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Don Gaetz

President of the Senate



Will Weatherford

*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

April 30, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz
President of the Senate

The Honorable Will Weatherford
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 1518, same being:

An act relating to Department of Children and Families.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 719975.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 1518, relating to Department of Children and Families, provides for the following:

- Allows managing entities under contract with the Department of Children and Families for the regional management of behavioral health and substance abuse services, to carry forward unspent state dollars from one fiscal year to the next, under specified parameters. Requires DCF to provide a two-month advance payment to a managing entity at the beginning of a fiscal year. These provisions mirror current law for community-based care lead agency contracts.
- Alters the weighting for DCF's allocations to community-based care lead agencies. Currently, the allocations are weighted 75% for recurring core services funding and 25% for the equity allocation model. The bill changes the weighting to 90% and 10%, respectively. This change – requested by the CBC lead agencies – will alter the allocations among the CBC lead agencies but will not require more state funding.