



## CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES STUDY SCOPE

### INTRODUCTION

LFC has chosen as part of its interim work plan to study various aspects of the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). The work plan specifies the following areas of interest:

- Managerial performance
- Employee retention
- Effectiveness at promoting child safety
- Child safety as compared to other states

In addition to these, the LFD has identified the following related topics of potential interest:

- HB 612 pilot project
  - Implementation
  - Progress
- CFS performance audit
  - Memo to committee
  - Evaluate outcome for potential presentation
- Connections to the Office of Public Defender Task Force
- Connections to the Court Appointed Special Advocate program

### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The committee indicated that its interest is to determine if institutional changes need to be made to improve the performance of Child and Family Services.

### TIMELINE

- September 2015: Initial status update on CFSD from Sarah Corbally, the division administrator
- March 2016:
  - Presentation on performance audit (Will Soller, Legislative Audit)
  - Response to audit (Ms. Corbally or other DPHHS representative)
  - Update on CFSD, especially implementation of governor's initiative (Ms. Corbally)
  - Update on initial implementation of HB 612 (Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator)
- September 2016:
  - Update on CFSD, especially implementation of governor's initiative (Ms. Corbally)
  - Update on initial implementation of HB 612 (Ms. McLaughlin)

Additionally, the LFD will include brief discussions of topics of interest as a part of its budget status report documents during the interim.

