

Amend CSHB 3859 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 5, line 3, between "PROVIDERS" and the underlined period, insert "AND REFERRALS".

(2) On page 5, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(c) A child welfare services provider who declines to provide a child welfare service as authorized by this section shall:

(1) provide to the person seeking the service written information directing the person to:

(A) the web page on the department's Internet website that includes a list of other licensed child welfare services providers; or

(B) other information sources that identify other licensed child welfare services providers who provide the service being denied;

(2) refer the applicant to another licensed child welfare services provider who provides the service being denied; or

(3) refer the applicant to the department or to a single source continuum contractor to identify and locate a licensed child welfare services provider who provides the service being denied.