

SUBJECT:	Allowing both adoptive parents to consent for a child's Medicaid services
COMMITTEE:	Human Services — favorable, without amendment
VOTE:	9 ayes — Frank, Rose, Campos, Hull, Klick, Manuel, Noble, Ramos, Shaheen 0 nays
WITNESSES:	For — Chris Fails (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Andrea Sparks, Buckner International; Michelle Evans) Against — None On — Brock Boudreau, DFPS
BACKGROUND:	Concerns have been raised that only one legally authorized representative may consent to medical decisions on a child's behalf if the child is eligible for Medicaid and adopted from the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).
DIGEST:	HB 2933 would require the Health and Human Services Commission to collaborate with DFPS to ensure that, if applicable, both adoptive parents of a child adopted from DFPS conservatorship and eligible for Medicaid could consent to medical care provided to the child under Medicaid. The agencies also would ensure that both adoptive parents could provide and receive certain information regarding the child's Medicaid benefits. The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.
NOTES:	According to the Legislative Budget Board, HB 2933 would have a negative impact of \$784,567 to general revenue related funds for fiscal 2024-25.