Amendment to HB 1707-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Section; Services for the Developmentally Disabled; Family-Centered Early Supports and Services Program. Amend RSA 171-A by inserting after section 18 the following new section:

171-A:18-a Family-Centered Early Supports and Services Program. The department shall administer a family-centered early supports and services (FCESS) program designed for children birth up to age 3 who have a diagnosed, established condition that has a high probability of resulting in delay, are experiencing developmental delays, or are at risk for substantial developmental delays if supports and services are not provided. All children under the age of 3 who are born substance-exposed shall be considered at risk for substantial developmental delays and shall be referred to FCESS. In this section, a "substance-exposed newborn" means a newborn who was exposed to alcohol, or other drugs in utero, which may have adverse effects, whether or not this exposure is detected at birth through a drug screen or withdrawal symptoms. The department shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the FCESS program, including application procedures, program administration, and eligibility criteria consistent with this section.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to administer a family-centered early supports and services program for children with developmental delays, including children under 3 with prenatal substance exposure.