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RE: Committee question from April 2nd, 2013


Mr. Chairman,

In response to the question raised specifically by Representative Keller during discussion of proposed HB 54, here is the clarification requested.

His question asked if the requirement to search and contact non-custodial parents still applied when the said parent's rights had been previously terminated. The answer is no; if a parent's rights are terminated, the Department is not required to include them in the diligent search completed with 30-days as required by law.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are further questions or clarification needed.

Sincerely,


Christy Lawton
Director