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17 | accountable to the people of Florida. Such goals shall at a  
18 | minimum include those specified in s. 409.986(2).

19 | (5) COMMUNITY ALLIANCES.—

20 | (b) The duties of the community alliance include, but are  
21 | not limited to:

22 | 1. Joint planning for resource utilization in the  
23 | community, including resources appropriated to the department  
24 | and any funds that local funding sources choose to provide.

25 | 2. Needs assessment and establishment of community  
26 | priorities for service delivery.

27 | 3. Determining community outcome goals to supplement  
28 | state-required outcomes.

29 | 4. Serving as a catalyst for community resource  
30 | development, including, but not limited to, identifying existing  
31 | programs and services delivered by and assistance available from  
32 | community-based and faith-based organizations, and encouraging  
33 | the development and availability of such programs, services, and  
34 | assistance by such organizations. The community alliance shall  
35 | ensure that the community-based care lead agency is aware of  
36 | such programs, services, and assistance and work to facilitate  
37 | the lead agency's appropriate use of these resources.

38 | 5. Providing for community education and advocacy on  
39 | issues related to delivery of services.

40 | 6. Promoting prevention and early intervention services.

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41 (d) The ~~initial~~ membership of the community alliance in a  
42 county shall at a minimum be composed of the following:

- 43 1. A representative from the department.
- 44 2. A representative from county government.
- 45 3. A representative from the school district.
- 46 4. A representative from the county United Way.
- 47 5. A representative from the county sheriff's office.
- 48 6. A representative from the circuit court corresponding  
49 to the county.

50 7. A representative from the county children's board, if  
51 one exists.

52 8. A representative of a faith-based organization involved  
53 in efforts to prevent child maltreatment, strengthen families,  
54 or promote adoption.

55 (e) ~~At any time after the initial meeting of the community~~  
56 ~~alliance,~~ The community alliance shall adopt bylaws and may  
57 increase the membership of the alliance to include the state  
58 attorney for the judicial circuit in which the community  
59 alliance is located, or his or her designee, the public defender  
60 for the judicial circuit in which the community alliance is  
61 located, or his or her designee, and Other individuals and  
62 organizations who represent funding organizations, are community  
63 leaders, have knowledge of community-based service issues, or  
64 otherwise represent perspectives that will enable them to  
65 accomplish the duties listed in paragraph (b), if, in the

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66 judgment of the alliance, such change is necessary to adequately  
67 represent the diversity of the population within the community  
68 alliance service circuits.

69 Section 3. Section 39.0143, Florida Statutes, is created  
70 to read:

71 39.0143 Evaluation of circuit child welfare system  
72 performance.--To enhance accountability shared by the multiple  
73 entities whose actions affect the performance of the state's  
74 child welfare system, and to promote the achievement of the  
75 highest levels of quality, in consultation with stakeholders, by  
76 July 1, 2021, the department shall establish and apply a  
77 methodology to rate the performance of all entities involved in  
78 the child welfare system in a circuit working together as a  
79 circuit-level child welfare system. This shall provide  
80 communities concise indicators of their local child welfare  
81 system performance.

82 (1) Such entities shall include but are not limited to the  
83 department, community alliances under s. 20.19, community-based  
84 care lead agencies, the Guardian ad Litem Program, school  
85 districts, county governments, law enforcement agencies,  
86 children's advocacy centers, child protection teams, contracted  
87 attorneys providing children's legal services, the court system,  
88 managing entities as defined in s. 394.9082, the Agency for  
89 Health Care Administration, and Medicaid managed medical  
90 assistance plans.

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91 (2) The department shall determine a single global rating  
92 for each circuit. The department may also determine ratings for  
93 individual domains.

94 (3) The department shall, at a minimum, use the results-  
95 oriented accountability assessment conducted under s. 409.997 of  
96 groups of entities working together on a circuit basis to  
97 provide an integrated system of care in its methodology. The  
98 department shall make any adjustments necessary for such an  
99 evaluation as provided by that section.

100 (4) The department shall include ratings in the annual  
101 performance report under s. 409.997 and provide the report to  
102 the entities specified in subsection (1).

