

AMENDMENTS TO LB 95

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1           1. Strike the original section and insert the following  
2 new sections:

3           Section 1. Every lead agency which is under contract with  
4 the Department of Health and Human Services on the effective date  
5 of this act to provide out-of-home care for children under the age  
6 of nineteen years shall be accredited within eighteen months after  
7 the effective date of this act by a national accrediting entity  
8 with respect to the services being provided by such lead agency.  
9 Any lead agency entering into such a contract after the effective  
10 date of this act shall be so accredited within eighteen months  
11 after entering into such contract. The department may adopt and  
12 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the requirements of  
13 this section.

14           Sec. 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to attain  
15 a stable system of care for children and families involved in  
16 the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system and for  
17 wards of the state. To obtain this stability, it is the intent of  
18 the Legislature that pursuant to subsections (3) and (4) of this  
19 section there be a moratorium on contracting with any new lead  
20 agency for the provision of services in the child welfare system  
21 and the juvenile justice system and for wards of the state pursuant  
22 to the child welfare reform initiative known as Families Matter and  
23 a moratorium on adding new or additional service areas to any new

1 lead agency contracting to provide services in the child welfare  
2 system and juvenile justice system and for wards of the state  
3 pursuant to the child welfare reform initiative known as Families  
4 Matter.

5       (2) For purposes of attaining such stability, the  
6 Legislature has adopted Legislative Resolution 37, One Hundred  
7 Second Legislature, First Session, 2011, to provide for continued  
8 review, investigation, and assessment of such child welfare reform  
9 initiative and development of a report and appropriate legislation  
10 to establish a stable system of care for children and families  
11 involved in the child welfare system and the juvenile justice  
12 system and for wards of the state.

13       (3) Until June 1, 2012, service coordination and case  
14 management functions, including supervision of service coordination  
15 and case management functions, offered through the child welfare  
16 system and the juvenile justice system and for wards of the state  
17 shall be provided by employees of the Department of Health and  
18 Human Services, and not by contract employees or by contract, in  
19 areas of the state, including the western, central, and northern  
20 service areas, which were previously provided through Boys and  
21 Girls Home as a lead agency under contract for service delivery and  
22 service coordination between Boys and Girls Home and the Division  
23 of Children and Family Services of the department as of September  
24 30, 2010.

25       (4) Until June 1, 2012, the department shall not enter  
26 into any contract with a new lead agency for purposes of service  
27 coordination and case management functions, including supervision

1 of service coordination and case management functions, for the  
2 child welfare system and the juvenile justice system and for wards  
3 of the state in the areas identified in subsection (3) of this  
4 section.