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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to consensus estimating
conferences; amending s. 216.136, F.S.;
requiring the Social Services Estimating
Conference to develop forecasts of Medicaid
caseloads; requiring the Department of Children
and Family Services to provide information on
caseloads and waiting lists for certain people
who have developmental disabilities; requiring
that such information include an annual
increase based on certain medical components of
the consumer price index-urban; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
216.136, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to
read:

216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and
principals.--

(6) SOCIAL SERVICES ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

(a) Duties.--

1. The Social Services Estimating Conference shall
develop such official information relating to the social
services system of the state, including forecasts of social
services and Medicaid caseloads, as the conference determines
is needed for the state planning and budgeting system. Such
official information shall include, but not be limited to,
subsidized child care caseloads mandated by the Family Support
Act of 1988.

1 2. In addition, the Social Services Estimating
2 Conference shall develop estimates and forecasts of the
3 unduplicated count of children eligible for subsidized child
4 care as defined in s. 402.3015(1). These estimates and
5 forecasts shall not include children enrolled in the
6 prekindergarten early intervention program established in s.
7 230.2305.

8 3. The Department of Children and Family ~~Health and~~
9 ~~Rehabilitative Services and the Department of Education~~ shall
10 provide information on caseloads and waiting lists for the
11 subsidized child care and prekindergarten early intervention
12 programs requested by the Social Services Estimating
13 Conference or individual conference principals, in a timely
14 manner.

15 4. The Department of Children and Family Services and
16 the Department of Education shall provide information on
17 caseloads and waiting lists for people who have developmental
18 disabilities as they relate to individuals eligible for or
19 receiving services under the developmental services home and
20 community-based waiver program. The Social Services Estimating
21 Conference shall use this and other pertinent data to estimate
22 the annual cost of providing home and community-based
23 services. This estimate shall be included in the official
24 estimate produced by the conference. An annual increase based
25 on the medical component of the consumer price index-urban
26 shall also be included in the conference estimates.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Social Services Estimating Conference to develop forecasts of Medicaid caseloads. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to provide information on caseloads and waiting lists for certain people who have developmental disabilities. Requires that such information include an annual increase based on certain medical components of the consumer price index-urban.