



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee report), in Article II
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Health and Human
3 Services Commission (page II-37), by adding the following
4 appropriately numbered rider:

5 _____. Disability Services Coordination Office. Out of funds
6 appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission above and
7 to the extent permitted by state law, the commission shall:

8 (1) in coordination with appropriate departments and
9 divisions of the commission that provide services to individuals
10 with a disability, establish a disability services coordination
11 office that:

12 (A) reviews programs and service providers that
13 provide services or benefits to individuals with a disability to:

14 (i) determine whether deficiencies exist in
15 the programs or in the provision of services or benefits; and

16 (ii) pursue appropriate remedies to address
17 the deficiencies;

18 (B) refers individuals with a disability to
19 appropriate programs or service providers; and

20 (C) assists individuals with a disability in:

21 (i) finding programs or service providers
22 that provide services or benefits appropriate for the individual;
23 and

24 (ii) applying to receive the services or
25 benefits from the programs or providers; and

26 (2) ensure that individuals with a disability are
27 provided the opportunity to contact the disability services
28 coordination office in person, by telephone, through e-mail,
29 through the commission's Internet website, or through an

1 alternative live communication option.