Representative Howard moves to amend the bill on page 184, lines 48-49, by inserting between those lines the following new section to read:

"FUNDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE POSITIONS

SECTION 9I.16. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, recurring funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, "In Lieu of" Services (1310), for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium shall be decreased by the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) and funds appropriated in this act to the Division of Social Services shall be increased in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to provide a fifty percent (50%) match for participating counties to establish new quality assurance positions for child welfare within county departments of social services offices in the State. The Division shall allocate the positions funded pursuant to this section based on a percentage of county population such that (i) counties having at least one percent (1%) of the State's population each shall receive one position and (ii) counties having less than one percent (1%) of the State's population shall share a position, as determined by the Division. The Division shall implement a comprehensive continuous quality improvement (CQI) training plan that provides all staff, new and existing, with introductory and ongoing training on the Division's CQI plan, policies, and requirements that provide clarity regarding staff and stakeholder roles in the CQI process."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

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