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L.D. 1454

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1010, L.D. 1454, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Availability, Quality and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Statewide program of preventive intervention study. The study shall be devoted to coordinated planning by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Human Services. They shall provide a report on January 6, 1986, to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources. The report shall provide specific plans for the development of a statewide program of preventive intervention, including goals, objectives, activities, criteria for evaluation and projected impact on handicapped or at risk 0 to 3-year-old infants and their families.

The report shall also include a description of current pilot and demonstration site programs and the degree of their success in developing a model suitable or adapted for statewide promulgation, as well as a description of plans for the additional site funded in fiscal year 1986-87 and any necessary legislation.

Sec. 2. Identification of and Services for Preadolescent Children Study. The Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

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1 have completed a survey population of adolescent  
2 children. A similar study is necessary to develop  
3 methods to identify and facilities to provide treat-  
4 ment for preadolescent children whose behavior needs  
5 to be stabilized so that out-patient treatment can  
6 proceed; preadolescent children in residential care  
7 whose psychiatric status has deteriorated so that  
8 stabilization is necessary; and preadolescent chil-  
9 dren with behavior problems sufficiently severe to  
10 require brief hospitalization for diagnostic evalua-  
11 tion. The treatment and stabilization facilities lo-  
12 cated should be accessible to all areas of the State  
13 with psychiatric and pediatric support systems in  
14 place.

15 The Department of Corrections, the Department of  
16 Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of  
17 Human Services and the Department of Mental Health  
18 and Mental Retardation shall report to the Joint  
19 Standing Committee on Human Resources by January 6,  
20 1986, its findings. The report shall include the  
21 method suggested to identify children in need of sta-  
22 bilization services and the facilities existing or  
23 needed to accommodate these children and any neces-  
24 sary legislation.

25 Sec. 3. Compliance, Juvenile Justice and Delin-  
26 quency Prevention Act of 1974. The Juvenile Justice  
27 and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 requires the  
28 State to remove all juveniles from county jails or  
29 adult lockups for secure detention. The State has  
30 agreed to comply with that Act. The Department of  
31 Corrections shall serve as lead agency, in conjunc-  
32 tion with the Department of Educational and Cultural  
33 Services, the Department of Human Services and the  
34 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation  
35 and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group to develop a  
36 plan that will identify and plan for the availability  
37 of the following types of resources for youths who  
38 have been or will be adjudicated:

39 1. Secure detention. Secure detention which

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1 will include capability for short-term behavior sta-  
2 bilization and diagnostic evaluation;

3 2. Nonsecure residences. Nonsecure residences,  
4 including group homes, emergency shelters or foster  
5 homes; and

6 3. Supervision and support services. Supervi-  
7 sion and support services, including home-builder  
8 type programs to permit youths to remain at home  
9 pending adjudication and provide support during tran-  
10 sition from places of detention.

11 The plan shall include the development of re-  
12 sources on an interdepartmental basis.

13 The Department of Corrections shall report its  
14 findings, plan and recommendations along with any  
15 necessary legislation to the joint standing commit-  
16 tees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ju-  
17 diciary and human resources by January 6, 1986.'

18 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end  
19 before the statement of fact the following:

20 'FISCAL NOTE

21 This amendment requires appropriations of  
22 \$277,635 in fiscal year 1986 and \$199,447 in fiscal  
23 year 1987 to various state departments. These appro-  
24 priations are included in the Part II Budget.'

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 Section 1 requires a study to provide plans for  
27 the development of a statewide program of preventive  
28 intervention for handicapped or at risk 0 to  
29 3-year-old infants and their families.

30 Section 2 provides for a study to address the  
31 identification of preadolescent children in need of

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1 stabilization services and the services existing or  
2 needed to accommodate these children.

3 Section 3 requires the development of a plan to  
4 identify the availability of secure detention,  
5 nonsecure residences and supervision and support ser-  
6 vices for youths who have or will be adjudicated.

7 All 3 sections require that reports and findings  
8 be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Human  
9 Resources by January 6, 1986.

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