

# Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7000

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

**Vote Date:** 3/7/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/7/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Committee on Children

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To require the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families to evaluate if policy and procedural changes within the Department will have a greater impact on the success of services made available to children.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Vannessa Dorantes from the Department of Children and Families expressed her support for this bill by stating that the Department of Children is willing to work with legislators in order to provide the necessary reports. Vannessa mentions that although the Department of Children and Families produces about 35 reports a year, it would be easier to create a singular annual report that outlines the information most useful to legislators.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Stephanie Priestman shared her story of caring for a non-verbal, autistic daughter. She expressed her concerns regarding not receiving adequate care for her daughter who has been taken away from her several times. Stephanie is concerned that she cannot provide her daughter with the healthcare that she needs in order for her health to improve, and hopes that this bill will address this issue.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