103 (5) The department may use such ratings as the basis for  
104 payment of performance incentives recognizing circuit-level  
105 child welfare system performance improvement. Such incentives  
106 shall be used to fund multi-entity initiatives to further  
107 enhance circuit-level child welfare system performance.

108 Section 4. Section 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended  
109 to read:

110 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child  
111 protective investigative services; procedures; funding.-

112 (1) As described in this section, the department of  
113 ~~Children and Families~~ shall, by the end of fiscal year 1999-  
114 2000, transfer all responsibility for child protective  
115 investigations for Pinellas County, Manatee County, Broward

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116 County, and Pasco County to the sheriff of that county in which  
117 the child abuse, neglect, or abandonment is alleged to have  
118 occurred. Each sheriff is responsible for the provision of all  
119 child protective investigations in his or her county. Each  
120 individual who provides these services must complete the  
121 training provided to and required of protective investigators  
122 employed by the department ~~of Children and Families~~.

123 (2) During fiscal year 1998-1999, the department ~~of~~  
124 ~~Children and Families~~ and each sheriff's office shall enter into  
125 a contract for the provision of these services. Funding for the  
126 services will be appropriated to the department ~~of Children and~~  
127 ~~Families~~, and the department shall transfer to the respective  
128 sheriffs for the duration of fiscal year 1998-1999, funding for  
129 the investigative responsibilities assumed by the sheriffs,  
130 including federal funds that the provider is eligible for and  
131 agrees to earn and that portion of general revenue funds which  
132 is currently associated with the services that are being  
133 furnished under contract, and including, but not limited to,  
134 funding for all investigative, supervisory, and clerical  
135 positions; training; all associated equipment; furnishings; and  
136 other fixed capital items. The contract must specify whether the  
137 department will continue to perform part or none of the child  
138 protective investigations during the initial year. The sheriffs  
139 may either conduct the investigations themselves or may, in  
140 turn, subcontract with law enforcement officials or with

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141 properly trained employees of private agencies to conduct  
142 investigations related to neglect cases only. If such a  
143 subcontract is awarded, the sheriff must take full  
144 responsibility for any safety decision made by the subcontractor  
145 and must immediately respond with law enforcement staff to any  
146 situation that requires removal of a child due to a condition  
147 that poses an immediate threat to the child's life. The contract  
148 must specify whether the services are to be performed by  
149 departmental employees or by persons determined by the sheriff.  
150 During this initial year, the department is responsible for  
151 quality assurance, and the department retains the responsibility  
152 for the performance of all child protective investigations. The  
153 department must identify any barriers to transferring the entire  
154 responsibility for child protective services to the sheriffs'  
155 offices and must pursue avenues for removing any such barriers  
156 by means including, but not limited to, applying for federal  
157 waivers. By January 15, 1999, the department shall submit to the  
158 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
159 Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House  
160 committees that oversee departmental activities a report that  
161 describes any remaining barriers, including any that pertain to  
162 funding and related administrative issues. Unless the  
163 Legislature, on the basis of that report or other pertinent  
164 information, acts to block a transfer of the entire  
165 responsibility for child protective investigations to the

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166 sheriffs' offices, the sheriffs of Pasco County, Manatee County,  
167 Broward County, and Pinellas County, beginning in fiscal year  
168 1999-2000, shall assume the entire responsibility for such  
169 services, as provided in subsection (3).

170 (3) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the sheriffs of  
171 Pasco County, Manatee County, Broward County, and Pinellas  
172 County have the responsibility to provide all child protective  
173 investigations in their respective counties. Beginning in fiscal  
174 year 2000-2001, the department ~~of Children and Families~~ is  
175 authorized to enter into grant agreements with sheriffs of other  
176 counties to perform child protective investigations in their  
177 respective counties. The sheriffs shall adopt the child welfare  
178 practice model, as periodically modified by the department, that  
179 is used by child protective investigators employed by the  
180 department.

181 (b) The sheriffs providing child protective investigative  
182 services shall operate, ~~at a minimum,~~ in accordance with the  
183 same federal and state performance standards and metrics for  
184 ~~outcome measures established by the Legislature for~~ protective  
185 investigations imposed on conducted child protective  
186 investigators employed by the department ~~of Children and~~  
187 ~~Families~~. Each individual who provides these services must  
188 complete, at a minimum, the training provided to and required of  
189 protective investigators employed by the department ~~of Children~~  
190 ~~and Families~~.

