

Amend CSSB 11 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 29, line 27, between "DEPARTMENT." and "In", insert "(a)".

(2) On page 30, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

(b) The department retains the following roles and responsibilities in relation to case management services provided to children and families in a catchment area:

(1) maintaining direct contact with the child on a monthly basis for the purpose of providing oversight and making recommendations, including final recommendations, to the court regarding the best interest of the child;

(2) maintaining direct observation of family visits with the child on a monthly basis;

(3) evaluating the appropriateness of medical, mental health, and educational decisions made for a child;

(4) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of all case management and permanency services provided by a single source continuum contractor and making changes to those services if the services are not effective;

(5) final approval of and authority to change:

(A) the placement of a child;

(B) a child and family service plan;

(C) a decision to discontinue case management services for a child who is aging out of foster care;

(D) a child's permanency plan; and

(E) a decision regarding the adoption of a child;

(6) the prosecution of suits affecting the parent-child relationship, and any legal decisions relating to those suits;

(7) ensuring that a single source continuum contractor provides a child's attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem with immediate access to the child and access to the contractor's information and records relating to the child;

(8) making ongoing recommendations to the court to ensure the safety and well-being of a child; and

(9) taking any action, or requiring a single source continuum contractor to take any action, the department considers

necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of a child.