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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Children and
3 Family Services; creating s. 409.16713, F.S.; defining
4 terms; providing for the allocation of funding for
5 community-based care lead agencies; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 409.16713, Florida Statutes, is created
11 to read:

12 409.16713 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead
13 agencies.—

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Core services funding" means all funds allocated to
16 community-based care lead agencies operating under contract with
17 the department pursuant to s. 409.1671, with the following
18 exceptions:

19 1. Funds appropriated for independent living;

20 2. Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies;

21 3. Funds allocated by the department for protective
22 investigations training;

23 4. Nonrecurring funds;

24 5. Designated mental health wrap-around services funds; and

25 6. Funds for special projects for a designated community-
26 based care lead agency.

27 (b) "Equity allocation model" means an allocation model
28 that uses the following factors:

29 1. Proportion of children in poverty;

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30 2. Proportion of child abuse hotline workload;
31 3. Proportion of children in care; and
32 4. Proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-
33 home care.

34 (c) "Proportion of children in poverty" means the average
35 of the proportion of children in the geographic area served by
36 the community-based care lead agency based on the following
37 subcomponents:

38 1. Children up to 18 years of age who are below the poverty
39 level as determined by the latest available Small Area Income
40 and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) from the United States Census
41 Bureau;

42 2. Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals as
43 determined by the latest available survey published by the
44 Department of Education; and

45 3. The number of children in families receiving benefits
46 from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
47 (SNAP) in the most recent month as determined by the department.

48 (d) "Proportion of child abuse hotline workload" means the
49 weighted average of the following subcomponents:

50 1. The average number of initial and additional child abuse
51 reports received during the month for the most recent 12 months
52 based on child protective investigations trend reports as
53 determined by the department. This subcomponent shall be
54 weighted as 20 percent of the factor.

55 2. The average count of children in investigations in the
56 most recent 12 months based on child protective investigations
57 trend reports as determined by the department. This subcomponent
58 shall be weighted as 40 percent of the factor.

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59 3. The average count of children in investigations with a
60 most serious finding of verified abuse in the most recent 12
61 months based on child protective investigations trend reports as
62 determined by the department. This subcomponent shall be
63 weighted as 40 percent of the factor.

64 (e) "Proportion of children in care" means the proportion
65 of the sum of the number of children in care receiving in-home
66 services and the number of children in out-of-home care at the
67 end of the most recent month as reported in the child welfare
68 services trend reports as determined by the department.

69 (f) "Proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-
70 home care" means the proportion of the number of children in
71 out-of-home care on December 31, 2006, minus the number of
72 children in out-of-home care as of the end of the most recent
73 month as reported in the child welfare services trend reports as
74 determined by the department.

75 (2) The equity allocation of core services funds shall be
76 calculated based on the following weights:

77 (a) Proportion of children in poverty shall be weighted as
78 30 percent of the total;

79 (b) Proportion of child abuse hotline workload shall be
80 weighted as 30 percent of the total;

81 (c) Proportion of children in care shall be weighted as 30
82 percent of the total; and

83 (d) Proportion of contribution to the reduction in out-of-
84 home care shall be weighted as 10 percent of the total.

85 (3) Beginning in the 2011-2012 state fiscal year, 75
86 percent of the recurring core services funding for each
87 community-based care lead agency shall be based on the prior

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88 year recurring base of core services funds and 25 percent shall
89 be based on the equity allocation model.

90 (4) For the 2011-2012 state fiscal year, any new core
91 services funds shall be allocated based on the equity allocation
92 model. Such allocations shall be proportional to the proportion
93 of funding based on the equity model and allocated only to the
94 community-based care lead agency contracts where the current
95 funding proportion is less than the proportion of funding based
96 on the equity model.

97 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.