

**SB0782/454938/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 782

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after “requiring” insert “that, before an application is submitted or a license is granted,”; in line 6, strike “and” and substitute “or”; in the same line, strike the first “to” and substitute “shall”; in line 7, after “regulations;” insert “requiring the Departments to consider certain needs of certain children and consult with certain stakeholders in developing certain regulations;”; and in line 9, after “terms;” insert “requiring a certain report on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 8, insert:

**“(C) IN DEVELOPING THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A LICENSING AGENCY SHALL:**

**(1) CONSIDER THE SPECIALIZED MENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY OR REGION AFFECTED BY THE STATEMENT OF NEED; AND**

**(2) CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COUNTY OR REGION AFFECTED BY THE STATEMENT OF NEED, INCLUDING:**

**(I) STATE AND LOCAL CHILD-SERVING AGENCIES;**

**(II) PROVIDERS OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN; AND**

(Over)

**(III) CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND FOSTER PARENTS.**”;

in lines 9, 13, 14, and 22, strike “(C)”, “(D)”, “(C)”, and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(D)”, “(E)”, “(D)”, and “(F)”, respectively; in line 10, after “NOT” insert “BE”; in line 19, strike “OR RENOVATED”; strike in their entirety lines 24 and 25, inclusive; and after line 25, insert:

**“(G) A LICENSING AGENCY MAY NOT DELEGATE ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF NEED.”.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, before line 26, insert:

**“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2008, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Governor’s Office for Children shall jointly report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article:**

**(1) the processes adopted under this Act for developing a statement of need and for determining and documenting the needs of the children affected by a statement of need;**

**(2) ways in which the agencies will coordinate the appropriate development of placement resources; and**

**(3) actions taken and planned to develop resources in underserved areas and resources that match the nature and intensity of the documented, specialized needs of children, including strategies to overcome community resistance.”;**

and in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.