

HB1043/614461/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1043

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “the Department of Human Resources and”; in line 4, strike “jointly”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “purposes;” in line 10; in line 10, strike “Department of Human Resources” and substitute “Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention”; in line 15, strike “input into”; and strike beginning with “altering” in line 15 down through “centers;” in line 16.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, strike “**11-923(D)**” and substitute “**11-923(G)**”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “A TOTAL OF \$500,000 IN ANNUAL”; strike beginning with “IS” in line 1 down through “DISTRIBUTED” in line 2; in line 2, strike “ALL”; in line 3, strike “**11-923(D)**” and substitute “**11-923(G)**”; in the same line, after “SUBTITLE” insert “SHALL”; in line 4, strike “FOR” and substitute “SUPPORT”; and in line 6, strike “TO”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 3 through line 10 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in lines 11, 15, and 19, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 11, 15, and 19, strike “(E)”, “(F)”, and “(G)”, respectively; strike beginning with the colon in line 12 down through “(1)” in line 13; strike beginning with “; AND” in line 13 down through “CENTERS” in line 14; strike beginning with “AND” in line 15 down through “CENTERS” in line 16; in line 17, strike “AND CENTERS”; strike beginning with “, WITH” in line 19 down through “PREVENTION,” in line 20; and in line 21, strike “AND CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, after line 22, insert:

“(G) (1) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL ESTABLISH AND SUSTAIN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS IN THE STATE.

(2) THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS:

(I) MAY BE BASED IN PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR A PARTNERSHIP AMONG ANY OF THESE ENTITIES;

(II) SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND LOCATED TO FACILITATE THEIR USE BY ALLEGED VICTIMS RESIDING IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS;

(III) SHALL INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS;

(IV) SHALL PROVIDE OR FACILITATE REFERRALS TO APPROPRIATE COUNSELING, LEGAL, MEDICAL, AND ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS; AND

(V) SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ALL JOINT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-706 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

(3) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION MAY CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS.

(4) MONEY FOR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AND SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT, BUT NOT SUPPLANT, MONEY THAT THE PROGRAMS RECEIVE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

(5) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."