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Competency 5.2 was demonstrated by researching current bills that effect DFCS and the population they serve. One bill I found was H.R.2480 - Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This act will help states combat child abuse and neglect by providing funding to help put more prevention services in place to strengthen families and improve CPS. This bill has passed the house and is waiting to go to the senate.

Another bill that I found was H.R.1585 - Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019. This bill is a reauthorization of the previous VAWA but this bill adds provisions to protect against transgender victims. This bill also bans people convicted with domestic abuse from purchasing firearms. This bill has also passed the house and is waiting to go to the senate.

Another bill that I found was H.R.1058 - Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2019. This act works to support services, research, tracking, and other government activities relating to Autism. This bill was actually signed into law on September 30, 2019.

I also looked at the Family First Preservation Services Act. This act will have an impact on how DFCS does things in the future. Some of the changes is that a foster family can only have up to 6 foster children in the home at a time, that more emphasis is placed on placing children in foster homes rather than group homes. A foster child can not be placed in a group home for more than 2 weeks. This act also enforces the use of a trauma informed model of practice when working with families.