEEDS BEFORE
4 EXPENDING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ON COST OF CARE."
- 5 Page 8, lines 21 through 23, strike "INCOME, IF THE FEDERAL
6 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME IS DEPOSITED INTO AN ACCOUNT
7 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a)(II.5) OF THIS SECTION," and substitute
8 "INCOME".
- 9 Page 9, lines 1 and 2, strike "A COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHILD WELFARE
10 CASEWORKER" and substitute "COUNTY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL".
- 11 Page 9, line 8, strike "and" and substitute "and, IF APPLICABLE, THE
12 AMOUNT".
- 13 Page 9, line 24, strike "OR FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME".
- 14 Page 11, strike lines 11 through 15.
- 15 Page 12, strike lines 15 through 20.
- 16 Page 12, line 21, strike "(c)" and substitute "(b)".
- 17 Page 12, strike lines 26 and 27.
- 18 Page 13, strike lines 1 though 4.

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