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Senator Unterman offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the House Committee on Judiciary substitute to SB 350 (LC 33 5632S) by deleting*
 2 *lines 30 through 31 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 to, adoption services, family preservation, independent living, emergency shelter,
 4 residential group care, foster care, therapeutic foster care, intensive residential treatment,
 5 foster care supervision, case management services, post-placement supervision, and
 6 family reunification; provided, however, that child welfare services shall not include
 7 child protection investigations.

8 *By deleting lines 34 through 84 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

9 (b) Beginning July 1, 2015, the division shall conduct a three-year pilot program for the
 10 purpose of evaluating how child welfare services should be privatized statewide. The pilot
 11 program shall be established in three of the 15 regional service areas identified by the
 12 division. The division should establish the pilot program in diverse areas of the state. The
 13 division shall use a competitive bidding process to contract with a single community based
 14 organization, which may be faith based, to administer all child welfare services for all
 15 children in each region either directly or through a local network of providers; provided,
 16 however, that the services provided directly by that community based organization shall
 17 not exceed 35 percent of all child welfare services in the region. The competitive bidding
 18 process shall be developed with input from community based providers, foster parents,
 19 members of the faith community, and child advocacy organizations.

20 (c) There shall be created the Child Welfare Pilot Program Commission. The commission
 21 shall be composed of seven members and shall be appointed as follows: three shall be
 22 appointed by the Governor; two shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and two
 23 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall
 24 advise the division on the design and implementation of the pilot program and the
 25 competitive bidding process for the provision of child welfare services through contracts
 26 with community based organizations, including a federal Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration
 27 Project for fixed funding if necessary.

28 (d) The division shall retain responsibility for the quality of contracted services and
 29 programs and shall ensure that services are delivered in accordance with applicable federal
 30 and state laws and regulations and in adherence to nationally recognized child welfare
 31 performance outcome measures. Each community based organization in the administrator
 32 role should receive payment by the division of a reasonable monthly administrative rate

33 and a case rate per child calculated as the total appropriated funds allocated for child
34 welfare services during the prior fiscal year divided by the monthly average number of
35 children served in the same fiscal year.

36 (e) The division shall evaluate the pilot program and submit a report regarding quality
37 performance, outcome measure attainment, and cost efficiency results to the Governor, the
38 Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
39 January 1, 2018. Such report shall also include recommendations as to the expansion of
40 the pilot program statewide and identification of services which should be included in
41 privatization efforts. The division shall be authorized to establish such rules and
42 regulations in order to execute the pilot program."