

<b>Tab 1</b>	<b>SB 7034 by CF; Child Welfare</b>						
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<b>Tab 2</b>	<b>CS/SB 988 by HP, Garcia (CO-INTRODUCERS) Berman, Rodriguez, Perry; (Compare to CS/H 00987)</b> Patient Visitation Rights						
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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Senator Bean, Chair**  
**Senator Rodriguez, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
**TIME:** 2:00—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Bean, Chair; Senator Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Senators Book, Brodeur, Burgess, Diaz, Farmer, Harrell, Jones, Rodrigues, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 7034</b> Children, Families, and Elder Affairs	Child Welfare; Revising payment rates for relative and nonrelative caregivers under the Relative Caregiver Program; revising and specifying room and board rates paid by the Department of Children and Families; revising fee waiver eligibility for students who are or were placed in the custody of a relative or nonrelative to include certain students; creating a tuition and fee exemption for students who enter the custody of the department after a specified age and who are reunited with their parent or parents before reaching a specified age and after spending at least 18 months in out-of-home care, etc.  AHS 02/02/2022 Fav/CS AP	Fav/CS Yeas 11 Nays 0
2	<b>CS/SB 988</b> Health Policy / Garcia (Compare CS/H 987, S 1724)	Patient Visitation Rights; Citing this act as the "No Patient Left Alone Act"; requiring providers to allow clients to receive visitors during their admission or residency at the facility; requiring providers to develop certain alternative visitation protocols if providers have to restrict public access to their facilities for health or safety concerns; authorizing providers to require visitors to adhere to specified infection control protocols; authorizing providers to refuse visitation to a visitor who does not pass a health screening or refuses to comply with the provider's infection control protocols; requiring providers to submit their visitation policies to the Agency for Health Care Administration by a specified date for approval, etc.  HP 01/13/2022 Fav/CS AHS 02/02/2022 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 0
3	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Issues Relating to: Agency for Health Care Administration Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Elderly Affairs Department of Health Department of Veterans' Affairs Department of Children and Families		Discussed

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	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.5085,  
 3 F.S.; revising payment rates for relative and  
 4 nonrelative caregivers under the Relative Caregiver  
 5 Program; amending s. 409.145, F.S.; revising and  
 6 specifying room and board rates paid by the Department  
 7 of Children and Families; providing applicability of  
 8 annual cost of living increase and supplemental room  
 9 and board payment provisions to certain caregivers;  
 10 providing for an additional monthly payment for  
 11 certain caregivers; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.;  
 12 revising fee waiver eligibility for students who are  
 13 or were placed in the custody of a relative or  
 14 nonrelative to include certain students; creating a  
 15 tuition and fee exemption for students who enter the  
 16 custody of the department after a specified age and  
 17 who are reunited with their parent or parents before  
 18 reaching a specified age and after spending at least  
 19 18 months in out-of-home care; requiring the student  
 20 to meet certain federal financial aid eligibility  
 21 requirements; requiring the entity imposing the  
 22 tuition and fees to verify such eligibility; creating  
 23 a tuition and fee waiver for students who were the  
 24 subject of a dependency hearing, were placed in a  
 25 permanent guardianship, and remain in such  
 26 guardianship until the student reaches 18 years of age  
 27 or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she  
 28 enrolls in an eligible institution; reenacting s.  
 29 393.065(5)(b), F.S., relating to certain waiver

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30 services, to incorporate the amendments made to s.  
 31 409.145, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s.  
 32 409.1451(2)(b), F.S., relating to the Road-to-  
 33 Independence Program, to incorporate the amendments  
 34 made to s. 409.145, F.S., in references thereto;  
 35 providing an effective date.  
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37 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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39 Section 1. Present paragraphs (e) through (h) of subsection  
 40 (2) of section 39.5085, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
 41 paragraphs (f) through (i), respectively, a new paragraph (e) is  
 42 added to that subsection, and paragraph (d) of that subsection  
 43 is amended, to read:

44 39.5085 Relative Caregiver Program.—

45 (2)

46 (d) Relatives or nonrelatives ~~who are~~ caring for children  
 47 placed with them by the court pursuant to this chapter shall  
 48 receive a ~~special~~ monthly payment as follows:

49 1. From the date a child who is placed with the relative or  
 50 nonrelative is found to be dependent, or from the date a child  
 51 who has previously been found to be dependent is placed in out-  
 52 of-home care with the relative or nonrelative, until 6 months  
 53 after such placement, the rate of the monthly payment for  
 54 relatives and nonrelatives shall be the same as the rate  
 55 established in s. 409.145(3) for licensed family foster homes  
 56 regardless of whether licensure as a child-specific level I  
 57 foster placement has been obtained.

58 2. Relatives or nonrelatives who have children placed with

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59 them in out-of-home care and who have obtained licensure as a  
 60 child-specific level I foster placement at any time after the  
 61 date of the placement, regardless of whether a court has found  
 62 that the child is dependent, shall receive the monthly payment  
 63 at the rate established in s. 409.145(3) until the child reaches  
 64 permanency, as determined by the court under s. 39.621.

65 3.a. Relatives or nonrelatives shall receive a monthly  
 66 payment in an amount determined by department rule, in an amount  
 67 that must be less than the monthly payment provided to a  
 68 participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program  
 69 under s. 39.6225, if licensure as a child-specific level I  
 70 foster placement has not been obtained by 6 months from the date  
 71 that the child is:

72 (I) Found to be dependent and, at the time of the finding,  
 73 the child is placed with the relative or nonrelative; or

74 (II) Placed in out-of-home care in the home of the relative  
 75 or nonrelative after the date from which the child has  
 76 previously been found to be dependent.

77 b. The payment under this subparagraph shall continue until  
 78 the child reaches permanency as determined by the court under s.  
 79 39.621 or until the relative or nonrelative caregiver obtains  
 80 licensure as a child-specific level I foster placement and  
 81 becomes eligible to receive payments under subparagraph 2.

82 4. Relatives or nonrelatives who have children placed in  
 83 their care by permanent guardianship pursuant to s. 39.6221, in  
 84 a permanent placement with a fit and willing relative pursuant  
 85 to s. 39.6231, or under former s. 39.622 if the placement was  
 86 made before July 1, 2006, who are not enrolled in the  
 87 Guardianship Assistance Program pursuant to s. 39.6225, shall

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88 receive a monthly payment in an amount determined by department  
 89 rule which must be less than the monthly payment provided to a  
 90 participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program  
 91 under s. 39.6225.

92 (e) Relatives or nonrelatives obtaining monthly payments  
 93 under this section may also obtain a special benefit payment  
 94 ~~caregiver benefit established by rule of the department.~~ The  
 95 amount of the special benefit payment shall be based on the  
 96 child's age within a payment schedule established by rule of the  
 97 department and subject to availability of funding. ~~The statewide~~  
 98 ~~average monthly rate for children judicially placed with~~  
 99 ~~relatives or nonrelatives who are not licensed as foster homes~~  
 100 ~~may not exceed 82 percent of the statewide average foster care~~  
 101 ~~rate, and the cost of providing the assistance described in this~~  
 102 ~~ection to any caregiver may not exceed the cost of providing~~  
 103 ~~out of home care in emergency shelter or foster care.~~

104 Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 409.145,  
 105 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), a new  
 106 subsection (4) is added to that section, and subsection (3) of  
 107 that section is amended, to read:

108 409.145 Care of children; "reasonable and prudent parent"  
 109 standard.—The child welfare system of the department shall  
 110 operate as a coordinated community-based system of care which  
 111 empowers all caregivers for children in foster care to provide  
 112 quality parenting, including approving or disapproving a child's  
 113 participation in activities based on the caregiver's assessment  
 114 using the "reasonable and prudent parent" standard.

115 (3) ~~FOSTER CARE ROOM AND BOARD RATES.~~—

116 (a) Effective July 1, 2022 ~~2018~~, room and board rates shall

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117 be paid to foster parents, including relative and nonrelative  
 118 caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-specific foster  
 119 placement, and to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are  
 120 participating in the Relative Caregiver Program and receiving  
 121 payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., as follows:  
 122

Monthly Room and Board ~~Foster Care~~ Rate

0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-21 Years
Age	Age	Age
<u>\$517.95</u> <del>\$457.95</del>	<u>\$531.22</u> <del>\$469.68</del>	<u>\$621.77</u> <del>\$549.74</del>

126 (b) Each January, foster parents, including relative and  
 127 nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-  
 128 specific foster placement, and to relative and nonrelative  
 129 caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver  
 130 Program and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or  
 131 2., shall receive an annual cost of living increase. The  
 132 department shall calculate the new room and board rate increase  
 133 equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for  
 134 All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, not  
 135 seasonally adjusted, or successor reports, for the preceding  
 136 December compared to the prior December as initially reported by  
 137 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
 138 Statistics. The department shall make available the adjusted  
 139 room and board rates annually.

140 (c) ~~Effective July 1, 2019, foster parents of level I~~

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141 ~~family foster homes as defined in s. 409.175(5)(a) shall receive~~  
 142 ~~a room and board rate of \$333.~~

143 ~~(d) Effective July 1, 2019, the foster care room and board~~  
 144 ~~rate for level II family foster homes as defined in s.~~  
 145 ~~409.175(5)(a) shall be the same as the new rate established for~~  
 146 ~~family foster homes as of January 1, 2019.~~

147 ~~(e) Effective January 1, 2020, paragraph (b) shall only~~  
 148 ~~apply to level II through level V family foster homes, as~~  
 149 ~~defined in s. 409.175(5)(a).~~

150 ~~(f)~~ The amount of the monthly ~~foster care~~ room and board  
 151 rate may be increased upon agreement among the department, the  
 152 community-based care lead agency, and the foster parent.

153 ~~(d)(g) Effective July 1, 2019~~ From July 1, 2018, through  
 154 June 30, 2019, community-based care lead agencies providing care  
 155 under contract with the department shall pay a supplemental room  
 156 and board payment to foster ~~care~~ parents, including relative and  
 157 nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-  
 158 specific foster placement, and to relative and nonrelative  
 159 caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver  
 160 Program and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or  
 161 2. of all family foster homes, on a per-child basis, for  
 162 providing independent life skills and normalcy supports to  
 163 children who are 13 through 17 years of age placed in their  
 164 care. The supplemental payment ~~must shall~~ be paid monthly ~~to the~~  
 165 ~~foster care parents~~ in addition to the current monthly room and  
 166 board rate payment. The supplemental monthly payment shall be  
 167 based on 10 percent of the monthly room and board rate for  
 168 children 13 through 21 years of age as provided under this  
 169 section and adjusted annually. ~~Effective July 1, 2019, such~~

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170 ~~supplemental payments shall only be paid to foster parents of~~  
 171 ~~level II through level V family foster homes.~~

172 (4) CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.-Any foster parents and relative or  
 173 nonrelative caregivers, regardless of whether the relative or  
 174 nonrelative caregivers participate in the Relative Caregiver  
 175 Program or are licensed as a level I child-specific foster  
 176 placement, who have a child placed in out-of-home care in the  
 177 home between the age of birth to school entry shall receive a  
 178 payment of \$200 per month to pay toward the cost of an early  
 179 learning or child care program.

180 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
 181 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

182 1009.25 Fee exemptions.-

183 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
 184 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
 185 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System  
 186 institution, or state university:

187 (c) A student who was the subject of a dependency  
 188 proceeding and:

189 1. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of  
 190 age, in out-of-home care. ~~the custody of the Department of~~  
 191 ~~Children and Families or who,~~

192 2. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of  
 193 age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative pursuant to s.  
 194 39.5085 or s. 39.6225.

195 3. After spending at least 6 months in the custody of the  
 196 department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a  
 197 guardianship by the court.

198 4. After reaching 14 years of age and thereafter spending

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199 at least 18 months in out-of-home care, was reunited with his or  
 200 her parent or parents who were the subject of the dependency  
 201 proceeding before he or she reaches 18 years of age, including a  
 202 student who is reunited under s. 39.8155. For a student to be  
 203 eligible under this subparagraph, the student must be Pell  
 204 Grant-eligible, and the entity imposing the tuition and fees  
 205 must verify such eligibility.

206 5. Was adopted from the department after May 5, 1997.

207 6. Was placed in a permanent guardianship, regardless of  
 208 whether the caregiver participates or participated in the  
 209 Relative Caregiver Program under s. 39.5085, and remains in such  
 210 guardianship until the student either reaches 18 years of age  
 211 or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an  
 212 eligible institution.

213 Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in  
 214 applied academics for adult education instruction. The exemption  
 215 remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

216 ~~(d) A student who is, or was at the time he or she reached~~  
 217 ~~18 years of age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative~~  
 218 ~~under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the~~  
 219 ~~Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997. Such~~  
 220 ~~exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied~~  
 221 ~~academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains~~  
 222 ~~valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.~~

223 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
 224 made by this act to section 409.145, Florida Statutes, in a  
 225 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
 226 393.065, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:  
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228 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

229 (5) The agency shall assign and provide priority to clients

230 waiting for waiver services in the following order:

231 (b) Category 2, which includes individuals on the waiting

232 list who are:

233 1. From the child welfare system with an open case in the

234 Department of Children and Families' statewide automated child

235 welfare information system and who are either:

236 a. Transitioning out of the child welfare system at the

237 finalization of an adoption, a reunification with family

238 members, a permanent placement with a relative, or a

239 guardianship with a nonrelative; or

240 b. At least 18 years but not yet 22 years of age and who

241 need both waiver services and extended foster care services; or

242 2. At least 18 years but not yet 22 years of age and who

243 withdrew consent pursuant to s. 39.6251(5)(c) to remain in the

244 extended foster care system.

245

246 For individuals who are at least 18 years but not yet 22 years

247 of age and who are eligible under sub-subparagraph 1.b., the

248 agency shall provide waiver services, including residential

249 habilitation, and the community-based care lead agency shall

250 fund room and board at the rate established in s. 409.145(3) and

251 provide case management and related services as defined in s.

252 409.986(3)(e). Individuals may receive both waiver services and

253 services under s. 39.6251. Services may not duplicate services

254 available through the Medicaid state plan.

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256 Within categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, the agency shall maintain a

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257 waiting list of clients placed in the order of the date that the

258 client is determined eligible for waiver services.

259 Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments

260 made by this act to section 409.145, Florida Statutes, in

261 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section

262 409.1451, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

263 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

264 (2) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—

265 (b) The amount of the financial assistance shall be as

266 follows:

267 1. For a young adult who does not remain in foster care and

268 is attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533,

269 the amount is \$1,256 monthly.

270 2. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is

271 attending a postsecondary school, as provided in s. 1009.533,

272 and continues to reside in a licensed foster home, the amount is

273 the established room and board rate for foster parents. This

274 takes the place of the payment provided for in s. 409.145(3).

275 3. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but

276 temporarily resides away from a licensed foster home for

277 purposes of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s.

278 1009.533, the amount is \$1,256 monthly. This takes the place of

279 the payment provided for in s. 409.145(3).

280 4. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is

281 attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533, and

282 continues to reside in a licensed group home, the amount is

283 negotiated between the community-based care lead agency and the

284 licensed group home provider.

285 5. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but



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286 temporarily resides away from a licensed group home for purposes  
287 of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533,  
288 the amount is \$1,256 monthly. This takes the place of a  
289 negotiated room and board rate.

290 6. A young adult is eligible to receive financial  
291 assistance during the months when he or she is enrolled in a  
292 postsecondary educational institution.

293 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.



State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

Shevaun L. Harris  
Secretary

**DATE:** January 12, 2022

**TO:** Regional Managing Directors  
Community-Based Care Lead Agency CEOs

**THROUGH:** Taylor Hatch, Deputy Secretary

**FROM:** Jess Tharpe, Interim Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare

**SUBJECT:** 2022 Foster Parent Cost of Living Allowance Increase

**PURPOSE:** This memo is to provide guidance to regions and Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agencies regarding the statutorily required foster parent Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), effective January 1, 2022, for Level II-V foster parents. Level I foster parents pursuant to section 409.145 (3)(e), Florida Statutes (F.S.), are not eligible for the COLA increase outlined below.

**BACKGROUND:** During the 2013 legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed section 409.145(3), F.S., which establishes base room and board rate payments to foster parents and requires foster parents to receive an annual cost of living increase equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, not seasonally adjusted, or successor reports, for the preceding December compared to the prior December as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Effective January 1, 2022, the room and board rates to foster parents will be adjusted as follows:

Age Range	2021 Room and Board Rate	Room and Board Rate Effective January 1, 2022
Zero to Five (0 – 5)	\$484.06	\$517.94
Six to Twelve (6 – 12)	\$496.46	\$531.21
Thirteen to Twenty-one (13 – 21)	\$581.09	\$621.77

Section 65C-16.013(8), Florida Administrative Code, outlines that a CBC can negotiate a Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (MAS) up to 100% of the statewide foster care board rate. Based on the 2021 foster parent cost of living allowance increase, a CBC will now be able to approve MAS amounts up to the above mentioned updated statewide foster care board rates. Any rate over the 2022 statewide foster care board rates must be approved by the Department Regional Family Safety Program Office.

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Mission: Work in Partnership with Local Communities to Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency

**ACTION NEEDED:** As of January 1, 2022, all Level II-V foster parents previously receiving a 2020 room and board rate in the amount of \$484.06, \$496.46, or \$581.09, for the child(ren) in their care must be paid the increase as specified in section 409.145(3), F.S.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For additional information, please contact Courtney Smith, Adoption and Permanency Manager, at [Courtney.Smith@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Courtney.Smith@myflfamilies.com) or (850) 717-4660.

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CBC Lead Agency Chief Financial Officers



## 2022 AGENCY LEGISLATIVE BILL ANALYSIS

### Department of Children and Families

<b><u>BILL INFORMATION</u></b>	
<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	SB 7034
<b>BILL TITLE:</b>	<b>Child Welfare</b>
<b>BILL SPONSOR:</b>	Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	July 1, 2022

<b><u>COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE</u></b>
1) Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
2) Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
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<b><u>CURRENT COMMITTEE</u></b>
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

<b><u>SIMILAR BILLS</u></b>	
<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	N/A

<b><u>PREVIOUS LEGISLATION</u></b>	
<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	N/A
<b>YEAR:</b>	N/A
<b>LAST ACTION:</b>	N/A

<b><u>IDENTICAL BILLS</u></b>	
<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	N/A

<b><u>Is this bill part of an agency package?</u></b>
No.

<b><u>BILL ANALYSIS INFORMATION</u></b>	
<b>DATE OF ANALYSIS:</b>	January 29, 2022 For further information, please contact John Paul Fiore at (850) 488-9410.
<b>LEAD AGENCY ANALYST:</b>	Courtney Smith, OCW
<b>ADDITIONAL ANALYST(S):</b>	Tyler Tuszynski, OCW Stephanie Zimmerman, CLS
<b>LEGAL ANALYST:</b>	Laura Battaglia, OGC
<b>FISCAL ANALYST:</b>	Sue Zwirz, Budget

## POLICY ANALYSIS

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The bill revises payment rates for relative and nonrelative caregivers under the Relative Caregiver Program. The bill revises and specifies room and board rates paid by the Department of Children and Families (Department). The bill revises tuition and fee waiver eligibility for students who are, or were, placed in the custody of a relative or nonrelative to include certain students. The bill creates a tuition and fee exemption for students who enter the custody of the Department after a specified age and who are reunited with their parent or parents before reaching a specified age and after spending at least 18 months in out-of-home care, etc. The effective date is July 1, 2022.

