

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
2 Representative Latvala offered the following:

3
4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove lines 240-274 and insert:

6 may create and implement a program to more effectively provide
7 case management services for dependent children under 6 years of
8 age.

9 (a) If the program is created, the department shall
10 select up to three judicial circuits in which to develop and
11 implement a program under this subsection, with priority given
12 to a circuit that has a high removal rate, significant case
13 management turnover rate, and the highest numbers of children in
14 out-of-home care or a significant increase in the number of
15 children in out-of-home care over the last 3 fiscal years.

16 (b) If the program is created, it shall:

Amendment No. 1

17 1. Include caseloads for dependency case managers
18 comprised solely of children who are under 6 years of age,
19 except as provided in paragraph (c). The maximum caseload for a
20 case manager shall be no more than 15 children if possible.

21 2. Include case managers who are trained
22 specifically in:

23 a. Critical child development for children under 6
24 years of age.

25 b. Specific practices of child care for children
26 under 6 years of age.

27 c. The scope of community resources available to
28 children under 6 years of age.

29 d. Working with a parent or caregiver and assisting
30 him or her in developing the skills necessary to care for the
31 health, safety, and well-being of a child under 6 years of age.

32 (c) If a child being served through the program has a
33 dependent sibling, the sibling may be assigned to the same case
34 manager as the child being served through the program; however,
35 each sibling counts toward the case manager's maximum caseload
36 as provided under paragraph (b).

37 (d) If created, the department shall evaluate the
38 permanency, safety, and well-being of children being served
39 through the program and submit a report to the Governor, the
40 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
41 Representatives by October 1, 2024, detailing its findings.

Amendment No. 1

42
43
44
45
46
47

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove line 29 and insert:

s. 409.996, F.S.; permitting the department and certain