

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to children's services councils;
 3 amending s. 125.901, F.S.; revising annual reporting
 4 requirements to include certain performance data;
 5 revising financial reporting requirements; providing
 6 an 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph
 11 (f) of subsection (3) of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, are
 12 amended to read:

13 125.901 Children's services; independent special district;
 14 council; powers, duties, and functions; public records
 15 exemption.—

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17 (b) Each council on children's services shall:

18 1. Immediately after the members are appointed, elect a
 19 chair and a vice chair from among its members, and elect other
 20 officers as deemed necessary by the council.

21 2. Immediately after the members are appointed and
 22 officers are elected, identify and assess the needs of the
 23 children in the county served by the council and submit to the
 24 governing body of each county a written description of:

25 a. The activities, services, and opportunities that will

26 | be provided to children.

27 | b. The anticipated schedule for providing those
28 | activities, services, and opportunities.

29 | c. The manner in which children will be served, including
30 | a description of arrangements and agreements which will be made
31 | with community organizations, state and local educational
32 | agencies, federal agencies, public assistance agencies, the
33 | juvenile courts, foster care agencies, and other applicable
34 | public and private agencies and organizations.

35 | d. The special outreach efforts that will be undertaken to
36 | provide services to at-risk, abused, or neglected children.

37 | e. The manner in which the council will seek and provide
38 | funding for unmet needs.

39 | f. The strategy which will be used for interagency
40 | coordination to maximize existing human and fiscal resources.

41 | 3. Provide training and orientation to all new members
42 | sufficient to allow them to perform their duties.

43 | 4. Make and adopt bylaws and rules and regulations for the
44 | council's guidance, operation, governance, and maintenance,
45 | provided such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with
46 | federal or state laws or county ordinances.

47 | 5. Provide an annual written report, to be presented no
48 | later than January 1, to the governing body of the county. The
49 | annual report shall contain, but not be limited to, the
50 | following information:

51 a. Information on the effectiveness of activities,
 52 services, and programs offered by the council, including cost-
 53 effectiveness.

54 b. A detailed anticipated budget for continuation of
 55 activities, services, and programs offered by the council, and a
 56 list of all sources of requested funding, both public and
 57 private.

58 c. Procedures used for early identification of at-risk
 59 children who need additional or continued services and methods
 60 for ensuring that the additional or continued services are
 61 received.

62 d. A description of the degree to which the council's
 63 objectives and activities are consistent with the goals of this
 64 section.

65 e. Detailed information on the various programs, services,
 66 and activities available to participants and the degree to which
 67 the programs, services, and activities have been successfully
 68 used by children.

69 f. Information on programs, services, and activities that
 70 should be eliminated; programs, services, and activities that
 71 should be continued; and programs, services, and activities that
 72 should be added to the basic format of the children's services
 73 council.

74 g. Performance data describing the activities, services,
 75 and programs offered by the council within the county, and must

76 | include data from the year the council was created and as of
 77 | December 31 of the reporting year. The data must include the:

78 | (I) Percentage and total number of mothers who received or
 79 | are receiving prenatal care through programs sponsored or
 80 | supported by the council.

81 | (II) Percentage of infants born with a low birth weight.
 82 | For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "low birth
 83 | weight" means a birth weight of less than 2500 grams.

84 | (III) Total number of infants born with a low birth weight
 85 | whose mothers received or are receiving prenatal care through
 86 | programs sponsored or supported by the council.

87 | (IV) Rate of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

88 | (V) Percentage of children under the age of 18 living in
 89 | households whose income levels are below 100 percent of the
 90 | federal poverty level.

91 | (VI) Rate of teen alcohol use.

92 | (VII) Rate of teen drug use.

93 | (VIII) Rate of juvenile arrests.

94 | (IX) Rate of pregnancies among females under the age of
 95 | 18.

96 | (X) Percentage of students who performed or are performing
 97 | at or above grade level on standardized tests.

98 | (XI) High school graduation rates.

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100 | (f) Within 10 days, exclusive of weekends and legal

101 holidays, after the expiration of each calendar month ~~quarter~~
102 ~~annual period~~, the council on children's services shall cause to
103 be prepared and filed with the governing body of the county a
104 financial report which must ~~shall~~ include the following:

105 1. The itemized ~~total~~ expenditures of the council for the
106 calendar month ~~quarter annual period~~.

107 2. The itemized ~~total~~ receipts of the council for ~~during~~
108 the calendar month ~~quarter annual period~~.

109 3. A statement of the funds the council has on hand, has
110 invested, or has deposited with qualified public depositories at
111 the end of the calendar month ~~quarter annual period~~.

112 4. The total administrative costs of the council for the
113 calendar month ~~quarter annual period~~.

114 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.