

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Budget

SB 2146 — Allocation of Funds for Community-Based Care Lead Agencies
by Budget Committee

The bill provides statutory changes to conform to the FY 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act. Specifically, the bill:

- Creates s. 409.16713, F.S.
- Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to allocate funds for community-based care lead agencies according to a specified equity allocation model.
- Specifies that included in the equity model is core services funding for foster care and in-home care.
- Specifies that excluded from the equity model is funding for independent living, maintenance adoption subsidies, mental health wrap-around services, non-recurring funds, special project funds, and training funds.
- Specifies the factors used in the equity model for each lead agency are as follows:
 - The proportion of children in poverty,
 - The proportion of child abuse hotline workload,
 - The proportion of children in care (in-home and out-of-home), and
 - The proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-home care.
- Specifies the weighting for these factors to calculate the equity allocation for core service fund:
 - Proportion of children in poverty – 30 percent of the total,
 - Proportion of child abuse hotline workload – 30 percent of the total,
 - Proportion of children in care – 30 percent of the total, and
 - Proportion of contribution to the reduction in out-of-home care – 10 percent of the total.
- Requires that, beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, 75 percent of recurring core services funding for each lead agency be based on the prior year recurring base, and 25 percent be based on the equity allocation model.
- Specifies that any new funds for FY 2011-2012 be allocated based on the equity allocation model and only to those lead agencies where the current funding proportion is less than the proportion of funding based on the equity model.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 25-13; House 110-9