

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1845

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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The Conference Committee on HB 1845 offered the following:

**Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 20.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.19 Department of Children and Family Services.--There is created a Department of Children and Family Services.

(5) SERVICE DISTRICTS AND ZONES.--

(a) The department shall plan and administer its programs of family services through service districts and subdistricts composed of the following counties:

1. District 1.--Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties.

2. District 2, Subdistrict A.--Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, and Gulf Counties.

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17 3. District 2, Subdistrict B.--Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin,  
18 Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties.

19 4. District 3.--Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie,  
20 Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Bradford, Putnam, and Alachua  
21 Counties.

22 5. District 4.--Baker, Nassau, Duval, Clay, and St. Johns  
23 Counties.

24 6. District 5.--Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

25 7. District 6.--Hillsborough and Manatee Counties.

26 8. District 7, Subdistrict A.--Seminole, Orange, and  
27 Osceola Counties.

28 9. District 7, Subdistrict B.--Brevard County.

29 10. District 8, Subdistrict A.--Sarasota and DeSoto  
30 Counties.

31 11. District 8, Subdistrict B.--Charlotte, Lee, Glades,  
32 Hendry, and Collier Counties.

33 12. District 9.--Palm Beach County.

34 13. District 10.--Broward County.

35 14. District 11, Subdistrict A.--Miami-Dade County.

36 15. District 11, Subdistrict B.--Monroe County.

37 16. District 12.--Flagler and Volusia Counties.

38 17. District 13.--Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, and  
39 Lake Counties.

40 18. District 14.--Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

41 19. District 15.--Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and  
42 Martin Counties.

43 (b)1. The secretary shall appoint a district administrator  
44 for each of the service districts. The district administrator

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45 shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary and shall perform  
46 such duties as assigned by the secretary. ~~Subject to the~~  
47 ~~approval of the secretary, such duties shall include~~  
48 ~~transferring up to 10 percent of the total district budget, the~~  
49 ~~provisions of ss. 216.292 and 216.351 notwithstanding.~~

50 2. Any district ~~For the 2003-2004 fiscal year only, the~~  
51 transfer authority related to the budget that is beyond the  
52 provisions of chapter 216 provided in this subsection must be  
53 specifically identified ~~appropriated~~ in the 2003-2004 General  
54 Appropriations Act or its implementing bill ~~and shall be~~  
55 ~~pursuant to the requirements of s. 216.292. This subparagraph~~  
56 ~~expires July 1, 2004.~~

57 (c) The secretary may also establish administrative zones  
58 responsible for providing administrative support, including  
59 programmatic technical assistance, budget and financial  
60 services, data collection an information technology services,  
61 and such other duties as the secretary assigns. The zones shall  
62 be composed of the following districts and counties:

63 1. Panhandle Zone.--

64 a. District 1.--Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton  
65 Counties.

66 b. District 2, Subdistrict A.--Holmes, Washington, Bay,  
67 Jackson, Calhoun, and Gulf Counties.

68 c. District 2, Subdistrict B.--Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin,  
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70 2. Northeast Zone.--

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71       a. District 3.--Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie,  
72 Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Union, Bradford, Putnam, and Alachua  
73 Counties.

74       b. District 4.--Baker, Nassau, Duval, Clay, and St. Johns  
75 Counties.

76       c. District 12.--Flagler and Volusia Counties.

77       3. The Suncoast Zone.--

78       a. District 5.--Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

79       b. District 6.--Hillsborough and Manatee Counties.

80       4. Central Zone.--

81       a. District 7, Subdistrict A.--Seminole, Orange, and  
82 Osceola Counties.

83       b. District 7, Subdistrict B.--Brevard County.

84       c. District 13.--Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, and  
85 Lake Counties.

86       d. District 14.--Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.

87       5. Southern Zone.--

88       a. District 8, Subdistrict A.--Sarasota and Desoto  
89 Counties.

90       b. District 8, Subdistrict B.--Charlotte, Lee, Glades,  
91 Hendry, and Collier Counties.

92       c. District 9.--Palm Beach County.

93       d. District 10.--Broward County.

94       e. District 15.--Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and  
95 Martin Counties.

96       6. District 11 Zone.--

97       a. District 11, Subdistrict A.--Miami-Dade County.

98       b. District 11, Subdistrict B.--Monroe County.

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99            ~~(d)(e)~~ Each fiscal year the secretary shall, in  
100 consultation with the relevant employee representatives, develop  
101 projections of the number of child abuse and neglect cases and  
102 shall include in the department's legislative budget request a  
103 specific appropriation for funds and positions for the next  
104 fiscal year in order to provide an adequate number of full-time  
105 equivalent:

106            1. Child protection investigation workers so that  
107 caseloads do not exceed the Child Welfare League Standards by  
108 more than two cases; and

109            2. Child protection case workers so that caseloads do not  
110 exceed the Child Welfare League Standards by more than two  
111 cases.

112            Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 402.33, Florida  
113 Statutes, is repealed:

114            402.33 Department authority to charge fees for services  
115 provided.--

116            ~~(10) Unless otherwise specified by the Legislature, fee  
117 collections, including third party reimbursements, in excess of  
118 fee-supported appropriations may be used in conformance with the  
119 provisions of chapter 216 to fund nonrecurring expenditures for  
120 direct client services and to fund administrative costs of  
121 improving the fee collection program of the department. No more  
122 than one sixth of the amount of collections in excess of the  
123 amount of appropriations may be used to fund such improvements  
124 to the program. Priority consideration for the expenditure of  
125 excess collections shall be given to those districts and  
126 programs most responsible for the excess. A plan for the use of~~

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127 ~~excess collections not spent in the fiscal year in which~~  
128 ~~collected shall be subject to approval by the Executive Office~~  
129 ~~of the Governor within 90 days from the end of the state fiscal~~  
130 ~~year in which the excess occurs.~~

131 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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

134 Remove the entire title and insert:

135 A bill to be entitled  
136 An act relating to the organization and operation of the  
137 Department of Children and Family Services; amending s.  
138 20.19, F.S.; providing for the establishment of zones;  
139 providing that district budget transfer authority shall be  
140 as set out in the General Appropriations Act or the  
141 implementing bill; repealing s. 402.33(10), F.S., relating  
142 to the permitted uses of fee collections in excess of the  
143 amount of appropriations; providing an effective date.