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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House of Representatives Committee on Children and Seniors  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 17, 2021  
Subject: Senate Bill 120

Senate Bill 120 establishes the joint committee on child welfare system oversight.

Senate Bill 12 creates a new section of law establishing a joint committee on child welfare system oversight. In subsection (a), the committee is tasked with reviewing:

1. The level of oversight that the department of children and families has over its contracting entities;
2. the duties and contributions of state agencies and service providers that provide child welfare services in the state;
3. the level of access to child welfare services, including mental health and community-based services;
4. the number of children in the child welfare system;
5. the licensing standards for case managers; and
6. any other topic the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

Subsection (b) sets out the 11 members of the committee as follows:

1. 3 members of the house children and children seniors committee, 2 appointed by the speaker and 1 by the house minority leader;
2. 3 members of the senate public health and welfare committee, 2 appointed by the president and 1 appointed by the senate minority leader;
3. 2 members of the house appointed by the speaker;
4. 1 member of the house appointed by the house minority leader; and
5. 2 members of the senate appointed by the president.

Subsection (c) lays out the terms members serve on the joint committee. Subsection (d) provides for what chamber the joint committee chairperson will be from, based upon the year. Subsection (e) requires the joint committee to have their first meeting by August 1, 2021, then at least twice more per year. Subsection (f) sets quorum at 6 members of the joint committee. Subsection (g) requires the joint committee to submit a report to the legislature every year with recommendations to change laws, rules and regulations. Subsection (h) provides for compensation for members attending joint committee or subcommittee meetings. Subsection (i) allows the legislative coordinating council to provide professional services. Subsection (j) authorizes the joint committee to introduce legislation.

SB 120 was not amended in either committee or on the senate floor and was passed on the floor 37-2.