### 2. SUBSTANTIVE BILL ANALYSIS

#### 1. PRESENT SITUATION:

Monetary Benefits under Current Law																																					
Relative/Non-Relative Program Open and Closed Cases	Level I Child-Specific Licensure (Relative/Non-Relative) Open Case	Level II-V Licensure Open Case	GAP Closed Case (Must have six months of Level I-V Licensure)																																		
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#### Section 1:

Section 39.5085, F.S., establishes the Relative Caregiver Program (RCP) with the intent of providing procedures and protocols that serve to advance the continued safety of children by acknowledging the valued resource uniquely available through grandparents, relatives of children, and specified nonrelatives of children. The goal of the program is to enhance family preservation, family stability, and to provide additional placement options and incentives that will achieve permanency and stability for children who are otherwise at risk of foster care placement because of abuse, abandonment, or neglect, but who may successfully be able to be placed by the dependency court in the care of such relatives.

Benefits provided to caregivers in the RCP include a monthly payment, determined by rule of the Department, based on the child's age. This rate is not to exceed 82% of the statewide average foster care rate. Other benefits include Medicaid and a child care referral for the school readiness program.

A caregiver may continue to be enrolled in the RCP until the child is reunified or receives adoption assistance, turns 18 years of age, or the caregiver is licensed as a Level I foster parent.

Rule 65C-28.008, F.A.C., sets the current monthly payment structure for the RCP as follows:

- 0-5 Years: \$242
- 6-12 Years: \$249
- 13-17: \$298

Currently, the average monthly number of participants in the RCP over the last two SFY are as follows<sup>1</sup>:

- Relative Caregivers:
  - SFY 19/20: 16,461

<sup>1</sup> These numbers represent all RCP participants, this includes all open and closed cases that are receiving payments, the payments anticipated in the bill language will on apply to open cases. The reduction from SFY 19/20 to SFY 20/21 can be attributed to the implementation of Level I licensure and RCP participants becoming licensed.

- SFY 20/21: 13,971
- Nonrelative Caregivers:
  - SFY 19/20: 2,528
  - SFY 20/21: 2,074

Level I licensure went into effect in July of 2018. The purpose of the Level I license is to provide a path to licensure for relatives and nonrelatives, allowing them to close out in permanent guardianship in the federally funded Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP). Level I licensure is child-specific, and only for relatives and nonrelatives, therefore some licensing requirements are waived to make it easier for relatives and nonrelatives to get licensed quickly. Benefit payments made to caregivers in Level I and GAP are Title IV-E eligible meaning the state can use a mix of general revenue and federal funds to pay for these benefits.

### **Section 2:**

Section 409.145(3)(a), F.S., establishes the monthly foster care room and board rates for licensed Level II-V foster parents. These Level II-V rates are based on the age of the child, and these foster parents are eligible for an annual cost of living allowance on top of the statutorily established board rates.

Section 409.145(3)(c), F.S., establishes the monthly room and board rate for Level I foster parents. The monthly payment is set at \$333, and level I licensed foster parents are not eligible for the cost-of-living allowance.

Licensed Level I-V foster parent payments may be increased upon agreement of the Department, the community-based care lead agency (CBC), and the foster parent. Foster families are also eligible for a supplemental room and board payment, on a per-child basis, for providing independent life skills and normalcy supports to children who are 13 through 17 years of age placed in their care, and may also request supplemental payments for school activities, child care, and other expenses not included in their room and board rate.

Currently, the average monthly count of children in a Level I - Child Specific licensed home over the last two SFY are as follows:

- SFY 19/20: 999
- SFY 20/21: 3,851
  - This increase is due to the creation of the Level I license and licensing relative and nonrelative caregivers.

### **Section 3:**

Section 1009.25(1), F.S., provides for exemptions from the payment of tuition and fees at workforce education programs, Florida College System institutions, or state universities for students who meet certain criteria. Those criteria include, but are not limited to:

- A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in the custody of the Department or who, after spending at least six months in the custody of the Department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.
- A student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative under s. 39.5085, F.S., or s. 39.6225, F.S., or who was adopted from the Department after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.



Who Receives Tuition Benefits under Current Law					
Placement Type	Open Case	Closed Reunification	Closed Adoption	Closed GAP (6 mon. lic)	Closed Permanent Guardianship
Parent	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
Relative/Nonrelative	YES, if receiving Relative or Nonrelative Caregiver Payments	N/A	YES	YES	YES, if PG was after child spent 6 mon. in DCF custody after turning 16
Level I Child-Specific License	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES, if PG was after child spent 6 mon. in DCF custody after turning 16
Level II-V Licensure	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES, if PG was after child spent 6 mon. in DCF custody after turning 16
# eligible candidates since 2004*	Unknown	0	63,168	1,875	4,803

\* Eligible based on case action. An additional ten years of eligibility between 1994-2004 cannot be captured in a FSFN report.

Students who are interested in the tuition and fee waiver contact either their local CBC or the Department, depending on their location, to determine eligibility. If a student is eligible, they receive a Tuition and Fee Exemption form (CF-FSP 5220) which states the student’s name, the provision of the statute the student satisfies, the date of their eligibility expiration, contact information for either a CBC or Department employee, and a signature from either a CBC or Department employee. The student provides the signed form to their institution for higher learning.

**2. EFFECT OF THE BILL:**

Changes to Monetary Benefits Under the Bill																																					
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<i>If the R/NR does not achieve Level I licensure within 6mo of placement after the adjudication OR Child placed in PG or permanent placement with fit and willing relative who is not enrolled in GAP:</i>	<i>*This amount does not require an adjudication. Current RCP benefits do not commence until after adjudication, but Level 1 benefits can commence prior to adjudication.</i>	<i>*Eligible for the Cost-of-Living Allowance Increase Annually, as are the payments made to R/NR or Level 1 based on this rate.</i>		<i>*Payments for children entering GAP from Level II-V placements may be eligible for enhanced payments</i>																																	
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**Section 1:**

The bill amends s. 39.5085, F.S., by providing a monthly payment for relative or nonrelative caregivers who have a dependent child placed with them. The payment will begin on the date the child placed with them is found to be dependent, or from the date a child who was previously found dependent is placed with them.

For the first six months, the payment made to caregivers in RCP will be equal to the rate for licensed family foster homes pursuant to s. 409.145(3), F.S. If the caregiver is not licensed<sup>2</sup> for placement within six months after the child in their care is found dependent, or six months after a dependent child is placed in their care, the caregiver will receive a payment determined by Department rule that is less than the payment made to caregivers enrolled in the GAP. The lower payment will continue until the child reaches permanency pursuant to s. 39.621, F.S., or the caregiver is licensed as a Level I foster home.

Relative or nonrelative caregivers who have a child placed with them, regardless of their dependency status, who are licensed as a Level I foster home will receive the rate for licensed family foster homes pursuant to s. 409.145(3), F.S., until the child reaches permanency pursuant to s. 39.621, F.S.

The bill authorizes relatives and nonrelatives to receive another payment (special benefit payment) based on the child's age within a payment schedule established by rule, subject to available funds.

With the introduction of Level I licensure in Florida, the overall number of relative and non-relative caregivers remaining in the RCP has been decreasing over the past few years as those caregivers obtain Level I child-specific licensure. However, as CBC Lead Agencies increase Family Finding efforts and Kinship Navigation programs the number of initial and early placements with relatives and nonrelatives are expected to increase.

Currently the Department begins working toward Level I licensure for caregivers as soon as possible; the new RCP program rates in the bill only begin after a dependency adjudication, so there are cases in which a Level I licensure will have occurred prior to or in the same month as the dependency adjudication and that caregiver will never enter the RCP program.

The following impact is based on a point-in-time number of open RCP cases receiving payments from December 2021 and this number is assumed to be equal to the number of open cases month to month and extrapolated to give a rough estimate of current impact. Relatives and nonrelatives within RCP are counted separately to better analyze the impact to general revenue vs. federal dollars, as payments to relatives within RCP are a mix of TANF and GR dollars.

<b>Impact on Open Relative Caregiver Program Cases</b>						
<b>Population</b>	<b>Current Monthly Fiscal</b>	<b>Current Annualized Fiscal</b>	<b>Bill Language Monthly<sup>3</sup> Fiscal</b>	<b>Bill Language Monthly Fiscal Increase</b>	<b>Bill Language Total Estimated Annualized Fiscal</b>	<b>Total Increase In Estimated Annualized Fiscal</b>
<b><u>Relatives</u></b>  December 2021 1,165	\$291,429  82% GR: \$238,972 18% TANF: \$52,457	\$3,497,148  GR: \$2,867,661 TANF: \$629,487	\$617,829  GR: \$506,620 TANF: \$111,209	\$326,400  GR: \$267,648 TANF: \$58,752	\$7,413,948  GR: \$6,079,437 TANF: \$1,334,511	\$3,916,800  GR: \$3,211,776 TANF: \$705,024
<b><u>Nonrelatives</u></b>  December 2021 624	\$155,715  100% GR	\$1,868,580  100% GR	\$330,116  100% GR	\$174,401  100% GR	\$3,961,392  100% GR	\$2,092,812  100% GR
<b><u>Total</u></b>	\$447,144	\$5,365,728	\$947,945	\$500,801	\$11,375,340	\$6,009,612

<sup>2</sup> This may be for any license Level, although it will likely be Level I – Child Specific licensure.

<sup>3</sup> The bill increases the three pay bands by an average of 112% over current payments, this 112% average increase was applied to the overall current fiscal to determine the impact of the bill.



**Section 2:**

The bill amends s. 409.145, F.S., to rename the subsection “Room and Board Rates” and to include relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a Level I foster homes, and relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the RCP and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., F.S.

The room and board rates are amended as follows:

- 0-5 Years: \$517.95
- 6-12 Years: \$531.22
- 13-21 Years: \$621.77

The bill allows for relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as Level I foster homes and relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the RCP and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., F.S., to also receive the annual cost of living increase to the statutory board rate currently provided to Level II-V foster homes.

The bill requires CBC lead agencies to pay supplemental room and board payments, on a per-child basis, to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a Level I foster homes, and relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the RCP and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., F.S., for providing independent life skills and normalcy supports to children who are 13 through 17 years of age placed in their care.

The bill creates a \$200 per month child care subsidy for any foster parent and relative or nonrelative who has a child between the age of birth to school entry placed in their home, regardless of their program participation or licensure status, to pay toward the cost of an early learning or child care program.

Impact on Level I Licensure <sup>4</sup>					
	Current Monthly Board Rate Fiscal	Current Annualized Board Rate Fiscal	Bill Language Monthly Board Rate Fiscal	Bill Language Total Estimated Annualized Board Rate Fiscal	Total Increase in Estimated Annualized Board Rate Fiscal
Level 1 Child Specific Licensure, Current Enrollment: 4,822  (This number is increasing monthly as more relatives and non-relatives gain Level I licensure.)	\$1,605,726  GR: \$1,001,827 IV-E: \$603,899	\$19,268,712  GR: \$12,021,921 IV-E: \$7,246,791	\$2,580,567 <sup>5</sup>  GR: \$1,610,039 IV-E: \$970,529	\$30,966,804  GR: \$19,320,464 IV-E: \$11,646,340	\$11,698,092  GR: \$7,298,544 IV-E: \$4,399,548

Child Care Subsidy for ages 0-5			
Population	Current Placements (12/16/21)	Total Monthly Subsidy Fiscal (participants x \$200)	Total Annualized Subsidy Fiscal <sup>6</sup> (Monthly x 12)
0-5 years of age in Relative or Non-Relative Placement	4,080	\$816,000  100% GR	\$ 9,792,000  100% GR
0-5 years of age in Level I-V Licensure	6,287	\$1,257,400  GR: \$784,503 IV-E: 472,897	\$15,088,800  GR: \$9,414,037 IV-E: \$5,674,763
Total	10,367	\$2,073,400	\$24,880,800

<sup>4</sup> Florida’s Title IV-E eligibility rate is currently 62.37%, and our FMAP is 60.30%. This means that 62.37% of the amount calculated is eligible for the Title IV-E federal program participation percentage match of 60.30%. For instance: the current calculation for the annualized board rate would be calculated as follows:

\$19,268,712 (total annualized) x 62.37% (eligibility rate) = \$12,017,896 (eligible for FMAP)  
 \$12,017,896 x 60.30% (FMAP Rate) = \$7,246,791 (Title IV-E draw down)

<sup>5</sup> This number is calculated using the ages of children currently receiving payments, as children age in Level I licensure these numbers will increase.

<sup>6</sup> Rough calculation due to the inability to accurately project entries and exits for that age group. This number is based on a single point in time and extrapolated.

**Section 3:**

The bill amends s. 1009.25, F.S., to reorganize and expand the population of students eligible for the tuition and fee waiver. The bill provides eligibility for a student who was the subject of a dependency hearing and:

1. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in out-of-home care.
2. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative pursuant to s. 39.5085, F.S., or s. 39.6225, F.S.
3. After spending at least six months in the custody of the Department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a guardianship by the court.
4. After reaching 14 years of age and thereafter spending at least 18 months in out-of-home care, was reunited with his or her parent or parents who were the subject of the dependency proceeding before he or she reaches 18 years of age, including a student who is reunited under s. 39.8155, F.S. For a student to be eligible under this subparagraph, the student must be Pell Grant-eligible, and the entity imposing the tuition and fees must verify such eligibility.
5. Was adopted from the Department after May 5, 1997.
6. Was placed in a permanent guardianship, regardless of whether the caregiver participates or participated in the Relative Caregiver Program under s. 39.5085, F.S., and remains in such guardianship until the student either reaches 18 years of age or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an eligible institution.

The following chart details the new eligibility for the tuition and fee waiver based on the bill language:

<b>Tuition Benefits under Bill Language (2022)</b>					
<b>Placement Type</b>	<b>Open Case</b>	<b>Closed Reunification</b>	<b>Closed Adoption</b>	<b>Closed GAP (6 mo licensure)</b>	<b>Closed Permanent Guardianship</b>
Parent	YES if reunified after reaching 14 and spending 18 months in OOHC	YES if reunified after reaching 14 and spending 18 months in OOHC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Relative/Nonrelative	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES regardless of age or participation in RCP, so long as in PG at 18 or when enrolls in institution
Level I Child-Specific License	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES regardless of age or participation in RCP, so long as in PG at 18 or when enrolls in institution
Level II-V Licensure	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES regardless of age or participation in RCP, so long as in PG at 18 or when enrolls in institution
<b># of eligible candidates since 2004*</b>	Total: 19,854 Parents: 2,292 <sup>7</sup> Other: 17,562	Captured within the Open Case #	63,168	1,875	Total: 42,616 PG: 49,479 Failed: 6,863

\* Eligible based on case action. An additional ten years of eligibility between 1994-2004 cannot be reported as there is no functionality within our child welfare information system to capture this date range in a report.

Failed: PG terminated – child re-entered OHC. All text highlighted in yellow indicates a change from current law.

<sup>7</sup> This number assumes that all children are Pell Grant-eligible as required in the bill for reunified youth and young adults.

**3. DOES THE LEGISLATION DIRECT OR ALLOW THE AGENCY/BOARD/COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP, ADOPT, OR ELIMINATE RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, OR PROCEDURES? YES.**

If yes, explain:	The Department must draft rule to determine post six-month payment rate for non-licensed relatives and nonrelatives.
What is the expected impact to the agency's core mission?	None.
Rule(s) impacted (provide references to F.A.C., etc.):	65C-28

**4. WHAT IS THE POSITION OF AFFECTED CITIZENS OR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS? UNKNOWN.**

List any known proponents and opponents:	N/A
Provide a summary of the proponents' and opponents' positions:	N/A

**5. ARE THERE ANY REPORTS OR STUDIES REQUIRED BY THIS BILL? NO.**

If yes, provide a description:	No
Date Due:	N/A
Bill Section Number(s):	N/A

**6. ARE THERE ANY GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING BOARDS, TASK FORCES, COUNCILS, COMMISSION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THIS BILL? NO.**

Board:	No
Board Purpose:	N/A
Who Appoints:	N/A
Appointee Term:	N/A
Changes:	N/A
Bill Section Number(s):	N/A

**FISCAL ANALYSIS****1. WHAT IS THE FISCAL IMPACT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT?**

Revenues:	None
Expenditures:	None

Does the legislation increase local taxes or fees?	No
If yes, does the legislation provide for a local referendum or local governing body public vote prior to implementation of the tax or fee increase?	N/A

**2. WHAT IS THE FISCAL IMPACT TO STATE GOVERNMENT?**

Revenues:	None																																				
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Does the legislation contain a State Government appropriation?	No
If yes, was this appropriated last year?	N/A

**3. WHAT IS THE FISCAL IMPACT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR?**

Revenues:	None
Expenditures:	None
Other:	N/A

**4. DOES THE BILL INCREASE OR DECREASE TAXES, FEES, OR FINES?**

Does the bill increase taxes, fees or fines?	No
Does the bill decrease taxes, fees or fines?	No
What is the impact of the increase or decrease?	N/A
Bill Section Number:	N/A

**TECHNOLOGY IMPACT**

Does the legislation impact the agency's technology systems (i.e., IT support, licensing software, data storage, etc.)?	Yes
If yes, describe the anticipated impact to the agency including any fiscal impact.	<p>Based on initial review and discussions with the Office of Child Welfare, the requirements for implementing the bill may increase the volume and workload for the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN).</p> <p>Part of the process for RCP currently includes paper forms that are sent to the Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency. The requirement to automate the process would necessitate either a new FSFN template and modification to a file exchanged between FSFN and ACCESS Florida, or creation of a new file for that purpose.</p> <p>As the business requirements from the program office are beginning to be discussed and have not been finalized, there is not sufficient information to prepare a final cost estimate of the technology impact to FSFN and ACCESS Florida.</p> <p>Initial cost estimates are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a document in FSFN, save the completed form, and transmit via e-mail, estimated to be about \$219,800 (2,198 hours of FSFN programming changes at \$100/hour) and \$615,000 (5,000 hours of ACCESS programming changes at \$123/hour) for a total of <b>\$834,800</b>; or</li> </ol>

	<p>2. Create a document in FSFN, save the completed form, and transmit to ACCESS Florida, which is estimated to be about \$324,000 (3,240 hours of FSFN programming changes at \$100/hour) and \$615,000 (5,000 hours of ACCESS programming changes at \$123/hour) for a total of <b>\$939,000</b>.</p>
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**FEDERAL IMPACT**

Does the legislation have a federal impact (i.e. federal compliance, federal funding, federal agency involvement, etc.)?	Yes
If yes, describe the anticipated impact including any fiscal impact.	The bill will impact the amount of Federal Title IV-E funding the Department is able to claim. Please see fiscal impact to State Government.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

The fiscal calculations above may be conservative. The bill does not explicitly change the payments for the Guardianship Assistance Program, that current payment is set at \$4,000 per year in 12 payments of \$333.33. However, those payments are negotiable [s. 39.6223(5)(d)]. Given that a caregiver must be a licensed provider for at least six months prior to closure while receiving the increased board, new entrants into GAP may negotiate a higher rate than the statutory floor of \$333, potentially the same rate as the newly created board rate they would be currently receiving. Under current law, the Level I licensure payment and GAP payment are equal. There is also the possibility for negotiation of an increase maintenance adoption subsidy payment to match the board rate payment.

