

Legislative Analysis



CHILD NEGLECT: INCLUDE THREATENED HARM

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House Bill 4640 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Annette Glenn
Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4640 would amend the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act to modify the term *neglect*, as it is used in the act, to include threatened harm as well as harm.

The act currently defines *neglect* as harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare that occurs through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care although financially able to do so or the failure to seek financial or other reasonable means to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

The bill would modify this definition to include threatened harm to a child's health or welfare through negligent treatment as described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

Citizens for Parental Rights indicated opposition to the bill. (5-18-21)

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