

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/SB 1366 — Child Welfare/Mental Health/Substance Abuse

by Health Regulation Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Storms

The bill includes managing entities and the agencies that have contracted with monitoring agents among the entities who must identify and implement changes that improve the efficiency of administrative monitoring of child welfare services and the efficiency of administrative, licensure, and programmatic monitoring of mental health and substance abuse service providers.

To improve efficiency, these entities must limit administrative monitoring to once every three years if the provider of child welfare services is accredited by the Joint Commission, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), or the Council on Accreditation (COA), and must limit administrative, licensure, and programmatic monitoring to once every three years if the provider of mental health or substance abuse services is accredited by these entities.

The bill provides that the limitations on administrative, licensure, and programmatic monitoring apply only to providers of mental health or substance abuse services that are accredited for the services being monitored and, despite the limitations on such monitoring, these entities may continue to monitor the service provider as to specified areas of concern.

These entities must also allow the private sector to develop and implement an Internet-based, secure, and consolidated data warehouse and archive for maintaining certain records of providers of child welfare, mental health, or substance abuse services and the entities must use the data warehouse to request documents.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 116-0