

HB 1835 -- PLACEMENT OF A CHILD

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Currently, when placing a child in the custody of an individual or a private agency or institution, the court must, whenever practicable, select either a person, or an agency or institution governed by persons of the same religious faith as that of the parents of such child, or in case of a difference in the religious faith of the parents, then of the religious faith of the child or if the religious faith of the child is not ascertainable, then of the faith of either of the parents.

This bill requires the Children's Division, within the Department of Social Services, or any child-placing agency contracting with the state to provide foster care services to follow the same procedure.

This bill is similar to HB 1034 (2023).