

Amendment No. 2 (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on Child & Family Security offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 28, line 13 to page 29, line 8
remove: all said lines

and insert:

Section 6. The Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability, in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall conduct a review of the process for placing children for residential mental health treatment as specified in section 39.407(5), Florida Statutes. This review is to be used to determine whether changes are needed in this process. The integrity of the examination process that is intended to assure that only a child with an emotional disturbance or a serious emotional disturbance is placed in a residential mental health facility and to assure that a child who is diagnosed with an emotional disturbance or a serious emotional disturbance receives the most appropriate mental

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1 health treatment in the least-restrictive setting must be
2 maintained. The review shall analyze and make recommendations
3 relative to issues pertinent to the process such as the number
4 of children who are assessed and the outcomes of the
5 assessments, the costs associated with the suitability
6 assessments based on geographic differentials, delays in
7 receiving appropriate mental health treatment services in both
8 residential and nonresidential settings which can be
9 attributed to the assessment process, and the need to expand
10 the mental health professional groups who may conduct the
11 suitability assessment. The Department of Children and Family
12 Services shall submit a report of its findings and any
13 proposed changes to substantive law to the Office of the
14 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives by January 1, 2003.

16 Section 7. For fiscal year 2003-2004 and annually
17 thereafter, the Department of Children and Family Services
18 shall request, and the Governor shall recommend, the funding
19 necessary to carry out s. 409.1671 (7) (i), in its legislative
20 budget request from excess federal earnings. The General
21 Appropriations Act shall include any funds appropriated for
22 this purpose in a lump sum in the Administered Funds Program.
23 The department shall submit a detailed operational plan, which
24 must include the identification of the sources of specific
25 trust funds to be used to cover the costs of the continuation
26 of child welfare services. The release of the trust fund shall
27 be subject to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177.
28 However, the release shall not require approval of the
29 Legislative Budget Commission.

30 Section 8. Pursuant to s. 409.1671 Community-Based
31 Care lead agencies receiving start-up funds shall develop

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1 written agreements with Healthy Families Florida lead entities
2 in their community, pursuant to s. 409.153, to promote
3 cooperative planning for the provision of prevention and
4 intervention services.

5 Section 9. To assist the department in fulfilling the
6 requirements of s. 409.1671 there is created a Task Force on
7 Gaining Efficiency in Community-Based Care. The task force
8 shall complete the following by February 2003 beginning no
9 later than October 1, 2002. The goal of the task force is to
10 identify and minimize duplication of effort and define
11 reporting parameters to be used by the department, Alliances,
12 community stakeholders, and the Legislature, through the
13 following tasks:

14 1. Develop specific recommendations regarding the use
15 of the independent financial audits required of community
16 agencies instead of the department doing an additional
17 financial review or a minimal review.

18 2. Develop specific recommendations regarding the role
19 of national accreditation as required by 409.1671 instead of
20 or in concert with any similar reviews performed by the
21 department.

22 3. Develop specific recommendations regarding the
23 coordination and frequency of reviews of the community
24 agencies by the various state agencies and department.

25 4. Develop specific recommendations regarding the
26 level and type of staffing that the department will require in
27 the performance of these duties.

28 5. Develop specific recommendations on outcomes and
29 performance measurements.

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31 The members of the task force will consist of 10 community

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1 representatives from all areas of the state, a representative
 2 of the Guardian Ad Litem program, a representative of the
 3 dependency court system all appointed by the Governor, and the
 4 president of the Florida Foster and Adoptive Parent
 5 Association, a state representative as appointed by the
 6 Speaker of the House, a state senator as appointed by the
 7 Senate President, and the Secretary of the Department of
 8 Children and Families or designee. The recommendations of the
 9 task force shall be reported to the Secretary of the
 10 Department of Children and Families, the Governor, the Speaker
 11 of the House and the Senate President no later than February
 12 15, 2003.

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 2, lines 23-29,
18 remove: all of said lines

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20 and insert:

21 directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis
 22 and Government Accountability, in consultation
 23 with the department and the Agency for Health
 24 Care Administration, to conduct a review of the
 25 process for placing children for residential
 26 mental health treatment; providing for a report
 27 to the Governor and Legislature; requiring that
 28 the Legislature appropriate a lump sum in the
 29 Administered Funds Program each year for a
 30 specified purpose; requiring agreements between
 31 Healthy Families Florida lead entities and

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Community-Based Care lead agencies under
certain circumstances; creating a task force on
community-based care efficiency specifying
memberships, duties and requiring a report;
providing an effective date.