PCSAO Legislative Committee Bill Summary

(#LSC 125 0670) MH Custody Relinquishment
Bill No. Amd. ( ) Sub. ( ) Bill No. Companion Bill No.

Committee Assignment: not assigned to a committee as of 9/15/03

House Sponsor(s)_____ Aides: _____
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Senate Sponsor(s): John Carey_____ Aides:_____
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PCSAO Assigned Reviewers:
(Lead): Lynn

Others:
Cathy Appel
Susan Alberter
Montrella Jackson

Date Assigned: September 15, 2003
Date Review Due: October 13, 2003 (email to Angela by 10/13/03 for Oct. 20th meeting)
Date Discussed in Legislative Committee: October 20, 2003

Comments/Concerns/Recommended Changes or Direction:

- The legislation does not properly or adequately address the needs of multi-system children as well as requiring all systems to work together and pool funding for these children, who are not abused or neglected, but have mental health needs.
- Although the legislation is not for children that are abused or neglect, many counties are stating these children are "dependent".
- The problem goes further than a Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA), especially when there are no resources available to deliver treatment.
- Would prefer to (at this time) not address this legislatively, but instead address it through revising the PIP and the MH Initiative.
- Recommended that Gayle Channing Tenenbaum meet with Senator Carey to access if he wants to have this bill go through, or if he would be willing to hold off on the legislation and support revisions to the PIP and the MH Initiative.
- Committee will currently not take a position, but support speaking to Senator Carey and request that he wait until the MH Concept Paper is completed in January 2004.

Legislative Committee Recommendation: ( ) Support Date_____
( ) Changes recommended ( ) Do not Support (X) No position taken

Testimony By: _____ given on (date) _____

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