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Amendment No.     

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Senator Diaz-Balart moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 9, line 3 through page 13, line 21, delete those lines

and insert:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the department may realign the counties among the districts or subdistricts for the purpose of achieving consistency between the boundaries of service districts and the boundaries of judicial circuits as defined by s. 26.021.

(6) COMMUNITY ALLIANCES.--

(a) The department shall, in consultation with local communities, establish a community alliance of the stakeholders, community leaders, client representatives and funders of human services in each county to provide a focal point for community participation and governance of community-based services. An alliance may cover more than one county when such arrangement is determined to provide for more effective representation. The community alliance shall

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1 represent the diversity of the community.

2 (b) The duties of the community alliance shall  
3 include, but are necessarily limited to:

4 1. Joint planning for resource use in the community,  
5 including resources appropriated to the department and any  
6 funds that local funding sources choose to provide.

7 2. Needs assessment and establishment of community  
8 priorities for service delivery.

9 3. Determining community outcome goals to supplement  
10 state-required outcomes.

11 4. Serving as a catalyst for community resource  
12 development.

13 5. Providing for community education and advocacy on  
14 issues related to delivery of services.

15 6. Promoting prevention and early intervention  
16 services.

17 (c) The department shall ensure, to the greatest  
18 extent possible, that the formation of each community alliance  
19 builds on the strengths of the existing community human  
20 services infrastructure.

21 (d) The initial membership of the community alliance  
22 in a county shall be composed of the following:

23 1. The district administrator.

24 2. A representative from county government.

25 3. A representative from the school district.

26 4. A representative from the county United Way.

27 5. A representative from the county sheriff's office.

28 6. A representative from the circuit court

29 corresponding to the county.

30 7. A representative from the county children's board,  
31 if one exists.

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1           (e) At any time after the initial meeting of the  
2 community alliance, the community alliance shall adopt bylaws  
3 and may enlarge the size of the alliance with individuals and  
4 organizations who represent funding organizations, are  
5 community leaders, have knowledge of community-based service  
6 issues, or otherwise represent perspectives that will enable  
7 them to accomplish the duties listed above, if, in the  
8 judgment of the alliance, such a change is necessary to  
9 adequately represent the diversity of the population within  
10 such service areas.

11           (f) Members of the community alliance shall serve  
12 without compensation, but are entitled to receive  
13 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in  
14 s. 112.061. Payment may also be authorized for preapproved  
15 child care expenses or lost wages for members who are  
16 consumers of department services and for preapproved child  
17 care expenses for other members who demonstrate hardship.

18           (g) Members of a community alliance are subject to the  
19 provisions of part III of chapter 112, the Code of Ethics for  
20 Public Officers and Employees.

21           (h) Actions taken by a community alliance must be  
22 consistent with department policy and state and federal laws,  
23 rules, and regulations.

24           (i) Alliance members shall submit annually a  
25 disclosure statement of services interests to the department's  
26 inspector general. Any member who has an interest in a matter  
27 under consideration by the alliance must abstain from voting.

28           (j) The alliance shall develop bylaws to fill for the  
29 unexpired term vacancies created by the death, resignation, or  
30 removal of a member.

31           (k) All alliance meetings are open to the public

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1 pursuant to s. 286.011 and the public records provisions of s.  
2 119.07(1).

3 (7) PROTOTYPE REGION.--

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,  
5 the department may consolidate the management and  
6 administrative structure or function of the geographic area  
7 that includes the counties in the sixth, twelfth, and  
8 thirteenth judicial circuits as defined in s. 26.021. Any such  
9 additional consolidation shall comply with the provisions of  
10 subsection (5) unless legislative authorization to the  
11 contrary is provided.

12 (b) Except as provided in this subsection relative to  
13 the prototype region, the role and scope of lead agencies are  
14 limited to the provisions of s. 409.1671 until the Legislature  
15 specifically provides otherwise. Prior to any changes being  
16 implemented concerning the scope or duties of the lead agency  
17 outside the prototype region, there must be an evaluation of  
18 the prototype region that includes the duties of the lead  
19 agency as defined in this section. The evaluation must be  
20 conducted by an independent evaluator with experience in the  
21 evaluation of organizational change and organizational  
22 effectiveness. The evaluation must include a review of the  
23 following:

24 1. The duties and responsibilities of the lead  
25 agencies;

26 2. The relationship of the department with the lead  
27 agencies;

28 3. The accountability of the system involving lead  
29 agencies and sub-contractors in carrying out the department's  
30 statutory obligations;

31 4. The quality of services provided to clients by the

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1 lead agencies and their sub-contractors;

2 5. Size of the prototype region and its effect on  
3 service priorities and service delivery within local  
4 communities;

5 6. The effect on existing service providers who may or  
6 may not be lead agencies or sub-contractors; and

7 7. Any demonstrated improvements in the management and  
8 oversight of services or cost savings that have resulted from  
9 the lead agency structure or other elements implemented in the  
10 prototype region.

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12 The report must be submitted to the Secretary of the  
13 department, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives by February 1, of each year beginning  
15 in 2001, and the final report submitted by February 1, 2003.  
16 Each report will address the progress and findings of the  
17 evaluation and will include recommendations for policy or  
18 statutory changes.

19 (c) Within the prototype region, the budget transfer  
20 authority defined in paragraph (5)(b) shall apply to the  
21 consolidated geographic area.

22 (d) The department is authorized to contract for  
23 services with a lead agency in each county of the prototype  
24 area, except that the lead agency contract may cover more than  
25 one county when it is determined that such coverage will  
26 provide more effective or efficient services. The duties of  
27 the lead agency shall include, but are not necessarily limited  
28 to:

29 1. Directing and coordinating the programs and  
30 services within the scope of its contract.

31 2. Providing or contracting for the provision of core

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1 services including intake and eligibility, assessment, service  
2 planning, and case management.

3 3. Creating a service provider network capable of  
4 delivering the services contained in client service plans.  
5 This includes identifying the necessary services, the  
6 necessary volume of services, and possible use patterns. It  
7 also includes negotiating rates and expectations with the  
8 providers.

9 4. Managing and monitoring of provider contracts and  
10 subcontracts.

11 5. Developing and implementing an effective  
12 bill-payment mechanism to ensure that all providers are timely  
13 paid.

14 6. Providing or arranging for administrative services  
15 necessary to support service delivery.

16 7. Using departmentally approved training and meeting  
17 departmentally defined credentials and standards.

18 8. Providing for performance measurement in accordance  
19 with the department's quality assurance program and providing  
20 for quality improvement and performance measurement.

21 9. Developing and maintaining effective interagency  
22 collaboration to optimize service delivery.

23 10. Ensuring that all federal and state reporting  
24 requirements are met.

25 11. Operating a consumer complaint and grievance  
26 process.

27 12. Ensuring that services are coordinated and not  
28 duplicated with other major payers such as the local schools  
29 and Medicaid.

30 13. Performing any other duties or responsibilities  
31 defined in s. 409.1671 related to community-based care.

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1           (e) Authorization for the prototype region expires on  
2 June 30, 2003, unless legislative action is taken before that  
3 date.

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5 (Redesignate subsequent subsections.)

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8 ===== T I T L E    A M E N D M E N T =====

9 And the title is amended as follows:

10           On page 1, line 15, after the semi-colon

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12 and insert:

13           authorizes certain realignment of counties;  
14           requires an independent evaluation; requires a  
15           report to the Legislature; provides an  
16           expiration date of the prototype region;

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