Interim Hearings - Week of March 21, 2022

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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

March 21

House Committee on Human Services

Consider Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of Public Safety, and Health and Human Services Commission actions related to security and safety of Texas youth in state-licensed facilities, the efficacy of investigative and regulatory processes, and what further action can be taken to ensure child safety.

- Letter to Governor Abbott (Re: investigation into reports of sex trafficking at the shelter The Refuge in Bastrop), Director Steven McCraw, Department of Public Safety, March 16, 2022, accessed from "Texas Rangers Confirm Investigation Into Nude Photos of Children at Bastrop Shelter But Find 'No Evidence' of Sex Abuse," Texas Tribune, March 16, 2022
- Foster and Licensed Facility Placements Resource Guide, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Updated January 2022
- Children Without Placement, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, September 2021
- Child Protective Services (Website), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Receive an update on the ongoing lawsuit and its impact on foster care capacity and other impacts on the child welfare system.

- M.D. v. Greg Abbott (No. 2:11-cv-00084), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division, Court Listener, Last updated March 17, 2022
- HHSC/DFPS Response to the Report of the Expert Panel on Recommendations for Improving Texas' Safe Placement and Services for Children, Youth and Families, Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Court Listener, February 14, 2022
- Recommendations for Improving Texas' Safe Placement and Services for Children, Youth and Families: Report of the Expert Panel Appointed Under the Collaboration Agreement of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the M.D. v. Abbott Plaintiffs, Casey Family Programs, Center for the Study of Social Policy, and Independent Consultant, January 10, 2022

- Compliance Status Report: M.D., bnf Stukenberg, et al. v. Abbott, et al., Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, January 2022
- Foster Care Litigation (Reports and court orders), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Review implementation of child welfare legislation passed by the 87th Legislature.

- Child Care Regulation Provider Letter (Implementation of HB 525, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, February 2, 2022
- Foster Care Rate Modernization: Semi-Annual Progress Report, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, February 2022
- Quarterly Report, Office of Community Based-Care Transition Implementation Status, December 1, 2021, Revised as of January 3, 2022
- Child Protective Services (CPS) Reports and Presentations, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Rider-Related Reports (87th Texas Legislature), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services