

**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 374

INTRODUCER: Senator Harrell

SUBJECT: Children and Youth Cabinet

DATE: April 2, 2019

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Preston</u>	<u>Hendon</u>	<u>CF</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	<u>Williams</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>HP</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
3.	<u>Preston</u>	<u>Phelps</u>	<u>RC</u>	<b>Favorable</b>

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**I. Summary:**

SB 374 adds a representative of the Florida Dental Association to the Children and Youth Cabinet. The representative will be appointed by the Governor.

The bill has an insignificant fiscal impact on the state.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2019.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Children and Youth Cabinet (Cabinet) was established in 2007 in the Executive Office of the Governor to ensure that Florida's public policy relating to children and youth is developed to promote interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order that services designed for children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner to improve children's self-sufficiency, safety, economic stability, health, and quality of life.<sup>1</sup>

Currently the Cabinet has 16 members, and the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, and the Chief Financial Officer, or their appointed designees, serve as ex officio members. The total membership includes:

- The Governor;
- The secretary of the Department of Children and Families;
- The secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
- The director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
- The director of the Office of Early Learning;

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<sup>1</sup> Section 402.56(4)(a), F.S.

- The State Surgeon General;
- The secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration;
- The Commissioner of Education;
- The director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office;
- The director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection;
- A superintendent of schools, appointed by the Governor; and
- Five members who represent children and youth advocacy organizations and who are not service providers, appointed by the Governor.

The enabling statute specifies that nongovernmental members of the cabinet shall serve without compensation but are entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S., while in performance of their duties.<sup>2</sup>

### **The Florida Dental Association**

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) is a trade organization representing the interests of licensed dentists in the state and is a state constituent of the American Dental Association (ADA), which represents dentists throughout the country.

The FDA was founded in 1884 and currently has a membership of more than 8,100 licensed dentists. According to the FDA's web site, its mission includes "delivering programs, services, continuing education, and advocacy" for its members.<sup>3</sup> The web site also includes information about programs designed to promote and advocate for oral health among Florida's residents, such as the "Florida's Action for Dental Health" program in conjunction with the American Dental Association.<sup>4</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** amends s. 402.56, F.S., to add a representative of the Florida Dental Association to the Children and Youth Cabinet, to be appointed by the Governor.

**Section 2** provides an effective date of July 1, 2019.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 403.56(4)(d), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.floridadental.org/about-us/who-we-are> (last visited Feb. 28, 2019)

<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.floridadental.org/public/florida's-action-for-dental-health> (last visited Feb. 28, 2019)

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Per statute, the non-governmental members of the Cabinet are entitled to travel expense reimbursement for Cabinet related travel. At present, the Executive Office of the Governor provides that reimbursement. There will be an insignificant increase in such expenses associated with this bill.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

The bill amends s. 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.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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