

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1120

INTRODUCER: Appropriations ; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs ; Harrell

SUBJECT: Substance Abuse Services

DATE: March 12, 2020

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 162269 (with body and title)

House Amendment 2 - 780023 (with body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1: The bill amends s. 817.505, F.S., revising the patient brokering statute such that it does not apply to any discount, payment, waiver of payment, payment practice, or payment scheme that is expressly authorized by the federal anti-kickback statute or regulations.

The amendment retains these exceptions but removes related language which would make such an exception applicable regardless of whether it involves services paid in whole or in part by a federal health care program designated in the federal anti-kickback statute or regulations.

House Amendment 2:

- Makes a number of technical changes. Substantively, the amendment requires that in order for service provider personnel to be exempted from disqualification for employment due to failed background screenings, the applicant for employment must not have been arrested for any criminal offense within the past 5 years, or 3 years in the case of a peer specialist (the bill previously required only 3 years for all service provider personnel, not just peer specialists).