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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 27, between lines 9 and 10, insert the
3 following:

4 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department shall
5 retain oversight of and shall perform the following case management
6 services for one year after the date the department transfers case
7 management services to a single source continuum contractor under
8 Subsection (a):

9 (1) maintaining direct contact with the child on a
10 monthly basis for the purpose of providing oversight and making
11 recommendations, including final recommendations, to the court
12 regarding the best interest of the child;

13 (2) maintaining direct observation of family visits
14 with the child on a monthly basis;

15 (3) evaluating the appropriateness of medical, mental
16 health, and educational decisions made for a child;

17 (4) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of all
18 case management and permanency services provided by a single source
19 continuum contractor and making changes to those services if the
20 services are not effective;

21 (5) maintaining final approval authority of and the
22 authority to change:

23 (A) the placement of a child;

24 (B) a child and family service plan;

25 (C) a decision to discontinue case management
26 services for a child who is aging out of foster care;

27 (D) a child's permanency plan; and

28 (E) a decision regarding the adoption of a child;

29 (6) prosecuting suits affecting the parent-child

1 relationship and making legal decisions relating to those suits;

2 (7) ensuring that a single source continuum contractor
3 provides a child's attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem with
4 immediate access to the child and access to the contractor's
5 information and records relating to the child;

6 (8) making ongoing recommendations to the court to
7 ensure the safety and well-being of a child; and

8 (9) taking any action or requiring a single source
9 continuum contractor to take any action the department considers
10 necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of a child.

11 (c) Following the one-year period described by Subsection
12 (b), the department may continue to retain all or partial
13 responsibility for the performance of the case management services
14 listed in that subsection, based on the readiness and performance
15 reviews of the single source continuum contractor conducted by the
16 department in accordance with this subchapter.

17 (2) On page 27, line 10, strike "(b)" and substitute "(d)".