

SENATE FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 3

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3176*

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by deleting from pages 35-36 of Senate Amendment No. 1, (document ID # 01332091), the language which reads as follows:

SECTION _____. Review. The department shall be reviewed pursuant to the requirements set out in the "Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law" set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Parts 1 and 2. Further, the department shall respond to requests for information from any other legislative committees including, but not limited to, the joint fiscal review committee, the general welfare, health, and human resources committee of the senate, the health and human resources committee of the house of representatives, and the government operations committees of the senate and house of representatives, to insure that thorough review and oversight of the department is accomplished.

and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION _____.

(a) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the appropriate joint evaluation committee of the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-103(c), to review the department of children's services pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-118(a), and to timely file the findings and recommendations of the joint evaluation committee, including any proposed legislation, with the chief clerk of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives.

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(b) In addition to complying with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-103, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the commission on children and youth, created by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-102(a), to review and analyze the policies and operations of the department of children's services and to monitor individual plans of care and delivery of services for children and their families.

(c) In addition to complying with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-205, it shall be the duty and responsibility of the select committee on children and youth, created by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-201(a), to regularly perform legislative oversight of the new department until services for children and their families have improved substantially so that such oversight is no longer needed, notwithstanding the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-206, or any other law to the contrary. It is the intent of the general assembly that such improvement be accomplished in a timely fashion. To these ends, the committee shall continue to perform such oversight until adjournment of the regular session of the general assembly convened in 2002. The general assembly may continue the committee's oversight of the department for two (2) additional years by appropriate action during such regular session.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed or implemented in any way to prohibit or restrict appropriate review, inquiry, and/or oversight of the department of children's services by any other duly created select, standing,

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special, or statutory committee of the general assembly or by any member of the general assembly or by any other agency or entity of state government.