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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

HB26-1418 be amended as follows:

1 Amend the Finance Committee Report, dated April 27, 2026, page 4,  
2 after line 36 insert:

3           "(IV) RECENT DISABILITY-FOCUSED RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT  
4 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ARE AT HEIGHTENED RISK OF COMPULSIVE OR  
5 EXCESSIVE ONLINE GAME USE, INCLUDING INCREASED INATTENTION,  
6 OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR, SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR, EMOTIONAL  
7 DYSREGULATION, AND MEASURABLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ACADEMIC  
8 PERFORMANCE WHEN GAMING BECOMES A DOMINANT DAILY ACTIVITY;

9           (V) ONLINE SOCIAL GAMING ENVIRONMENTS FREQUENTLY  
10 DISPLACE TIME THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE SPENT ON HOMEWORK,  
11 READING, SLEEPING, THERAPY PARTICIPATION, EXTRACURRICULAR  
12 INVOLVEMENT, FAMILY INTERACTION, AND IN-PERSON PEER  
13 DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTORS TO  
14 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS;

15           (VI) IN ADDITION TO COMPULSIVE USE, SOCIAL GAMING  
16 PLATFORMS EXPOSE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO HEIGHTENED RISKS  
17 OF ONLINE BULLYING, HARASSMENT, MANIPULATION, AND UNHEALTHY  
18 SOCIAL COMPARISON IN LARGELY UNMODERATED DIGITAL ENVIRONMENTS,  
19 WHICH CAN FURTHER AGGRAVATE ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, SCHOOL  
20 AVOIDANCE, AND FEELINGS OF SOCIAL ALIENATION;"

21 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

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