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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 632

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and insert:

"SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall develop and implement two pilot programs, one in a rural part of this state and the other in an urban part of this state, to improve the quality and effectiveness of foster care for children and wards who have been placed in the legal custody of the department for care, placement and supervision.

8 **"(2) The pilot programs shall:**

9 "(a) Target children and wards who have experienced multiple fos-10 ter care placements and who are at significant risk of suffering life-11 long emotional, behavioral, developmental and physical consequences 12 due to disrupted and unsuccessful placements in the foster care sys-13 tem;

"(b) Have advisory groups that include at least one individual who
 has experienced multiple placements in the foster care system and at
 least one foster parent; and

"(c) Include the following services for foster parents of the targeted
 children:

¹⁹ "(A) Trauma-informed, culturally appropriate care training;

20 "(B) Behavioral supports;

21 "(C) Ongoing child development and parent training;

²² "(D) 24-hour, daily on-call caregiver support;

1 "(E) Respite care;

2 "(F) Tutoring; and

"(G) Assistance with locating immediate and extended healthy, biological family members.

5 "(3) The department shall designate the rural and urban regions in 6 which the pilot programs will be established and may contract with 7 one or more nonprofit entities to implement the pilot programs in 8 those regions.

"(4) The department shall study and perform an evaluation of the 9 pilot programs implemented under this section that shall include, but 10 not be limited to, interviews with participants in the programs, the 11 disruption rate of the relationship between children and foster care 12providers that occur due to moves and a comparison of placement 13 outcomes for children and wards who participated in the pilot pro-14 grams as compared with children and wards in nonpilot program 15placements. 16

"(5) The department and any nonprofit entities with which the department has contracted under this section may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources to further the purposes of this section.

"(6) The department may use any available state and federal funds
 that the department deems appropriate to implement the provisions
 of this section.

"(7) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions
of this section.".

In line 27, delete "September 15, 2016" and insert "May 1, 2017".

On page 2, line 3, delete "results" and insert "preliminary findings".

²⁸ In line 12, delete "January 2, 2017" and insert "June 30, 2017".

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