

Bill No. SB 1128

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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act implementing the 2007-2008 General

3           Appropriations Act; providing legislative

4           intent; requiring that funds appropriated for

5           forensic mental health treatment services be

6           allocated to the areas of the state having the

7           greatest demand for services and treatment

8           capacity; requiring the Department of Children

9           and Family Services to ensure that certain

10          information regarding child welfare cases is

11          entered into the Florida Safe Families Network;

12          requiring that the department coordinate with

13          the Office of the State Courts Administrator

14          and the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office in

15          order to provide judges, magistrates, and

16          guardians ad litem with access to such

17          information; requiring that the department

18          report its progress on providing such access to

19          the Governor and Legislature; providing for

20          future expiration; providing a finding that the

21          authorization and issuance of certain debt is

22          in the best interest of the state; providing

23          for the effect of a veto of a specific

24          appropriation or proviso to which implementing

25          language refers; providing for the continued

26          operation of certain provisions notwithstanding

27          a future repeal or expiration provided by the

28          act; providing for severability; providing

29          effective dates.

31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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1           Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
2 the implementing and administering provisions of this act  
3 apply to the General Appropriations Act for the 2007-2008  
4 fiscal year.

5           Section 2. In order to implement Specific  
6 Appropriation 388 of the 2007-2008 General Appropriations Act,  
7 and notwithstanding s. 394.908(3)(a) and (b), Florida  
8 Statutes, funds appropriated for forensic mental health  
9 treatment services in Specific Appropriation 388 shall be  
10 allocated to the areas of the state having the greatest demand  
11 for services and treatment capacity. This section expires July  
12 1, 2008.

13           Section 3. In order to implement Specific  
14 Appropriations 311 and 321 of the 2007-2008 General  
15 Appropriations Act, the Department of Children and Family  
16 Services shall ensure that all public and private agencies and  
17 institutions participating in child welfare cases enter  
18 information specified by rule of the department into the  
19 Florida Safe Families Network in order to maintain the  
20 accuracy and usefulness of the system. The Florida Safe  
21 Families Network is intended to be the department's automated  
22 child welfare case-management system designed to provide child  
23 welfare workers with a mechanism for managing child welfare  
24 cases more efficiently and tracking children and families more  
25 effectively. The department shall coordinate with the Office  
26 of the State Courts Administrator and the Statewide Guardian  
27 Ad Litem Office for the purpose of providing any judge or  
28 magistrate and any guardian ad litem assigned to a dependency  
29 court case with access to information in the Florida Safe  
30 Families Network relating to a child welfare case which is  
31 required to be filed with the court pursuant to chapter 39,

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1 Florida Statutes, by the date of the network's release during  
 2 the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The department shall report to the  
 3 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
 4 House of Representatives by February 1, 2008, with respect to  
 5 progress on providing access to the Florida Safe Families  
 6 Network as provided in this section. This section is repealed  
 7 effective July 1, 2008.

8           Section 4. In order to implement the issuance of new  
 9 debt authorized in the 2007-2008 General Appropriations Act,  
 10 and pursuant to the requirements of s. 215.98, Florida  
 11 Statutes, the Legislature determines that the authorization  
 12 and issuance of debt for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is in the  
 13 best interest of the state and should be implemented.

14           Section 5. A section of this act that implements more  
 15 than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of  
 16 specifically identified proviso language in the 2007-2008  
 17 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific  
 18 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
 19 language are vetoed.

20           Section 6. If any other act passed in 2007 contains a  
 21 provision that is substantively the same as a provision in  
 22 this act, but that removes or is otherwise not subject to the  
 23 future repeal applied to such provision by this act, the  
 24 Legislature intends that the provision in the other act shall  
 25 take precedence and shall continue to operate, notwithstanding  
 26 the future repeal provided by this act.

27           Section 7. If any provision of this act or its  
 28 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
 29 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
 30 the act which can be given effect without the invalid  
 31 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of

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1 this act are severable.

2           Section 8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
3 this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2007; or, if this  
4 act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take  
5 effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to  
6 July 1, 2007.

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