

## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1691

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2537

1 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

2 (ii) The county agency shall identify at least one  
3 significant connection with a supportive adult willing to  
4 be involved in the child's life as the child transitions  
5 to adulthood, or document that efforts have been made to  
6 identify a supportive adult.

7 Amend Bill, page 7, line 19, by striking out "(ii)" and  
8 inserting

9 (iii)

10 Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 19 and 20

11 (D) Make findings that the significant  
12 connection is identified in the permanency plan or  
13 that efforts have been made to identify a supportive  
14 adult, if no one is currently identified.

15 Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

16 Section 4. The Department of Human Services of the  
17 Commonwealth shall conduct a study to analyze and make  
18 recommendations on the permanency goal of another planned  
19 permanent living arrangement for children 16 years of age or  
20 older. The following apply:

21 (1) The study shall include recommendations on all of  
22 the following:

23 (i) Strategies to reduce the use of or eliminate the  
24 use of the permanency goal of another planned permanent  
25 living arrangement.

26 (ii) Other permanency goal options for children.

27 (iii) Expected outcomes for children by the  
28 reduction of or the elimination of another planned  
29 permanent living arrangement as a permanency goal.

30 (iv) A timeline to achieve the strategies set forth  
31 under subparagraph (i).

32 (2) In conducting the study, the Department of Human  
33 Services shall convene a work group to receive feedback on  
34 the potential reduction or elimination of the permanency goal

1 of another planned permanent living arrangement. The work  
2 group shall include representatives from the juvenile court,  
3 guardians ad litem, parent attorneys, county agencies,  
4 private children and youth social service agencies,  
5 children's advocacy organizations, the Pennsylvania Youth  
6 Advisory Board and other appropriate stakeholders as  
7 determined by the Secretary of Human Services.

8 (3) The Department of Human Services shall, within four  
9 months of enactment of this section, report the study's  
10 findings and make its recommendations to:

11 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
12 Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

13 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
14 Aging and Youth Committee of the Senate.

15 (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of  
16 the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

17 (iv) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
18 Children and Youth Committee of the House of  
19 Representatives.

20 Amend Bill, page 8, line 21, by striking out "4" and  
21 inserting

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