

By the Committee on Juvenile Justice and Representatives
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to children's prevention
3 services; creating s. 14.40, F.S.; creating the
4 Florida Children's Cabinet; providing for
5 membership and duties; providing legislative
6 intent; creating s. 14.401, F.S.; requiring an
7 interagency prevention policy and plan;
8 providing for minimum contents of the plan;
9 creating s. 14.410, F.S.; requiring community
10 interagency prevention policy planning and
11 coordination; providing for regional workshops;
12 requiring a report to the Legislature; amending
13 s. 216.0166, F.S.; requiring consistency
14 between an agency's performance-based budgeting
15 measures and its responsibilities under the
16 interagency prevention policy and plan;
17 providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21 Section 1. Section 14.40, Florida Statutes, is created
22 to read:

23 14.40 Florida Children's Cabinet.--

24 (1)(a) There is created in the Executive Office of the
25 Governor the Florida Children's Cabinet to be composed of the
26 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Commissioner of
27 Education, and the Secretaries of Children and Family
28 Services, Juvenile Justice, Health, and Labor and Employment
29 Security.

30 (b) The Children's Cabinet shall serve as the forum
31 for the state-level interagency coordination of prevention

1 policy and funding. Any state agency engaged in prevention
2 activities shall cooperate with and support the activities of
3 the Children's Cabinet.

4 (c) The Children's Cabinet shall hold public meetings
5 in Tallahassee at least quarterly, and may hold public
6 meetings and hearings throughout the state.

7 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
8 Children's Cabinet receive a line-item appropriation separate
9 from other functions of the Executive Office of the Governor.
10 The appropriation for the Children's Cabinet shall be used
11 exclusively to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, and
12 shall include funds necessary for professional and support
13 staff and consultants as needed. The lead staff person for the
14 Children's Cabinet shall be designated a Deputy Chief of Staff
15 within the Executive Office of the Governor.

16 Section 2. Section 14.401, Florida Statutes, is
17 created to read:

18 14.401 Interagency prevention policy and plan.--

19 (1) The initial responsibility of the Children's
20 Cabinet is to develop and annually update a coordinated
21 multiagency prevention policy and a plan for funding and
22 delivering prevention services in accordance with the policy.
23 For the purposes of this section, "prevention" includes the
24 full range of policies, funding, strategies, and services that
25 are designed to prevent, impede, or ameliorate negative
26 developmental, health, and mental health conditions and
27 behaviors in children and to promote the personal and social
28 growth of individuals to their full potential. At a minimum,
29 the plan shall:

30 (a) Be based on the latest research-based knowledge
31 concerning effective prevention strategies and interventions.

1 (b) Identify and describe the populations to be
2 targeted for services, with particular emphasis on programs
3 and services that will prevent children from entering the
4 juvenile or criminal justice systems.

5 (c) Identify all state and federal sources of funding
6 for prevention services and track the way such funds are
7 appropriated annually by the Legislature.

8 (d) Identify those portions of the targeted population
9 that each agency will have primary responsibility for serving
10 and ensure that each agency clearly defines its mission and
11 responsibility for providing services for which the agency
12 will be held accountable.

13 (e) Describe the means by which prevention services to
14 common clients of multiple agencies will be coordinated,
15 including the designation of a lead agency responsible for
16 providing services for the primary needs of the target
17 population.

18 (f) Describe the means by which each agency will share
19 appropriate information about common clients for the purpose
20 of planning, delivering, or evaluating prevention services.

21 (2) The Children's Cabinet shall submit its first
22 coordinated multiagency prevention funding and services plan
23 to the Legislature on or before October 15, 1999. The plan
24 shall guide agency legislative budget requests for fiscal year
25 2000-2001 and succeeding years.

26 (3) Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the Governor's
27 budget recommendations shall link each agency's funding for
28 prevention services with the coordinated multiagency
29 prevention plan developed by the Children's Cabinet.

30 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that,
31 beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the General Appropriations

1 Act link each agency's funding for prevention services with
2 the coordinated multiagency prevention plan developed by the
3 Children's Cabinet and the agency's mission and defined area
4 of responsibility for those services best provided by the
5 agency.

6 Section 3. Section 14.410, Florida Statutes, is
7 created to read:

8 14.410 Community interagency prevention policy
9 planning and coordination.--

10 (1) The Children's Cabinet shall hold regional
11 workshops to seek input on effective strategies for the
12 implementation of a coordinated interagency prevention policy,
13 funding, and service-delivery plan at the community level. At
14 a minimum, the workshops shall identify barriers to effective
15 coordination of community prevention efforts and address the
16 most appropriate role for local and regional entities in
17 achieving the desired level of coordination, including, but
18 not limited to:

19 (a) County juvenile justice councils.

20 (b) District juvenile justice boards.

21 (c) District health and human services boards.

22 (d) Children's services councils.

23 (e) Local health councils.

24 (f) Regional planning councils.

25 (2) The Children's Cabinet shall submit a report and
26 recommendations on the most appropriate methods by which to
27 achieve implementation of a coordinated interagency prevention
28 policy, funding, and service-delivery plan at the community
29 level. The report shall be submitted to the Legislature on or
30 before December 1, 1999.

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1 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section
2 216.0166, Florida Statutes, to read:

3 216.0166 Submission by state agencies of
4 performance-based budget requests, programs, and performance
5 measures.--

6 (9) Each agency represented in the Children's Cabinet
7 pursuant to s. 14.40 shall, with appropriate assistance from
8 the Executive Office of the Governor and the Office of Program
9 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, revise its
10 performance-based program budgeting measures, standards,
11 outputs, and outcomes to the extent necessary to make them
12 consistent with and supportive of the respective agency's
13 responsibilities under the coordinated multiagency prevention
14 plan. Performance-based program budgeting measures, standards,
15 outputs, and outcomes for each agency shall reflect an
16 agency's primary mission.

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect on January 1 of
18 the year after the year enacted.

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21 HOUSE SUMMARY

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23 Creates the Florida Children's Cabinet in the Executive
24 Office of the Governor to serve as the forum for the
25 state-level interagency coordination of prevention policy
26 and funding with respect to children's issues. Provides
27 for an interagency prevention policy and plan. Provides
28 for community interagency prevention policy planning and
29 coordination. Provides for regional workshops. Requires
30 consistency between an agency's performance-based
31 budgeting measures and its responsibilities under the
interagency prevention policy and plan.