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MEDICAL EXAMS FOR FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT

House Bill 6084

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Committee: Human Services and Children

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6084 AS INTRODUCED 9-16-98

The Foster Care and Adoption Services Act requires that the "supervising agency" (i.e., the Family Independence Agency [FIA] if a child is placed in the FIA's care for foster care, or a child placing agency in whose care a child is placed for foster care) obtain from the parent, guardian, or custodian of each child who is placed in its care the name and address of the child's medical provider and a signed document for the release of the child's medical records. The supervising agency also must require that a child receives a medical examination when first placed in foster care. House Bill 6084 would specify, instead, that the child's supervising agency would be required to ensure that the child received a medical examination not more than 72 hours after a child is first placed in foster care. In addition, the bill would specify that the medical examination would have to be performed using the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program, as that term is defined under the federal Social Security Act (42 USC 139d).

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