

Bill No. SB 2566

Amendment No. ____

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Senators McKay and Rossin moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 77, before line 1,

insert:

Section 45. Residential Group Care Placements.--

(1) Subject to a specific appropriation, the Department of Children and Family Services shall contract for residential group care placements:

(a) In Districts 6, 7, 13, and 14 in order to eliminate the placement of more than five children per foster home and,

(b) On a statewide basis when there is no appropriate foster care placement available for a child with special needs. For the purposes of this section, a "child with special needs" means a child with a learning or developmental disability or a chronic physical, medical, or emotional condition.

Standard board and care rates shall be established and uniformly applied by the Department of Children and Family Services.

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1 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services must
 2 submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
 3 of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2001, any
 4 difficulties with contracting for these placements because of
 5 a facility shortage or limited provider capacity. Included in
 6 the report, the department shall recommend solutions to any
 7 problems contracting for placements and shall recommend
 8 expansion to one or more districts beyond the four districts
 9 identified in (1), providing the reasons for recommending the
 10 selected districts and the associated costs.

11 (3) The sum of \$12,700,000 is appropriated from the
 12 General Revenue Fund and \$6,300,000 is appropriated from the
 13 Federal Grants Trust Fund to the Department of Children and
 14 Family Services to contract for residential group care
 15 placements as provided in (1) and (2). No less than 3 million
 16 dollars shall be spent on residential group care placements
 17 for children with special needs.

18 (4) This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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21 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 On page 3, line 24, after the semi-colon
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 25 insert:
 26 providing for the Department of Children and
 27 Family Services to contract for residential
 28 group care placements in specified districts
 29 and statewide for children with special needs;
 30 providing for a report to the Legislature;
 31 providing for an appropriation;