

Legislative Analysis



DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

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Senate Bill 100 as reported from House committee
Sponsor: Sen. John Bizon, M.D.
House Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
Senate Committee: Families, Seniors, and Veterans
Complete to 3-16-21

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 100 would amend 1973 PA 116, the child care licensing act, to define “foster care” for purposes of section 123a of the act.

Section 123a provides requirements concerning a child in *foster care* who is placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP). The requirements include a process for determining whether a family foster home can provide the best level of care for the child, including meeting the child’s needs and supporting the attainment of child-specific goals, or whether the best level of care would be provided by placement in a QRTP.

Foster care would mean 24-hour substitute care for a child placed away from his or her parent or guardian and for whom the title IV-E agency has placement and care responsibility

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors reported the Senate-passed version of the bill without amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 100 would have no direct fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and would have no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the provisions of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), in order to continue to receive full federal IV-E funding for certain foster care cases, the state must enact a bill with the provisions of SB 100. Without the enactment of SB 100 or a similar bill, the state may lose an undetermined amount of federal funding.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Department of Health and Human Services testified in support of the bill. (3-2-21)

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