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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article II
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of
3 Family and Protective Services (page II-3), by adding the following
4 appropriately numbered rider:

5 _____. Study on Reasonable Caseload Goals To Improve Case
6 Outcomes. (a) Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of
7 Family and Protective Services shall collaborate with the
8 Legislative Budget Board to conduct a study to determine reasonable
9 caseload goals and make recommendations regarding minimum and
10 maximum caseloads for caseworkers in each division of the
11 department.

12 (b) In conducting the study described under Subsection (a),
13 the commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective
14 Services shall ensure that:

15 (1) the study considers:

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

18 (B) the differences in workload between regions
19 of the state in which caseworkers are employed; and

20 (2) the recommendations resulting from the study:

21 (A) include reasonable 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) include goal estimates that will provide
27 flexibility to the department in the event of an emergency; and

28 (C) are consistent with other provisions of law
29 governing department cases and caseloads, including provisions

1 related to risk assessment.

2 (c) The Department of Family and Protective Services and the
3 Legislative Budget Board shall use the results and recommendations
4 of the study to determine the funding level for the department that
5 is appropriate to reduce caseloads.