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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 191

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 191 by replacing
3 line 6 on page 11 through line 8 on page 12 with the following:

4 "As soon as is possible after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Department
6 shall enhance its program of family preservation services,
7 including, but not limited to, respite care, to support intact,
8 foster, and adoptive families when (i) the family is eligible
9 for services from the Department pursuant to the Department's
10 rules, (ii) the family is experiencing extreme hardships due to
11 the difficulty and stress of caring for a child who has been
12 diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder, and (iii)
13 the Department determines that those services are necessary to
14 ensure the health and safety of the child. "Respite care" shall
15 be defined in the Department's amended rules and regulations.
16 The Department may refer the child or family to services
17 available from other agencies in the community. Acceptance of

1 these services shall be voluntary. The Department may develop
2 and implement a public information campaign to alert health and
3 social service providers and the general public about these
4 special family preservation services. The nature and scope of
5 the services offered and the number of families served under
6 the special program implemented under this paragraph shall be
7 determined by the level of funding that the Department annually
8 allocates for this purpose. The term "pervasive developmental
9 disorder" under this paragraph means a neurological condition,
10 Asperger's Syndrome, and autism, as defined in the most recent
11 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
12 Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association."