

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senator Clary

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of Children  
3           and Family Services; providing for waiver of  
4           specified provisions of s. 20.19, F.S.;  
5           directing the department to consult with the  
6           Executive Office of the Governor in  
7           implementing waiver authority; requiring a  
8           report; requiring a comprehensive  
9           reorganization plan; specifying that other  
10          statutory responsibilities or related rules are  
11          not impaired; providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. (1) The following provisions of section  
16 20.19, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are waived until  
17 July 1, 2000, for the purpose of allowing the Department of  
18 Children and Family Services to organize programs, districts,  
19 and functions of the department to achieve more effective and  
20 efficient service delivery and improve accountability,  
21 notwithstanding the provisions of section 20.04, Florida  
22 Statutes:

23           (a) Section 20.19(2)(b) and (f) Florida Statutes, 1998  
24 Supplement, relating to the secretary and deputy secretary.

25           (b) Section 20.19(3), Florida Statutes, 1998  
26 Supplement, relating to the Office of Standards and  
27 Evaluation.

28           (c) Section 20.19(5)(a), Florida Statutes, 1998  
29 Supplement, relating to program offices.

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1           (d) Section 20.19(6)(a), (c), and (d), Florida  
2 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, relating to the Assistant Secretary  
3 for Administration.

4           (e) Section 20.19(8)(l), (m), (n), and (o), Florida  
5 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, relating to health and human  
6 services boards.

7           (f) Section 20.19(9), Florida Statutes, 1998  
8 Supplement, relating to district nominee qualifications review  
9 committees.

10           (g) Section 20.19(10), (a), (b), (c)1.-7., (d), (e),  
11 (f), and (g), Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, relating to  
12 the district administrator.

13           (h) Section 20.19(12)(d), Florida Statutes, 1998  
14 Supplement, relating to the departmental budget.

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16 Actions taken under the authority granted by this section must  
17 be taken in consultation with the Executive Office of the  
18 Governor. The secretary shall submit a report describing  
19 actions taken and additional plans for implementing the  
20 provisions of this section to the Governor, the President of  
21 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
22 August 1, 1999.

23           (2) The secretary shall submit a comprehensive  
24 reorganization plan to the Governor, the President of the  
25 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
26 January 1, 2000. The comprehensive reorganization plan must  
27 describe the organizational and program restructuring  
28 activities that have occurred since the effective date of this  
29 act, including indications of an improved ability to carry out  
30 the department's mission under section 20.19(1), Florida  
31 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, and any organizational

1 efficiencies. The plan must also describe what strategies  
2 proved to be ineffective or inefficient. The plan must include  
3 any recommendations for reorganization, including program and  
4 organizational restructuring and any statutory revisions.

5 (3) The provisions of this act shall not impair the  
6 operation of any other statutory responsibilities, or the  
7 rules adopted thereunder, which are specifically conferred by  
8 statute until such statutes or rules are specifically amended  
9 or repealed in the manner provided by law.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
11 law.

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13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
15 Senate Bill 1902

16 Specifies several provisions in s. 20.19, F.S., 1998  
17 Supplement, that would be waived for the Department of  
Children and Family Services until July 1, 2000.

18 Specifies that the provisions of s.20.04, F.S., would not  
19 apply to pertinent operations of the department that are  
affected by this bill until July 1, 2000.

20 Specifies that the purpose of waiving provisions in s. 20.19,  
21 F.S., 1998 Supplement, is to allow the Department of Children  
and Family Services to organize programs, districts, and  
22 functions of the department to achieve a more effective and  
efficient service delivery system and to improve  
23 accountability.

24 Directs the Secretary of the Department of Children and Family  
Services to submit a report to the Governor and the  
25 Legislature no later than August 1, 1999, describing actions  
that have been taken and additional plans for operating the  
26 department's programs and services under those provisions  
waived by this bill in s. 20.19, F.S., 1998 Supplement.

27 Directs the Secretary to develop a comprehensive  
28 reorganization plan and to submit it to the Governor and  
Legislature no later than January 1, 2000, and specifies its  
content.

29 Specifies that all laws and rules governing the statutory  
30 responsibilities of the department's services and programs are  
unchanged until such laws or rules are amended or repealed in  
31 accordance with Florida law.