

AMENDMENT

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TO: CSHB 363(), Draft Version "S"

1 Page 1, line 1, following "**hospitals;**":

2 Insert "**relating to the care of children in state custody placed in residential**
3 **facilities outside the state;**"

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5 Page 3, following line 18:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "*** Sec. 4.** AS 47.14.112(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The division of the department with responsibility over the custody of
9 children shall prepare and make available to the legislature an annual report on
10 employee recruitment and retention, including a five-year plan, for the division. Not
11 later than November 15 of each year, the department shall deliver the report to the
12 senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the
13 legislature that the report is available. The report prepared under this subsection is
14 separate from the annual report to the legislature required under AS 18.05.020 and
15 must include, for the previous 12 months,

16 (1) the number of frontline social workers employed by the division,
17 the annual average turnover rate of the workers, and the average caseload of the
18 workers on January 1 and July 1 of that year;

19 (2) the number of children removed from their homes;

20 (3) the achievement of success measured by the following:

21 (A) rate of family reunification;

22 (B) average length of time children spent in custody of the
23 department;

1 (C) rate of placement with an adult family member or family
2 friend;

3 (D) number of children placed in a permanent living
4 arrangement with a guardian or biological or adoptive parent;

5 (E) number of children released from the custody of the
6 department;

7 (4) if the department has met or exceeded the caseload standards under
8 this chapter and, if the standards were exceeded, the number of caseworker positions
9 in the division that could be eliminated and the amount of funding that could be
10 reduced while continuing to meet but not routinely exceed the caseload standards;

11 (5) the performance of the department on federal benchmarks focused
12 on the safety, well-being, and permanent placements of foster children compared with
13 the previous five years;

14 **(6) the number of children placed in residential facilities providing**
15 **care for children outside the state."**

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17 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.