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**HB 2059 (Chapter 61): DCS information; governor access**

Authorizes DCS to share information with the Governor if it is necessary to perform official duties and prohibits the Governor from disclosing information with certain exceptions. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2099 (Chapter 286): developmental disabilities; terminology; settings**

Modifies requirements, certification and placement of children in child developmental certified homes and foster homes. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2103 (Chapter 94): service providers; domestic violence**

Changes the name of the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund to the Domestic Violence Services Fund and changes eligibility requirements. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2260 (Chapter 134): foster care review board; continuation**

Continues the State Foster Care Review Board for eight years (effective retroactively to July 1, 2016) and makes changes to who may: serve on foster care review boards, adopt, be adopted, be committed to ADJC and certify prospective adoptive parents. Modifies timeframes for foster parent training and requires DCS to review and hold public meetings on the implementation of foster home licensing rules and guidelines. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2262 (Chapter 187): child care assistance**

Requires DES to provide child care assistance to eligible families for a certain period of time to be specified in rule, once the family income is greater than 165% of the federal poverty level, but less than 85% of the state median income. Effective: September 1, 2016.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2270 (Chapter 291): backlog cases; private contractors; DCS**

Requires DCS to enter into one or more contracts with private contractors to work cooperatively with DCS to administer backlog cases. Effective: May 17, 2016.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2388 (Chapter 214): qualified disability expenses; eligible individuals**

Establishes the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program within DES, to be administered and managed by a financial institution chosen by DES. Establishes the seven-member ABLE Oversight Committee to assist in the implementation, regulation and oversight of the ABLE program. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2427 (Chapter 103): child removal; uniform criteria**

States that DCS must apply its rules, policies and safety and risk assessment tools uniformly across this state. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**HB 2442 (Chapter 71): behavioral health; urgent need; children**

Outlines procedures for a foster or adoptive parent to obtain urgent behavioral health services for a child in need of such services. Effective: March 24, 2016.

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**HB 2452 (Chapter 133): cash assistance; eligibility; children**

Requires DES to allow cash assistance for an otherwise eligible dependent child while the dependent child is in the legal custody of DCS, a tribal court or a tribal child welfare agency located in this state. Makes technical and conforming changes due to the establishment of the DCS in 2014. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2488 (Chapter 104): sexual assault; parental rights; prohibition**

Stipulates that a person who is convicted of a sexual assault that led to the birth of a child has none of the rights related to legal decision-making or parenting time in regards to the child. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**HB 2522 (Chapter 300): DCS; intake hotline; reports**

Clarifies the definition of a DCS report and allows information from the DCS case management information system to be used to license foster homes, certify adoptive homes or in employment decisions. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**SB 1108 (Chapter 21): application for public assistance; requirements**

States that an application for any form of assistance requires a statement subscribed by the applicant certifying that the contents of the application are true and permits applicants to sign electronically. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**SB 1296 (Chapter 270): guardianship; proceedings; ward's relationships**

Requires a guardian of a ward to permit contact between the ward and persons who have a significant relationship with the ward, unless there is reason to believe that the contact would be detrimental to the ward. Establishes criteria for persons to petition to modify or suspend a contact order. Effective: January 1, 2017.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1297 (Chapter 271): paternity; preliminary injunction**

Requires the clerk of the court, in an action to establish legal decision-making and parenting time for a child born out of wedlock, to issue a preliminary injunction when a petitioner has filed specified documents. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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**SB 1299 (Chapter 272): child support action; affirmative defense**

Provides that voluntary relinquishment of physical custody of a child to the obligor from the obligee is an affirmative defense to a petition for enforcement of child supports arrears. Effective: August 6, 2016.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

**SB 1330 (Chapter 275): parent-child relationship; termination; petition**

Permits the county attorney to prepare a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship and act as attorney without expense to the prospective adoptive parent. Effective: August 6, 2016.

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