

House File 649

H-1591

1 Amend House File 649 as follows:

2 1. Page 40, after line 30 by inserting:

3 <a. For the purposes of this subsection, unless the
4 context otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Department" means the department of human
6 services.

7 (2) "Foster care" means any out-of-home placement
8 of a child in accordance with a court order entered
9 under chapter 232 or by agreement with the department.

10 (3) "Foster care placement outside of this state"
11 means a foster care placement to which all of the
12 following circumstances are applicable:

13 (a) The location of the placement is outside of
14 this state.

15 (b) The cost of the placement and the services
16 associated with the placement exceed the maximum
17 amount payable under this state's reimbursement
18 limitations for a child with similar needs in a foster
19 care placement and the services associated with the
20 placement in this state.

21 b. As a condition of the appropriation made in
22 this section, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
23 2011, the department shall implement a local services
24 approach in accordance with this subsection. In the
25 local services approach, if a child from an area is
26 in a foster care placement outside of this state or
27 the department is considering recommending such a
28 placement for a child, the department shall provide
29 foster care providers in the area with an opportunity
30 to provide a level of services comparable to the level
31 of services necessitating the placement outside this
32 state. Under the local services approach, in lieu of
33 the reimbursement limitations otherwise applicable to
34 the foster care placement and associated services for
35 the child in this state, the cost of the placement and
36 the services associated with the placement shall not
37 exceed the lower of the following amounts:

38 (1) The cost of the foster care placement outside
39 of this state and the services associated with the
40 placement.

41 (2) The average cost of foster care placements
42 outside this state and the services associated with
43 such placements during the previous fiscal year.

44 c. The department shall provide progress reports on
45 the local services approach to the persons designated
46 in this division of this Act for submission of reports
47 to persons and interested legislators, during the 2012
48 legislative session and shall submit a final report by
49 December 14, 2012.>

50 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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