

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1142

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “declaring” in line 3 down through “date;” in line 7; strike beginning with “altering” in line 11 down through “placement;” in line 12; in line 14, after “regulations;” insert “requiring the Special Secretary for the Office of Children, Youth, and Families, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Juvenile Services to conduct a certain study, develop a certain plan, and make a certain report on or before a certain date;”; in line 14, after “terms;” insert “making the provisions of this Act severable;”; in line 18, strike “5-502, 5-525, 5-544,” and substitute “5-525”; and in line 23, strike “5-505 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 23, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Special Secretary for the Office of Children, Youth, and Families, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Juvenile Services shall:

(1) conduct a study of out-of-home placements to determine:

(Over)

(i) the average number of children from each county in out-of-home placements during fiscal year 2005;

(ii) the location of out-of-home placements in which children from each county were placed during fiscal year 2005;

(iii) the types or categories of out-of-home placements in which children from each county were placed and the number of children placed in each type or category in fiscal year 2005;

(iv) the total number and types or categories of out-of-home placements that would need to be available in each county or multicounty region to meet the needs of children who require out-of-home placements within the child's home county or the multicounty region that includes the child's home county; and

(v) the number and types of additional out-of-home placements that would need to be developed to meet the total number identified in item (iv) of this paragraph; and

(2) develop a plan for the Social Services Administration to meet the goals of this Act.

(b) On or before January 1, 2006, the Special Secretary for the Office of Children, Youth, and Families shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(1) the study required under subsection (a)(1) of this section; and

(2) the plan required under subsection (a)(2) of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.”;

and in line 16, strike “2.” and substitute “4”.