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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Within available appropriations,  
4 the Departments of Social Services and Children and Families, in  
5 collaboration with the Departments of Public Health, Education,  
6 Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
7 shall develop a plan for a state-wide early childhood integrated system  
8 of care. The early childhood integrated system of care plan shall  
9 provide for early intervention mental and behavioral health services  
10 for high-risk families with young children, five years of age and under,  
11 who are identified with developmental issues due to parental  
12 problems, including, but not limited to, substance abuse, domestic  
13 violence, maternal depression and homelessness.

14 (b) The early childhood integrated system of care's plan shall be

15 based on a research-based evaluated model and include, but not be  
 16 limited to: (1) Methods of increasing early identification and screening  
 17 by community providers; (2) methods of conducting comprehensive  
 18 assessments to determine the needs of children and families; (3)  
 19 provisions to ensure family-driven, comprehensive and coordinated  
 20 services; (4) provisions of care coordination and case management to  
 21 connect health, developmental, educational and family services; (5)  
 22 provisions of intensive, home-based work directly with families that is  
 23 conducted by a child development and mental health clinician and a  
 24 care coordinator, who are staff of the early childhood integrated  
 25 system of care; (6) provisions for consultation and training for  
 26 community providers to enable them to understand children's needs;  
 27 (7) implementation of strategies to facilitate healthy development; (8) a  
 28 recommendation for an appropriate number of service regions; (9)  
 29 identify training materials and staff development training systems,  
 30 data systems and a reimbursement system; (10) identify an evaluation  
 31 methodology; and (11) recommendations for implementation.

32 (c) The plan shall identify evidence-based practice, align outcomes,  
 33 leverage existing resources and identify new funding streams, and  
 34 foster the integration of services in a family-focused system of care.

35 (d) On or before January 1, 2009, the Departments of Social Services  
 36 and Children and Families shall report, in accordance with section 11-  
 37 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
 38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 39 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services,  
 40 education and the select committee of the General Assembly having  
 41 cognizance of matters relating to children on the plan and  
 42 recommendations for implementation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section