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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief on Senate Bill 12

Senate Bill 12 would require the department of children and families to develop a plan to implement performance-based contracts.

Senate Bill 12 creates a new section of law that would require DCF to work with stakeholders to develop a plan to implement performance-based contracts to provide evidence-based prevention and early intervention services to families who are at risk of or currently have a child in out-of-home care and for children awaiting adoption. This implementation plan would establish 4 criteria:

- 1) A contract could have to ensure that provided services would offer adequate, appropriate and relevant evidence-based services to families;
- 2) measures that will be used to evaluate how effective a provider is;
- 3) referrals to contractor providers; and
- 4) the balance of child protection between the department and the providers.

Subsection (b) would require the department to consider the ability to deliver evidence-based prevention and early intervention services to families across the region and the ability to implement the plan by January 31, 2022. The department would be required to report to the governor and the legislature with a plan to begin implementation by July 1, 2022, and a status update prior to January 31, 2023.

Subsection (c) would require the department to submit a plan to the governor and the legislature before January 31, 2023 on how to reinvest the funds saved from reducing foster care caseloads due to the evidence-based and early intervention programs.