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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 802, L.D. 2103,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Quality of Care for
9 Handicapped Children."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title
11 and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Require the Department of Mental
13 Health and Mental Retardation to Report on the Use of
14 3rd-Party Funds for Children in Need of Treatment.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything
16 after the enacting clause and inserting in its place
17 the following:

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'Sec. 1. Study. The Commissioner of Mental
19 Health and Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's
20 designee, shall study the use of 3rd-party funds by
21 the State for the provision of services to children in
22 need of treatment, as defined in Title 34-B, section
23 6201. The commissioner, or the commissioner's
24 designee, shall consult with the Department of Human
25 Services and the Department of Educational and
26 Cultural Services in conducting the study.

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Sec. 2. Medicaid. In conducting the study
28 described in section 1, the Commissioner of Mental
29 Health and Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's
30 designee, shall examine, in particular, how to

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1 maximize the use of Medicaid funding for existing
2 services to children in need of treatment, and what
3 new services could be implemented for these children
4 to take advantage of Medicaid funding.

5 Sec. 3. Report. The Commissioner of Mental
6 Health and Mental Retardation shall report no later
7 than December 9, 1988, to the joint standing committee
8 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human
9 resources on the study required by this Act. The
10 report shall include a statement of the following:

11 1. How the State can make greater use of
12 3rd-party funds for existing services for children in
13 need of treatment, and what the State is doing to
14 implement this use;

15 2. How the State could make use of 3rd-party
16 funds to provide new services for children in need of
17 treatment;

18 3. What legislation, if any, is needed to enable
19 the State to take greater advantage of 3rd-party funds
20 for services for children in need of treatment; and

21 4. What appropriation, if any, is needed to
22 permit the State to take greater advantage of
23 3rd-party funds for these services, and whether such
24 an appropriation is being proposed by the Governor.'

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 The purpose of this amendment is to require the
27 Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
28 to report to the Legislature on steps being taken or
29 that could be taken with additional funding to enhance
30 the use of 3rd-party funds, including Medicaid, to
31 provide services to children in need of treatment.
32 The commissioner shall report to the Joint Standing
33 Committee on Human Resources no later than December 9,
34 1988.

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