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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Duplessis to Engrossed House Bill No. 746 by Representative Duplessis

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, delete line 29 in its entirety and on page 3 delete lines 1 through 4 in their
3 entirety and insert the following:

4 "If a mental health professional determines that the juvenile continues to pose
5 a serious and immediate threat of physical harm to the juvenile or others after eight
6 hours, the juvenile may be transported to a mental health facility upon the
7 recommendation of a mental health professional, or the facility staff shall implement
8 a mental health crisis plan that allows for the juvenile to return to the general
9 population safely.

10 (c) If, after an in-person evaluation by a mental health professional at the
11 facility, it is determined that these option are not practicable, the juvenile may be
12 placed into solitary confinement for an additional period of time not to exceed eight-
13 hour increments only upon recommendation of the mental health professional.

14 (i) Each additional eight-hour increment must be preceded by an additional
15 evaluation by a mental health professional and a recommendation by the mental
16 health professional that the juvenile may continue to be placed into solitary
17 confinement.

18 (ii) Under no circumstances shall the juvenile who has been evaluated
19 pursuant to this Subparagraph be held in solitary confinement for longer than twenty-
20 four hours."