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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1528, L.D. 2181, "Resolve, to Help Homeless Young People Returning to Home or Safe Living Situations"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "youths-at-risk" and inserting in its place the following: 'at-risk youths'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the next-to-the-last line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "youths-at-risk" and inserting in its place the following: 'at-risk youths'

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Resovled:" and inserting in its place the following: 'Resolved:'

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the next-to-the-last line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "stockholders" and inserting in its place the following: 'stakeholders'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "youths-at-risk" and inserting in its place the following: 'at-risk youths'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "clothes" the following: ', health care'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 3 in
4 the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "12" and inserting in its place the following: '14'

6 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the last paragraph
8 in the last line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "12" and inserting in its place the following: '14'

10 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5
12 and inserting in its place the following:

14 **'Sec. 5. Evaluation and report. Resolved:** That, after review by
the regional children's cabinets and consideration of the
16 recommendations made by those bodies, the Department of Human
Services shall submit an interim report to the Legislature by
18 December 31, 1999 detailing the progress that the project has
made. By December 31, 2000, after review by the regional
20 children's cabinets and the Governor's children's cabinet and
consideration of the recommendations made by those bodies, each
22 stakeholders' group, with the assistance of the Department of
Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental
24 Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, shall draft an
evaluation of the activities at each project site, including what
26 services or approaches have worked or have not worked. The
evaluation must discuss areas in the development and delivery of
youth services that need improvement along with any
28 recommendations concerning the development or delivery of youth
services by the Department of Human Services and the Department
30 of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse
Services. The project must collect and maintain information on
32 the ages of the youth served, including as separate categories
youth under 12 years of age and youth 12 to 14 years of age. The
34 evaluation must provide information on the situations and needs
of youths in different age groups. The evaluation must describe
36 the development of a comprehensive community plan for providing
residential, educational, health, career development and social
38 services to homeless youth. The evaluation must also describe
the measurable outcomes of the project at the site, including the
40 services provided, the number of youths served and other
statistics that the stakeholders' group determines are
42 significant. The Department of Human Services shall report the
evaluation and recommendations of each stakeholders' group to the
44 Legislature by February 1, 2001. Following approval of the
community plan by the Commissioner of Human Services and the
46 Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
Abuse Services, the Department of Human Services shall proceed to
48 implement the community plan; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the last line
(page 2, line 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "two
4 project sites; and be it further" and inserting in its place the
following: '2 project sites.'

6 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7.

8 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 This resolve establishes 2 pilot projects, at an approximate
16 cost of \$150,000 per project, in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and
2000-01, to help homeless youth returning to home or safe living
18 situations to be funded equally between the Department of Human
Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation
and Substance Abuse Services. Additional funding for these
20 projects is not included in this resolve.

22 The Department of Human Services has indicated it can absorb
its portion of the project costs, estimated to be \$150,000 in
24 each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, utilizing existing
budgeted resources from savings due to delays in negotiating
26 Community Intervention Requests for Proposals. The ability of the
department to absorb these costs can not be determined at this
28 time.

30 The Department of Human Services will require additional
General Fund appropriations to implement the community plan once
32 the plan has been developed and approved. The amounts can not be
determined at this time.

34 The additional costs associated with convening stakeholder
36 groups and submitting the required report can be absorbed by the
Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted
38 resources.

40 The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services will require a General Fund
42 appropriation of \$150,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and
2000-01 to fund its share of the pilot projects if the funds
44 requested in the Governor's change package to the Part II budget
under Mental Health Services - Children is not approved. That
46 request contains funds targeted for the homeless population.

48 The additional costs associated with convening stakeholder
groups can be absorbed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental

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Retardation and Substance Abuse Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the minimum age of the youth served in the Homeless Youth Demonstration Pilot Project from 12 to 17 years of age to 14 years of age. It adds health care to basic services. It provides for input from the regional children's cabinets and the Governor's children's cabinet in the reports submitted by December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000. It requires the collection and maintenance of data on youth of different ages and requires the evaluation to cover the situations and needs of youth of different ages. It requires the development of a comprehensive community plan for providing residential, educational, health, career development and social services to homeless youth. Following approval of the community plan by the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, it requires the Department of Human Services to take steps to implement the community plan. It makes technical changes in the resolve. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.