

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 500

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Children and Youth Cabinet

DATE: January 19, 2016

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Preston</u>	<u>Hendon</u>	<u>CF</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Bailey</u>	<u>Klebacha</u>	<u>ED</u>	Favorable
3.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

I. Summary:

SB 500 expands the total membership of the Children and Youth Cabinet to 16 by adding a Governor appointed superintendent of schools to the cabinet, and revises the title “the director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention” to “the director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection.”

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on state government.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. Present Situation:

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (cabinet) was created in 2007¹ for the purpose of developing and implementing a shared vision among the branches of government in order to improve child and family outcomes statewide.²

Current cabinet membership includes the Governor and 14 members.³ These members include the Secretary of Children and Families, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, the director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the director of the Office of Early Learning, the State Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health Care Administration, the Commissioner of Education, the director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, the director of the Office of Child

¹ Chapter 2007-151, L.O.F.

² Section 402.56, F.S.

³ Section 402.56, F.S., currently states that the “cabinet shall consist of 14 members including the Governor and the following persons . . .” However, there are 14 specific members listed in addition to the Governor, bringing the total membership to 15 members. The bill changes the total number to 16 members, which will correct an inaccuracy in current law.

Abuse Prevention,⁴ and five members representing children and youth advocacy organizations, who are not service providers and who are appointed by the Governor.⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 500 expands the total membership of the Children and Youth Cabinet to 16 by adding a Governor appointed superintendent of schools to the cabinet, and revises the title “the director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention” to “the director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection.”

Current law states that the “cabinet shall consist of 14 members including the Governor and the following persons...” However, the law lists 14 specific members of the Cabinet in addition to the Governor, bringing the total membership of the cabinet to 15 members. The bill changes the total membership figure to 16 members, thereby accounting for the superintendent of schools, who is appointed by the Governor, and the Governor.

In addition, the bill changes the title of a cabinet member from “the director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention” to “the director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection” to be consistent with the 2007 legislative action.⁶

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

⁴ The Office of Child Abuse Prevention was created in 2006 and the name was changed to the Office of Adoption and Child Protection in 2007. See chapters 2006-194 and 2007-124, L.O.F., respectively.

⁵ Section 402.56, F.S.

⁶ *Id.*

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 402.56 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.