

Amendment to SB 702

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Paragraph; Child Welfare; Procurement Requirements. Amend RSA 170-G:4-d by
4 inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

5 I-a. The commissioner shall employ a procurement model for administering the provision of
6 therapeutic-based residential behavioral health treatment services provided pursuant to RSA 170-G
7 and RSA 135-F. All contracts shall incorporate the use of trauma-focused models of care. In cases
8 where the unique needs of a juvenile or the capacity of a contracted provider prevent the use of a
9 contracted provider, the commissioner may approve and shall pay for placement with another
10 certified provider on a temporary basis if the commissioner determines that the placement is
11 necessary to meet the juvenile's immediate treatment needs.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes criteria governing the use of contracted providers in the department of health and human services' child welfare program.

The bill is a request of the department of health and human services.