

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 2146, same being:

An act relating to the Department of Children and Family
Services.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2146, relating to the Department of Children and Family Services, provides for the following:

- Creates Section 409.16713, Florida Statutes.
 - Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to allocate funds for community-based lead agencies according to an equity allocation model;
 - Specifies the funding included and excluded from the equity model;
 - Specifies the factors used in the equity model;
 - Specifies the weighting for these factors to calculate the equity allocation;
 - Requires that 75 percent of recurring core services funding for each lead agency be based on the prior year recurring base, and 25 percent be based on the equity allocation model; and
 - Specifies that any new funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 be allocated based on the equity allocation model and only to those lead agencies where the current funding proportion is less than the proportion of funding based on the model.