

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Child Welfare and Foster Care** recommends **HB 2601** be amended on page 1, in line 15, by striking "is an alleged perpetrator" and inserting "has been alleged to have abused or neglected a child";

On page 2, in line 7, by striking "12 months" and inserting "30 days"; in line 11, by striking all after "shall"; by striking all in lines 12 through 14; in line 15, by striking all before the period and inserting "transmit information regarding such petition to the secretary so that the secretary may investigate and place the individual on the registry subject to this section"; in line 20, after "(e)" by inserting "(1)"; also in line 20, by striking "shall" and inserting "may"; in line 22, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(A)"; in line 23, by striking "and"; in line 24, by striking "(2) (A)" and inserting "(B)"; also in line 24, by striking "or" and inserting "and"; by striking all in lines 25 through 27; in line 28, by striking all before the period and inserting "(C) the secretary has considered the following in granting such expungement:

- (i) The nature and severity of the abuse or neglect case against the applicant;
 - (ii) the number of any other substantiated reports of abuse or neglect involving the applicant;
 - (iii) circumstances that no longer contribute to the finding;
 - (iv) whether the applicant was a juvenile at the time of the finding; and
 - (v) actions taken by the applicant to prevent the reoccurrence of abuse or neglect.
- (2) After an individual has been on the registry for 20 years, the secretary shall review and may expunge the name of such individual using the criteria described in this subsection";

Also on page 2, in line 33, after "(g)" by inserting "On and after July 1, 2027, any existing rule and regulation adopted by the secretary concerning any child abuse and neglect registry shall be null, void and unenforceable. The secretary shall adopt new rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

(h)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 7, after the semicolon by inserting "voiding existing rules and regulations;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson