

1 or slower reunifications;

2 (4) whether child protection specialists actively consider ways to prevent removal of children from the
3 home;

4 (5) the amount of time that elapses between a child's removal from and return to the home and how
5 the length of the removal hinders or contributes to reunification;

6 (6) expectations in the court system that may lead to an unreasonably early return and reunification;

7 (7) the weight given to past removals, the number of removals, and their effect on the children
8 involved;

9 (8) how the previous criminal or addictive history of the parent affects reunification decisions;

10 (9) how the availability of effective legal representation affects outcomes and timeframes for
11 reunification; and

12 (10) whether the needs and best interest of the child are being considered in decisions involving
13 removal and reunification.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study look at:

15 (1) the ways in which the Family First Prevention Services Act affects child removals; and

16 (2) the role the Indian Child Welfare Act plays in decisions related to removal and reunification.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study involve input from appropriate stakeholders.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
19 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2022.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
21 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 68th Legislature.

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