

ESSB 5998 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3714.1/26) **2088**

By Representative Penner

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1 On page 326, after line 13, insert the following:
2 "(30) The department shall contract with one pediatric interim
3 care center. The center shall provide residential care for up to 13
4 children through two years of age. Seventy-five percent of the
5 children served by the center must be in need of special care as a
6 result of substance abuse by their mothers. The center shall also
7 provide on-site training to biological, adoptive, or foster parents.
8 The center shall provide at least three months of consultation and
9 support to the parents accepting placement of children from the
10 center. The center may recruit new and current foster and adoptive
11 parents for infants served by the center. The department shall not
12 require case management as a condition of the contract. The pediatric
13 interim care center shall cover any costs associated with the
14 establishment of the contract with the department."

EFFECT: The Department of Children, Youth, and Families - Children and Families program (department) is required to contract with a pediatric interim care center. The pediatric interim care center is required to cover any ongoing costs associated with establishing and operating the contract with the department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No net change to appropriated levels.

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT:

None.

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