

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB4155
Version:	INT
Request Number:	10104
Author:	Rep. Goodwin
Date:	2/8/2022
Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

HB4155 provides that when the Department of Human Services (DHS) makes contact with or is contacted by a family member or other individual about potentially taking a guardianship of a child subject to referral because of allegations of abuse or neglect, DHS will provide the individual with information regarding custody options, resources and assistance available as well as the disclosure that guardianships receive less financial assistance than foster placements, and duties and responsibilities to the parents of the child. DHS will obtain a signed information sheet stating that the information was provided in writing, explained verbally, and understood, or, in the case information was declined, a signed indication the individual did not want the information. DHS must also make the information sheet available and signable online. The signed information sheet will be filed with any guardianship petition but it is not a binding agreement, does not give DHS additional duties or obligations, does not guarantee placement, and is not legal advice.

Prepared By: Suzie Nahach

Fiscal Analysis

After review, HB 4155 has no fiscal or revenue considerations the state.

Prepared By: Stacy Johnson

Other Considerations

None.