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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 6, 2023

Subject: SB 420 – Relating to brain injuries
Work Session Recommendations

SB 420 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide service coordination, resource navigation, advocacy, and options counseling to individuals with brain injuries. It requires DHS to convene a Brain Injury Advisory Committee, and to report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the health and human services committees of the Legislative Assembly on details of the program.

Recommended Changes

The -1 amendment provides \$1,956,198 total funds for nine positions (7.14 FTE) required to implement the measure in 2023-25 and begin providing services on July 1, 2024. DHS had requested a total of 12 positions (9.00 FTE) in 2023-25; however, the LFO reduced the request based on the assumption program caseload would ramp up more slowly than DHS assumed. If the agency finds additional staff is required in 2023-25, there will be an opportunity to seek more staffing later in the 2023-25 biennium.

LFO recommends adoption of the –1 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –1 amendment to SB 420. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 420, as amended by the –1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 104, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____