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191 (c) Funds for providing child protective investigations  
192 must be identified in the annual appropriation made to the  
193 department ~~of Children and Families~~, which shall award grants  
194 for the full amount identified to the respective sheriffs'  
195 offices. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 216.181(16) (b)  
196 and 216.351, the department ~~of Children and Families~~ may advance  
197 payments to the sheriffs for child protective investigations.  
198 Funds for the child protective investigations may not be  
199 integrated into the sheriffs' regular budgets. Budgetary data  
200 and other data relating to the performance of child protective  
201 investigations must be maintained separately from all other  
202 records of the sheriffs' offices and reported to the department  
203 ~~of Children and Families~~ as specified in the grant agreement.

204 (d) The department and sheriffs providing child protective  
205 investigative services shall collaborate to monitor program  
206 performance on an ongoing basis. The department and each  
207 sheriff, or his or her designee, shall meet at least quarterly  
208 to collaborate on federal and state quality assurance and  
209 quality improvement initiatives.

210 (e) ~~(d)~~ The department shall conduct an annual evaluation of  
211 the program performance of sheriffs providing child protective  
212 investigative services which evaluation shall be based on the  
213 same child welfare practice model principles, and federal and  
214 state performance standards and metrics, that are imposed on  
215 child protective investigators employed by criteria mutually

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216 ~~agreed upon by the respective sheriffs and the department of~~  
217 ~~Children and Families. The program performance evaluation must~~  
218 ~~be standardized statewide and the department shall select random~~  
219 ~~cases for evaluation.~~ The program performance evaluation shall  
220 be conducted by a team of peer reviewers from the respective  
221 sheriffs' offices that perform child protective investigations  
222 and representatives from the department.

223 (f) The department of Children and Families shall produce  
224 ~~submit~~ an annual report regarding, at a minimum, quality  
225 performance quality, outcome-measure attainment, and cost  
226 efficiency of the services provided by the sheriffs. The annual  
227 report shall include data and information on both the sheriffs'  
228 and the department's performance of protective investigations.  
229 The department shall submit the annual report to the President  
230 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
231 to the Governor no later than November 1 ~~January 31~~ of each year  
232 the sheriffs are receiving general appropriations to provide  
233 child protective investigations.

234  
235 This section shall be repealed July 1, 2023, unless reviewed and  
236 saved from repeal by the Legislature.

237 Section 5. Section 211.0252, Florida Statutes, is created  
238 to read:

239 211.0252 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable  
240 organizations.—Beginning July 1, 2021, there is allowed a credit

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241 of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible  
242 charitable organization under s. 402.62 against any tax due  
243 under s. 211.02 or s. 211.025. However, the combined credit  
244 allowed under this section and s. 211.0251 may not exceed 50  
245 percent of the tax due on the return on which the credit is  
246 taken. If the combined credit allowed under this section and s.  
247 211.0251 exceeds 50 percent of the tax due on the return, the  
248 credit must first be taken under s. 211.0251. Any remaining  
249 liability, up to 50 percent of the tax due, shall be taken under  
250 this section. For purposes of the distributions of tax revenue  
251 under s. 211.06, the department shall disregard any tax credits  
252 allowed under this section to ensure that any reduction in tax  
253 revenue received which is attributable to the tax credits  
254 results only in a reduction in distributions to the General  
255 Revenue Fund. The provisions of s. 402.62 apply to the credit  
256 authorized by this section.

257 Section 6. Section 212.1833, Florida Statutes, is created  
258 to read:

259 212.1833 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable  
260 organizations.—Beginning July 1, 2021, there is allowed a credit  
261 of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible  
262 charitable organization under s. 402.62 against any tax imposed  
263 by the state and due under this chapter from a direct pay permit  
264 holder as a result of the direct pay permit held pursuant to s.  
265 212.183. For purposes of the dealer's credit granted for keeping

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266 prescribed records, filing timely tax returns, and properly  
267 accounting and remitting taxes under s. 212.12, the amount of  
268 tax due used to calculate the credit shall include any eligible  
269 contribution made to an eligible charitable organization from a  
270 direct pay permit holder. For purposes of the distributions of  
271 tax revenue under s. 212.20, the department shall disregard any  
272 tax credits allowed under this section to ensure that any  
273 reduction in tax revenue received that is attributable to the  
274 tax credits results only in a reduction in distributions to the  
275 General Revenue Fund. The provisions of s. 402.62 apply to the  
276 credit authorized by this section. A dealer who claims a tax  
277 credit under this section must file his or her tax returns and  
278 pay his or her taxes by electronic means under s. 213.755.

