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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5525

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***"An Act Establishing A Children's Behavioral Health
Advisory Committee To The State Advisory Council On
Children And Families."***

1 After line 83, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. (a) There is established a Children's Behavioral Health
3 Council which shall advise the appropriate state departments and the
4 General Assembly on the delivery of behavioral health services to
5 children in this state. The council shall consider and make
6 recommendations concerning: (1) The behavioral health needs of
7 children in this state; (2) the availability, coordination and access to
8 behavioral health services for children in each region of the state; (3)
9 the availability of necessary funding for children's mental health and
10 substance abuse services; (4) any need for increased data collection and
11 analysis regarding client populations to be served; (5) any need for
12 detailed assessment of current service needs and future projected
13 needs; (6) well-being indicators for the client population and the
14 achievement of same; (7) the development of progress indicators and
15 their relationship to current state policies; (8) the sufficiency and

16 efficiency of the local systems of care for each region of the state; (9)
17 the participation of children in existing programs and the need for
18 additional programs; (10) the participation of providers in children's
19 behavioral health service programs; (11) increasing outreach to
20 children in need; and (12) the linguistic and cultural competence of
21 providers and other program facilitators.

22 (b) The council shall be composed of the following members: (1) The
23 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
25 services and public health or their designees; (2) the Commissioners of
26 Children and Families, Social Services, Education, Mental Health and
27 Addiction Services, Mental Retardation and Public Health or their
28 designees; (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or
29 said secretary's designee; (4) the executive director of the Commission
30 on Children or said director's designee; (5) the Child Advocate or said
31 advocate's designee; (6) two community providers of children's
32 behavioral health services, one each to be appointed by the president
33 pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
34 Representatives; (7) two representatives of Medicaid managed care
35 companies or their subcontractors, one each to be appointed by the
36 minority leader of the Senate and the majority leader of the House of
37 Representatives; and (8) two family representatives of children
38 currently receiving behavioral health services, one each to be
39 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader
40 of the House of Representatives.

41 (c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council
43 from among the members of the council. Such chairpersons shall
44 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held no later
45 than June 1, 2000.

46 (d) Not later than February 1, 2001, the council shall submit a report
47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
48 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

49 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of
50 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The council shall terminate on the
51 date that it submits such report or February 1, 2001, whichever is
52 earlier.

53 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections
54 1 to 3, inclusive, shall take effect July 1, 2000."

55 Strike out line 84 in its entirety