

HB 1645 - DIGEST

Requires the department of children, youth, and families to develop and implement a process by which an individual, with a founded finding of child abuse or neglect or whose child was found by a court to be dependent, may petition the department for issuance of a certificate of parental improvement.

Prohibits the following from denying a prospective volunteer, or a license or approval to an individual for unsupervised access to children, as appropriate, solely because of a founded finding of abuse or neglect revealed in a record check, or background check process, as appropriate, or a court finding that the individual's child was dependent when the finding is accompanied by a certificate of parental improvement related to the same incident: School districts, educational service districts, the state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss, the state school for the blind, federal bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools, charter schools, schools that are the subject of a state-tribal education compact, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and their contractors.