

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Budget**

**HB 5303 — Department of Children and Family Services**

by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Hudson

The bill provides for the following:

- Authorizes the Department of Children and Families to develop a plan to reduce operational costs at the Northeast Florida State Hospital and Florida State Hospital.
- The plan is to be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission for review.
- If the Legislative Budget Commission finds that the department can achieve the amount of savings included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Appropriations Act without the outsourcing of housekeeping and environmental services, the commission can authorize the realignment of resources and authorize positions to maintain these functions in-house.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 38-2; House 82-35*