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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Under current law, for each child placed outside his or her home, the agency responsible for the care of the child must generally prepare a permanency plan. A permanency plan is a plan designed to ensure that a child is reunified with his or her family whenever appropriate or that the child quickly attains a placement or home providing long-term stability.

Before a permanency plan hearing or review, the agency that prepared the plan must provide a copy and any written comments to the child’s parent, guardian, or legal custodian; the district attorney or corporation counsel; the child’s counsel; the child’s guardian ad litem; the child court-appointed special advocate; and, if the child is an Indian child, the child’s Indian custodian and tribe.

2021 Senate Bill 256 provides that the permanency plan, and any written comments submitted in response to the plan, may be provided to the out-of-home care provider.¹ A **permanency plan** that is provided to an out-of-home care provider of the child must be redacted to protect information that is required to remain confidential under state or federal law.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 amends the bill in both of the following ways:

- Requires both the **permanency plan** and **any written comments** provided to an out-of-home care provider be redacted to protect information that is required to remain confidential under state or federal law.
- Prohibits an out-of-home care provider who receives a copy of the permanency plan and any written comments from disclosing the contents of the permanency plan or the written comments to any other person.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Jacque on April 30, 2021. On May 4, 2021, the Senate Committee on Human Services, Children and Families, voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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¹ Examples of an “out-of-home care provider” include a foster parent, relative other than the parent, nonrelative in whose home the child is placed, and operator of a group home. [s. 48.02 (12r), Stats.]