

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2374

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 4

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

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

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The CARE Program is established within the Youth Development Divi-**
5 **sion. The purposes of the program are to:**

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

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

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

14 **“(2) In administering the program, the division shall award competitive grants to coun-**
15 **ties or other local entities, as determined by the division, to implement local CARE pro-**
16 **grams.**

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

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

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

22 **“(A) Individual and family safety planning;**

23 **“(B) Bullying prevention;**

24 **“(C) Suicide awareness;**

25 **“(D) De-escalation skills;**

26 **“(E) Inclusion and diversity;**

27 **“(F) Basic needs and housing support;**

28 **“(G) Coping skills;**

29 **“(H) Self-advocacy; and**

30 **“(I) Mental health awareness; and**

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

32 **“(A) Supplemental nutrition assistance;**

33 **“(B) Temporary assistance for needy families;**

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

35 **“(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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