**LEGAL - GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE REVIEW**

Issues/concerns/comments and recommended action:	None
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services  
(Garcia) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 46 - 178  
and insert:

(d) 1. Relatives or nonrelatives who have a child placed with them in out-of-home care and who have obtained licensure as a child-specific level I foster placement, regardless of whether a court has found the child to be dependent, shall receive a monthly payment in accordance with s. 409.145(3) from the date the child is placed in out-of-home care with his or her



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11 relatives or with nonrelatives until the child achieves  
12 permanency as determined by the court pursuant to s. 39.621.

13 2. Relatives or nonrelatives who have a child who has been  
14 found to be dependent placed with them in out-of-home care shall  
15 receive a monthly payment at a rate equal to the rate  
16 established in s. 409.145(3) for licensed foster parents,  
17 regardless of whether the relatives or nonrelatives have  
18 obtained a child-specific level I foster license, from the date  
19 the child is found to be dependent or from the date the child is  
20 placed with them in out-of-home care, whichever is later, for a  
21 period of no more than 6 months or until the child achieves  
22 permanency as determined by the court pursuant to s. 39.621,  
23 whichever occurs first.

24 3. Relatives or nonrelatives who have a child who has been  
25 found to be dependent placed with them in out-of-home care and  
26 who have not obtained a child-specific level I foster license  
27 within 6 months from the date of such placement shall receive a  
28 monthly payment in an amount determined by department rule from  
29 6 months after the date the child is found to be dependent or  
30 from 6 months after the child is placed with them in out-of-home  
31 care, whichever is later, until the relatives or nonrelatives  
32 obtain a child-specific level I foster license or until the  
33 child achieves permanency as determined by the court pursuant to  
34 s. 39.621, whichever occurs first. The monthly payment amount  
35 paid to relatives or nonrelatives pursuant to this subparagraph  
36 must be less than the monthly payment amount provided to a  
37 participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program  
38 pursuant to s. 39.6225.

39 4. Relatives or nonrelatives who have a child placed in



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40 their care by permanent guardianship pursuant to s. 39.6221, in  
41 a permanent placement with a fit and willing relative pursuant  
42 to s. 39.6231, or under former s. 39.622 if the placement was  
43 made before July 1, 2006, and who are not enrolled in the  
44 Guardianship Assistance Program pursuant to s. 39.6225 shall  
45 receive a monthly payment in an amount determined by department  
46 rule which must be less than the monthly payment amount provided  
47 to a participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program  
48 ~~under s. 39.6225 Relatives or nonrelatives who are caring for~~  
49 ~~children placed with them by the court pursuant to this chapter~~  
50 ~~shall receive a special monthly caregiver benefit established by~~  
51 ~~rule of the department.~~

52 (e) Relatives or nonrelatives obtaining monthly payments  
53 under this section may also obtain a special benefit payment.  
54 The amount of the special benefit payment shall be based on the  
55 child's age within a payment schedule established by rule of the  
56 department and subject to availability of funding. ~~The statewide~~  
57 ~~average monthly rate for children judicially placed with~~  
58 ~~relatives or nonrelatives who are not licensed as foster homes~~  
59 ~~may not exceed 82 percent of the statewide average foster care~~  
60 ~~rate, and the cost of providing the assistance described in this~~  
61 ~~section to any caregiver may not exceed the cost of providing~~  
62 ~~out-of-home care in emergency shelter or foster care.~~

63 Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 409.145,  
64 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), a new  
65 subsection (4) is added to that section, and subsection (3) of  
66 that section is amended, to read:

67 409.145 Care of children; "reasonable and prudent parent"  
68 standard.—The child welfare system of the department shall



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69 operate as a coordinated community-based system of care which  
70 empowers all caregivers for children in foster care to provide  
71 quality parenting, including approving or disapproving a child's  
72 participation in activities based on the caregiver's assessment  
73 using the "reasonable and prudent parent" standard.

74 (3) ~~FOSTER CARE ROOM AND BOARD RATES.~~-

75 (a) Effective July 1, 2022 ~~2018~~, room and board rates shall  
76 be paid to foster parents, including relative and nonrelative  
77 caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-specific foster  
78 placement, and to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are  
79 participating in the Relative Caregiver Program and receiving  
80 payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., as follows:  
81

82 Monthly Room and Board ~~Foster Care~~ Rate

0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-21 Years
Age	Age	Age
<u>\$517.94</u> <del>\$457.95</del>	<u>\$531.21</u> <del>\$469.68</del>	<u>\$621.77</u> <del>\$549.74</del>

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86 (b) Each January, foster parents, including relative and  
87 nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-  
88 specific foster placement and relative and nonrelative  
89 caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver  
90 Program and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or  
91 2., shall receive an annual cost of living increase. The  
92 department shall calculate the new room and board rate increase



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93 equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for  
94 All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, not  
95 seasonally adjusted, or successor reports, for the preceding  
96 December compared to the prior December as initially reported by  
97 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
98 Statistics. The department shall make available the adjusted  
99 room and board rates annually.

100 ~~(c) Effective July 1, 2019, foster parents of level I~~  
101 ~~family foster homes as defined in s. 409.175(5)(a) shall receive~~  
102 ~~a room and board rate of \$333.~~

103 ~~(d) Effective July 1, 2019, the foster care room and board~~  
104 ~~rate for level II family foster homes as defined in s.~~  
105 ~~409.175(5)(a) shall be the same as the new rate established for~~  
106 ~~family foster homes as of January 1, 2019.~~

107 ~~(e) Effective January 1, 2020, paragraph (b) shall only~~  
108 ~~apply to level II through level V family foster homes, as~~  
109 ~~defined in s. 409.175(5)(a).~~

110 ~~(f)~~ The amount of the monthly ~~foster care~~ room and board  
111 rate may be increased upon agreement among the department, the  
112 community-based care lead agency, and the foster parent.

113 (d)(g) Effective July 1, 2022 ~~From July 1, 2018, through~~  
114 ~~June 30, 2019,~~ community-based care lead agencies providing care  
115 under contract with the department shall pay a supplemental room  
116 and board payment to foster ~~care~~ parents, including relative and  
117 nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-  
118 specific foster placement and relative and nonrelative  
119 caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver  
120 Program and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or  
121 2. of all family foster homes, on a per-child basis, for



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122 providing independent life skills and normalcy supports to  
123 children who are 13 through 17 years of age placed in their  
124 care. The supplemental payment must ~~shall~~ be paid monthly ~~to the~~  
125 ~~foster care parents~~ in addition to the current monthly room and  
126 board rate payment. The supplemental monthly payment shall be  
127 based on 10 percent of the monthly room and board rate for  
128 children 13 through 21 years of age as provided under this  
129 section and adjusted annually. ~~Effective July 1, 2019, such~~  
130 ~~supplemental payments shall only be paid to foster parents of~~  
131 ~~level II through level V family foster homes.~~

132 (4) CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.—Any foster parents and relative or  
133 nonrelative caregivers, regardless of whether the relative or  
134 nonrelative caregivers are licensed as a level I child-specific  
135 foster placement or participate in the Relative Caregiver  
136 Program, who have a child placed in out-of-home care in the home  
137 between the age of birth to school entry shall receive a payment  
138 of \$200 per month per child to pay toward the cost of an early

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

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**BILL:** PCS/SB 7034 (878354)

**INTRODUCER:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

**SUBJECT:** Child Welfare

**DATE:** February 4, 2022      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
	<u>Preston</u>	<u>Cox</u>		<b>CF Submitted as Committee Bill</b>
1.	<u>Sneed</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u>AHS</u>	<b>Recommend: Fav/CS</b>
2.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____

**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

**I. Summary:**

PCS/SB 7034 makes a number of changes to current law relating to monthly payment amounts for foster parents and relative and nonrelative caregivers and other assistance aimed at benefiting the lives of foster youth.

The bill increases the amount of monthly payments to relative and nonrelative caregivers to achieve parity with rates currently paid to traditional foster parents. Specifically, the bill amends s. 39.5085, F.S., increasing the monthly payment amounts for relative and nonrelative caregivers who have children placed with them in out-of-home care to match the rates for Level II through Level V family foster home placements for the following:

- For no more than 6 months after the date of both the placement of the child and the adjudication of dependency, regardless of whether the caregiver has obtained licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement.
- From the date the caregiver has obtained licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement, regardless of whether a court has found that the child is dependent, until the child reaches permanency.

Additionally, the bill provides that relatives or nonrelatives who do not obtain licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement within a specified amount of time from the date the child is adjudicated dependent and is placed in out-of-home care, must receive a monthly payment less than the \$333 monthly payment provided to a participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance



Program (GAP). The amount will be determined by rule and will be applicable for the duration of the open case unless the relative or nonrelative caregiver obtains licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement.

The continued eligibility to receive a higher monthly rate for licensed child-specific Level I placements will create a payment structure that motivates caregivers to get licensed while also assisting these caregivers with providing for the needs of the children placed in their care.

The bill maintains current law for relatives or nonrelatives of children who reach permanency in a permanent guardianship, but whose relative caregivers are not enrolled in GAP, by providing that such caregivers must receive a monthly payment in an amount determined by rule, which must be less than the \$333 monthly payment provided to a participant enrolled in the GAP.

The bill also amends s. 409.145, F.S., to apply the annual cost of living increase and the supplemental payment for teaching life skills and providing normalcy supports to children who are 13-17 years of age to the same caregivers mentioned above.

The bill also provides a \$200 per month subsidy to any foster parents and relative and nonrelative caregivers who have a child placed in their home between the ages of birth to school entry. This subsidy is provided for each child in the home that meets the age requirement regardless of whether the caregiver is licensed or not, but the child must be placed in out-of-home care with the caregiver and be the subject of an open dependency proceeding.

Lastly, the bill expands the scope of potential students eligible for a tuition and fee exemption at a workforce education program, a Florida College System institution or a state university, to certain students who have been the subject of a dependency proceeding, including for students who:

- Are, or were at the time of reaching 18 years of age, in out-of-home care, rather than in the custody of the DCF as is provided for in current law.
- After reaching 14 years of age, spent at least 18 months in out-of-home care and was reunified with his or her parents who were the subject of the dependency proceeding before reaching 18 years of age if the student is also Pell Grant-eligible.
- Have been placed in a permanent guardianship, regardless of whether the caregiver participates or participated in the Relative Caregiver Program, and such student remains in the guardianship either until the student reaches 18 years of age or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an eligible institution.

The bill is expected to have a significant, indeterminate negative fiscal impact on the Department of Children and Families (DCF). See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.

The bill is effective July 1, 2022.

## II. Present Situation:

### Florida's Child Welfare System - Overview

Current law requires any person who knows or suspects that a child has been abused, abandoned, or neglected to report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida central abuse hotline (hotline).<sup>1</sup> A child protective investigation begins if the hotline determines the allegations meet the statutory definition of abuse,<sup>2</sup> abandonment,<sup>3</sup> or neglect.<sup>4</sup> A child protective investigator investigates the situation either immediately, or within 24 hours after the report is received, depending on the nature of the allegation.<sup>5</sup>

After conducting an investigation, if the child protective investigator determines that the child is in need of protection and supervision that necessitates removal, the investigator may initiate formal proceedings to remove the child from his or her home. When the DCF removes a child from the home, a series of dependency court proceedings must occur before a child may be adjudicated dependent.<sup>6</sup>

Subsequent to a child being found dependent, a court must hold a disposition hearing to determine a course of treatment and services and placement of the child under protective supervision.<sup>7</sup> The court must first consider placing the child with relatives.<sup>8</sup> If a child cannot safely remain in the original home and no adult relative is available for temporary, legal custody, the child may be placed with an adult willing to care for the child under the protective supervision of the DCF.<sup>9</sup> Placing the child in the temporary, legal custody of the DCF invests the DCF with the rights and responsibilities of a legal custodian.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 39.201(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 39.01(2), F.S. The term "abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse of a child includes the birth of a new child into a family during the course of an open dependency case when the parent or caregiver has been determined to lack the protective capacity to safely care for the children in the home and has not substantially complied with the case plan towards successful reunification or met the conditions for return of the children into the home. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions. Corporal discipline of a child by a parent or legal custodian for disciplinary purposes does not in itself constitute abuse when it does not result in harm to the child.

<sup>3</sup> Section 39.01(1), F.S. The term "abandoned" or "abandonment" means a situation in which the parent or legal custodian of a child or, in the absence of a parent or legal custodian, the caregiver, while being able, has made no significant contribution to the child's care and maintenance or has failed to establish or maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the child, or both.

<sup>4</sup> Sections 39.01(50) and 39.201(2)(a), F.S. "Neglect" occurs when a child is deprived of, or is allowed to be deprived of, necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment or a child is permitted to live in an environment when such deprivation or environment causes the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired or to be in danger of being significantly impaired. The foregoing circumstances shall not be considered neglect if caused primarily by financial inability unless actual services for relief have been offered to and rejected by such person. A parent or legal custodian legitimately practicing religious beliefs in accordance with a recognized church or religious organization who thereby does not provide specific medical treatment for a child may not, for that reason alone, be considered a negligent parent or legal custodian; however, such an exception does not preclude a court from ordering necessary services.

<sup>5</sup> Section 39.101(2), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> See s. 39.01(14), F.S., for the definition of "child who is found to be dependent".

<sup>7</sup> Section 39.521(1), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 39.507(7)(c), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 39.521(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Section 39.521(3)(d), F.S.

The DCF must develop and refine a case plan<sup>11</sup> for each child receiving services throughout the dependency process with input from all parties to the child's dependency case. The case plan details are required to be tailored to address the abuse, abandonment, or neglect that gave rise to the abuse report, consider any other issues which would support family preservation if appropriate, and identify services to address the child's needs, as those needs are identified during the child protective investigation and throughout the case.<sup>12</sup>

The goal is for the dependency court and all parties involved in the child's case to ensure the child remains safe.<sup>13</sup>

When children are placed in out-of-home care, child welfare agencies must find safe, permanent homes for them as quickly as possible. In most cases, children are reunified with their families. When reunification is not possible, the DCF seeks to place children in permanent homes with relatives or adoptive families. Florida law requires a permanency hearing no later than 12 months after the child was removed from the home or within 30 days after a court determines that reasonable efforts to return the child to either parent are not required, whichever occurs first.<sup>14</sup> The purpose of the permanency hearing is for the court to determine when the child will achieve permanency or whether modifying the permanency goal is in the child's best interest.<sup>15</sup> A permanency hearing must be held at least every 12 months for any child who continues to be supervised by the DCF or awaits adoption.<sup>16</sup>

The permanency goals under Florida law, listed in order of preference are:

- Reunification;
- Adoption, if a petition for termination of parental rights has been or will be filed;
- Permanent guardianship under s. 39.6221, F.S.;
- Permanent placement with a fit and willing relative under 39.6231, F.S.; or
- Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement under s. 39.6241, F.S.<sup>17</sup>

### **Out-of-Home Placement Options**

As mentioned above, the child welfare system identifies families whose children are in danger of suffering or have suffered abuse, abandonment, or neglect and works with those families to address the problems that are endangering children. If the problems cannot be ameliorated, the child welfare system finds other caregivers for children, such as foster families, relative and

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<sup>11</sup> Section 39.01(11), F.S., defines "case plan" to mean a document, as described in s. 39.6011, F.S., related to case plan development, prepared by the DCF with input from all parties. The case plan follows the child from the provision of voluntary services through any dependency, foster care, or termination of parental rights proceeding or related activity or process.

<sup>12</sup> Sections 39.6011 and 39.6012, F.S. Case plans must be developed in a face-to-face conference with the child's parent, any court-appointed Guardian ad Litem, and the child's temporary custodian and, if appropriate, the child.

<sup>13</sup> Section 39.001(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> S. 39.621(1), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> Section 39.621(3), F.S.

nonrelative caregivers, or adoptive families.<sup>18</sup> These various types of placements as well as the specific licensure requirements are discussed below in more detail.

### ***Relative and Nonrelative Caregivers***

When children cannot remain safely with their parents, placement with relatives is preferred over placement in foster care with nonrelatives. Caseworkers try to identify and locate a relative or relatives who can safely care for the children while parents receive services to help them address the issues that brought the children to the attention of child welfare.<sup>19</sup> Placement with relatives, or kinship care, provides permanency for children and helps them maintain family connections. Kinship care is the raising of children by grandparents, other extended family members, and nonrelative adults with whom they have a close, family-like relationship, such as godparents and close family friends.<sup>20</sup>

In Florida, there were 22,078 children in out-of-home care as of December 31, 2021, and fewer than half of those children were placed with approved relatives and nonrelatives and the rest were placed in licensed foster care, group care, or in another placement.<sup>21</sup>

### ***Relative Caregiver Program (RCP)***

The RCP was established in 1998<sup>22</sup> for the purpose of recognizing the importance of family relationships and providing additional placement options and incentives to help achieve permanency and stability for many children who are otherwise at risk of foster care placement. The program has been expanded<sup>23</sup> since its inception and currently the program applies to:

- Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood or marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are caring full-time for that dependent child in the role of substitute parent as a result of a court's determination of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and subsequent placement with the relative under ch. 39, F.S.;
- Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood or marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are caring full-time for that dependent child, and a dependent half-brother or half-sister of that dependent child, in the role of substitute parent as a result of a court's determination of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and subsequent placement with the relative;

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<sup>18</sup> See s. 39.001(1), F.S.

<sup>19</sup> See s. 39.4015(3), F.S. The DCF is required to collaborate with sheriffs' offices that conduct child protective investigations and community-based care lead agencies to develop a family finding program. Family-finding efforts by the DCF and the community-based care lead agencies may include, but are not limited to: 1. searching for and locating adult relatives and fictive kin; 2. identifying and building positive connections between the child and the child's relatives and fictive kin; 3. supporting the engagement of relatives and fictive kin in social service planning and delivery of services and creating a network of extended family support to assist in remedying the concerns that led to the child becoming involved with the child welfare system, when appropriate; 4. maintaining family connections, when possible; and 5. keeping siblings together in care when possible and when in the best interest of each child.

<sup>20</sup> The American Bar Association, *Kinship Care is Better for Children and Families*, available at [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_interest/child\\_law/resources/child\\_law\\_practiceonline/child\\_law\\_practice/vol-36/july-aug-2017/kinship-care-is-better-for-children-and-families/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/resources/child_law_practiceonline/child_law_practice/vol-36/july-aug-2017/kinship-care-is-better-for-children-and-families/) (last visited January 11, 2022).

