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Bill Number: HB 2340 **Patron:** Batten

Bill Title: Department of Social Services; licensed child placing agencies; foster and adoptive provider

training; reciprocity among local departments of social services and licensed child placing

agencies; regulations

Bill Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Department of Social Services (DSS) to amend its regulations related to pre-service trainings and annual in-service trainings for foster and adoptive providers to ensure that reciprocity for such trainings is established among all local departments of social services and all licensed child placing agencies in the Commonwealth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies.

Fiscal Analysis: Currently, the licensed child-placing agency or local departments of social services (LDSS) that approves the foster or adoptive parents is responsible for the pre-service and in-service training. This training is not required to be transferrable to between agencies. This legislation allows training to be transferrable between licensed child-placing agencies and LDSS to prevent foster and adoptive parents from repeating the training if the parents transfer from another LDSS or child-placing agency after receiving the training. DSS does not anticipate any significant fiscal implications.

Other: None