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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2626

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2626 on page 3, by

3 replacing lines 13 through 26 with the following:

"(d) The Department of Children and Family Services shall develop and implement procedures that ensure and provide equal access to child welfare services, programs, and activities in a nondiscriminatory manner. Services, programs, and activities include, but are not limited to, investigations, assessments, provision of in-home services, out-of-home placements, case planning and service planning, visitation, guardianship, adoption, foster care, and reunification services. Such services, programs, and activities may also extend to proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act and proceedings to terminate parental rights. The Department of Children and Family Services shall provide training to child welfare investigators and caseworkers on these procedures.

(e) If the court determines that the right of a person with

- blindness to the allocation of parental responsibilities, 1
- parenting time, foster care, guardianship, or adoption should 2
- be denied or limited in any manner, the court shall make 3
- 4 specific written findings stating the basis for such a
- 5 determination and why supportive parenting services cannot
- prevent the denial or limitation."; and 6
- by deleting page 4. 7