

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 723

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon insert “appropriating money;”.

2 Delete lines 3 through 25 and insert:

3 “Whereas the Children’s System Change Initiative has made a commitment to reduce
4 institutionalization and achieve better outcomes by developing intensive community-based treatment
5 services to keep children ‘at home, in school, and out of trouble’; and

6 “Whereas treating children early will prevent disabilities before co-occurring mental illnesses
7 develop; and

8 “Whereas a system of care approach is a wise investment that will underscore the goal of in-
9 tegrated services for children with high mental health needs who are involved in multiple systems;
10 now, therefore,”.

11 Delete lines 27 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

12 “**SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
13 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5.5 million for the**
14 **purpose of funding the ongoing development and services of the Children’s System Change**
15 **Initiative to ensure that each child who needs services receives the level of care and**
16 **wraparound services determined appropriate by a reliable diagnostic instrument.**

17 “**SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
18 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5.5 million for the**
19 **following purposes:**

20 “(1) To establish a mechanism to ensure that funds go directly to providers of mental
21 health services to children and families, in order to close the workforce compensation gap;
22 and

23 “(2) To expand capacity for intensive community-based treatment services and supports
24 by establishing a mechanism to pay to providers rates that cover both the cost of services
25 and the creation of new services.”.

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