The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS Senator Storms, Chair Senator Hill, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 14, 2011

TIME: 1:00 —3:00 p.m.

PLACE: James E. "Jim" King, Jr., Committee Room, 401 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Storms, Chair; Senator Hill, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Hays, and Rich

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 138 Criminal Justice / Bennett (Compare H 17)	Military Veterans Convicted of Criminal Offenses; Provides that persons found to have committed criminal offenses who allege that the offenses resulted from posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, or psychological problems stemming from service in a combat theater in the United States military may have a hearing on that issue before sentencing. Provides that defendants found to have committed offenses due to such causes and who are eligible for probation or community control may be placed in treatment programs, etc.	Favorable Yeas 4 Nays 0
		CJ 02/22/2011 Temporarily Postponed CJ 03/09/2011 Fav/CS CF 03/14/2011 Favorable BC	
2	SB 516 Garcia (Identical H 83)	Autism; Creates the Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee to study autism spectrum disorder in families in which English is the second language. Provides for membership, meetings, and duties. Prohibits committee members from receiving compensation for their services. Authorizes certain funding for publications, subject to approval of the State Surgeon General. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature. Provides for expiration of the committee.	Fav/CS Yeas 4 Nays 0
		CF 03/14/2011 Fav/CS GO BC	
3	SB 586 Wise (Identical H 491)	Alzheimer's Disease; Directs the Department of Elderly Affairs to develop and implement a public education program relating to screening for Alzheimer's disease. Provides that implementation of the memory-impairment screening grant program is contingent upon an appropriation of state funds or the availability of private resources. Specifies the types of facilities where an employee or direct caregiver providing care for persons with Alzheimer's disease may begin employment without repeating certain training requirements, etc.	Favorable Yeas 4 Nays 0
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4	SB 912 Bennett (Identical H 639, Compare S 1804)	Affordable Housing; Requires the inspector general to prepare an annual report. Provides a housing finance authority with an additional purpose for which it may exercise its power to borrow. Revises provisions relating to the elements of local comprehensive plans to authorize the inclusion of an element for affordable housing for certain seniors. Revises the allocation of certain proceeds distributed from the excise tax on documents that are paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust Fund, etc.	Favorable Yeas 4 Nays 0
		CA 03/07/2011 Favorable CF 03/14/2011 Favorable BC	
5	SM 954 Flores (Identical HM 557) (If Received)	Parental Rights Amendment; Urges the Congress of the United States to propose to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to parental rights. JU 03/09/2011 Not Considered JU 03/14/2011 Favorable CF 03/14/2011 Not Received GO	Not Received
6	SB 1140 Sachs (Identical H 1131)	Child Care Facilities; Requires vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child care homes to be equipped with an alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules and maintain a list of approved alarm systems. CF 03/14/2011 Fav/CS TR BC	Fav/CS Yeas 4 Nays 0
7	SB 1192 Rich (Identical H 579)	Public Records/Regional Autism Centers; Provides an exemption from public records requirements for all records that relate to a client of a regional autism center, the client's family, or a teacher or other professional who receives the services of a center or participates in center activities. Provides for release of specified confidential and exempt information by a center under certain circumstances. Provides for review and repeal of the exemption. Provides a statement of public necessity. CF 03/14/2011 Favorable HR GO	Favorable Yeas 4 Nays 0

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8	SB 1366 Storms (Similar H 959)	Child Welfare/Mental Health/Substance Abuse; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Agency for Health Care Administration, community-based care lead agencies, managing entities, and their contracted monitoring agents to adopt certain revised policies for the administrative monitoring of providers of child welfare services, mental health services, and substance abuse services. Conforms provisions to changes made by the act. CF 03/14/2011 Fav/CS HR BC	Fav/CS Yeas 4 Nays 0
9	SB 1412 Storms	Department of Children and Family Services; Changes the name of the Department of Children and Family Services to the Department of Children and Families. Authorizes the department to establish circuits and regions headed by circuit administrators and regional directors. Provides for operating units known as circuits and regions based on judicial circuits. Deletes provisions relating to the program directors for mental health and substance abuse, the service districts, child protection workers, the membership of community alliances, and the prototype region, etc. CF 03/14/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 4 Nays 0
10	Presentation by Mark Swain, Sunris	GO BC	Presented

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