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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 397, L.D. 528, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Relating to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Relating to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 4.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 8 and 9.

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment strikes the General Fund appropriation in the bill, decreasing the General Fund cost of the bill by \$106,626 in fiscal year 2000-01.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 397,  
L.D. 528

As amended, this bill requires the Department of Human  
Services to review child protective policies, services and  
procedures, submit reports and publish a pamphlet regarding the  
child protective system. These costs can be absorbed within the  
department's existing budgeted resources.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes those portions of Committee Amendment  
"A" that establish the Child Ombudsman Office, require reporting  
by the Director of the Child Ombudsman Office and provide funding  
to establish that office.

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