

HB0396/413926/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 396
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after the first “of” insert “repealing the maximum age for children in certain residential child care programs who receive educational support;”; and in line 7, after “training;” insert “prohibiting an individual who holds a certificate as a residential child and youth care practitioner from being required to complete certain training under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with the second “and” in line 16 down through “years” in line 17; strike beginning with “enroll” in line 18 down through “program” in line 21 and substitute “ENSURE THE CHILD REMAINS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD WAS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED, UNLESS A DETERMINATION IS MADE BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT REMAINING ENROLLED IS NOT IN THE CHILD’S BEST INTEREST, THEN:

(I) THE CHILD SHALL BE ENROLLED IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM WHERE THE RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM IS LOCATED; OR

(II) IF THE RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM OPERATES AN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LICENSING REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS, THE CHILD SHALL BE ENROLLED IN THAT PROGRAM;

and strike beginning with “Shall” in line 22 down through “(3)” in line 26.

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On page 3, in line 4, strike “(4)” and substitute “**(3)**”; in line 6, strike “**(5)**” and substitute “**(4)**”; in line 9, after the second comma insert “**SKILLS PRACTICE,**”; in line 22, strike “**DUALLY**”; and in the same line, strike “**AND**” and substitute “**OR**”.

On page 4, in line 20, strike “**SPECIAL NEEDS**” and substitute “**DISABILITIES**”.

On page 6, after line 10, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual who holds a certificate as a residential child and youth care practitioner on July 1, 2026, may not be required to complete:

(1) any program of training required by § 20–302.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, that the individual has already completed; and

(2) any new program of training required by § 20–302.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, until the individual’s certificate is due for renewal in accordance with § 20–310 of the Health Occupations Article.”;

and in line 11, strike “2.” and substitute “**3.**”.