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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3853

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3853 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5.46 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.46 new)

7 Sec. 5.46. Extended Family Support Pilot Program. The
8 Department may consult with independent partners to review
9 Extended Family Support Program services and advise if
10 additional services are needed prior to the start of the pilot
11 program required under this Section. Beginning January 1,
12 2023, the Department shall implement a 3-year pilot program of
13 additional resources for families receiving Extended Family
14 Support Program services from the Department for the purpose
15 of supporting relative caregivers. These resources may
16 include, but are not limited to: (i) wraparound case

1 management services, (ii) home visiting services for
2 caregivers with children under the age of 5, and (iii) parent
3 mentors for caregivers with children over the age of 3.

4 The services for the Extended Family Support Program are
5 expanded given the program's inclusion in the Family First
6 Prevention Services Act's targeted populations. Other target
7 populations include intact families, pregnant and parenting
8 youth, reunification within 6 months, and post adoption and
9 subsidized guardianship. Inclusion provides the array of
10 evidence-based interventions included within the State's
11 Family First Prevention Services plan. Funding through Title
12 IV-E of the Social Security Act shall be spent on services to
13 prevent children and youth who are candidates for foster care
14 from coming into care and allow them to remain with their
15 families. Given the inclusion of the Extended Family Support
16 Program in the Family First Prevention Services Act, the
17 program is a part of the independent evaluation of Family
18 First Prevention Services. This includes tracking deflection
19 from foster care.

20 The resources provided by the pilot program are voluntary
21 and refusing such resources shall not be used as evidence of
22 neglect of a child.

23 The Department shall arrange for an independent evaluation
24 of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is
25 successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family
26 Support Program services or Family First Prevention Program

1 services and preventing entrance into the foster care system.
2 This evaluation will support determining whether there is a
3 long-term cost benefit to continuing the pilot program.

4 At the end of the 3-year pilot program, the Department
5 shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its
6 findings of the evaluation. The report shall state whether the
7 Department intends to continue the pilot program and the
8 rationale for its decision.

9 The Department may adopt rules and procedures to implement
10 and administer this Section.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.".