

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 823

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 5, after “a” insert “general”; in the same line, after “of” insert “knowledge about the”; in line 6, strike “including a lack” and substitute “such as the availability”; in line 10, strike “The foster care system is” and substitute “Current systems are”; in line 12, strike “child welfare” and substitute “child-serving”; in the same line, strike “too old to enter foster care” and substitute “not eligible for existing programs and services”; in line 14, strike “foster or adoptive parents” and substitute “parental figures”; in line 15, strike “foster” and substitute “congregate”; and in line 16, after “secure,” insert “affordable,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 22, after “(a)” insert “In this section, “unaccompanied homeless youth” means an individual who:

- (1) is between the ages of 14 and 25 years;
- (2) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
- (3) is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

(b)”;

in line 24, strike “(b)” and substitute “(c)”; in line 25, strike “Budget and Taxation” and substitute “Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs”; in line 34, strike “and”; and after line 34, insert:

“(7) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s designee; and”.

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On page 3, in line 1, strike “(7)” and substitute “(8)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike line 11 in its entirety and substitute:

“(d) The representative from the Governor’s Office for Children shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.”;

in lines 12, 14, and 18, strike “(d)”, “(e)”, and “(f)”, respectively, and substitute “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively; in line 12, strike “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene” and substitute “Governor’s Office for Children”; in line 19, after “(1)” insert “compile existing information on and”; in the same line, strike “and study”; in line 20, strike “between 13 and 25 years of age”; in the same line, strike “evaluate” and substitute “identify”; after line 21, insert:

“(2) identify gaps in public and private sector programs and resources currently available to meet the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth;”;

in lines 22 and 25, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively; in line 22, strike “evaluate” and substitute “compile”; and in line 23, after “including” insert “the causes of homelessness in this population and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(4)” and substitute “(5)”; in line 3, strike “(g)” and substitute “(h)”; and in the same line, strike “September” and substitute “November”.