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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Walle

1 Amend H.B. No. 39 (house committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 40, Human Resources
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 40.05286 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 40.05286. STUDY ON REASONABLE CASEWORKER CASELOAD
7 GOALS. (a) The department in collaboration with the Legislative
8 Budget Board shall conduct a study to determine reasonable
9 caseworker caseload goals and make recommendations regarding
10 minimum and maximum caseloads for caseworkers in each division of
11 the department. The recommendations must be consistent with other
12 provisions of law governing department cases and caseloads,
13 including provisions related to risk assessment.

14 (b) The study described under Subsection (a) must:

15 (1) consider:

16 (A) optimal workload time and effort for assigned
17 caseworker duties; and

18 (B) the differences in caseworker workload
19 between regions of this state; and

20 (2) include recommendations on:

21 (A) reasonable caseworker caseload goals and
22 minimum and maximum caseload goals for caseworkers in each division
23 of the department, including employees of single source continuum
24 contractors who provide case management services under contract
25 with the department;

26 (B) caseworker caseload goal estimates that will
27 provide flexibility to the department in an emergency;

28 (C) any changes required for department risk
29 assessment provisions; and

1 (D) the provision of case management services by
2 single source continuum contractors under contract with the
3 department.

4 (c) The department shall:

5 (1) use the results and recommendations of the study
6 to determine the funding level of the department that is
7 appropriate to reduce caseloads; and

8 (2) not later than August 1, 2018, and jointly with the
9 Legislative Budget Board, report the results and recommendations of
10 the study to the legislature.

11 (d) This section expires December 31, 2019.