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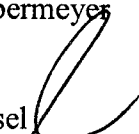
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MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary (CSSB 105()); Work Order No. 26-LS0556\R)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
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FROM: Jean M. Mischel
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Provides for the continuation of a public education in a student's school of origin for a homeless student under federal specifications. Provides exceptions for a move outside of a school district or for insufficient funding by the legislature. Modifies federal definition of homelessness to include students who are placed in out-of-home care by the state.

Section 2. Provides for a waiver of unmet need for tuition, fees, and room and board expenses at a state-supported educational institution for a person who was placed in out-of-home care at age 16 or older and who meets specified eligibility requirements. The waiver is subject to appropriation.

Section 3. Defines out-of-home care for purposes of student loans and waivers.

Section 4. Changes "foster care" to "out-of-home care" under the procurement code.

Section 5. Amends the state's purpose and policy related to children to include education and intellectual development.

Section 6. Amends the legislative intent related to children to include providing a public education as provided under section 1.

Section 7. Replaces the term "foster homes" with "out-of-home care" for purposes of establishing medical assistance eligibility for certain persons and adds a category of

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eligibility for persons under 21 years of age who were in out-of-home care for a specified period of time on or after the person's 16th birthday.

Section 8. Defines "out-of-home care" for purposes of medical assistance eligibility.

Section 9. Authorizes the extension of court orders for a child who is in state custody to age 21.

Section 10. Establishes mandatory monthly visits by social workers employed by the department to make monthly home visits, as described, to all children in the custody of the department.

Section 11. Amends the definition of "child" for purposes of the child in need of aid statutes.

Section 12. Defines "out-of-home care" for purposes of the child in need of aid statutes.

Sections 13 - 15. Changes "foster care" to "out-of-home care" for purposes of the transition to the independent living program.

Section 16. Defines "program" to mean "out-of-home care" transition program.

Section 17. Establishes a monetary stipend to be paid to persons who are eligible for the out-of-home care transition program.

Section 18 Defines "out-of-home care" for purposes of the transition program.

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