

Legislative Analysis



CHILD NEGLECT: INCLUDE THREATENED HARM

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House Bill 5153 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Annette Glenn
Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5153 would amend the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act to redefine 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, though 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:

House Bill 5153 would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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