<sup>21</sup> 8,084 of these children were placed with approved relatives and nonrelatives and 10,490 with another placement. See the DCF, *Children in Out-of-Home Care – Statewide* (December 31, 2021), available at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-welfare/dashboard/> (last visited January 12, 2022).

<sup>22</sup> Chapter 1998-78, L.O.F.

<sup>23</sup> Chapter 2014-224, L.O.F.

- A relative or nonrelative caregiver, but the relative or nonrelative caregiver may not receive a Relative Caregiver Program payment if the parent or stepparent of the child resides in the home; and
- Nonrelatives who have a close relationship with the child but who are not a blood relative or a relative by marriage.<sup>24</sup>

The RCP provides that relatives and nonrelatives who have a child or children placed in out-of-home in their care and who have found to be dependent are eligible for financial assistance. The court must find that a proposed placement is in the best interest of the child, but relatives or nonrelatives who qualify for and participate in the RCP are not required to meet foster care licensing requirements under s. 409.175, F.S., in order for the child to be placed in the home or for the caregiver to receive financial assistance to care for the child.<sup>25</sup> The amount of the monthly payment is determined by rule and discussed below.

Additionally, within available funding, the RCP is also required to provide caregivers with family support and preservation services, school readiness assistance, and other available services in order to support the child's safety, growth, and healthy development. Children living with caregivers who are receiving assistance under the program are also eligible for Medicaid coverage.<sup>26</sup>

### ***Licensed Foster Care***

Foster home placements are intended to provide a temporary, safe place to live until a child can be reunited with his or her family, an adoptive family is identified, or other permanency is achieved. Section 409.175(2)(e), F.S., defines a "family foster home" as a private residence in which children who are unattended by a parent or legal guardian are provided 24-hour care. Such homes include emergency shelter family homes and specialized foster homes for children with special needs. A family foster home does not include an adoptive home which has been approved by the DCF or by a licensed child-placing agency for children placed for adoption.<sup>27</sup>

The recruitment, training, and licensing of foster parents is conducted by 18 community-based care agencies that maintain contracts with the DCF.<sup>28</sup> The total number of children placed in a family foster home must be based on the needs of each child in care; the ability of the foster family to meet the individual needs of each child, including any adoptive or biological children or young adults remaining in foster care living in the home; the amount of safe physical plant space; the ratio of active and appropriate adult supervision; and the background, experience, and

<sup>24</sup> See s. 39.5085(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>25</sup> Section 39.5085(2)(a)3., F.S.

<sup>26</sup> Section 39.5085, F.S.

<sup>27</sup> Section 409.175(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>28</sup> The DCF, *Lead Agency Map*, available at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/community-based-care/lead-agency-map.shtml> (last visited January 12, 2022). The DCF terminated the contract with Eckerd Connects for Circuit 6 and Family Support Services of North Florida took over on January 1, 2022. Eckerd Connects will carry out its contract until it expires June 30, 2022. WFLA, *DCF, Eckerd Connects ending child welfare services contracts in 3 Tampa Bay counties*, available at <https://www.wfla.com/news/local-news/DCF-eckerd-connects-end-child-welfare-services-in-3-tampa-bay-counties/>; WUSF Public Media, *Family Support Services of North Florida will fully take over on January 1, 2022*, Nov. 30, 2021, available at [State selects replacement for Eckerd Connects to run foster care in Pinellas, Pasco](https://www.wusf.com/news/local-news/State-selects-replacement-for-Eckerd-Connects-to-run-foster-care-in-Pinellas-Pasco/) | WUSF Public Media (all sites last visited Jan. 7, 2022).

skill of the family foster parents.<sup>29</sup> Foster parents are responsible for the care and well-being of the child, including maintaining their health, safety, and best interests and encouraging emotional and developmental growth. Following placement, a foster child should be closely monitored by a case worker, who provides support and additional training related to special needs.<sup>30</sup>

In 2019, Florida moved to a system of foster home licensing that consisted of five distinct levels:

- Level I: Child-Specific Foster Home.
- Level II: Non-Child Specific Foster Home.<sup>31</sup>
- Level III: Safe Foster Home for Victims of Human Trafficking.
- Level IV: Therapeutic Foster Home.
- Level V: Medical Foster Home.<sup>32</sup>

#### Level I: Child-Specific Foster Home

A child specific licensed foster home is a new licensure type designed for relatives and nonrelatives who have an existing relationship with the child for whom they are seeking licensure. When a child is not able to safely remain at home with their parents, a family or like-family member who is willing and able to provide care for the child, is the next best alternative.<sup>33</sup>

#### Level II: Non-Child Specific Foster Home

A non-child specific licensed foster home is identified when placement with a relative or nonrelative caregiver is not possible. This licensure type is available to individuals in the community who may be interested in fostering.<sup>34</sup>

#### Level III: Safe Foster Home for Victims of Human Trafficking

This level of licensure is for individuals interested in providing a safe and stable environment for victims of human trafficking.<sup>35</sup> Florida law defines “human trafficking” as transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining,<sup>36</sup> purchasing, patronizing, procuring, or obtaining<sup>37</sup> another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.<sup>38</sup> In Florida, any person who knowingly, or in reckless disregard of the facts, engages in human trafficking, or attempts to engage in human trafficking, or benefits financially by receiving

<sup>29</sup> Section 409.175(3)(a) and (b), F.S., provides that the DCF may grant a capacity waiver in certain instances.

<sup>30</sup> See s. 409.1415(2), F.S., for specific roles and responsibilities of foster parents.

<sup>31</sup> Previously “Traditional” foster homes are now Level II.

<sup>32</sup> The DCF, *Levels of Foster Care Licensure*, available at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/foster-care/levels.shtml>; Florida FAPA, *Become a Foster Parent*, available at [Become A Foster Parent – FloridaFAPA.org](http://www.BecomeAFosterParent.org) (all sites last visited January 12, 2022).

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> *Id.*

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

<sup>36</sup> Section 787.06(2)(f), F.S., provides “maintain” means, in relation to labor or services, to secure or make possible continued performance thereof, regardless of any initial agreement on the part of the victim to perform such type service. Section 787.06(2)(h), F.S., defines “services” as any act committed at the behest of, under the supervision of, or for the benefit of another, including forced marriage, servitude, or the removal of organs.

<sup>37</sup> Section 787.06(2)(g), F.S., provides “obtain” means, in relation to labor, commercial sexual activity, or services, to receive, take possession of, or take custody of another person or secure performance thereof. Section 787.06(2)(e), F.S., provides “labor” means work of economic or financial value.

<sup>38</sup> Section 787.06(2)(d), F.S.

anything of value from participation in a venture that has subjected a person to human trafficking for labor or services, or commercial sexual activity, commits a crime.<sup>39</sup>

Level IV: Therapeutic Foster Home

This level of licensure is for caregivers who have received specialized training to care for a wide variety of children and adolescents who may have significant emotional, behavioral, or social needs. As a therapeutic foster parent, individualized care is provided in the home by the foster parent to ensure a child receives the appropriate level of care in the least restrictive setting.<sup>40</sup>

Level V: Medical Foster Home

This licensure type is for caregivers who have received specialized training to provide care for children and adolescents with chronic medical conditions. Medical foster parents enable children from birth through age 20 with medically-complex conditions whose parents are unable to care for them in their own homes, to live and receive care in a foster home rather than in hospitals or other facility settings.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Section 787.06(3), F.S.

<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

<sup>41</sup> *Id.*

***Foster Placement Licensure***

It is less cumbersome to obtain a Level I foster license than it is to obtain licensure as a Level II through Level V family foster placement. A high level summary of the differences in licensure requirements is included in the table below:<sup>42</sup>

<b>Requirement Category</b>	<b>Level I: Child Specific Foster Home</b>	<b>Level II: Non-Child Specific Foster Home</b>	<b>Level III: Safe Foster Home for Human Trafficking Victims</b>	<b>Level IV: Therapeutic Foster Home</b>	<b>Level V: Medical Foster Home</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to Protect</li> <li>• Physical Environment</li> <li>• Financial Resources</li> <li>• Ability to care, nurture, and meet the child’s physical, emotional and educational needs.<sup>43</sup></li> </ul>	Same as Level I	Same as Level I  Medicaid Provider	Same as Level I  Medicaid Provider	Same as Level I  Medicaid Provider
<b>Screening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and Federal</li> <li>• Local/Civil Checks</li> <li>• DJJ Sexual/Predator Offender</li> <li>• Abuse/ Neglect Checks<sup>44</sup></li> </ul>	Same as Level I and Conviction/Charge Additional Offenses/Disqualifiers <sup>45</sup>	Same as Level II	Same as Level II	Same as Level II
<b>Training</b>	2 DCF licensing hours (online course)	21 DCF licensing hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 24 Commercial Sexual Exploitation hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 30 AHCA hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 32 AHCA hours

<sup>42</sup> The DCF, *Power Point Presentation on Overview of Out-of-Home Care Placements and Caregivers*, Committee on Children Families and Elder Affairs, October 18, 2021, p. 5, available at [https://www.flSenate.gov/Committees/Show/CF/MeetingPacket/5296/9500\\_MeetingPacket\\_5296\\_2.pdf](https://www.flSenate.gov/Committees/Show/CF/MeetingPacket/5296/9500_MeetingPacket_5296_2.pdf) (last visited January 12, 2022).

<sup>43</sup> Section 409.175, F.S., provides that non-safety requirements may be waived.

<sup>44</sup> See s. 39.0138, F.S., and 65C-45.001, F.A.C.

<sup>45</sup> See s. 39.0138, F.S., ch. 435, F.S., and 65C-45.001, F.A.C.



### ***Monthly Compensation for Specified Caregivers***

The monthly payment amounts provided to caregivers under current law depend upon the type of caregiver, whether the caregiver is licensed, and whether the dependency proceedings are open or closed where the child has reached permanency. Below is a description of the payment amounts and a table illustrating payments for each type of caregiver placement.

Current law authorizes reimbursement for children in foster care or in residential group homes to begin at the time the child is placed regardless of if a court has found the child to be dependent, also known as an adjudication of dependency. However, the monthly benefit payment for relative and nonrelative caregivers does not begin until the court has made such a finding, which typically takes two months to a year.<sup>46</sup>

Prior to the child being found to be dependent, a relative caregiver is only eligible for temporary cash assistance if he or she is in close enough consanguinity to the child.<sup>47</sup> During this time, a nonrelative caregiver receives no monthly benefit assistance. Once the child has been found to be dependent, the relative becomes eligible for the full Relative Caregiver Program benefit amount.<sup>48</sup>

#### **Relative Caregiver Program**

Under the RCP, a monthly cash assistance is provided to relatives who meet eligibility rules and have custody of a child under age 18 who has been found to be dependent by a Florida court and placed in their home.<sup>49</sup> The amount of the assistance is based on the statewide average monthly rate for children placed by the court with relatives or nonrelatives who are not licensed as foster homes and may not exceed 82 percent of the statewide average foster care rate. Additionally, the cost of providing the assistance to any caregiver in the program may not exceed the cost of providing out-of-home care in an emergency shelter or in foster care.<sup>50</sup>

#### **Level I Licensed Foster Placement**

The current board rate for a relative or nonrelative caregiver who has been licensed as a Level I child-specific foster placement is \$333 per month. This type of foster placement is not currently eligible for the cost of living increase or the supplemental board rate provided to Level II through Level V foster family placements pursuant to s. 409.145(3)(b) and (c), F.S.

#### **Level II-V Licensed Foster Placement**

Effective January 1, 2022, the room and board rates paid to these foster parents are:<sup>51 52</sup>

- \$517.94 monthly for children 0-5 years of age.
- \$531.21 monthly for children 6-12 years of age.

<sup>46</sup> Section 39.5085(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>47</sup> FN

<sup>48</sup> *Id.*

<sup>49</sup> Section 39.5085(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>50</sup> Section 39.5085(2)(d), F.S.

<sup>51</sup> Section 409.145(3)(a), F.S., lists the foster room and board rates in effect July 1, 2018.

<sup>52</sup> Memorandum to Regional Managing Directors and Community-Based Care Lead Agencies CEOs from Taylor Hatch, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (January 12, 2022) (on file with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services).

- \$621.77 monthly for children 13-21 years of age.<sup>53</sup>

Level II through Level V licensed family foster home placements receive an annual cost of living increase. The cost of living adjustment is based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) each December.<sup>54</sup> Additionally, the board rate amount may be increased upon agreement between the DCF, the community-based care lead agency, and the foster parent.<sup>55</sup>

As demonstrated by the charts below, the monthly cash assistance amount is higher than the Temporary Cash Assistance for one child but less than the amount paid for a child in the foster care program.

Age of Child	RCP (No License requirement) <sup>56</sup>	Level I Licensure (Child Specific) <sup>57</sup>	Family Foster Homes (Level II-V) <sup>58</sup>	Adoption Assistance (Closed case that closes in an adoption) <sup>59</sup>	GAP (Closed case that closes in a permanent guardianship status) <sup>60</sup>
Ages 0 through 5 years	\$242	\$333	\$517.94	\$417 minimum	\$333 minimum
Ages 6 through 12 years	\$249	\$333	\$531.21	\$417 minimum	\$333 minimum
Ages 13 through 18 years	\$298	\$333	\$621.77	\$417 minimum	\$333 minimum

As an alternative to a monthly room and board or RCP assistance amount, a caregiver may receive a monthly payment after a child is placed in his or her care upon the court finding the child dependent through the DCF’s economic self-sufficient programs, including Temporary Cash Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The amounts that are provided to the caregiver are based on the number of children and are as follows:

- \$180, one child;
- \$241, two children;
- \$303, three children.<sup>61</sup>

<sup>53</sup> Family foster parents are eligible to receive this monthly room and board rate until the child reaches age 21.

<sup>54</sup> Section 409.145(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>55</sup> Section 409.145(3)(f), F.S.

<sup>56</sup> See s. 39.5085, F.S., and the DCF CFOP No. 170-10, ch. 8-7, available at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/admin/publications/cfops/CFOP%20170-xx%20Child%20Welfare/CFOP%20170-10%20Providing%20Services%20and%20Support%20for%20Children%20in%20Care%20and%20for%20Caregivers/CFOP%20170-10%20Providing%20Services%20and%20Support%20for%20Children%20in%20Care%20and%20for%20Caregivers.pdf> (last visited January 13, 2022).

<sup>57</sup> Section 409.145(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>58</sup> Section 409.145(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>59</sup> See s. 409.166, F.S.

<sup>60</sup> See s. 39.6225, F.S.

<sup>61</sup> See s. 414.095(10), F.S. These are monthly benefit amounts per total number of children.

A caregiver is prohibited from receiving both the monthly board rate assistance payment under the RCP and TANF payments in the same month.<sup>62</sup>

### **Benefits Upon the Child Reaching Permanency**

#### ***Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (Fostering Connections)***

The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Fostering Connections) was designed to improve the lives of children and youth in foster care and increase the likelihood that they will be able to leave the foster care system to live permanently with relative caregivers or adoptive families. The law accomplishes this, in part, by allowing states to:

- Extend foster care services for children leaving foster care and adoptive families to the age of 21 years; and
- Establish a subsidized guardianship assistance program for relative caregivers.<sup>63</sup>

#### ***Extended Foster Care***

In 2013, the Legislature exercised the option of providing for extended foster care, which applies to young adults aged 18 to 21 who have not achieved permanency prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays.<sup>64</sup> The program builds on independent living assistance services that were previously available to young adults who “aged-out” of the foster care system.<sup>65</sup> Extended foster care services are available to young adults who are living in licensed care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and who are:

- Completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;
- Enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education;
- Participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment;
- Employed for at least 80 hours per month; or
- Unable to participate in programs or activities listed above full time due to a physical intellectual, emotional, or psychiatric condition that limits participation.<sup>66</sup>

#### ***Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program***

Additionally, Fostering Connections encouraged the creation of a federally supported program which was codified in s. 39.6225, F.S. The Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) is for

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<sup>62</sup> The DCF, *CFOP 170-10, Chapter 8 Relative/Kinship Caregiver Support, 8-7(c)*, September 1, 2020, p. 10, available at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/admin/publications/cfops/CFOP%20170-xx%20Child%20Welfare/CFOP%20170-10%20State%20Providing%20Services%20and%20Support%20for%20Children%20in%20Care%20and%20for%20Caregivers/CFOP%20170-10,%20%20Chapter%2008,%20Relative-Kinship%20Caregiver%20Support.pdf#:~:text=Temporary%20Assistance%20for%20Needy%20Families%20%28TANF%29%20State%20Plan.,State%20Plan.%20Rule%2065C-28.008%2C%20Florida%20Administrative%20Code%20%28F.A.C.%29>. (last visited January 30, 2022).

<sup>63</sup> P.L. 110-351.

<sup>64</sup> Chapter 2013-178, L.O.F.

<sup>65</sup> Section 409.1451, F.S.

<sup>66</sup> Section 39.6251(2), F.S.

relatives, which includes fictive kin. Section 39.01, F.S., defines “relative” to mean fictive kin,<sup>67</sup> relative,<sup>68</sup> or next of kin.<sup>69</sup>

The GAP provides for reimbursement under federal Title IV-E<sup>70</sup> to support kinship guardianship payments for children living in the homes of relative caregivers who become the children’s legal guardians through a permanent guardianship option.<sup>71</sup> The DCF is required to provide guardianship assistance payments to a participant enrolled in the GAP program for an eligible child in the amount of \$4,000 annually, paid on a monthly basis, which equals \$333 per month. However, the DCF is authorized to provide an amount other than \$4,000 annually as determined by the guardian and the DCF if the alternate amount is memorialized in a written agreement between the guardian and the DCF and the agreement takes into consideration the circumstances of the guardian and the needs of the child.<sup>72</sup>

Both the child and the “relative” may be eligible for assistance under the GAP program. If a child meets certain Title IV-E eligibility standards, he or she may also be eligible for a GAP subsidy if:

- The child has been removed from his or her family’s home pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement or as a result of a judicial determination that allows the child to remain in the home would be contrary to the child’s welfare;
- The child is eligible for federal foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E for at least six consecutive months while residing in the home of the prospective relative guardian who is licensed or approved as meeting the licensure requirements as a foster family home;<sup>73</sup>
- Returning home or adoption is not an appropriate permanency option for the child;
- The child demonstrates a strong attachment to the prospective relative guardian and the relative guardian has a strong commitment to caring permanently for the child; and
- The child has been consulted regarding the guardianship arrangement (applicable to children

<sup>67</sup> Section 39.01(28), F.S., defines “fictive kin” as a person unrelated by birth, marriage, or adoption who has an emotionally significant relationship, which possesses the characteristics of a family relationship, to a child.

<sup>68</sup> Section 39.01(73), F.S., defines “relative” to mean a grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling, first cousin, aunt, uncle, great-aunt, great-uncle, niece, or nephew, whether related by the whole or half blood, by affinity, or by adoption. The term does not include a stepparent.

<sup>69</sup> Section 39.01(51), F.S., defines “next of kin” to mean an adult relative of a child who is the child’s brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or first cousin.

