

Amend CSSB 1410 by adding the following appropriately numbered section to the bill and renumbering the remaining sections of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. (a) The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shall conduct a study to identify distinct populations for whom the department may appropriately provide guardianship services.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2004, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services shall submit a report of the study's findings to the legislature. The report must make a recommendation regarding expansion of the department's guardianship services based on the study's findings.