

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 632

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

April 20

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement two**
3 **pilot programs, one in a rural part of this state and the other in an urban part of this state,**
4 **to improve the quality and effectiveness of foster care for children and wards who have been**
5 **placed in the legal custody of the department for care, placement and supervision.**

6 **“(2) The pilot programs shall:**

7 **“(a) Target children and wards who have experienced multiple foster care placements and**
8 **who are at significant risk of suffering lifelong emotional, behavioral, developmental and**
9 **physical consequences due to disrupted and unsuccessful placements in the foster care sys-**
10 **tem;**

11 **“(b) Have advisory groups that include at least one individual who has experienced mul-**
12 **multiple placements in the foster care system and at least one foster parent; and**

13 **“(c) Include the following services for foster parents of the targeted children:**

14 **“(A) Trauma-informed, culturally appropriate care training;**

15 **“(B) Behavioral supports;**

16 **“(C) Ongoing child development and parent training;**

17 **“(D) 24-hour, daily on-call caregiver support;**

18 **“(E) Respite care;**

19 **“(F) Tutoring; and**

20 **“(G) Assistance with locating immediate and extended healthy, biological family mem-**
21 **bers.**

22 **“(3) The department shall designate the rural and urban regions in which the pilot pro-**
23 **grams will be established and may contract with one or more nonprofit entities to implement**
24 **the pilot programs in those regions.**

25 **“(4) The department shall study and perform an evaluation of the pilot programs imple-**
26 **mented under this section that shall include, but not be limited to, interviews with partic-**
27 **ipants in the programs, the disruption rate of the relationship between children and foster**
28 **care providers that occur due to moves and a comparison of placement outcomes for children**
29 **and wards who participated in the pilot programs as compared with children and wards in**
30 **nonpilot program placements.**

31 **“(5) The department and any nonprofit entities with which the department has con-**
32 **tracted under this section may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and**
33 **private sources to further the purposes of this section.**

34 **“(6) The department may use any available state and federal funds that the department**
35 **deems appropriate to implement the provisions of this section.**

- 1 **“(7) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.”.**
- 2 In line 27, delete “September 15, 2016” and insert “May 1, 2017”.
- 3 On page 2, line 3, delete “results” and insert “preliminary findings”.
- 4 In line 12, delete “January 2, 2017” and insert “June 30, 2017”.
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