<sup>70</sup> The Title IV-E Foster Care Program provides funds to title IV-E agencies (states and Tribes) to assist with the costs of foster care maintenance for eligible children; administrative expenses to manage the program; and training for staff, foster parents, and certain private agency staff. Title IV-E foster care funds are awarded to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Indian Tribal organizations and Tribal consortia with approved title IV-E plans, and are available as open-ended entitlement grants through single-year appropriations. The program’s focus, which is articulated in statute, is children eligible under the pre-welfare reform Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program and removed from their homes due to maltreatment, lack of care, lack of supervision, or other problems attributed to a relative caregiver. See The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Title-IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Reviews Fact Sheet*, available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/fact-sheet/title-iv-e-foster-care-eligibility-reviews-fact-sheet> (last visited January 13, 2022).

<sup>71</sup> Mark F. Testa and Leslie Cohen, *Pursuing Permanence for Children in Foster Care: Issues and Options for Establishing a Federal Guardianship Assistance Program in New York State*, School of Social Work, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. June 2010, available at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/reports/Pursuing%20Permanence%20for%20Children%20in%20Foster%20Care%20June%202010.pdf> (last visited January 11, 2022).

<sup>72</sup> Section 39.6225(5)(d), F.S.

<sup>73</sup> The Level I child-specific licensure satisfies this requirement.

age 14 and older).<sup>74</sup>

Further, a “relative” must meet certain conditions to qualify for a GAP subsidy, including that they must:

- Be the eligible child’s relative or close fictive kin;
- Have undergone fingerprint-based criminal record checks and child abuse and neglect registry checks;
- Be a licensed foster parent and approved for guardianship assistance by the DCF;
- Display a strong commitment to caring permanently for the child; and
- Have obtained legal guardianship of the child after the guardianship assistance agreement has been negotiated and finalized with the DCF.<sup>75</sup>

### **Child Care Subsidy**

In 2020, the average annual cost of center-based infant care in Florida was approximately \$9,312.<sup>76</sup> Single parents in Florida spend, on average, 34.7 percent of their income on center-based infant child care.<sup>77</sup> Married parents of two children living at the poverty line spend approximately 65 percent of their household income for center-based child care.<sup>78</sup> The average price of center-based infant child care in Florida is currently more than the average annual tuition and fees at a public four-year college or university.<sup>79</sup>

### ***The Rilya Wilson Act***

Rilya Wilson disappeared from state custody in January 2001. The child’s caregiver maintained that someone from the DCF removed Rilya from her home sometime in January 2001. The DCF was unaware that the child was missing until April 2002 due to casework failures. While her caregiver was sentenced to 55 years in prison in 2013 for her disappearance, Rilya remains missing.<sup>80</sup>

For a number of children, the increased visibility that participation in early education and childcare programs provides can minimize further abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Participation in these programs can also be an important ingredient in reversing the developmental effects that abuse, neglect, and abandonment can have on children.

Early education and child care programs are provided in Florida through the school readiness program under ss. 1002.86-1002.89, F.S. With the establishment of the school readiness program, the different early education and child care programs and their funding sources were merged for the delivery of a comprehensive program of school readiness services to be designed

<sup>74</sup> 33 42 U.S.C. s. 673(d)(3)(A)

<sup>75</sup> 42 U.S.C. ss. 671(a)(20(D) and 673(d)(3)(A)

<sup>76</sup> Child Care Aware, *Price of Child Care in Florida*, available at [https://info.childcareaware.org/hubfs/2019%20Price%20of%20Care%20State%20Sheets/Florida.pdf?utm\\_campaign=2019%20Cost%20of%20Care&utm\\_source=2019%20COC%20-%20FL](https://info.childcareaware.org/hubfs/2019%20Price%20of%20Care%20State%20Sheets/Florida.pdf?utm_campaign=2019%20Cost%20of%20Care&utm_source=2019%20COC%20-%20FL) (last visited January 13, 2022).

<sup>77</sup> *Id.*

<sup>78</sup> *Id.*

<sup>79</sup> *Id.*

<sup>80</sup> David Ovalle, GERALYN GRAHAM GET 55 YEARS IN RILYA WILSON FOSTER CHILD ABUSE CASE, MIAMI HERALD, Feb. 12, 2013), available at <http://www.miamiherald.com/latest-news/article1947207.html>. (last visited November 1, 2019)

and administered through local early learning coalitions.<sup>81</sup> The school readiness program is housed with the Office of Early Learning, within the Department of Education.<sup>82</sup>

Historically, children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned and are being served through the dependency system have received one of the highest priorities for child care service. This is due, at least in part, to the interpretation of earlier statutory language that these children were to be provided the highest priority. Current law requires each early learning coalition to give priority for participation in the school readiness program according to specified criteria with an at-risk child being second on the priority list.<sup>83</sup> However, even with this prioritization, there are often not enough spaces in school readiness programs for all youth who are the subject of dependency proceedings.

Under the Rilya Wilson Act, children in the foster care system who are enrolled in an early education or child care program must be kept in the program and attend the program at least 5 days per week.<sup>84</sup> The cost of participating in the school readiness program is subsidized in part or fully by the funding of the coalition for eligible children.<sup>85</sup> Criteria have been established for the children who are to receive priority for participating in the program at no cost or at a subsidized rate.<sup>86</sup> The cost of child care shall be assumed by the licensed out-of-home caregiver to the extent that subsidized child care is unavailable.<sup>87</sup>

### **Tuition and Fee Exemptions for Youth in Foster Care**

Youth in foster care face a multitude of barriers when it comes to higher education and as a result the most cited statistic nationally is that about 4 percent graduate from college by the time they reach the age of 26, compared to 36 percent of the general population, according to some studies.<sup>88</sup> Florida was part of the original group of states in the late 1980s that began offering assistance with higher education to students leaving foster care.<sup>89</sup> There are a number of barriers that continue to keep eligible students from accessing existing state support for higher education.

#### ***Florida Law***

Florida first enacted a law providing a fee exemption for youth in foster care in 1988.<sup>90</sup> The initial exemption was provided to young adults in foster care. Before being granted the

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<sup>81</sup> Section 1002.83, F.S.

<sup>82</sup> Florida Division of Early Learning, *About Us*, available at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/> (last visited January 13, 2022).

<sup>83</sup> Section 1002.87, F.S.

<sup>84</sup> Section 39.604, F.S.

<sup>85</sup> Florida Division of Early Learning, *School Readiness Program*, available at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/parents/family-resources/financial-assistance> (last visited January 11, 2022).

<sup>86</sup> Florida Division of Early Learning, *School Readiness Eligibility Priorities*, available at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/school-readiness/coalitions/eligibility-for-school-readiness> (last visited January 11, 2022).

<sup>87</sup> Rule 65C-40.005, F.A.C.

<sup>88</sup> Youth Today, *As More Schools Aid Foster Students, Data on Results Needed, Researchers Say*, available at <https://youthtoday.org/2019/03/as-more-colleges-states-aid-youth-in-foster-care-data-on-results-is-needed-researchers-say/> (Last visited January 10, 2022).

<sup>89</sup> Section 240.235(6)(a), F.S. (1988).

<sup>90</sup> *Id.*

exemption, students had to apply for and be denied financial aid that covered the payment of all undergraduate fees. The exemption was limited to 8 semesters with the possibility of extending to 10 semesters if the recipient had to take college preparatory classes or needed extra time to pass communication and computation skills testing. Students had to maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

In 1997, the tuition and fee exemption was expanded to all cover all children adopted from the DCF custody after December 31, 1997.<sup>91</sup> In 2002, the exemption was expanded again to cover a student who is or was at the time he or she turned 18 years old in the custody of a relative in the Relative Caregiver Program.<sup>92</sup> In 2006, another expansion was granted to any student who after spending at least 6 months in the custody of the DCF after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a guardianship by the court.<sup>93</sup> In 2010, the Legislature, recognizing the difficulties that former foster youth have in completing higher education upon emancipation, expanded the exemption to cover students until age 28 and removed the GPA requirement and the limitation as to the number of credit hours or semesters for which it is available.<sup>94</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

#### Caregiver Room and Board Payment Rates

The bill amends s. 409.145(3), F.S., to reflect the updated board rate amounts that became effective on January 1, 2022 after applying the most recent CPI-U adjustment.

Further, the bill makes a number of changes to current law relating to monthly payment amounts for relative and nonrelative caregivers. The new rate structure includes increases in the amount of payments to relative and nonrelative caregivers to achieve parity with rates currently paid to Level II through Level V foster parents, while taking into account both non-licensure and levels of licensure and the circumstances of placements.

Specifically, the bill amends s. 39.5085, F.S., to increase the monthly payment amounts for relative and nonrelative caregivers who have children placed with them in out-of-home care to match the rates for Level II through Level V family foster home placements for the following:

- For no more than 6 months after the date of both the placement of the child and the adjudication of dependency, regardless of whether the caregiver has obtained licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement.<sup>95</sup>
- From the date the caregiver has obtained licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement, regardless of whether a court has found that the child is dependent, until the child reaches permanency.

Additionally, the bill modifies the monthly payment amount for relatives and nonrelatives in other ways. First, the bill provides that relatives or nonrelatives who fail to obtain licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement within 6 months after the date the child is found to be

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<sup>91</sup> Section 240.235(5)(a), F.S. (1997). In 1998 and 1999, the December 31, 1997 dates were changed to May 5, 1997.

<sup>92</sup> Chapter 2002-38, L.O.F.

<sup>93</sup> Chapter 2006-194, L.O.F.

<sup>94</sup> Chapter 2010-68, L.O.F.

<sup>96</sup> The bill provides that the entity imposing the tuition and fees must verify the eligibility.

dependent or, after the child has been found to be dependent, is placed in out-of-home care in their home, the caregiver must receive a monthly payment as determined by rule that is less than the \$333 monthly payment provided to a participant enrolled in GAP. This payment is required to continue until the child reaches permanency as determined by the court under s. 39.621, F.S., unless the relative or nonrelative caregiver obtains licensure as a child-specific Level I foster placement and becomes eligible to receive payments at the higher board rate allowable under s. 409.145(3), F.S. This monthly difference between non-licensed and licensed child-specific Level I placements will create a payment structure that motivates caregivers to get licensed.

The bill maintains current law for relatives or nonrelatives of children who reach permanency in a permanent guardianship but whose relative caregivers are not enrolled in GAP by providing that such caregivers must receive a monthly payment in an amount determined by rule. The maximum amount of the monthly payment that may be established by rule has been adjusted from 82 percent of the statewide average foster care rate to a rate that must be less than the \$333 monthly payment provided to a participant enrolled in the GAP.

The bill does not specify a lower limit on a monthly payment amount that is determined by the DCF rule rather than statute, but does specify a cap as noted above. Relatives and nonrelatives may also be eligible for a special benefit payment that is to be established by rule.

The bill also amends s. 409.145, F.S., applying the current Level II to Level V room and board rate structure to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a Level I child-specific foster placement, and to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver Program and receiving payments pursuant to s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., F.S., as described above. Further, the bill applies the annual cost of living increase and the supplemental payment for teaching life skills and providing normalcy supports to children who are 13-17 years of age to the same caregivers mentioned above.

### **Early Learning or Child Care Subsidy**

In addition to the monthly board rate payments discussed above, the bill amends s. 409.145, F.S., to provide a \$200 per month subsidy to any foster parents and relative and nonrelative caregivers who have a child placed in their home between the ages of birth to school entry. This subsidy is provided for each child in the home that meets the age requirement regardless of whether the caregiver is licensed or not, but the child must be placed in out-of-home care with the caregiver and be the subject of an open dependency proceeding.

As discussed above, children in the foster care system who are enrolled in an early education or child care program must be kept in that program and attend the program at least five days per week. The cost of participating in the school readiness program is subsidized in part or fully by the funding of the coalition for eligible children, but that funding is only able to be utilized if there is a spot open in a school readiness program. Even if the child is able to be enrolled in a program that qualifies for the school readiness subsidy from the ELC, often that subsidy does not cover the cost of the program and the caregiver is responsible for paying the difference. The subsidy in the bill is therefore intended to help defray the cost of an early learning or child care program.



### **Postsecondary Tuition and Fee Exemption**

As the tuition and fee exemption for students who are or were in out-of-home care under varying circumstances changed and expanded, instances were discovered that appeared to create inequities between similarly situated students and brought to light the issue of reunited students.

The bill addresses some of those issues by expanding the scope of potential students eligible for a tuition and fee exemption at a workforce education program, a Florida College System institution or a state university, to include a student who was the subject of a dependency proceedings and who:

- Are, or were at the time of reaching 18 years of age, in out-of-home care, rather than in the custody of the DCF as is provided for in current law;
- After reaching 14 years of age, spent at least 18 months in out-of-home care and were then reunited with his or her parents who were the subject of the dependency proceeding before reaching 18 years of age, including a student who was reunited under s. 39.8155, F.S. (reinstatement of parental rights). A student is only eligible for this tuition waiver if, in addition to the above-described factors, the student is also Pell Grant-eligible;<sup>96</sup> or
- Were placed in a permanent guardianship, regardless of whether the caregiver participates or participated in the Relative Caregiver Program under s. 39.5085, F.S., and remains in such guardianship either until the student either reaches 18 years of age or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an eligible institution.

The bill is effective July 1, 2022.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

##### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

##### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

##### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

##### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

##### **E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

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<sup>96</sup> The bill provides that the entity imposing the tuition and fees must verify the eligibility.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The DCF estimates that PCS/SB 7034 will result in additional costs to state government totaling \$44,035,644. Specifically, additional funding is needed to provide for the following:

- \$18,215,844 in recurring funding to provide for increases in monthly payments for relative and nonrelative caregivers to achieve parity with rates currently paid to foster parents, including supplemental board rates when applicable. The increases would apply to caregivers enrolled in the Relative Caregiver Program or are classified as a Level I Child Specific Foster Home who are responsible for a child who has not reached permanent guardianship or adoption. The cost is \$12,956,082 from the General Revenue Fund; \$4,554,738 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund; and \$705,024 from the Welfare Transition Trust Fund
- \$24,880,800 in recurring funding to provide a supplemental child care subsidy of \$200 per month for relative and nonrelative caregivers and foster parents. The cost is \$19,206,037 from the General Revenue Fund and \$5,674,763 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund; and
- \$939,000 of nonrecurring funding to make necessary changes to the FSFN and the ACCESS information technology systems to support data currently not in these systems. The DCF estimates these costs to be \$469,500 from the General Revenue Fund and \$469,500 from the Federal Grants Trust Fund.<sup>97</sup>

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

The bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 39.5085, 409.145, and 1009.25.

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<sup>97</sup> The Department of Children and Families, SB 7034 Bill Analysis, p. 9, (January 29, 2022) (on file with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services).

The bill reenacts the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 393.065 and 409.1451.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**Recommended CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services on February 2, 2022:**

The committee substitute:

- Aligns the Level II through V foster home room and board rates to the official board rates released by DCF for calendar year 2022; and
- Makes other technical and clarifying changes.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Garcia, Berman,  
Rodriguez, and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to patient visitation rights;  
3 providing a short title; creating s. 408.823, F.S.;  
4 requiring providers to allow clients to receive  
5 visitors during their admission or residency at the  
6 facility; requiring providers to develop certain  
7 alternative visitation protocols if providers have to  
8 restrict public access to their facilities for health  
9 or safety concerns; requiring providers to allow in-  
10 person visits in specified circumstances; authorizing  
11 providers to require visitors to adhere to specified  
12 infection control protocols; authorizing providers to  
13 refuse visitation to a visitor who does not pass a  
14 health screening or refuses to comply with the  
15 provider's infection control protocols; requiring  
16 providers to submit their visitation policies to the  
17 Agency for Health Care Administration by a specified  
18 date for approval; requiring providers to submit  
19 updated policies within a specified timeframe under  
20 certain circumstances; requiring providers to notify  
21 clients and, if possible, their family members or  
22 caregivers of their visitation rights and provide them  
23 with specified information; requiring the agency to  
24 dedicate a webpage on its website containing specified  
25 information; requiring the agency to investigate a  
26 report of a violation within a specified timeframe;  
27 providing administrative penalties; requiring the  
28 agency to adopt rules; providing an effective date.  
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30 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused great uncertainty  
31 and anxiety across this state and has significantly affected  
32 patients and residents in health care facilities, and  
33 WHEREAS, health care facilities have made great efforts to  
34 keep patients and employees in a safe environment and have  
35 attempted to minimize, to the extent possible, the risk of  
36 spread of COVID-19, and  
37 WHEREAS, these prevention measures have had many unintended  
38 consequences for patients and residents of these facilities who  
39 were not diagnosed with COVID-19, and  
40 WHEREAS, patients and residents of health care facilities  
41 who were not diagnosed with COVID-19 were prohibited from having  
42 any visitors, including a spouse, parent, close family member,  
43 guardian, health care agent, or caregiver, as a result of COVID-  
44 19 prevention measures, and  
45 WHEREAS, many families have been unable to be physically  
46 present with their loved ones while they were in a hospital,  
47 long-term care facility, or residential treatment setting for  
48 mental illnesses, developmental or intellectual disabilities, or  
49 substance use disorders, and have been limited to electronic  
50 video communications, if any, and  
51 WHEREAS, the patients and residents affected by these  
52 restrictions include adults, minors, and individuals with  
53 intellectual or developmental disabilities, and  
54 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the best  
55 interest of the state and its residents that the patients and  
56 residents of health care facilities be allowed visitation by  
57 visitors of their choosing during their hospitalization or  
58 residential treatment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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59 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

62 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "No Patient Left  
63 Alone Act."

64 Section 2. Section 408.823, Florida Statutes, is created to  
65 read:

66 408.823 Client visitation rights.—

67 (1) A provider shall allow clients to receive visitors  
68 during their admission to, or residency at, the provider's  
69 facility in accordance with agency rules.

70 (2) If circumstances require a provider to restrict public  
71 access to the facility due to health or safety concerns, the  
72 provider must develop alternate visitation protocols that allow  
73 visitation to the greatest extent possible while maintaining  
74 client health and safety.

75 (3) A provider that admits clients to its facility or  
76 serves clients who are residents in the provider's facility must  
77 allow in-person visits in all of the following circumstances:

78 (a) End-of-life situations.

79 (b) A client who was living with his or her family before  
80 recently being admitted to the provider's facility is struggling  
81 with the change in environment and lack of physical family  
82 support.

83 (c) A client is grieving the loss of a friend or family  
84 member who recently died.

85 (d) A client needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink  
86 which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver,  
87 and the client is experiencing weight loss or dehydration.

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88 (e) A client who used to talk and interact with others is  
89 experiencing emotional distress, is seldom speaking, or is  
90 crying more frequently than he or she did previously.

91 (f) Any other circumstance the agency deems appropriate.

92 (4) To ensure the health and safety of clients, a provider  
93 may require visitors to adhere to infection control protocols,  
94 including passing a health screening and wearing personal  
95 protective equipment while on the premises of the provider's  
96 facility. A provider may refuse visitation if the visitor does  
97 not pass a health screening or refuses to comply with the  
98 provider's infection control protocols.

