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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1551

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1551 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 7.8 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/7.8 new)

7 Sec. 7.8. Home safety checklist; aftercare services;
8 immunization checks.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "purchase of service agency"
10 means any entity that contracts with the Department to provide
11 services that are consistent with the purposes of this Act.

12 (b) Whenever a child is placed in the custody or
13 guardianship of the Department or a child is returned to the
14 custody of a parent or guardian and the court retains
15 jurisdiction of the case, the Department must ensure that the
16 child is up to date on his or her well-child visits, including

1 age-appropriate immunizations, or that there is a documented
2 religious or medical reason the child did not receive the
3 immunizations.

4 (c) Whenever a child has been placed in foster or
5 substitute care by court order and the court later determines
6 that the child can return to the custody of his or her parent
7 or guardian, the Department must complete, prior to the child's
8 discharge from foster or substitute care, a home safety
9 checklist to ensure that the conditions of the child's home are
10 sufficient to ensure the child's safety and well-being, as
11 defined in Department rules and procedures. At a minimum, the
12 home safety checklist shall be completed within 24 hours prior
13 to the child's return home and completed again or recertified
14 in the absence of any environmental barriers or hazards within
15 5 working days after a child is returned home and every month
16 thereafter until the child's case is closed pursuant to the
17 Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The home safety checklist shall
18 include a certification that there are no environmental
19 barriers or hazards to prevent returning the child home.

20 (d) When a court determines that a child should return to
21 the custody or guardianship of a parent or guardian, any
22 aftercare services provided to the child and the child's family
23 by the Department or a purchase of service agency shall
24 commence on the date upon which the child is returned to the
25 custody or guardianship of his or her parent or guardian.
26 However, if multiple children are returned at different times

1 to the custody or guardianship of the parent or guardian,
2 aftercare services shall commence on the date upon which the
3 last child returns home.

4 (e) Beginning one year after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, and every 2 years
6 thereafter, the Auditor General shall conduct a performance and
7 compliance audit of the Department of Children and Family
8 Services to determine whether the Department is meeting the
9 requirements of this Section. Upon completion of each audit,
10 the Auditor General shall report its findings to the General
11 Assembly. The Auditor General's report shall include any issues
12 or deficiencies and recommendations. The audits required by
13 this Section shall be in accordance with and subject to the
14 Illinois State Auditing Act.

15 Section 10. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is
16 amended by adding Section 7.01 as follows:

17 (325 ILCS 5/7.01 new)

18 Sec. 7.01. Safety assessments for reports made by mandated
19 reporters.

20 (a) When a report is made by a mandated reporter to the
21 statewide toll-free telephone number established under Section
22 7.6 of this Act and there is a prior indicated report of abuse
23 or neglect and a prior open service case involving any member
24 of the household, the Department must, at a minimum, accept the

1 report as a child welfare services referral. If the family
2 refuses to cooperate or refuses access to the home or children,
3 then a child protective services investigation shall be
4 initiated if the facts otherwise meet the criteria to accept a
5 report.

6 As used in this Section, "child welfare services referral"
7 means an assessment of the family for service needs and linkage
8 to available local community resources for the purpose of
9 preventing or remedying or assisting in the solution of
10 problems which may result in the neglect, abuse, exploitation,
11 or delinquency of children, and as further defined in
12 Department rules and procedures.

13 As used in this Section, "prior open service case" means a
14 case in which the Department has provided services to the
15 family either directly or through a purchase of service agency.

16 (b) Beginning one year after the effective date of this
17 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, and every 2 years
18 thereafter, the Auditor General shall conduct a performance and
19 compliance audit of the Department of Children and Family
20 Services to determine whether the Department is meeting the
21 requirements of this Section. Upon completion of each audit,
22 the Auditor General shall report its findings to the General
23 Assembly. The Auditor General's report shall include any issues
24 or deficiencies and recommendations. The audits required by
25 this Section shall be in accordance with and subject to the
26 Illinois State Auditing Act."