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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 340

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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, through
5 the Behavioral Health Partnership and in collaboration with the
6 Departments of Public Health, Education, Developmental Services and
7 Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall develop a plan for a state-
8 wide early childhood integrated system of care. The early childhood
9 integrated system of care shall provide for early intervention mental
10 and behavioral health services for high-risk families with young
11 children, five years of age and under, who are identified with
12 developmental issues due to parental problems, including, but not
13 limited to, substance abuse, domestic violence, maternal depression
14 and homelessness.

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
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