

Amendment No.1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice & Claims
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Grant, J. offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 14-49 and insert:

7 WHEREAS, on September 6, 2002, J.W., then in the custody of
8 the Department of Children and Families (DCF), formerly known as
9 the Department of Children and Family Services, was placed into
10 the home of C.M.H., whose parents volunteered to have J.W. live
11 in their home, and

12 WHEREAS, prior to the placement of J.W. with the family,
13 DCF obtained a comprehensive behavioral health assessment that
14 stated that J.W. was sexually aggressive and that recommended
15 specific precautions and training for potential foster parents,
16 which C.M.H.'s parents did not receive, and

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17 WHEREAS, the testimony of the DCF caseworker confirmed that
18 DCF was aware that then-10-year-old J.W. and then-8-year-old
19 C.M.H. were sharing a bedroom, and

20 WHEREAS, on October 31, 2002, J.W. sexually assaulted a 4-
21 year-old child who was visiting C.M.H.'s home, and

22 WHEREAS, although DCF knew that J.W. was sexually
23 aggressive, the agency did not remove him from the home, and

24 WHEREAS, after November 2002, J.W.'s behavioral problems
25 escalated, and he deliberately squeezed C.M.H.'s pet mouse to
26 death in front of C.M.H. and made physical threats toward
27 C.M.H., and

28 WHEREAS, C.M.H.'s parents began to discuss adopting J.W.,
29 whom they considered a part of their family, and

30 WHEREAS, in January 2004, the family began taking
31 therapeutic parenting classes to better meet J.W.'s needs, and

32 WHEREAS, in March 2004, after C.M.H.'s mother was diagnosed
33 with Stage 4, terminal, metastatic colon cancer, which had
34 spread to her liver, C.M.H.'s father requested that DCF stop the
35 process of having the family designated as "long-term
36 nonrelative caregivers," and

37 WHEREAS, in April 2004, DCF closed out J.W.'s dependency
38 file, leaving J.W. in the custody of the family, and

39 WHEREAS, in April 2005, C.M.H.'s father wrote DCF and the
40 juvenile judge assigned to the case to request help in placing
41 J.W. in a residential treatment facility, and

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