

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS

Senator Grall, Chair

Senator Garcia, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026

TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Grall, Chair; Senator Garcia, Vice Chair; Senators Harrell, Rouson, Sharief, and Simon

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 42 Sharief (Identical H 47)	<p>Specific Medical Diagnoses in Child Protective Investigations; Providing an exception to the requirement that the Department of Children and Families immediately forward certain allegations to a law enforcement agency; requiring a child protective investigator to inform the subject of an investigation of a certain duty; requiring Child Protection Teams to consult with a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse when evaluating certain reports; authorizing, under a certain circumstance, a parent or legal custodian from whom a child was removed to request specified examinations of the child, etc.</p> <p>CF 01/12/2026 Favorable AHS FP</p>	<p>Favorable Yea 6 Nays 0</p>
2	SB 578 Simon (Similar H 513)	<p>Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Initiative; Requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to contract for the development and implementation of the Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Initiative; providing requirements for the initiative; providing requirements for the entity with which the department contracts to develop and implement the initiative, etc.</p> <p>CF 01/12/2026 Fav/CS FP</p>	<p>Fav/CS Yea 6 Nays 0</p>
3	SB 624 Yarborough (Similar H 491)	<p>Batterers' Intervention Program Activities; Authorizing batterers' intervention programs to offer supplemental faith-based activities, etc.</p> <p>CF 01/12/2026 Favorable JU RC</p>	<p>Favorable Yea 6 Nays 0</p>

Consideration of proposed bill:

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4	SPB 7018	Child Welfare; Renaming the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program as the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Program; requiring the department's Office of Continuing Care to develop certain cohorts within specified regions, collaborate with certain organizations and recruit mentors and organizations, and provide eligible former foster youth with internship placement opportunities; requiring the Office of Continuing Care to develop trauma-informed training for mentors of certain former foster youth which meets certain requirements, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yea 6 Nays 0
(Preliminary Draft Available - final draft will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting)			
5	Presentation and discussion on SFY 2025-26 Final Funding Methodology and Rates Report – Department of Children and Families	Presented	

Other Related Meeting Documents