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House Bill 4737

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Dean

Committee: Families and Children's Services

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4737 AS INTRODUCED 5-9-07

The bill would amend the Probate Code of 1939 to provide that when a court issues an order removing a juvenile from his or her home, it would have to order that juvenile's parent to disclose to the Department of Human Services the names, addresses, and other identifying information of any relative of the juvenile. Providing this information would not guarantee the juvenile would be placed with any identified relative. The information obtained would be used to assist in the process of determining placement for the child as provided under the Foster Care and Adoption Services Act.

[Currently under the act, when a court issues an order placing a child in foster care, the court includes an order directing the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to provide the supervising agency with the name and address of each of the child's medical providers and directs the medical providers to release the child's medical records. The order can specify the providers by profession or type of institution.]

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government.

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