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Senate

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1 Representative Harrell offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 820-841 and insert:

5 collaboration with lead agencies, service providers, current and
6 former foster youth, and other community stakeholders, a
7 statewide quality rating system for providers of residential
8 group care and foster homes. This system must promote high
9 quality in services and accommodations by creating measureable
10 minimum quality standards that providers must meet to contract
11 with the lead agencies and foster homes must meet to receive
12 placements. Domains addressed by a quality rating system for
13 residential group care may include, but need not be limited to,
14 admissions, service planning and treatment planning, living

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15 environment, and program and service requirements. The system
16 must be implemented by July 1, 2018.

17 (a) The rating system shall include:

18 1. Delineated levels of quality that are clearly and
19 concisely defined, the domains measured, and criteria that must
20 be met to be placed in each level. The quality rating system
21 shall differentiate between shift and family-style models while
22 encouraging a high level of quality in both;

23 2. The number of residential group care staff and foster
24 parents who have received child welfare services certification,
25 pursuant to s. 402.40, through certification programs developed
26 specifically for foster parents and residential group care
27 staff. Such certification programs shall be developed in
28 collaboration with, at a minimum, current and former foster
29 youth, foster parents, and residential group care providers;

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