

SCS SB 47 -- FOSTER CARE SUBSIDIES

Currently, for the purposes of determining eligibility for a subsidy to a qualified relative who is granted legal guardianship of a child, the term "relative" means a grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling of the child, or adult first cousin of the child. This bill revises the term to include any other person related to the child by blood or affinity.

The bill specifies that a qualified close nonrelated person who is granted legal guardianship of a child is eligible for any subsidy available to adoptive parents. "Close nonrelated person" means any nonrelated person whose life is so intermingled with the child that the relationship is similar to a family relationship.