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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF);
2 Residential Placement and Treatment of Children.

3 I. The DCYF shall renegotiate with contractors currently providing residential treatment for
4 children in New Hampshire. The contracts shall comply with the requirements and metrics of RSA
5 135-F and RFP-2021-DBH-12-RESID, including, but not limited to, providing evidence based
6 treatment, minimizing the use of restraint and seclusion and agreeing to treat all referrals made by
7 DCYF.

8 II. The DCYF shall negotiate contracts for residential placement of minors in New
9 Hampshire who are eligible for commitment pursuant to RSA 169-B:19. The contracts shall comply
10 with the requirements and metrics of RSA 135-F, 170-G:4-d, and RFP-2021-DBH-12-RESID,
11 including, but not limited to, providing evidence-based treatment, minimizing the use of restraint
12 and seclusion, the use of outcome measurement, and the use of uniform assessment instruments.

13 III. The DCYF may negotiate increased rates, changes in staffing ratios and additional
14 security to accommodate children who present more complex behavioral health needs. DCYF shall
15 determine the number of beds to be charged at the increased rate, but the number shall not exceed
16 20 beds among all contractors. Further, the contractors shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure
17 the programs continues to provide services consistent with CMS requirements for Medicaid
18 reimbursement. The contractors shall begin taking admissions not later than April 1, 2022 but may
19 accept admissions earlier.

20 IV. The amended contracts under this section shall be presented to the governor and
21 executive council for approval not later than December 1, 2021.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Requires the division of children, youth and families to renegotiate certain contracts for residential treatment of children.

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