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Substitute Senate Bill No. 886

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PREVENTION COUNCIL AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-67u of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (c) The State Prevention Council shall determine long-term
4 goals, strategies and outcome measures to promote the health and well
5 being of children and families. Such goals include, but are not limited
6 to: Cost-effective, research-based, early intervention strategies; an
7 increase in pregnant women and newborns who are healthy; a
8 decrease in the rate of child neglect and abuse; an increase in children
9 who are ready for school; an increase in children who succeed in
10 school; a decrease in children who are unsupervised after school; an
11 increase in youth who choose healthy behaviors and become
12 successful working adults; a decrease in juvenile suicide; a decrease in
13 juvenile crime; and an increase in access to health care and stable

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Prevention Council to determine the goals, strategies and outcome measures to promote the health and well being of children and families. The bill requires the council to design a plan for inter-agency and intra-agency implementation and submit such plan to the Appropriations Committee and the Office of Policy and Management by January 1, 2004. It is anticipated that the member agencies of the Prevention Council, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management who chairs the council, can develop goals and strategies within the normal budgetary resources of each agency.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PREVENTION COUNCIL AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIES**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Prevention Council to determine long-term goals, strategies, and outcome measures to promote the health and well being of children and families. It must design a plan for inter- and intra-agency implementation of these goals and strategies and submit it to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary and the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2004.

The bill requires the council to set, the following goals at a minimum:

1. an increase in healthy pregnant women and newborns;
2. a decrease in child abuse and neglect rates;
3. an increase in the number of children who are ready for, and succeed in, school;
4. a decrease in the number of children unsupervised after school;
5. an increase in the number of youth who choose healthy behaviors and become successful working adults;
6. a decrease in juvenile crime and suicide; and
7. an increase in access to health care and stable housing.

The council goals must also include cost-effective, research-based, early intervention strategies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

State Prevention Council

The council consists of the OPM secretary, who is the chairman, and the heads of state social services, child welfare, health, and education agencies and the chief court administrator, or their designees. Its purpose is to establish a prevention framework for the state, recommend a statewide prevention plan, better coordinate prevention spending across state agencies, and increase fiscal accountability.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0