

OLR Bill Analysis (section on Working Group responsibilities)

HB 6282

***AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT
CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN.***

“WORKING GROUP

Responsibilities

By January 15, 2012, the Children's Committee must consult with a working group to identify or develop:

1. an indicator to measure whether children are living with their families in stable living environments;
2. secondary well-being indicators to measure progress in children's health, safety, stability, education, and future success, including food security;
3. performance measures for the state's child welfare system that include (a) rates of repeat maltreatment among victims of child abuse and neglect, (b) out-of-home placements for children at risk of abuse and neglect, (c) child fatalities involving child abuse and neglect, (d) rates of reunification and permanency for children removed from their homes, and (e) the developmental and health status and educational progress of children served by the child welfare system and other appropriate measures of well-being and success in life.

At least once per year, the Children's Committee, with the working group's assistance, must review the primary and secondary indicators and performance measures described above and their data resources to determine whether there are more appropriate ways to monitor progress toward the result that all the state's children grow in a stable living environment, safe, healthy, and prepared to lead successful lives. “