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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

February 24, 2025

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE BILL 408

1. On page 1, line 14, before "MAKING", insert "PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;"
2. On page 2, line 14, strike "December" and insert in lieu thereof "September".
3. On page 2, line 15, strike "December" and insert in lieu thereof "September".
4. On page 2, line 17, strike the comma and insert in lieu thereof a colon and the paragraph designation "(1)".
5. On page 2, line 22, after "care", insert "services".
6. On page 2, line 25, after "1978", insert:
"; and

(2) "treatment foster care services" means a specialized form of foster care that provides intensive clinical services and a therapeutic family environment for children with complex emotional, behavioral or mental health needs. "Treatment foster care services" are designed to address significant challenges that cannot be met in traditional foster care settings and:

(a) often require those children to have highly trained foster parents who can implement treatment plans alongside a multidisciplinary team; and

(b) are typically for children transitioning from a more restrictive care setting like a residential treatment setting or the juvenile justice system".

Respectfully submitted,

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