

HB 1227 -- FOSTER CARE

SPONSOR: Schmidt

This bill establishes time frames for the Children's Division's assessment and treatment services for children who enter into custody as follows:

(1) Within 72 hours of entry into custody, the child must receive a complete physical examination to be performed by a pediatrician familiar with the effects of abuse or neglect on young children. The pediatrician is required to request access to the child's past medical records, and the foster family will have access to those records. That request for medical records must be fulfilled within 30 days.

(2) Within 30 days of the physical, a developmental, behavioral, and emotional screening, in addition to early periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services will be conducted, either by a licensed mental health professional or a primary care physician using a standardized assessment tool.