

CHAPTER 536

(House Bill 1146)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Children in Out-of-Home Placement - Uniform Plan for a System of Outcomes Evaluation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, ~~the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and the State Department of Education to develop, test, and implement~~ to plan and determine the cost of testing and implementing a certain systematic evaluation of services provided to children in out-of-home placement; providing for the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to serve as the lead agency to ~~develop plan and determine the cost of implementing the uniform~~ system of outcomes evaluation; providing for the Department of Human Resources, ~~the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the State Department of Education,~~ the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to serve as cooperating departments; establishing the purpose of the system as a method of evaluating the value of services to children in out-of-home placement and the resulting outcomes for the children; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the departments to consult with certain resources in higher education in ~~developing and implementing~~ planning the system; requiring the departments, in developing the plan, to ~~maintain~~ ensure the confidentiality of certain personal information concerning children in out-of-home placement; requiring the cooperating departments, in developing the plan, to ~~facilitate~~ ensure the participation of their residential facilities and the facilities operated by private agencies with which the cooperating departments contract in providing necessary data to the system; requiring the departments to meet certain ~~completion and implementation~~ planning and reporting goals on or before certain dates; ~~requiring the Governor and secretary of each cooperating department to include certain funds in the budget for each department;~~ requiring the departments to submit ~~certain reports~~ a certain plan and a certain report to the General Assembly on or before ~~certain dates~~ a certain date; requiring the cooperation of certain departments in ~~developing~~ planning the system; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to ~~developing planning a uniform~~ system of evaluating the performance of services to and resulting outcomes for children in out-of-home placement.

BY adding to

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families

Section 12

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