

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: HB 2125, 2nd Eng.

[H2125.HMS]

SPONSOR: Children and Families Committee and Rep Murman

SUBJECT: Department of Children and Family Services

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Children and Families

DATE: May 5, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment -- 243541 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

Amendment 1

The house amendment concurs with the following Senate amendments to HB 2125, 2nd Eng:

Barcode 690128
Barcode 870830
Barcode 503960
Barcode 643616
Barcode 081224
Barcode 295944
Barcode 311156
Barcode 193570
Barcode 085356
Barcode 152658
Barcode 785276
Barcode 853388
Barcode 625278

This house does not concur with following Senate amendments to HB 2125, 2nd Eng:

Barcode 921482 by Diaz-Balart

Specifies that the department may realign the counties among the districts or subdistricts for achieving consistency between the boundaries of services districts and the boundaries of judicial circuits. Specifies that the role of the lead agencies cannot differ from current law until the Legislature provides otherwise. Requires an independent evaluation of the prototype region and specifies the requirements of the evaluation. Requires that the final report on the evaluation be submitted to the Legislature by February 1, 2003. Provides for the prototype region to expire on June 30, 2003.

Barcode 182208 by Diaz-Balart

Removes the authority for the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a not-for-profit managed care pilot program in Palm Beach County for the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services for non-Medicaid patients.

Barcode 533166 by McKay and Rossin

Provides for residential group care placements in Districts 6, 7, 13, and 14 (to eliminate the placement of more than five children per foster home) and statewide for children with special needs (when there is no appropriate foster care placement available). The department must submit a report to the Legislature by October 1, 2001. The amendment provides for an appropriation of \$12.7 million from General Revenue to the Department of Children and Family Services to contract for these services.

Barcode 472548

Amendment to amendment (barcode 533166) providing for \$12,700,000 for residential group care placements for fiscal years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

The House Amendment amends **barcode 255268** by specifying that the provisions of s. 784.085, F.S., cannot be taken against the child "as defined in this section".

It is recommended that the Senate concur with the House.