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House Bill 4169 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Robert Dean
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the juvenile code to require a court to include the following in an order placing a child in foster care: an order that the child's parent, guardian, or custodian disclose to the Department of Human Services (DHS) the names, addresses, and any other identifying information of the child's relatives, if known. This information would have to be used to assist in the process of determining placement for the child as required under Section 4a of the Foster Care and Adoption Services Act.

(That section requires a supervising agency (the DHS or a child placing agency) to take certain actions when a child has been removed from his or her home under the juvenile code and placed with the agency for foster care. Among other things, the supervising agency must identify and consult with relatives to determine if placement with a relative would meet the child's needs.)

The bill specifies that providing the required information would not guarantee that the child would be placed with an identified relative.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Judiciary or the Department of Human Services.

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