

**234.4 Education of children in departmental programs.**

If the department has custody or has other responsibility for a child based upon the child's involvement in a departmental program involving foster care, preadoption or adoption, or subsidized guardianship placement and the child is subject to the compulsory attendance law under [chapter 299](#), the department shall fulfill the responsibilities outlined in [section 299.1](#) and other responsibilities under federal and state law regarding the child's school attendance. As part of fulfilling the responsibilities described in [this section](#), if the department has custody or other responsibility for placement and care of a child and the child transfers to a different school during or immediately preceding the period of custody or other responsibility, within the first six weeks of the transfer date the department shall assess the student's degree of success in adjusting to the different school.

[2009 Acts, ch 120, §4](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §670](#)

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