

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 16, IDAHO CODE,
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 16-1644, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN
3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 16, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
8 ignated as Section 16-1644, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 16-1644. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT. The
10 state department of health and welfare shall submit an annual report re-
11 garding the foster care program to the germane standing committees of the
12 legislature no later than ten (10) days following the start of each regular
13 session. On or before February 15 of each year, the state department of
14 health and welfare shall appear before the germane standing committees to
15 present the report. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
16 the number of children that are in the department's legal custody pursuant
17 to this chapter, the number of such children who have been placed in foster
18 care, how many times such children have been moved to different foster care
19 homes and the reasons for such moves, best practices in foster care, goals
20 to improve the foster care system in Idaho to ensure best practices are ad-
21 hered to, a description of progress made with regard to the previous year's
22 goals to improve the foster care system and any other information relating
23 to foster care that the legislature requests. If a member of the legislature
24 requests additional information between the time the report is received by
25 the legislature and the time the department appears to present the report,
26 then the department shall supplement its report to include such additional
27 information.