99 (5) Providers shall submit their visitation policies to the  
100 agency by January 1 each year for approval. If the agency finds  
101 any provision of a provider's visitation policy deficient or not  
102 in compliance with this section or the agency's rules, the  
103 provider must submit an updated policy conforming such provision  
104 within 30 days after the agency's notice.

105 (6) Providers must notify clients and, if possible, their  
106 family members or caregivers of their visitation rights under  
107 this section and provide them with the contact information for  
108 the agency and the link to the dedicated webpage on the agency's  
109 website specified in subsection (7).

110 (7) The agency must dedicate a webpage on its website to  
111 explain visitation rights authorized under this section and  
112 provide a method for individuals to report violations of this  
113 section to the agency. The agency shall investigate a report of  
114 a violation within 30 days after receiving the report.

115 (8) A violation of this section or the rules adopted  
116 pursuant hereto constitutes a class III violation as specified

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117 in s. 408.813. If a provider does not correct a violation in the  
118 time specified by the agency or repeats a violation, the agency  
119 must impose an administrative fine of at least \$500 per  
120 violation. Each occurrence and each day that the violation  
121 continues constitutes a separate violation.

122 (9) The agency shall adopt rules to implement this section.

123 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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S-001 (08/10/2021)



**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

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**BILL:** CS/SB 988

**INTRODUCER:** Health Policy Committee and Senator Garcia and others

**SUBJECT:** Patient Visitation Rights

**DATE:** February 1, 2022      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Looke</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>HP</u>	<b>Fav/CS</b>
2.	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u>AHS</u>	<b>Recommend: Favorable</b>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 988 creates section 408.823, Florida Statutes, to establish the “No Patient Left Alone Act.”

Specifically, the bill:

- Requires providers<sup>1</sup> to allow clients to receive visitors during their admission to, or residency at, the facility in accordance with the Agency for Health Care Administration’s (AHCA) adopted rules.
- Requires providers to develop alternate visitation protocols that allow visitation to the greatest extent possible if there is a health or safety concern.
- Provides for specified circumstances in which visitation must be allowed by providers that admit clients to, or serve residents at, their facilities.
- Authorizes providers to establish infection control protocols for visitors, to which a visitor must adhere or the provider is authorized to refuse the visitor access.
- Requires providers to annually submit their visitation policies to the AHCA by January 1 for approval.
- Requires the AHCA to dedicate a webpage to explaining visitation rights and to provide a method for individuals to report violations of these rights to the AHCA. Providers must also notify clients of their visitation rights and provide them with a link to the AHCA webpage.

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<sup>1</sup> A “provider” is defined as any of the 25 activities, services, agencies, and facilities regulated by the Agency for Health Care Administration and listed in s. 408.802, F.S.

- Requires the AHCA to investigate a report of a violation within 30 days after receiving the report.
- Establishes violations and fines, specifying that violations of the section or adopted rules are Class III violations<sup>2</sup> and that each occurrence and each day of a continuing violation constitutes separate violations. The AHCA is required to impose a fine of at least \$500 per violation if a provider does not correct or repeats a violation.
- Requires the AHCA to adopt rules to implement the section.

The bill has a significant negative fiscal impact to the AHCA. The AHCA estimates a need for a total of 42 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and funding to accomplish the provisions of this bill. The AHCA's estimated total fiscal impact for implementation of this bill is \$3,254,940 for year one and \$2,676,788 for each recurring year.<sup>3</sup> See Section V of this analysis.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.

## II. Present Situation:

### General Timeline of the Emergence of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The first signs of COVID-19 appeared in December of 2019 in the city of Wuhan, China, as a pneumonia virus of unknown origin. By early January, 2020, Chinese authorities identified a novel coronavirus as the cause of the outbreak. Shortly thereafter, the first cases of COVID-19—officially named by the World Health Organization (WHO) on February 11, 2020—were detected in Japan and Thailand. On January 20, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in the United States appearing in Washington State. On January 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared COVID-19 a public health emergency and on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic.<sup>4</sup>

Ten days prior, on March 1, 2020, Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees declared a public health emergency.<sup>5</sup> The public health emergency was renewed multiple times and remained in effect until it was allowed to expire on June 26, 2021.<sup>6</sup> Under the authority granted to the Governor, the AHCA, and the Department of Health (DOH), as well as other executive agencies,

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<sup>2</sup> Class III violations are defined in s. 408.813, F.S., as those conditions or occurrences related to the operation and maintenance of a provider or to the care of clients which the agency determines indirectly or potentially threaten the physical or emotional health, safety, or security of clients, other than class I or class II violations. The agency shall impose an administrative fine as provided in this section for a cited class III violation. A citation for a class III violation must specify the time within which the violation is required to be corrected. If a class III violation is corrected within the time specified, a fine may not be imposed.

<sup>3</sup> Agency for Health Care Administration, *Senate Bill 988 Analysis* (Nov. 24, 2021) (on file with the Senate Committee on Health Policy).

<sup>4</sup> See COVID-19 Timeline, *David J. Spencer CDC Museum: In Association With the Smithsonian Institution*, last reviewed Jan. 5, 2022, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/museum/timeline/covid19.html> (last visited Jan. 7, 2022).

<sup>5</sup> See Florida Department of Health Declaration of Public Health Emergency, March 1, 2020, available at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/declaration-of-public-health-emergency-covid-19-3.1.20.pdf>, (last visited Jan. 10, 2022).

<sup>6</sup> The final renewal was issued on June 18, 2021, see Florida Department of Health Emergency Order (Extension), available at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Filed-PHE-Extension-June-18-2021.pdf>, (last visited, Jan. 10, 2022).

numerous emergency measures were put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health, including restricting visitation in certain health care and long term care facilities.

### **Florida Visitation Restrictions during COVID-19**

On March 15, 2020, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) issued emergency order (EO) 20-006 which required every facility, as defined in the EO, in Florida to prohibit the entry of any individual to the facility except in specified circumstances. For the purposes of the EO, the term “facility” included:

- Group Home Facilities;
- Developmental Disabilities Centers;
- Nursing Homes;
- Homes for Special Services;
- Long-Term Care Hospitals;
- Transitional Living Facilities;
- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled;
- Assisted Living Facilities (ALF);
- Adult Mental Health and Treatment Facilities;
- Adult Forensic Facilities;
- Civil Facilities; and
- Adult Family-Care Homes.

The EO provided exceptions for allowing entry in the following circumstances:

- Family members, friends, and visiting residents in end-of-life situations;
- Hospice or palliative care workers caring for residents in end-of-life situations;
- Any individuals providing necessary health care to a resident;
- Facility staff;
- Facility residents;
- Attorneys of record for a resident in an Adult Mental Health and Treatment Facility for court matters, if virtual or telephonic means were unavailable; and
- Representatives of the federal or state governments seeking entry as part of their official duties.

The EO also specified that the allowed individuals would remain prohibited from entering if:

- They were infected with COVID-19 and had not had two consecutive negative tests separated by 24 hours;
- They were showing signs or symptoms of respiratory infection;
- They had been in contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the past 14 days and had not tested negative for COVID-19;
- They had traveled through any airport in the previous 14 days; or
- They had traveled on a cruise ship in the previous 14 days.

The order was extended by EO 20-007 on May 18, 2020. On September 1, 2020, the DEM issued EO 20-009 which extended and modified the provisions of the previous two EOs by allowing essential caregivers and compassionate care visitors under specified circumstances, and

on October 22, 2020, the DEM issued EO 20-011, which extended and modified the previous EOs by adding general visitors under specified circumstances. Finally, on March 22, 2021, the DEM issued EO 21-001, which rescinded the previous EOs prohibiting visitation and instead required all affected facilities to maintain visitation and infection control policies in accordance with all state and federal laws.

### **Current Status of Visitation in Florida**

The availability and accessibility of visitation in Florida's health care facilities varies widely between facility type and from facility to facility, depending on each facility's visitation policies. Certain types of facilities, such as nursing homes<sup>7</sup> and hospitals,<sup>8</sup> must adhere to federal guidelines for visitation, while other types, such as ALFs, are not federally regulated and operate solely under a license issued by the state.

Many factors affect how a facility may go about allowing or restricting visitation. At a minimum, a facility must follow the applicable laws and rules that govern its license type and, generally, a facility may exceed those minimum standards. However, when it comes to allowing or disallowing visitation, it is possible for a facility to become too restrictive. For example, the HHS Office for Civil Rights has investigated complaints stemming from hospitals in Connecticut and Massachusetts where disabled patients were denied the right to bring a caretaker with them into the hospital.<sup>9</sup> Overall, visitation policies will likely vary from facility to facility, and each facility will likely approach creating its visitation policies differently depending on what type of facility it is, the type of patients or residents the facility has, the laws and rules that affect that type of facility, the mindset of the individuals who create the policies for the facility, and many other factors.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates s. 408.823, F.S., entitled the "No Patient Left Alone Act" (Act). The bill:

- Provides Legislative findings and intent indicating that it is in the best interest of the state and its residents that the patients and residents of health care facilities be allowed visitation by visitors of their choosing during their hospitalization or residential treatment.

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<sup>7</sup> Federal guidelines for nursing homes require that all facilities must allow indoor visitation and, although there is no limit on the number of visitors a resident can have, all visits should be conducted in a manner that adheres to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. See Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, *Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19 (revised)*, first published Sep. 17, 2020, last revised Dec. 11, 2021, available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf> (last visited Jan. 10, 2022).

<sup>8</sup> Under the federal government's phased approach to reopening (see <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/openingamerica/>, last visited Jan. 10, 2022), unrestricted hospital visitation has been available since entering phase 3. Additionally, except for Long-Term Care Hospitals, Florida has not restricted visitation in hospitals. Currently, although visitation is not restricted, many hospitals are using enhanced visitation protocols due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases caused by the Omicron variant. See: Hospital visitation policies tightened in South Florida as COVID omicron variant spreads, South Florida Sun Sentinel, Mary Lou Cruz, Jan. 5, 2022, available at <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/coronavirus/fl-ne-coronavirus-hospital-rules-20210724-omq3lxv6pvbufedbvkgckn6a4u-story.html> (last visited Jan. 10, 2022).

<sup>9</sup> Hospital Visitor Bans Under Scrutiny After Disability Groups Raise Concerns Over Care, Joseph Shapiro, May 17, 2020, available at <https://www.npr.org/2020/05/17/857531789/federal-government-asked-to-tell-hospitals-modify-visit-bans>, (last visited Jan. 10, 2022).

- Requires that a provider allow clients to receive visitors during their admission to, or residency at, the provider’s facility in accordance with the Agency for Health Care Administration’s (AHCA) rules.
  - Current law in s. 408.803, F.S., defines a “provider” as any activity, service, agency, or facility regulated by the AHCA and listed in s. 408.802, F.S. Of the listed providers, the AHCA indicates that 11 provider types accept inpatient or residential clients, and those providers make up approximately 4,831 of the licensed entities that would qualify as a provider under the bill.<sup>10</sup> The provider types that the AHCA indicates would accept inpatient or residential clients include:
    - Crisis stabilization units, as provided under parts I and IV of ch. 394, F.S.
    - Short-term residential treatment facilities, as provided under parts I and IV of ch. 394, F.S.
    - Residential treatment facilities, as provided under part IV of ch. 394, F.S.
    - Residential treatment centers for children and adolescents, as provided under part IV of ch. 394, F.S.
    - Hospitals, as provided under part I of ch. 395, F.S.
    - Nursing homes, as provided under part II of ch. 400, F.S.
    - Assisted living facilities, as provided under part I of ch. 429, F.S.
    - Hospices, as provided under part IV of ch. 400, F.S.
    - Adult family-care homes, as provided under part II of ch. 429, F.S.
    - Homes for special services, as provided under part V of ch. 400, F.S.
    - Transitional living facilities, as provided under part XI of ch. 400, F.S.
  - Current law in s. 408.803, F.S., defines a “client” as any person receiving services from a provider.
- Specifies that if circumstances require a provider to restrict public access to its facility due to health or safety concerns, the provider must develop alternate visitation protocols that allow visitation to the greatest extent possible while maintaining client health and safety.
- Requires a provider that admits clients to its facility or serves clients who are residents in the provider’s facility to allow in-person visits under the following circumstances:
  - End-of-life situations.
  - A client who was living with his or her family before recently being admitted to the provider’s facility and is struggling with the change in environment and lack of physical family support.
  - A client is grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
  - A client needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver, and the client is experiencing weight loss or dehydration.
  - A client who used to talk and interact with others and is experiencing emotional distress, is seldom speaking, or is crying more frequently than he or she did previously.
  - Any other circumstance the AHCA deems appropriate.
- Allows a provider to implement infection control protocols, including health screenings and requiring that visitors wear personal protective equipment, and allows a provider to refuse visitation if a visitor fails the health screening or does not comply with these requirements.

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<sup>10</sup> Agency for Health Care Administration, *Senate Bill 988 Analysis* (Nov. 24, 2021) (on file with the Senate Committee on Health Policy).

- Requires each provider to submit its visitation policies to the AHCA by January 1 of each year for approval. If the AHCA finds that a provider's visitation policies are not in compliance with the requirements of the Act or with AHCA rules, the provider must submit an updated policy that conforms within 30 days after the AHCA's notice.
- Requires the AHCA to dedicate a webpage on its website to explain visitation rights authorized under the Act and provide for a method for individuals to report violations of the Act to the AHCA.
- Requires the AHCA to investigate all reports of violations within 30 days of receiving such report.
- Requires that providers notify clients and, if possible, their family members or caregivers of their visitation rights under the Act and provide them with the contact information for the AHCA and a link to the AHCA's dedicated webpage.
- Specifies that any violation of the Act or of the rules adopted pursuant to the Act is a class III violation, as specified in s. 408.813, F.S., and, if not corrected, the AHCA must impose a fine of at least \$500 per violation.
- Specifies that each day and occurrence of a violation constitutes a separate violation.
- Requires the AHCA to adopt rules to implement the Act.
- Provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

CS/SB 988 may have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on providers that are required to establish new visitation protocols, potentially screen visitors or provide personal protective equipment to visitors, notify clients and their family members or caregivers of their visitation rights, or pay fines for noncompliance under the provisions of the bill or of the Agency for Health Care Administration's (AHCA) rules adopted pursuant to the bill.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The AHCA has indicated that the bill will have the following fiscal impact:

The AHCA would need a total of 42 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and adequate funding to accomplish the provisions of this bill. Typically, state licensure programs for health facilities are funded by licensure fees.

It is estimated there will be approximately 16,816 licensed entities that serve clients as defined in s. 408.803(6), F.S. Each of those facilities would be required to develop alternative visitation policies and submit them annually by January 1 to the AHCA. Violations of the policies would be reported to the AHCA for investigation. Staff would be needed to review and approve the policies, inspect providers for violations and handle legal actions that result from violations.

Rules would need to be drafted to provide guidance on the alternative visitation policies and over 16,800 policies will need to be reviewed and approved. The AHCA anticipates that a dedicated unit would need to be created to handle the workload. The unit would consist of one Health Services & Facilities Consultant Supervisor - SES to serve as the manager, two Program Administrators to serve as supervisors, 14 Health Services & Facilities Consultants to conduct the review of the policies and process recommended sanctions for violations, and two Administrative Assistants to handle the administrative and clerical duties for the unit.

The AHCA's Office of the General Counsel currently issues between 1,300 and 1,500 administrative complaints each year. The potential additional legal cases surrounding visitation policies alone, assuming a 30 percent non-compliance rate across all provider types combined, would double the number of administrative complaints that would need to be issued. This would require six additional senior attorneys.

It is estimated there will be approximately 2,500 additional complaints a year related to this legislation, based on the number and types of facilities impacted, as well as consumer education via the AHCA website. If a single surveyor could do approximately 150 complaints a year, then 17 additional survey positions would be required. This takes into account time for staff training, travel to and from facilities for survey, report writing, and leave time. Based on the allocation of facilities throughout the state, 13 positions would be Registered Nurse Specialists and four would be Health Facility Evaluators.

The bill directs the AHCA to dedicate a webpage on its website to explain visitation rights and how to report any violations. It also directs providers to submit visitation procedures annually to the AHCA for review. These will need to be electronically stored. A system for submission, review, and tracking for revisions, and approval will need to be developed. It is estimated this new system will cost \$357,240 to develop and implement.

The AHCA's estimated total fiscal impact for implementation of this bill is \$3,254,940 for year one and \$2,676,788 for each recurring year.<sup>11</sup>

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

Lines 92-98 of CS/SB 988 allow providers to implement infection control protocols for visitors to ensure the health and safety of its clients, but the bill limits such protocols to passing a health screening and wearing personal protection equipment. It is possible that the allowable infection control protocols may not be sufficient in certain extreme situations. It may be advisable to allow for some flexibility in the types of infection control protocols that are allowable under the bill.

Lines 99-104 of CS/SB 988 require each provider to submit its visitation policies to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for approval. Lines 70-74 of the bill refer to a provider developing "alternate visitation protocols" and lines 92-98 of the bill refer to a provider's "infection control protocols." As these protocols may be developed in emergency situations, it is unclear whether these protocols would be required to be submitted to, and approved by, the AHCA. It may be advisable to clarify what protocols and policies must be submitted for approval.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 408.823 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Health Policy on January 13, 2022:**

The CS clarifies that only providers that admit clients to their facilities or that serve clients as residents in their facilities are required to allow visitation.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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<sup>11</sup> Agency for Health Care Administration, *Senate Bill 988 Analysis* (Nov. 24, 2021) (on file with the Senate Committee on Health Policy).



