

HB 633 -- Reorganization of Executive Branch Departments

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This bill contains various provisions relating to the reorganization of executive branch departments.

MINORITY BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMISSION

Currently, the Department of Economic Development provides administrative support and staff for the Minority Business Advocacy Commission. The bill requires the Office of Administration to provide support to the commission, instead of the department.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRUST FUND

Currently, the Department of Public Safety administers the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund. The bill transfers administration of the fund to the State Highways and Transportation Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The bill eliminates the Division of Family Services within the Department of Social Services and replaces it with the Division of Family Support and the Division of Children. The Division of Family Support is responsible for certain functions of the Division of Child Support Enforcement, as well as the public assistance functions of the Division of Family Services. The Division of Children is responsible for child welfare matters, including child protection, early childhood, and child care assistance.

Currently, the Division of Family Services is responsible for the assessment of skills, work experience, and employability for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Those responsibilities and the Division of Family Services' job training responsibilities are transferred to the Division of Workforce Development within the Department of Economic Development.