

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 212, 1st Eng. [S0212.HMS]
SPONSOR: Health, Aging and Long-term Care and Senators Dawson and Clary
SUBJECT: Health Care Assistance/Florida Kidcare Program
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care, Senators Clary and Dawson
DATE: May 4, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 (body with title) 170147 to CS/SB 212, 1st Eng.

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1: This House strike-all amendment deletes provisions of CS/SB 212 which have a cost impact beyond the proposed budget and adds new provisions relating to child care to the bill.

The following Kidcare program enhancements in CS/SB 212 are deleted:

- the medical expense income disregard for CMS children;
- enrollment of non-qualified resident alien children using state-only funds;
- increasing the continuous eligibility period from 6 months to 12 months;
- the simplified eligibility process;
- replacement of local match; and
- the increase of Medicaid eligibility limits for pregnant women to 200% FPL.

The amendment adds the provisions which do not have a fiscal impact from CS/SB 1994, relating to child care and early intervention, to the bill: a requirement that child care agencies assist families in identifying, evaluating and choosing summer recreation and day camp programs; extension of eligibility for subsidized child care to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; authorization for the Department of Children and Family Services to contract and adopt rules for administration of a scholarship program for personnel involved in child care; an increase in the age of children applying to the number of children served in large family child care homes from 12 to 13 years; procedures for level III assessments in the developmental assessment program for subsidized child care; definition of "child enrichment service providers" and standards for such providers; inclusion of large-family child care homes in licensing standards for child care facilities; deletion of restrictions on the use of child care purchasing pool funds supplanting existing funds; and a workgroup, contingent on an appropriation, to develop recommendations for improving health and safety of summer camp programs; and provides an effective date.

