

Requested by Representative LEVY B

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2374**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “attendance” delete the rest  
2 of the line and delete line 3 and insert a period.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The CARE Program is established within the**  
5 **Youth Development Division. The purposes of the program are to:**

6 **“(a) Support families in this state in fostering a positive school-to-**  
7 **home connection that promotes school attendance and academic suc-**  
8 **cess;**

9 **“(b) Provide a coordinated and integrated social service delivery**  
10 **system that promotes the education, re-engagement, health, safety**  
11 **and general well-being of children and families; and**

12 **“(c) Reduce barriers that contribute to absence from school and a**  
13 **lack of basic needs, including food, access to transportation, clothing,**  
14 **legal documents, health care, housing supports and child care.**

15 **“(2) In administering the program, the division shall award com-**  
16 **petitive grants to counties or other local entities, as determined by the**  
17 **division, to implement local CARE programs.**

18 **“(3) The grants awarded under this section may be used to:**

19 **“(a) Advocate for participating families at school meetings and ap-**  
20 **pointments with health care providers to ensure that the families re-**  
21 **ceive culturally and linguistically appropriate services;**

1       **“(b) Provide education and support to participating families, in-**  
2 **cluding information about:**

3       **“(A) Individual and family safety planning;**

4       **“(B) Bullying prevention;**

5       **“(C) Suicide awareness;**

6       **“(D) De-escalation skills;**

7       **“(E) Inclusion and diversity;**

8       **“(F) Basic needs and housing support;**

9       **“(G) Coping skills;**

10       **“(H) Self-advocacy; and**

11       **“(I) Mental health awareness; and**

12       **“(c) Assist participating families in applying for and accessing re-**  
13 **sources, including:**

14       **“(A) Supplemental nutrition assistance;**

15       **“(B) Temporary assistance for needy families;**

16       **“(C) Women, Infants and Children Program benefits;**

17       **“(D) Substance use disorder treatment;**

18       **“(E) Mental health services;**

19       **“(F) Vision care; and**

20       **“(G) Dental care.**

21       **“(4) If a student is identified by a participating school district as**  
22 **needing attendance support, the school district shall refer the student**  
23 **and the student’s family to the nearest local CARE program for a**  
24 **needs assessment and services, as described in subsection (3) of this**  
25 **section, for the purpose of helping the student maintain regular at-**  
26 **tendance in school.**

27       **“(5) The division shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this**  
28 **section, including rules governing eligibility for grants and the form**  
29 **and process for grant applications.”.**

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