279 Section 7. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida  
280 Statutes, is amended to read:

281 220.02 Legislative intent.—

282 (8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits  
283 against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax be  
284 applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 631.828,  
285 those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in s. 220.181,  
286 those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182,  
287 those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those enumerated in s. 220.195,  
288 those enumerated in s. 220.184, those enumerated in s. 220.186,  
289 those enumerated in s. 220.1845, those enumerated in s. 220.19,  
290 those enumerated in s. 220.185, those enumerated in s. 220.1875,

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291 those enumerated in s. 220.1876, those enumerated in s. 220.192,  
292 those enumerated in s. 220.193, those enumerated in s. 288.9916,  
293 those enumerated in s. 220.1899, those enumerated in s. 220.194,  
294 and those enumerated in s. 220.196.

295 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
296 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

297 220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined.—

298 (1) The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount  
299 equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection  
300 (2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as  
301 provided in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as  
302 follows:

303 (a) Additions.—There shall be added to such taxable  
304 income:

305 1.a. The amount of any tax upon or measured by income,  
306 excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or  
307 accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state  
308 of the United States which is deductible from gross income in  
309 the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.

310 b. Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph a., if a credit taken  
311 under s. 220.1875 or s. 220.1876 is added to taxable income in a  
312 previous taxable year under subparagraph 11. and is taken as a  
313 deduction for federal tax purposes in the current taxable year,  
314 the amount of the deduction allowed shall not be added to  
315 taxable income in the current year. The exception in this sub-

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316 subparagraph is intended to ensure that the credit under s.  
317 220.1875 or s. 220.1876 is added in the applicable taxable year  
318 and does not result in a duplicate addition in a subsequent  
319 year.

320 2. The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable  
321 income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other  
322 federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the  
323 computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal  
324 Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any  
325 amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as  
326 defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the  
327 taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3).

328 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real  
329 estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of the  
330 net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the amount  
331 of the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year.

332 4. That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred  
333 for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit  
334 allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. This  
335 subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016  
336 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

337 5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or  
338 incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of  
339 the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. This

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340 subparagraph shall expire on the date specified in s. 290.016  
341 for the expiration of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act.

342 6. The amount taken as a credit under s. 220.195 which is  
343 deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable  
344 income for the taxable year.

345 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty  
346 association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the  
347 amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.

348 8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a  
349 pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax  
350 as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the  
351 gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the  
352 attributable expenses for the taxable year.

353 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under  
354 s. 220.1895.

355 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any  
356 designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for  
357 the taxable year under s. 220.185.

358 11. Any ~~The~~ amount taken as a credit for the taxable year  
359 under s. 220.1875 or s. 220.1876. The addition in this  
360 subparagraph is intended to ensure that the same amount is not  
361 allowed for the tax purposes of this state as both a deduction  
362 from income and a credit against the tax. This addition is not  
363 intended to result in adding the same expense back to income  
364 more than once.

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365 12. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year  
366 under s. 220.192.

367 13. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year  
368 under s. 220.193.

369 14. Any portion of a qualified investment, as defined in  
370 s. 288.9913, which is claimed as a deduction by the taxpayer and  
371 taken as a credit against income tax pursuant to s. 288.9916.

372 15. The costs to acquire a tax credit pursuant to s.  
373 288.1254(5) that are deducted from or otherwise reduce federal  
374 taxable income for the taxable year.

375 16. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year  
376 pursuant to s. 220.194.

377 17. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year  
378 under s. 220.196. The addition in this subparagraph is intended  
379 to ensure that the same amount is not allowed for the tax  
380 purposes of this state as both a deduction from income and a  
381 credit against the tax. The addition is not intended to result  
382 in adding the same expense back to income more than once.

