

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2374

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 4

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “attendance” delete the rest of the line and delete line 3 and insert a period.

Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

“SECTION 1. (1) The CARE Program is established within the Youth Development Division. The purposes of the program are to:

“(a) Support families in this state in fostering a positive school-to-home connection that promotes school attendance and academic success;

“(b) Provide a coordinated and integrated social service delivery system that promotes the education, re-engagement, health, safety and general well-being of children and families; and

“(c) Reduce barriers that contribute to absence from school and a lack of basic needs, including food, access to transportation, clothing, legal documents, health care, housing supports and child care.

“(2) In administering the program, the division shall award competitive grants to counties or other local entities, as determined by the division, to implement local CARE programs.

“(3) The grants awarded under this section may be used to:

“(a) Advocate for participating families at school meetings and appointments with health care providers to ensure that the families receive culturally and linguistically appropriate services;

“(b) Provide education and support to participating families, including information about:

“(A) Individual and family safety planning;

“(B) Bullying prevention;

“(C) Suicide awareness;

“(D) De-escalation skills;

“(E) Inclusion and diversity;

“(F) Basic needs and housing support;

“(G) Coping skills;

“(H) Self-advocacy; and

“(I) Mental health awareness; and

“(c) Assist participating families in applying for and accessing resources, including:

“(A) Supplemental nutrition assistance;

“(B) Temporary assistance for needy families;

“(C) Women, Infants and Children Program benefits;

“(D) Substance use disorder treatment;

1 “(E) Mental health services;

2 “(F) Vision care; and

3 “(G) Dental care.

4 “(4) If a student is identified by a participating school district as needing attendance
5 support, the school district shall refer the student and the student’s family to the nearest
6 local CARE program for a needs assessment and services, as described in subsection (3) of
7 this section, for the purpose of helping the student maintain regular attendance in school.

8 “(5) The division shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including
9 rules governing eligibility for grants and the form and process for grant applications.”.

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