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HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB 2230

SUBMITTED BY SEN DAVID CLEMENS

DISTRICT 16

I AM DAVID CLEMENS AND REPRESENT DISTRICT 16 IN THE SENATE. I AM HERE TO INTRODUCE SB 2230.

SB 2230 IS RELATING TO ESTABLISHING AN ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COSTS ASSOCAITED WITH THE HOME STUDY PROCESS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADOPTON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES. THE PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE FUNDING FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNIVERSALLY AND LAWFULLY REQUIRED HOME STUDY PROCESS NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 PER HOME STUDY. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND EXCLUSIONS FOR THE PROGRAM.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR THOSE CONSIDERING AN ADOPTION AND ASSISTING WITH THE HOME STUDY WILL HELP ENCOURAGE THOSE FAMILIES.

I HEREBY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SB 2230 WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

SINCERELY,

SEN DAVID CLEMENS