

**620.345 Study group on privatizing foster care services -- Membership -- Recommendations.**

- (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires;
  - (a) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; and
  - (b) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- (2) The secretary shall designate a study group to make recommendations regarding the feasibility and implementation of the privatization of all foster care services in the Commonwealth.
- (3) The study group shall be composed of the following members:
  - (a) The secretary;
  - (b) The commissioner for the Department for Community Based Services;
  - (c) The director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, or designee;
  - (d) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, or designee;
  - (e) One (1) adult who was a former foster child in the Commonwealth;
  - (f) One (1) adult who is a current or former foster parent in the Commonwealth;
  - (g) Two (2) employees of a licensed child-placing agency;
  - (h) Two (2) employees of a licensed child-caring facility; and
  - (i) Any personnel within the Department for Community Based Services that the secretary deems necessary.
- (4) In its deliberations, the study group shall include but not be limited to analysis of improved timeliness and likelihood of permanency such as reunification, adoption, or guardianship; fewer moves for children in foster care; reduced instances of reentry into care; and financial implications.
- (5) The study group shall report its recommendations by July 1, 2019, to the Governor, the Interim Joint Committees on Appropriations and Revenue and Health and Welfare and Family Services, and the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee established in KRS 6.943. The study group shall cease to operate after the delivery of the recommendations required by this subsection.

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