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SENATE BILL NO. 1350

Senate Amendments in [] — January 30, 2001

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Comprehensive Services Act family assessment and planning team.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators Ticer, Lucas, Marsh, Miller, Y.B., Mims and Trumbo

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-754. Family assessment and planning team; powers and duties.

The family assessment and planning team, in accordance with § 2.1-746, shall assess the strengths and needs of troubled youths and families who are approved for referral to the team and identify and determine the complement of services required to meet these unique needs.

Every such team, in accordance with policies developed by the community policy and management team, shall:

1. Review referrals of youths and families to the team;

2. Provide for family participation in all aspects of assessment, planning and implementation of services;

3. *Provide for the participation of foster parents in the assessment, planning and implementation of services [when a child has a program goal of permanent foster care or is in a long-term foster care placement] . The [family assessment and planning team case manager] shall notify the foster parents of a troubled youth of the time and place of all assessment and planning meetings related to such youth. Such foster parents shall be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting, submit written testimony if the foster parents are unable to attend, or sign a form indicating that they have nothing to add to the record. The opinions of the foster parents shall be considered by the family assessment and planning team in its deliberations;*

34. Develop an individual family services plan for youths and families reviewed by the team which provides for appropriate and cost-effective services;

45. Where parental or legal guardian financial contribution is not specifically prohibited by federal or state law or regulation, or has not been ordered by the court or by the Division of Child Support Enforcement, assess the ability of parents or legal guardians, utilizing a standard sliding fee scale based upon ability to pay, to contribute financially to the cost of services to be provided and provide for appropriate financial contribution from parents or legal guardians in the individual family services plan;

56. Refer the youth and family to community agencies and resources in accordance with the individual family services plan;

67. Recommend to the community policy and management team expenditures from the local allocation of the state pool of funds; and

78. Designate a person who is responsible for monitoring and reporting, as appropriate, on the progress being made in fulfilling the individual family services plan developed for each youth and family, such reports to be made to the team or the responsible local agencies.

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