

Suggested Changes to S. 68/H. 129 *An Act Regarding Families and Children Engaged in Services*

- **EDUCATION**

- Ensure current language does not disrupt school disciplinary processes.
- Consider including some criteria, e.g. identification of barriers to success and implementation timeline, in the DESE-certified truancy program.
- Clarify the components of the restorative justice pilot program.

- **COURT PROCESS**

- Changes to court procedure that more accurately reflect standard court practice.
- Ensure that language clearly permits the use of the court as the first step.
- Review provisions regarding confidentiality.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES**

- Technical changes to coordinate proposed services with the existing CSA efforts.
- Provide EOHHS with the ability to provide grants to other entities if CSA is not the appropriate grantee.