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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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# **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on (Health and Human Services)**

**FY 2022-2023 Subcommittee Budget Proposal**

*Budget Spreadsheet*

Senator Bean, Chair  
Senator Rodriguez, Vice Chair

February 2, 2022

## Health & Human Services Subcommittee

			Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget								
Row#	ISSUE CODE	ISSUE TITLE	FTE	RATE	REC GR	NR GR	TOBACCO	OTHER STATE TFs	ALL TF FED	ALL FUNDS	Row#
1		<b>HEALTH CARE ADMIN</b>									1
2	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>1,529.50</b>	<b>75,056,987</b>	<b>8,523,179,884</b>		<b>334,810,000</b>	<b>4,776,696,207</b>	<b>21,292,633,643</b>	<b>34,927,319,734</b>	2
3	160S300	Correct Funding Source Identifier - Add			-			106,728		106,728	3
4	160S310	Correct Funding Source Identifier - Deduct			-			(100,052)	(6,676)	(106,728)	4
5	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct			-			(1,333,312)		(1,333,312)	5
6	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add			-			1,333,312		1,333,312	6
7	1700050	Transfer to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Home and Community Based Services Waiver			(875,715)				(1,330,115)	(2,205,830)	7
8	1700330	Transfer Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly from the Dept of Elder Affairs to the Agency for Health Care Administration - Add	2.00	83,126	37,301,943	4,492			74,939	37,381,374	8
9	2000700	Transfer Positions from Medicaid to Health Quality Assurance - Deduct	(2.00)	(54,288)	-			(53,364)	(53,364)	(106,728)	9
10	2000710	Transfer Positions from Medicaid to Health Quality Assurance - Add	2.00	54,288	-			106,728		106,728	10
11	2301510	Institutional and Prescribed Drug Providers			726,393,916		25,330,000	320,278,390	(321,743,604)	750,258,702	11
12	2503080	Direct Billing for Administrative Hearings			9,050			57,321	9,050	75,421	12
13	3000100	Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Legal Support			-	1,000,000			1,000,000	2,000,000	13
14	3000360	Additional Enterprise Data Warehouse Services			-	200,000				200,000	14
15	3001780	Children's Special Health Care			(7,358,476)			(779,943)	(50,753,302)	(58,891,721)	15
16	3004500	Medicaid Services			610,418,190				846,797,831	1,457,216,021	16
17	33J0100	Outsourcing the Office of Plans and Construction	(41.00)	(2,581,536)	-			(1,991,518)		(1,991,518)	17
18	3300170	Eliminate Excess Budget Authority			-			(37,410,993)	(20,420,502)	(57,831,495)	18
19	3401470	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - State			2,370,181					2,370,181	19
20	3401480	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - Federal			-				(2,370,181)	(2,370,181)	20
21	36301C0	Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS)			-			10,560,574	76,657,887	87,218,461	21
22	36309C0	Internet-Based Quality Improvement and Evaluation (IQIES) Transition and Versa Revisions			-			250,000		250,000	22
23	36312C0	Enterprise Financial Ecosystem Maintenance			-			900,000		900,000	23
24	36313C0	Health Facility Reporting System			-			340,000		340,000	24
25	4000195	Medicaid Provider Health Information Exchange Security Investment			-	500,000				500,000	25
26	4000300	Outsourcing the Office of Plans and Construction			-			4,505,762		4,505,762	26
27	4001300	Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Actuary Participation			-	150,000			150,000	300,000	27
28	4002030	Shands Teaching Hospital			-	500,000				500,000	28
29	4100420	Medical School Faculty Physician Supplemental Payments			-			1,279,346	1,943,188	3,222,534	29
30	4100440	Public Hospital Physician Supplemental Payments			-			(385,021)	(584,805)	(969,826)	30
31	4101020	Medicaid Organ Transplant Provider Rate Increase			2,668,854				4,053,701	6,722,555	31
32	4101651	Nursing Home Reimbursement Rate Adjustment			120,670,634				183,285,621	303,956,255	32
33	4101710	Graduate Medical Education Program			-			2,537,029	3,853,472	6,390,501	33
34	4101795	Graduate Medical Education - Citrus Health Network			-			533,745	810,702	1,344,447	34
35	4102100	Medicaid Provider Rate Increase			108,629,661				164,996,689	273,626,350	35
36	4102170	Medicaid Maternal Fetal Medicine Rate Increase			1,000,000				1,518,892	2,518,892	36

## Health & Human Services Subcommittee

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Row#	ISSUE CODE	ISSUE TITLE	FTE	RATE	REC GR	NR GR	TOBACCO	OTHER STATE TFs	ALL TF FED	ALL FUNDS	Row#
37	4105400	Establish Budget Authority for Medicaid Services				-		162,171,145	246,320,405	408,491,550	37
38	4106100	Certified Public Expenditure for Emergency Medical Services Care				-		17,637,806	26,789,917	44,427,723	38
39	4107190	Cancer Center Medicaid Prospective Payment Exemption				-		62,046,712	94,242,234	156,288,946	39
40	<b>Total</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE ADMIN</b>	<b>1,490.50</b>	<b>72,558,577</b>	<b>10,124,408,122</b>	<b>2,354,492</b>	<b>360,140,000</b>	<b>5,319,286,602</b>	<b>22,547,875,622</b>	<b>38,354,064,838</b>	40
41											41
42		<b>PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</b>									42
43	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>2,700.50</b>	<b>109,628,339</b>	<b>642,740,233</b>			<b>3,599,634</b>	<b>974,870,769</b>	<b>1,621,210,636</b>	43
44	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct				(64,904)		(221,842)	(39,333)	(326,079)	44
45	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add				64,904		221,842	39,333	326,079	45
46	1700020	Transfer from the Agency for Health Care Administration Intermediate Care Facilities to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities - Waivers				875,715			1,330,115	2,205,830	46
47	1700040	Transfer from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to the Department of Environmental Protection - Deduct	(2.00)	(92,542)	(74,028)				(114,915)	(188,943)	47
48	2503080	Direct Billing for Administrative Hearings				6,104			169	6,273	48
49	3000290	Contracted Services for Developmental Disabilities Centers Nurses				591,574			918,314	1,509,888	49
50	3000620	Position Transfers to Support Agency Initiatives - Deduct	(21.00)	(1,216,599)	(876,420)				(802,683)	(1,679,103)	50
51	3000630	Position Transfers to Support Agency Initiatives - Add	21.00	1,216,599	876,420				876,421	1,752,841	51
52	3401470	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - State				35,042,348				35,042,348	52
53	3401480	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - Federal				-			(35,042,348)	(35,042,348)	53
54	36204C0	Iconnect System				-	428,199		1,044,994	1,473,193	54
55	36215C0	Contracted Services for Incident Management System				-	125,000		125,000	250,000	55
56	36306C0	Replacement of Video Surveillance System				-	231,895			231,895	56
57	36307C0	Replacement of Fence Alert System				-	103,265			103,265	57
58	4000380	Architectural and Engineering Site Design Forensic				-	2,297,500			2,297,500	58
59	4000740	Waiver Rates for Behavioral Services					11,298,560		17,161,289	28,459,849	59
60	4001255	Easterseals Better Together				-	500,000			500,000	60
61	4001290	Mactown's Life Skills Services - Adult Day Training				-	250,000			250,000	61
62	4001320	Family Initiative - Thrive Academy				-	130,000			130,000	62
63	4003210	Our Pride Academy, Inc.				-	250,000			250,000	63
64	4003306	Operation Grow - Seminole County Work Opportunity Program				-	348,618			348,618	64
65	4003308	Area Stage Company (ASC) Developmental Disabilities Theater Program for Children				-	175,000			175,000	65
66	4003316	ARC Jacksonville				-	250,000			250,000	66
67	4003318	Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO) Children's Ability Center				-	425,000			425,000	67
68	4003320	DNA Comprehensive Therapy Services				-	500,000			500,000	68
69	4003321	Club Challenge				-	200,000			200,000	69
70	4003322	Monroe Association for Remarkable Citizens				-	100,000			100,000	70
71	4003323	Association for Development of the Exceptional				-	200,000			200,000	71
72	4003324	Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Florida				-	500,000			500,000	72

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73	4003340	Quantum Leap Farm			-	100,000				100,000	73
74	4003370	The ARC Nature Coast Services for Critical Needs and Aging			-	200,000				200,000	74
75	4005060	Service Provider Rate Increase to Address Florida Minimum Wage Increase			151,468,885				230,064,830	381,533,715	75
76	4009140	Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Additional Administration Costs - Deduct			(1,472,014)				(2,235,829)	(3,707,843)	76
77	4009170	Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Additional Administration Costs - Add			1,472,014				1,472,014	2,944,028	77
78	990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay			-					-	78
79	140211	Falcon Friends Farm				75,000				75,000	79
80	140211	Barc Housing Inc.				120,000				120,000	80
81	140211	LARC Commercial Culinary Training				500,000				500,000	81
82	140211	Thrive Academy Project Planning				370,000				370,000	82
83	140211	Ascension Sacred Heart Autism Playground				100,000				100,000	83
84	140211	Promise Inc. Thrift Shop				100,000				100,000	84
85	140211	Special Hearts Farm				250,000				250,000	85
86	990M000	Maintenance and Repair			-					-	86
87	080754	APD/FCO Needs/Cen Mgd Facs			-	5,000,000				5,000,000	87
88	<b>Total</b>	<b>PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</b>	<b>2,698.50</b>	<b>109,535,797</b>	<b>841,949,391</b>	<b>13,829,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,599,634</b>	<b>1,189,668,140</b>	<b>2,049,046,642</b>	88
89											89
90		<b>CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>									90
91	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>12,230.75</b>	<b>541,122,972</b>	<b>1,952,342,662</b>			<b>44,864,940</b>	<b>1,348,415,121</b>	<b>3,345,622,723</b>	91
92	160M100	Realignment of Lease Or Lease Purchase Equipment - Add			235,167				348,873	584,040	92
93	160M110	Realignment of Lease Or Lease Purchase Equipment - Deduct			(235,167)				(348,873)	(584,040)	93
94	160S220	Adjust Fund Source Indicators - Add			183,833,001			26,021,220	5,085,415	214,939,636	94
95	160S230	Adjust Fund Source Indicators - Deduct			(183,833,001)			(25,372,325)	(5,734,310)	(214,939,636)	95
96	1600520	Child Welfare Best Practices Adjustment Add	71.00	3,002,186	27,015,301					27,015,301	96
97	1600530	Child Welfare Best Practices Adjustment Deduct	(71.00)	(3,002,186)	(27,015,301)					(27,015,301)	97
98	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct			(8,212,094)			(3,395,047)	(7,543,801)	(19,150,942)	98
99	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add			8,212,094			3,395,047	7,543,801	19,150,942	99
100	2002100	Realignment of Budget to Anticipated Expenditures - Add			150,000					150,000	100
101	2002150	Realignment of Budget to Anticipated Expenditures - Deduct			(150,000)					(150,000)	101
102	2002310	Transfer Positions and Budget to Appropriate Program Component - Add	36.00	1,936,325	9,172,535				12,169,707	21,342,242	102
103	2002320	Transfer Positions and Budget to Appropriate Program Component - Deduct	(36.00)	(1,936,325)	(9,172,535)				(12,169,707)	(21,342,242)	103
104	24010C0	Information Technology Infrastructure Replacement			-			2,842,106	1,146,895	3,989,001	104
105	2503080	Direct Billing for Administrative Hearings			(18,368)					(18,368)	105
106	3000091	Cash Assistance Adjustment - Estimating Conference Adjustment			(5,000,000)				(22,908,911)	(27,908,911)	106

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107	3400860	Fund Swap Federal Grants Trust Fund with General Revenue Due to Title IV-E Earnings Shortfall - Add			32,567,340					32,567,340	107
108	3400870	Fund Swap Federal Grants Trust Fund with General Revenue Due to Title IV-E Earnings Shortfall - Deduct			-				(32,567,340)	(32,567,340)	108
109	3401470	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - State			788,711					788,711	109
110	3401480	Changes to Federal Financial Participation Rate - Federal			-				(788,711)	(788,711)	110
111	3600PC0	Florida Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) Readiness			-			300,000		300,000	111
112	36123C0	Child Welfare Software and Enterprise Architecture Modernization			-	7,500,000			7,500,000	15,000,000	112
113	36316C0	Florida System Modernization			-	694,000			15,806,000	16,500,000	113
114	36338C0	Children's Legal Services (CLS) Legal Case Management System			555,667	2,469,116			1,151,167	4,175,950	114
115	36351C0	Florida Safe Families Network Cloud Maintenance and Operational Expenses			-			1,956,349	1,007,013	2,963,362	115
116	4000020	Medical Care Costs In the State-Operated Mental Health Treatment Facilities			1,400,000					1,400,000	116
117	4000130	State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Food Products Increase			163,260					163,260	117
118	4000210	Foster Parent Cost of Living Adjustment Growth Rate			2,119,805				1,187,317	3,307,122	118
119	4000330	Level I Foster Care Board Payments			5,365,750				3,295,573	8,661,323	119
120	4000510	Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team Medicaid Reimbursement Model Adjustment			7,000,000					7,000,000	120
121	4000715	Child Care Subsidies for Foster Families and Relative Caregivers			19,206,037				5,674,763	24,880,800	121
122	4000740	Automated Medication Dispensing Systems			-	1,120,226				1,120,226	122
123	4000770	Board Rate Parity for Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers			13,425,582				5,729,262	19,154,844	123
124	4000815	Funding for Child Welfare Best Practices			7,852,782					7,852,782	124
125	4000829	Expand Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services - Circles of Care			-	375,000				375,000	125
126	4001140	Increase to Core Service Funding for Community Based Care Lead Agencies			20,000,000					20,000,000	126
127	4001330	Early Childhood Court	1.00	95,522	2,128,000					2,128,000	127
128	4001350	Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services Through SAPT and CMHS BG, Supplemental COVID Relief and American Rescue Plan Funding			-				109,785,081	109,785,081	128
129	4001360	State Opioid Response Grant Budget Authority Request			-				24,602,477	24,602,477	129
130	4003200	Adoption Incentive Benefits for State Employees and Other Applicants			1,143,770					1,143,770	130
131	4004580	Cost of Living Adjustment - Mental Health Contracted Agencies			3,840,805					3,840,805	131
132	4006010	Maintenance Adoption Subsidy and Other Adoption Assistance			4,926,240				5,222,294	10,148,534	132
133	4006860	Mental Health Forensic Beds			5,026,401	15,000,000				20,026,401	133
134	4008270	Preschool Development Birth Through Five Grant Award			-				1,363,860	1,363,860	134

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135	4008300	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Grant Budget Authority			-				225,885	225,885	135
136	4008310	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (American Rescue Plan)			-				1,612,940	1,612,940	136
137	4008780	Access Call Center Processing Services			-			2,108,253	20,182,808	22,291,061	137
138	4009820	Legal Settlement Funds for Abatement of the Opioid Epidemic			-	11,267,851				11,267,851	138
139	4009970	Non-Recurring Funds for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Award			-	135,987			543,949	679,936	139
140	4009990	Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) (American Rescue Plan)			-				1,865,932	1,865,932	140
141	4100426	Starting Point Behavioral Health Care Project Talks			-	550,000				550,000	141
142	4402007	Devereux, Inc. Services to Sexually Exploited Youth			-	300,000				300,000	142
143	4402021	Exchange Club Parent Aide - Duval			-	400,000				400,000	143
144	4402027	Directions for Living			-	500,000				500,000	144
145	4402028	Children of Inmates			-	250,000				250,000	145
146	4402031	David Lawrence Center Providing Behavioral Health Services			-	279,112				279,112	146
147	4402033	Specialized Treatment, Education & Prevention Services (STEPS) - Substance Abuse Services			-	250,000				250,000	147
148	4402037	Ft. Myers Salvation Army Providing Behavior Health Services			-	350,000				350,000	148
149	4402038	Stewart-Marchman Behavioral Healthcare			-	1,200,000				1,200,000	149
150	4402043	Place of Hope Providing Child Welfare Services			-	400,000				400,000	150
151	4402054	Alpert Jewish Family Service Support Line			-	200,000				200,000	151
152	4402056	211 Tampa Bay Cares - Crisis Support Line for Seniors			-	250,000				250,000	152
153	4402057	Camillus House Human Trafficking Services			-	250,000				250,000	153
154	4402059	Collier Central Receiving Center			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	154
155	4402080	Automated Employment and Income Verification			-	250,000				250,000	155
156	4402088	Personal Enrichment Mental Health Services Crisis Stabilization Unit			-	500,000				500,000	156
157	4402095	Family Support Services of North Florida			-	500,000				500,000	157
158	4402100	Osceola Recovery Project			-	125,000				125,000	158
159	4402106	Cove Behavioral Health Services			-	181,871				181,871	159
160	4402108	Here Tomorrow Outpatient Mental Health			-	500,000				500,000	160
161	4402112	Jewish Family Services Mental Health Collaboration			-	499,200				499,200	161
162	4402114	Stepping Up Jail Diversion Program			-	255,200				255,200	162
163	4402116	Park Place Behavioral Health - Access Through Transportation			-	60,000				60,000	163
164	4402120	Sulzbacher- Mental Health Offenders Program			-	200,000				200,000	164
165	4402124	Miracles Ranch Fresh Start Program			-	150,000				150,000	165
166	4402126	Public School Telehealth and Mental Health - Northeast Florida			-	250,000				250,000	166
167	4402128	Jewish Community Services of South Florida			-	200,000				200,000	167
168	4402132	Peer Support Space Recovery Services			-	125,300				125,300	168
169	4402134	Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence			-	250,000				250,000	169

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170	4402136	Circles of Care Behavioral Health - Brevard			-	500,000				500,000	170
171	4402140	Phoenix House Women's Recovery Center			-	450,000				450,000	171
172	4402150	Brooks Rehabilitation - Community Mental Health Services			-	250,000				250,000	172
173	4402152	Brehon House for Family Services			-	100,000				100,000	173
174	4402160	Warrior Wellness Program - Veterans Alternative Therapy			-	200,000				200,000	174
175	4402174	Foster Care Mentor Services - West Central Florida			-	200,000				200,000	175
176	4402180	Tampa Bay Thrives Behavioral Support Line			-	150,000				150,000	176
177	4402182	Connect Familias - Mental Health Screenings for At-Risk Youth			-	150,000				150,000	177
178	4402188	Children's Home Society of Florida - Partners 4 Safe Families			-	200,000				200,000	178
179	4402190	Florida Coalition for Children - Parent Leadership Council			-	200,000				200,000	179
180	4402196	Florida Recovery Schools of Tampa Bay			-	100,000				100,000	180
181	4402198	Amigos Together for Kids			-	250,000				250,000	181
182	4402200	North American Family Institute Functional Family Therapy			-	500,000				500,000	182
183	4402202	Life Management Center of Northwest Florida			-	350,000				350,000	183
184	4402208	Valerie's House Child Grief Services			-	100,000				100,000	184
185	4402210	Embrace Families Supportive Housing			-	245,000				245,000	185
186	4402212	Molding Minds Outreach Program			-	100,000				100,000	186
187	4402214	Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Training Services			-	85,000				85,000	187
188	4600109	Peace River Center Sheriff's Outreach Program			-	250,000				250,000	188
189	4600110	Casa Valentina - Foster Care to Independent Living			-	175,000				175,000	189
190	4600123	Alpert Jewish Family Services - Mental Health First Aid Coalition			-	200,000				200,000	190
191	4600131	One More Child - Child Welfare Services			-	380,000				380,000	191
192	4600145	Family First - All Pro Dad Adoption Promotion Services			-	750,000				750,000	192
193	4600151	Aspire Health Partners - Behavioral Health Services			-	250,000				250,000	193
194	4600155	St. Johns Epic Recovery Center - Detoxification and Residential Treatment Bed Capacity			-	500,000				500,000	194
195	4600157	Seminole County Sheriff - Substance Abuse Recovery Center			-	400,000				400,000	195
196	4600195	Lifestream Behavioral Center Central Receiving System - Citrus			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	196
197	4600215	Florida Recovery Schools - Youth Behavioral Health Wraparound Services			-	250,000				250,000	197
198	4600241	All Star Children's Foundation - Campus for Hope and Healing			-	250,000				250,000	198
199	4600245	Twin Oaks Juvenile Development - Waypoint Career and Technical College			-	276,574				276,574	199
200	4600265	One More Child - Anti Trafficking Program			-	500,000				500,000	200
201	4600272	Mental Health Association - Walk In and Counseling Center - Indian River			-	150,000				150,000	201
202	4600278	Faulk Center Behind the Mask Mental Health Services			-	100,000				100,000	202



