

By the Committee on Appropriations

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to allocation of funds for community-  
3       based care lead agencies; amending s. 409.991, F.S.;  
4       revising the equity allocation model for funding  
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 409.991, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
11       read:

12       409.991 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead  
13       agencies.—

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

15       (a) "Core services funds funding" means all funds allocated  
16       to community-based care lead agencies operating under contract  
17       with the department pursuant to s. 409.987, 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 the child population ~~children in poverty~~;

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30 2. Proportion of child abuse hotline workload; and

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 child population" means the proportion  
35 of children, up to 18 years of age during the previous calendar  
36 year, in the geographic area served by the community-based care  
37 lead agency ~~"Proportion of children in poverty" means the~~  
38 ~~average of the proportion of children in the geographic area~~  
39 ~~served by the community-based care lead agency based on the~~  
40 ~~following subcomponents:~~

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

45 2. ~~Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals as~~  
46 ~~determined by the latest available survey published by the~~  
47 ~~Department of Education; and~~

48 3. ~~The number of children in families receiving benefits~~  
49 ~~from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program~~  
50 ~~(SNAP) in the most recent month as determined by the department.~~

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

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

58 2. The average count of children in investigations in the

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59 most recent 12 months based on child protective investigations  
 60 trend reports as determined by the department. This subcomponent  
 61 shall be weighted as 40 percent of the factor.

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

67 (e) "Proportion of children in care" means the proportion  
 68 ~~of the sum~~ of the number of children in care receiving in-home  
 69 services and the number of children in out-of-home care with a  
 70 case management overlay during the most recent 12-month period.  
 71 This subcomponent shall be weighted as follows:

72 1. Sixty percent shall be based on children in out-of-home  
 73 care.

74 2. Forty percent shall be based on children in in-home care  
 75 at the end of the most recent month as reported in the child  
 76 welfare services trend reports as determined by the department.

77 ~~(f) "Proportion of contribution in the reduction of out-of-~~  
 78 ~~home care" means the proportion of the number of children in~~  
 79 ~~out-of-home care on December 31, 2006, minus the number of~~  
 80 ~~children in out-of-home care as of the end of the most recent~~  
 81 ~~month as reported in the child welfare services trend reports as~~  
 82 ~~determined by the department.~~

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

85 (a) Proportion of the child population ~~children in poverty~~  
 86 shall be weighted as 5 ~~30~~ percent of the total;

87 (b) Proportion of child abuse hotline workload shall be

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88 weighted as 15 ~~30~~ percent of the total; and

89 (c) Proportion of children in care shall be weighted as 80  
90 ~~30~~ percent of the total; and

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

93 (3) Beginning in the 2015-2016 ~~2013-2014~~ state fiscal year,  
94 100 ~~90~~ percent of the recurring core services funding for each  
95 community-based care lead agency shall be based on the prior  
96 year recurring base of core services funds and ~~10 percent shall~~  
97 ~~be based on the equity allocation model.~~

98 (4) Unless otherwise specified in the General  
99 Appropriations Act, any new core services funds shall be  
100 allocated based on the equity allocation model as follows:

101 (a) Twenty percent of new funding shall be allocated among  
102 all community-based care lead agencies.

103 (b) Eighty percent of new funding shall be allocated among  
104 community-based care lead agencies that are funded below their  
105 equitable share. Funds allocated pursuant to this paragraph  
106 shall be weighted based on each community-based care lead  
107 agency's relative proportion of the total amount of funding  
108 below the equitable share. Such allocations must be proportional  
109 to the proportion of funding based on the equity model and  
110 allocated only to the community-based care lead agency contracts  
111 if the current funding proportion is less than the proportion of  
112 funding based on the equity model.

113 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.