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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Brodeur offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 289-349 and insert:

incentive payment to community-based care lead agencies, as defined in s. 409.986, and their subcontracted providers that are involved in the adoption process, for achievement of specific and measureable adoption performance standards that lead to permanency, stability, and well-being for children.

(2) ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.—

(a) The department shall conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of the performance of lead agencies and subcontracted providers related to adoption of children from foster care. The assessment shall compile annual data for each of the most recent

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15 5 years for which data is available. The department shall update
16 the assessment annually. At a minimum, the assessment shall
17 identify:

18 1. The number of families attempting to adopt children
19 from foster care and the number of families completing the
20 adoption process.

21 2. The number of children eligible for adoption and the
22 number of children whose adoptions were finalized.

23 3. The amount of time eligible children waited for
24 adoption.

25 4. The number of adoptions that resulted in disruption or
26 dissolution and the subset of those disrupted adoptions that
27 were preventable by the lead agency or the subcontracted
28 provider.

29 5. The time taken to complete each phase of the adoption
30 process.

31 6. The expenditures made to recruit adoptive homes and a
32 description of any initiative to improve adoption performance or
33 streamline the adoption process.

34 7. The results of any specific effort to gather feedback
35 from prospective adoptive parents, adoptive parents, children in
36 the child welfare system, adoptees, and other stakeholders.

37 8. The use of evidence-based, evidence-informed,
38 promising, and innovative practices in recruitment, orientation,
39 and preparation of appropriate adoptive families, matching

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40 children with families, supporting children during the adoption
41 process, and providing post-adoptive support.

42 (b) Using the information from the baseline assessment,
43 the department shall annually negotiate outcome-based agreements
44 with lead agencies and their subcontracted providers. The
45 agreements must establish measureable outcome targets to
46 increase the number of adoptions resulting in permanent
47 placements that enhance children's well-being. The agreements
48 will define the method for measuring performance and for
49 determining the level of performance required to earn the
50 incentive payment, and the amount of the incentive payment which
51 may be earned for each target.

52 (3) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

53 (a) The department shall allocate incentive payments to
54 performance improvement targets in a manner that ensures that
55 total payments do not exceed the amount appropriated for this
56 purpose.

57 (b) The department shall ensure that the amount of the
58 incentive payments are proportionate to the value of the
59 performance improvement.

60 (4) REPORT.—The department shall report annually by
61 November 15 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
62 the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the negotiated
63 targets set for, outcomes achieved by, and incentive payments
64 made to each lead agency during the previous fiscal year. The
65 report shall also discuss the program enhancements made by each

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66 lead agency and its subcontracted providers to achieve
67 negotiated outcomes under this section.

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70 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

71 Remove lines 18-27 and insert:
72 incentive program for certain agencies and
73 subcontracted providers; requiring that the department
74 conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of lead
75 agencies' and subcontracted providers' performance and
76 compile annual data for the most recent 5 years of
77 available data; requiring the department to update the
78 assessment annually; providing a nonexclusive list of
79 factors for the assessment to identify; requiring that
80 the department negotiate outcome-based agreements;
81 requiring that several factors be included in the
82 agreements; requiring the department to allocate
83 incentive payments; requiring the department to report
84 annually by a certain date specified information to
85 the Governor and the Legislature; creating s.
86 409.1664,

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