



Conference Committee on
House Health Care Budget Subcommittee/
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Original Side-By-Sides

Conforming Bill Spreadsheet

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House Bill 5301E			Senate Bill 2518-E		
Line	Section Number	Description	Status	Section Number	Description
1			Different	1	Social Services Estimating Conference. Amends s. 216.136, F.S., to require the Social Services Estimating Conference to develop official information relating to the pilot program for individuals with developmental disabilities implemented pursuant to s. 409.9855, including, but not limited to, data related to enrollment, caseloads, utilization of services, program expenditures, and any other information that the conference determines necessary for the state planning and budgeting system and to project future budgets and drawdown of federal matching funds.
2	1	Health Care Innovation Council. Repeals s. 381.4015, F.S., the Health Care Innovation Council, a 15-member council and the revolving loan program within the Department of Health (DOH), and the revolving loan program which provides for funding for applicants seeking to implement innovative solutions, as directed by the Health Care Innovation Council.	Different		
3			Different	2	Valerie's House, Inc. Amends s. 394.495, F.S., to authorize the DCF to contract with Valerie's House, Inc., a mental health support program that provides free child grief support services to bereaved children and their caregivers. The contract is subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Legislature.

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4			Different	3	Foster Parent Room and Board Rates. Amends s. 409.145(3)(a), F.S., to increase the amount of room and board payments for foster parents, including relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I foster home, and to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver Program.
5			Different	4	Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Program. Amends s. 409.1455, F.S., to make the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Program permanent and expands the provisions of the program.
6			Different	5	Foster and Family Support Grant Program. Creates s. 409.1475, F.S., to establish the Foster and Family Support Grant Program within DCF to award grants to eligible not-for-profit, faith-based organizations to support the recruitment and support of foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

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7	2	Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program. Amends s. 409.908, F.S., to revise the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIP) Pool from 10 percent to 15.2344 percent of September 2016 non-property funds and revise the quality score threshold to continue to quality for QIP from 20 percent to 33 percent of all total available points.	Different	6	Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program. Amends s. 409.908, F.S., to revise the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIP) Pool from 10 percent to 14.77 percent of September 2016 non-property funds and revise the quality score threshold to continue to quality for QIP from 20 percent to 33 percent of all total available points. Directs AHCA to consider adopting recommendations proposed in the Study of Nursing Home Quality Incentive Programs Final Report and delay implementation of any methodology or scoring changes for one year after recalculated scores are publicly released.	
8	3	Long Acting Injectables for Severe Mental Illness. Amends s. 409.912, F.S., to require AHCA to reimburse for long-acting injectable medications administered to Medicaid recipients with severe mental illness in an inpatient hospital setting, at an amount no less than the actual acquisition cost.		Different		
9	4	Medicaid Eligibility Assistance for Persons with Disabilities. Creates s. 409.9207, F.S., to establish the Medicaid Eligibility Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Program within DCF to provide information, referral, and navigation services to enable individuals with disabilities to become Medicaid eligible.		Different		
10	5	Managed Care Plan Accountability. Amends s. 409.967, F.S., to require AHCA to re-procure contracts with Medicaid managed care plans every 8 years instead of every 6 years and require AHCA to establish a quality withhold incentive in each SMMC plan, with the sole metric being infant mortality.		Different		

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11	6	Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Amends s. 409.9855, F.S., to allow for funding to follow an individual who voluntarily transfers between the Home and Community Based Services Waiver program and the Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program.	Different		
12			Different	7	Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Amends s. 409.9855, F.S., directing AHCA to collect and analyze data needed to project program enrollment costs, caseload, utilization of services, rates, and program expenditures related to the pilot program for individuals with developmental disabilities for the next three years.
13			Different	8	Funding for Community Based Care Lead Agencies. Amends s. 409.990, F.S., to authorize lead agencies to carry forward up to eight percent of unexpended state funds of their annual contract amount instead of the cumulative contract total.
14	7	Supplemental rebate agreements; public records and public meetings exemption. To conform cross-references.	Different		
15			Different	9	Office of Continuing Care. To conform cross-references.

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16			Different	10	Relative Caregiver Program. To conform cross-references.
17			Different	11	Guardianship Assistance Program. To conform cross-references.
18			Different	12	Application and Eligibility Determination. To conform cross-references.
19			Different	13	The Road-to-Independence Program. To conform cross-references.
20	8	Effective Date. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2026.	Identical	14	Effective Date. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2026.