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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Ausley offered the following:

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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 40-148 and insert:

5 Cabinet, which is a coordinating council as defined in s. 20.03,
6 Florida Statutes.

7 (a) The cabinet shall ensure that the public policy of
8 this state relating to children and youth is developed to
9 promote interdepartmental collaboration and program
10 implementation in order that services designed for children and
11 youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and
12 integrated manner to improve the children's self-sufficiency,
13 safety, economic stability, health, and quality of life.

14 (b) The cabinet is created in the Executive Office of the
15 Governor, which shall provide administrative support and service
16 to the cabinet.

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17 (c) The cabinet shall meet for its organizational session
18 no later than October 1, 2007. Thereafter, the cabinet shall
19 meet at least six times each year in different regions of the
20 state in order to solicit input from the public and any other
21 individual offering testimony relevant to the issues considered.
22 Each meeting must include a public-comment session.

23 (4) MEMBERS.--The cabinet shall consist of 15 members
24 including the Governor and the following persons:

- 25 (a)1. The Secretary of Children and Family Services;
26 2. The Secretary of Juvenile Justice;
27 3. The director of the Agency for Persons with
28 Disabilities;
29 4. The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation;
30 5. The Secretary of Health;
31 6. The Secretary of Health Care Administration;
32 7. The Commissioner of Education;
33 8. The director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office;
34 9. The director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention;
35 and
36 10. Five members representing children and youth advocacy
37 organizations, who are not service providers and who are
38 appointed by the Governor.

39 (b) The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
40 of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the
41 Attorney General, and the Chief Financial Officer, or their
42 appointed designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the
43 cabinet.

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44 (c) The Governor or the Governor's designee shall serve as
45 the chair of the cabinet.

46 (d) Nongovernmental members of the cabinet shall serve
47 without compensation, but are entitled to receive per diem and
48 travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes,
49 while in performance of their duties.

50 (5) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.--The Children and Youth
51 Cabinet shall:

52 (a) Develop and implement a shared and cohesive vision
53 using integrated services to improve child, youth, and family
54 outcomes in this state.

55 (b) Develop, no later than December 31, 2007, a strategic
56 plan to achieve the goals of the shared and cohesive vision. The
57 plan shall be centered upon a long-term commitment to children
58 and youth issues and align all public resources to serve
59 children and youth and their families in a manner that supports
60 the healthy growth and development of children. The plan shall
61 prepare the children and youth to be responsible citizens and
62 productive members of the workforce. The plan shall include a
63 continuum of services that will benefit children from prenatal
64 care through services for youth in transition to adulthood.

65 (c) Develop and implement measurable outcomes for each
66 state department, agency, and program that are consistent with
67 the strategic plan. The cabinet shall establish a baseline
68 measurement for each outcome and regularly report on the
69 progress made toward achieving the desired outcome.

70 (d) Design and implement actions that will promote
71 collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information

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72 sharing, and improved service delivery between and within state
73 governmental organizations that provide services for children
74 and youth and their families. In particular, the efforts shall
75 include the long-range planning process mandated by s. 216.013,
76 Florida Statutes.

77 (e) Foster public awareness of children and youth issues
78 and develop new partners in the effort to serve children and
79 youth.

80 (f) Create a children and youth impact statement for
81 evaluating proposed legislation, requested appropriations, and
82 programs. The impact statement shall be shared with the
83 Legislature in their deliberative process.

84 (g) Identify existing and potential funding streams and
85 resources for children's services, including, but not limited
86 to, public funding, foundation and organization grants, and
87 other forms of private funding opportunities, including public-
88 private partnerships.

89 (h) Develop a children-and-youth-based budget through a
90 children and youth estimating conference that has a structure
91 and nomenclature that includes all relevant departments, funding
92 streams, and programs. The budget shall facilitate improved
93 coordination and efficiency, explore options for and allow
94 maximization of federal financial participation, and implement
95 the state's vision and strategic plan.

96 (i) Engage in other activities that will implement
97 improved collaboration of agencies in order to create, manage,
98 and promote coordinated policies, programs, and service-delivery
99 systems that support children and youth.

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100 (6) ADVISORY BOARD.--The Governor may appoint an advisory
101 board to assist the cabinet in its tasks. The board shall
102 include persons who can provide to the cabinet the best
103 available technical and professional research and assistance. If
104 an advisory board is created, it shall include representatives
105 of children and youth advocacy organizations and youth, wherever
106 practicable, who have been recipients of services and programs
107 operated or funded by state agencies.

108 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.--The Children and Youth Cabinet shall,
109 by February 1 of each year, provide an annual report to the
110 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
111 of Representatives, and the public concerning its activities and
112 progress towards making this state the first place families
113 think of when asked, "Where do they want to raise their
114 children?" The annual report may include recommendations for
115 needed legislation or rulemaking authority.