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### SUMMARY OF CHANGES CSSB 88: CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH 34-LS0397 Version A to Version G

#### Section 1

**Page 1, line 10:** Adds “with whom the child has resided for at least 18 months” after “or a child’s foster parent.”

#### Section 3

**Page 3, line 13:** Amends existing statute to specifically apply to children six years of age and older.

**Page 3, line 18:** Changes the length of placement with a foster family seeking adoption from 12 months to 24 months. This change is made to reflect that child welfare case delays can easily extend past 12 months.

**Page 3, line 19:** Adds new language instructing that the department must find clear and convincing evidence that continued placement with the foster family is in the best interest of the child to place the child, rather than reunification with the adult family member.

#### Section 6

**Page 6, line 4:** Adds new language instructing that the department must find clear and convincing evidence that continued placement with the foster family is in the best interest of the child, rather than reunification with the adult family member. Also extends the required placement period from 12 to 24 months.

#### Sections 2, 4, 5, 7 8 and 9

No changes are made.