

HB 2227 -- MONEYS HELD BY CHILDREN'S DIVISION FOR A CHILD

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This bill provides that in the case of benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board, the Social Security Administration, or the Veterans Administration, the Children's Division is required to determine whether a child in custody of the Division is receiving or otherwise eligible to receive such benefits within 60 days after placement into custody.

The Division is to apply for benefits on behalf of the child, if the child is deemed to be eligible, and if benefits are already being received before placement into the Division's custody or the Division applies for benefits on behalf of the child, the Division is responsible for identifying a representative payee and shall apply to become such if no other suitable candidate is available.

Any moneys received by the Division and in the account of a child are prohibited from being expended by the Division for certain services or care. However, this bill provides that the Division may use the benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board, the Social Security Administration, or the Veterans Administration for the child's unmet needs, as are defined in the bill, beyond what the Division is required or agrees to pay.