

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

**Committee on Children, Families,
And Elder Affairs**

SB 794 — Independent Living Services

by Senator Bean

The bill modifies the membership and responsibilities of the Florida Independent Living Council (FILC). Specifically, the bill removes the Division of Blind Services (DBS) from the membership of the FILC, and revises the total number of members from 14 to 11. The bill also permits the FILC to choose representative members from a wide range of persons with developmental disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

The bill revises certain required and discretionary tasks of the FILC and prohibits the FILC from engaging in certain prohibited activities related to lobbying.

The bill increases the percentage of total revenues collected from the Tax Collection Enforcement Diversion Program (Diversion Program) used to administer the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services Program (JPPAS Program) from 50 percent to 75 percent.

The bill will have a positive fiscal impact on the JPPAS program by increasing the proportion of funds from the Diversion Program to the JPPAS Program, and a negative fiscal impact on other segments of state government.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0