

**Committee on Children, Families,
and Elder Affairs**

CS/SB 664 — Contracts Entered into by the Department of Children and Families

by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Burgess

The bill expands the contract requirements of the Department of Children and Families requiring a lead agency to annually provide and publish operating procedures detailing timelines and procedures to maximize the use of concurrent planning, minimize the time to complete preliminary and final adoptive home studies, streamline data entry into the statewide child welfare information system, and reduce time to permanency.

The bill also requires a lead agency to gather all information required and complete the child specific information section of the unified home study, excluding information related to any prospective caregiver, no later than 90 days after the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0