

AMENDMENTS TO LB1093

Introduced by Judiciary

1 1. Strike section 2 and insert the following section:

2 Sec. 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
3 transfer four hundred fifty thousand dollars in General Funds from
4 the Department of Health and Human Services' 2014-15 budget to the
5 office of the State Court Administrator's budget for the purpose
6 of making the State Court Administrator directly responsible for
7 contracting and paying for court-connected prehearing conferences,
8 family group conferencing, expedited family group conferencing,
9 child welfare mediation, permanency prehearing conferences,
10 termination of parental rights prehearing conferences, juvenile
11 victim-offender dialogue, and other related services. Such funds
12 shall be transferred on or before October 15, 2014.

13 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services
14 shall continue to be responsible for contracting with Office
15 of Dispute Resolution-approved mediation centers to provide
16 family group conferencing, mediation, and related services for
17 non-court-involved and voluntary child welfare or juvenile cases
18 through June 30, 2017, unless extended by the Legislature.

19 2. Strike beginning on page 2, line 20, through page 3,
20 line 2, and insert:

21 "(a) Expedited family group conferencing service means
22 an expedited and limited-scope facilitated planning meeting which
23 engages a child's or juvenile's parents, the child or juvenile

1 themselves when appropriate, other critical family members,
2 services providers, and either Department of Health and Human
3 Services staff or Office of Probation Administration staff to
4 address immediate placement issues for the child or juvenile;

5 (b) Family group conferencing service means a facilitated
6 meeting involving a child's or juvenile's family, the child or
7 juvenile themselves when appropriate, available extended family
8 members from across the United States, other significant and close
9 persons to the family, service providers, and either Department
10 of Health and Human Services staff or Office of Probation
11 Administration staff to develop a family-centered plan for the
12 best interests of the child and to address the essential issues of
13 safety, permanency, and well-being of the child;".