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203	4600281	Voices for Children - Normalcy Needs Program - Broward			-	100,000				100,000	203
204	4600316	Gateway Community Services- Project Saves Lives			-	700,000				700,000	204
205	4600335	Hillsborough County - Baker Act Crisis Stabilization Unit			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	205
206	4600355	Housing First for Persons with Mental Illness			-	562,000				562,000	206
207	4600385	University of Florida Health Center for Psychiatry			-	250,000				250,000	207
208	4600411	Academy at Glengary - Employment Services/Persons with Mental Health Illnesses			-	250,000				250,000	208
209	4600433	Grace Landing Child Welfare Wrap-Around Services			-	400,000				400,000	209
210	4600438	Comprehensive Emergency Services Center (CESC) - Homeless Services and Residential Support			-	500,000				500,000	210
211	4600442	Community Rehabilitation Center Project Alive			-	200,000				200,000	211
212	4600450	Transition House Homeless Veteran's Program			-	350,000				350,000	212
213	4600455	Hope Mission Center - Miami-Dade			-	100,000				100,000	213
214	4600535	Baycare Behavioral Health - Veterans			-	485,000				485,000	214
215	4600555	Department of Children and Families Pharmaceutical Program			-	796,706				796,706	215
216	4600581	Assisted Living Services for Mental Health Clients - the Renaissance Manor			-	750,000				750,000	216
217	4600585	High Risk Foster Care Youth Advocate Program			-	250,000				250,000	217
218	4600590	Homeless Veterans Housing Assistance - Brevard and Surrounding Counties			-	100,000				100,000	218
219	4600620	Osceola Mental Health - Park Place Behavioral Health			-	100,000				100,000	219
220	4600640	Here's Help - Specialized Opioid Treatment and Residential Substance Abuse Training Program			-	200,000				200,000	220
221	4600670	4Kids Foster Parent Recruitment Project			-	500,000				500,000	221
222	4600710	Lifestream Crisis Stabilization Unit			-	1,100,000				1,100,000	222
223	4600826	Ladies Learning to Lead			-	350,000				350,000	223
224	4600827	Foster Care Wrap Around Services and Jail Diversion Program			-	300,500				300,500	224
225	990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay			-					-	225
226	140454	G/A-Zebra Youth Housing			-	250,000				250,000	226
227	140734	G/A-Pasco Homeless Shelter			-	2,000,000				2,000,000	227
228	144010	The Grove Residential Fac			-	450,000				450,000	228
229	146063	Lakeland Behavioral Center			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	229
230	146090	Project Lift Renovations			-	225,000				225,000	230
231	146105	Childrens Villages Imprvmt			-	250,000				250,000	231
232	146110	Casa Valentina Fac Improv			-	150,000				150,000	232
233	146115	Citrus Health Fac Improve			-	2,500,000				2,500,000	233
234	146120	Cove Behv Hlth Renovations			-	105,000				105,000	234
235	146130	Child Guidance Ctr Improv			-	300,000				300,000	235
236	146150	House of Hope Campus			-	1,125,000				1,125,000	236
237	146155	Phoenix Facility Expansion			-	914,000				914,000	237
238	146160	Sheriff Youth Ranch Center			-	165,000				165,000	238
239	146170	Hanley Recovery Center			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	239
240	146175	Pasco Kids First Reno			-	120,000				120,000	240

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241	146190	Sarasota Behvr Health Fac			-	500,000				500,000	241
242	146195	Banyan Centr Receiving Fac			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	242
243	146200	Alachua Ctr Receiving Fac			-	496,850				496,850	243
244	146205	PEMHS CSU/Diversion Ctr			-	5,000,000				5,000,000	244
245	146215	Peace River Campus Renov			-	2,400,000				2,400,000	245
246	146220	Community Forensic Trtmt			-	4,730,100				4,730,100	246
247	146225	Life Mgt Residential Trtmt			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	247
248	146420	Waypoint Technical College			-	500,000				500,000	248
249	<b>Total</b>	<b>CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES</b>	<b>12,231.75</b>	<b>541,218,494</b>	<b>2,074,834,444</b>	<b>96,374,593</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,720,543</b>	<b>1,499,404,480</b>	<b>3,723,334,060</b>	249
250											250
251		<b>ELDER AFFAIRS</b>									251
252	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>407.00</b>	<b>18,405,013</b>	<b>199,219,536</b>			<b>595,442</b>	<b>203,233,758</b>	<b>403,048,736</b>	252
253	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct				(20,694)			(369,760)	(390,454)	253
254	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add				20,694			369,760	390,454	254
255	1700420	Transfer Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly from Dept of Elder Affairs to Agency for Health Care Administration - Deduct	(2.00)	(83,126)	(37,301,943)	(4,492)			(74,939)	(37,381,374)	255
256	2000090	Transfer Budget Authority to Fund Other Personal Services Staff Converted to Full-Time Equivalent Positions - Deduct				-		(127,627)		(127,627)	256
257	2000100	Transfer Budget Authority to Fund Other Personal Services Staff Converted to Full-Time Equivalent Positions - Add				-		127,627		127,627	257
258	20011C0	Transfer Budget Authority to Fund the Enterprise Client Information and Registration Tracking System Project - Deduct				-			(740,296)	(740,296)	258
259	20012C0	Transfer Budget Authority to Fund the Enterprise Client Information and Registration Tracking System Project - Add				-			740,296	740,296	259
260	3000A10	Convert Other Personal Services Staff to Full-Time Equivalent Positions	2.00	83,200		-		419		419	260
261	3202020	Eliminate Double Budget Authority				-			(62,520,839)	(62,520,839)	261
262	36207C0	Enterprise Client Information and Registration Tracking System (ECIRTS) Project				-	848,366		700,971	1,549,337	262
263	36210C0	Cybersecurity - Cloud-First - Enterprise Bandwidth Increase					233,000	10,000		243,000	263
264	36215C0	Incremental Hardware Refresh					207,000	20,000		227,000	264
265	36220C0	Network Infrastructure Upgrade and Managed Services				-	517,600			517,600	265
266	36225C0	Statewide Unified Communications - Voice Over Internet Protocol Upgrade					389,000	36,000		425,000	266
267	36320C0	Office of Public and Professional Guardians Client Management and Monitoring					84,700	420,250		504,950	267
268	4100010	Seniors Are Not Alone - Miami-Dade County				-	250,000			250,000	268
269	4100030	Aging Resource Centers					987,250			987,250	269

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270	4100040	Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services			6,012,750					6,012,750	270
271	4100130	2nd Mile Ministries - As We Gather (AWG) Program			-	100,000				100,000	271
272	4100140	City of Margate - Northwest Focal Point Senior Center			-	275,000				275,000	272
273	4100150	City of Miramar - South Central / South East Focal Point Senior Center			-	300,000				300,000	273
274	4100160	Town of Cutler Bay - Active Adults Services			-	100,000				100,000	274
275	4100200	Serve Additional Clients In the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program			4,906,000					4,906,000	275
276	4100214	North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens Services, Inc.			-	200,000				200,000	276
277	4100271	Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc.			-	400,000				400,000	277
278	4100274	City of Hialeah Gardens - Hot Meals			-	200,000				200,000	278
279	4100275	City of Hialeah - Meals Program			-	250,000				250,000	279
280	4100280	City of Opa-Locka Senior Programming			-	250,000				250,000	280
281	4100300	North East Florida Senior Home Delivered Meals Program			-	500,000				500,000	281
282	4100323	David Posnack Jewish Community Center - Senior Kosher Meal Program			-	149,537				149,537	282
283	4100325	City of West Park - Senior Programming			-	200,000				200,000	283
284	4100327	Deerfield Beach Day Care Center			-	200,000				200,000	284
285	4100329	Lauderdale Lakes Alzheimer's Care Center			-	200,000				200,000	285
286	4100331	Naples Senior Center Dementia Respite Support Program			-	75,000				75,000	286
287	4100333	Jewish Family and Community Services - Holocaust Survivor Support Services			-	250,000				250,000	287
288	4100400	City of Homestead - Senior Citizen Programming			-	100,000				100,000	288
289	4100420	Stirrup Congregate Meal Site - Meals for the Elderly Program			-	200,000				200,000	289
290	4900090	Department of Elder Affairs Executive Leadership	1.00	115,000	158,643	4,537				163,180	290
291	990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay			-					-	291
292	140080	Clay County Senior Services of Aging True			-	225,000				225,000	292
293	140080	Naples Senior Center				1,400,000				1,400,000	293
294	140080	Nassau County Council on Aging Fernandina Beach				1,000,000				1,000,000	294
295	<b>Total</b>	<b>ELDER AFFAIRS</b>	<b>408.00</b>	<b>18,520,087</b>	<b>174,895,936</b>	<b>8,676,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>595,861</b>	<b>141,338,951</b>	<b>325,507,546</b>	295
296											296
297		<b>HEALTH</b>									297
298	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>12,681.01</b>	<b>574,229,012</b>	<b>513,048,111</b>		<b>74,345,338</b>	<b>1,032,796,313</b>	<b>1,514,696,914</b>	<b>3,134,886,676</b>	298
299	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct			(786,736)			(1,628,879)	(3,132,994)	(5,548,609)	299
300	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add			786,736			1,628,879	3,132,994	5,548,609	300
301	2401530	Motor Vehicles - Department of Health			-			281,370		281,370	301
302	2401540	Additional Motor Vehicles - Department of Health			-				8,700,000	8,700,000	302
303	2401550	Motor Vehicle Replacement - Department of Health			-			177,430		177,430	303
304	2503080	Direct Billing for Administrative Hearings			-			95,245	11,388	106,633	304
305	3000800	Workload - Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) - Add	85.00	3,755,810	-			12,975,027		12,975,027	305

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306	3001080	Workload - Division of Disability Determination - Add	107.00	3,707,613	-				4,499,109	4,499,109	306
307	33V5130	Lawton Chiles Endowment Funding Biomedical Research Trust Fund - HB 5011			-			(2,150,000)		(2,150,000)	307
308	3600PC0	Florida Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) Readiness			-			437,500		437,500	308
309	36207C0	Information Technology - Cloud Computing Services			-				1,902,975	1,902,975	309
310	36208C0	Information Technology - Accounting and Budgeting System			-				1,521,519	1,521,519	310
311	36209C0	Information Technology - Increase Licensing Costs			-				1,055,360	1,055,360	311
312	36317C0	Office of Medical Marijuana Use Information Technology Systems			-			4,442,239		4,442,239	312
313	36328C0	Children's Medical Services - Early Steps Administrative System			-				3,833,666	3,833,666	313
314	36330C0	Medical Quality Assurance - Artificial Intelligence Customer Service Solution			-			1,698,800		1,698,800	314
315	4000580	Heiken Children's Vision Program			-	500,000				500,000	315
316	4100090	Additional Funding for Child Protection Teams				1,000,000				1,000,000	316
317	4100190	Auditory-Oral Services for Children with Hearing Loss			-	875,000				875,000	317
318	4100196	Baycare Behavioral Health Remote Patient Monitoring Program			-	150,000				150,000	318
319	4100207	City of Gainesville Community Resource Paramedic Program Funding			-	130,000				130,000	319
320	4100500	Runway to Hope Pediatric Cancer Services			-	100,000				100,000	320
321	4100520	Education Is the Bridge to Health Literacy			-	250,000				250,000	321
322	4100530	Gulf Breeze Hospital - Storm Hardening Project			-	289,138				289,138	322
323	4100580	Mothers' Milk Bank of Florida - Donor Human Milk for Babies at Home			-	75,000				75,000	323
324	4100590	University of Florida Forensic Interview Center			-	250,000				250,000	324
325	4100650	Florida Lions Eye Clinic, Inc. - Free Eye Care for Florida Residents			-	86,000				86,000	325
326	4100660	NCH Healthcare System - Simulation Center			-	2,000,000				2,000,000	326
327	4100670	Promise Fund of Florida - Women's Health Equity			-	200,000				200,000	327
328	4100710	Partnership for Child Health - Craniofacial and Cleft Lip / Cleft Palate			-	125,000				125,000	328
329	4100740	Drug Free America Foundation - Reducing the Use of Marijuana During Pregnancy and Postpartum			-	221,903				221,903	329
330	4100780	Eve's Hope - South Florida Mobile Medical Unit			-	109,006				109,006	330
331	4100800	Community Health of South Florida - Coconut Grove Health Center Medical Care and Mental Health Services			-	350,000				350,000	331
332	4100820	Broward Health - Every Woman			-	241,920				241,920	332
333	4100830	Combating Stress Among Firefighters			-	157,500				157,500	333
334	4100840	Florida Senior Living Association Certified Nursing Assistants on the Job Training Program			-	250,000				250,000	334
335	4100850	Nova Southeastern University Nursing Shortage			-	500,000				500,000	335
336	4100860	Hearing Aids for Children				1,300,000				1,300,000	336
337	4100890	Florida Council Against Sexual Violence				2,842,604				2,842,604	337

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338	4200302	University of Miami Miller School of Medicine - Florida Stroke Registry			-	500,000				500,000	338
339	4300040	Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation			-	500,000				500,000	339
340	4300100	Epilepsy Services Program			-	375,000				375,000	340
341	4300410	Baptist Health Research Institute Familial Screening for Brain Aneurysms			-	250,000				250,000	341
342	4301090	Miami Project to Cure Paralysis			-	500,000				500,000	342
343	4309000	Tobacco Constitutional Amendment			-		3,340,739			3,340,739	343
344	4800190	Project Be Strong - Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program			-	100,000				100,000	344
345	4800200	Nova Southeastern University - Clinic-Based Service Outreach			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	345
346	5300170	Florida Poison Information Center Network (FPICN)			700,000					700,000	346
347	5300200	St. Joseph's Children's Hospital			-	1,325,000				1,325,000	347
348	5300205	Nicklaus Children's Hospital			-	250,000				250,000	348
349	5300330	Medical Foster Care Recruitment Campaign			262,500	25,000			287,500	575,000	349
350	5304350	Early Steps Program State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)			-				2,827,717	2,827,717	350
351	6200170	Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	351
352	6200420	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University - Medical Marijuana Use Minority Education Campaign			-			3,333,330		3,333,330	352
353	64P0300	Bitner/Plante Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Initiative			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	353
354	6500050	Professional Resource Network			-	75,000				75,000	354
355	6500120	St. John Bosco Clinic			-	200,000				200,000	355
356	6510320	Dental Student Loan Repayment Program			-	1,773,000				1,773,000	356
357	7800105	Andrews Regenerative Medicine Center			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	357
358	7800160	Agape Community Health Center - Duval County			-	200,000				200,000	358
359	990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay			-					-	359
360	140998	Doctor's Memorial Hospital Bonifay Rural Clinic			-	500,000				500,000	360
361	140998	Gulf Breeze Hospital - Storm Hardening Project			-	3,710,862				3,710,862	361
362	140998	Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center			-	1,500,000				1,500,000	362
363	140998	Leon Haley Jr. MD Trauma Center			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	363
364	140998	Neighborhood Medical Center Maternal and Pediatric Clinic			-	375,000				375,000	364
365	140998	Tampa General Hospital Global Emerging Diseases Institute			-	10,000,000				10,000,000	365
366	140998	Town of Golden Beach Wellness Center			-	200,000				200,000	366
367	140998	YMCA Immokalee Unique Abilities Center			-	450,000				450,000	367
368	<b>Total</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>12,873.01</b>	<b>581,692,435</b>	<b>519,153,215</b>	<b>34,669,329</b>	<b>77,686,077</b>	<b>1,054,087,254</b>	<b>1,539,336,148</b>	<b>3,224,932,023</b>	368
369											369
370		<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>									370
371	<b>1100001</b>	<b>Startup (OPERATING)</b>	<b>1,482.50</b>	<b>59,352,995</b>	<b>8,989,188</b>			<b>105,854,813</b>	<b>36,310,683</b>	<b>151,154,684</b>	371
372	17C08C0	Data Processing Services Category - Deduct				(29,888)				(29,888)	372
373	17C09C0	Data Processing Services Category - Add				29,888				29,888	373
374	2402350	Additional Medical/Non-Medical and Recreational Equipment and Furniture In State Veterans' Homes			-	1,192,797				1,192,797	374

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375	2503080	Direct Billing for Administrative Hearings			3,957					3,957	375
376	3400360	Fund Shift to Cover Operational Trust Fund Shortage In Operations and Maintenance Trust Funds with General Revenue - Add			-	41,248,102				41,248,102	376
377	3400460	Fund Shift to Cover Operational Trust Fund Shortage In Operations and Maintenance Trust Funds with General Revenue - Deduct			-			(32,019,122)	(9,228,980)	(41,248,102)	377
378	36110C0	Executive Direction and Support Services - Increase Budget Authority for Time Clock Management System			269,290	218,662				487,952	378
379	36203C0	Executive Direction and Support Services Increase Budget for Information Technology Equipment			304,832					304,832	379
380	36245C0	Information Technology Base Budget Increase			125,000					125,000	380
381	36340C0	Operations Maintenance Management System Software Platform			26,400	130,350				156,750	381
382	4000120	Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Florida Is for Veterans Inc., Grants and Aid - Vets Program			-	2,000,000				2,000,000	382
383	4109010	Initial Staffing and Start Up Operations for Ardie R. Copas, State Veterans' Nursing Home, St. Lucie County	7.00	251,164	-			300,365	111,658	412,023	383
384	4109020	Initial Staffing and Start Up Operations for Lake Baldwin, State Veterans' Nursing Home, Orange County	10.00	401,950	245,442	18,084		300,365	111,658	675,549	384
385	4200150	Increase Base Budget Authority for Contracted Services for Homes Program			6,925,034					6,925,034	385
386	4600100	SOF Missions Suicide Prevention			-	250,000				250,000	386
387	4600150	K9S for Warriors			-	500,000				500,000	387
388	4600152	K9 Partners for Patriots			-	175,000				175,000	388
389	4600160	Five Star Veterans Center Homeless Housing and Reintegration Project			-	250,000				250,000	389
390	4600171	Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans			-	250,000				250,000	390
391	4600173	Northeast Florida Fire Watch			-	270,000				270,000	391
392	4600177	Northeast Women Veterans Inc.			-	250,000				250,000	392
393	4600190	Florida Veterans Legal Helpline			-	375,000				375,000	393
394	4600220	Home Base Florida Veteran and Family Care			-	500,000				500,000	394
395	4600240	Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., Veteran Ride Program			-	150,000				150,000	395
396	990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay			-					-	396
397	140085	Victory Village Senior Living Community			-	500,000				500,000	397
398	140085	K9S for Warriors Center for K9 Operations			-	1,000,000				1,000,000	398
399	990M000	Maintenance and Repair			-					-	399
400	080859	Maint/Rep/Res Fac/Veterans			-	2,190,000				2,190,000	400
401	<b>Total</b>	<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>	<b>1,499.50</b>	<b>60,006,109</b>	<b>16,889,143</b>	<b>51,467,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,436,421</b>	<b>27,305,019</b>	<b>170,098,578</b>	<b>401</b>
402	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>31,201.26</b>	<b>1,383,531,499</b>	<b>13,752,130,251</b>	<b>207,372,684</b>	<b>437,826,077</b>	<b>6,504,726,315</b>	<b>26,944,928,360</b>	<b>47,846,983,687</b>	<b>402</b>

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