383 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 220.186, Florida  
384 Statutes, is amended to read:

385 220.186 Credit for Florida alternative minimum tax.—

386 (2) The credit pursuant to this section shall be the  
387 amount of the excess, if any, of the tax paid based upon taxable  
388 income determined pursuant to s. 220.13(2)(k) over the amount of  
389 tax which would have been due based upon taxable income without

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390 application of s. 220.13(2)(k), before application of this  
391 credit without application of any credit under s. 220.1875 or s.  
392 220.1876.

393 Section 10. Section 220.1876, Florida Statutes, is created  
394 to read:

395 220.1876 Credit for contributions to eligible charitable  
396 organizations.—

397 (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, there is allowed a credit  
398 of 100 percent of an eligible contribution made to an eligible  
399 charitable organization under s. 402.62 against any tax due for  
400 a taxable year under this chapter after the application of any  
401 other allowable credits by the taxpayer. An eligible  
402 contribution must be made to an eligible charitable organization  
403 on or before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return  
404 pursuant to s. 220.222. The credit granted by this section shall  
405 be reduced by the difference between the amount of federal  
406 corporate income tax taking into account the credit granted by  
407 this section and the amount of federal corporate income tax  
408 without application of the credit granted by this section.

409 (2) A taxpayer who files a Florida consolidated return as  
410 a member of an affiliated group pursuant to s. 220.131(1) may be  
411 allowed the credit on a consolidated return basis; however, the  
412 total credit taken by the affiliated group is subject to the  
413 limitation established under subsection (1).

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414 (3) The provisions of s. 402.62 apply to the credit  
415 authorized by this section.

416 (4) If a taxpayer applies and is approved for a credit  
417 under s. 402.62 after timely requesting an extension to file  
418 under s. 220.222(2):

419 (a) The credit does not reduce the amount of tax due for  
420 purposes of the department's determination as to whether the  
421 taxpayer was in compliance with the requirement to pay tentative  
422 taxes under ss. 220.222 and 220.32.

423 (b) The taxpayer's noncompliance with the requirement to  
424 pay tentative taxes shall result in the revocation and  
425 rescindment of any such credit.

426 (c) The taxpayer shall be assessed for any taxes,  
427 penalties, or interest due from the taxpayer's noncompliance  
428 with the requirement to pay tentative taxes.

429 Section 11. Section 402.402, Florida Statutes, is amended  
430 to read:

431 402.402 Child protection and child welfare personnel;  
432 attorneys employed by the department.—

433 (1) CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
434 REQUIREMENTS.—The department is responsible for recruitment of  
435 qualified professional staff to serve as child protective  
436 investigators and child protective investigation supervisors.  
437 The department shall make every effort to recruit and hire  
438 persons qualified by their education and experience to perform

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439 social work functions. The department's efforts shall be guided  
440 by the goal that ~~by July 1, 2019,~~ at least half of all child  
441 protective investigators and supervisors will have a bachelor's  
442 degree or a master's degree in social work from a college or  
443 university social work program accredited by the Council on  
444 Social Work Education. The department, in collaboration with the  
445 lead agencies, subcontracted provider organizations, the Florida  
446 Institute for Child Welfare created pursuant to s. 1004.615, and  
447 other partners in the child welfare system, shall develop a  
448 protocol for screening candidates for child protective positions  
449 which reflects the preferences specified in paragraphs (a)-(f).  
450 The following persons shall be given preference in the  
451 recruitment of qualified professional staff, but the preferences  
452 serve only as guidance and do not limit the department's  
453 discretion to select the best available candidates:

454 (a) Individuals with baccalaureate degrees in social work  
455 and child protective investigation supervisors with master's  
456 degrees in social work from a college or university social work  
457 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

458 (b) Individuals with baccalaureate or master's degrees in  
459 psychology, sociology, counseling, special education, education,  
460 human development, child development, family development,  
461 marriage and family therapy, and nursing.

462 (c) Individuals with baccalaureate degrees who have a  
463 combination of directly relevant work and volunteer experience,

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464 preferably in a public service field related to children's  
465 services, demonstrating critical thinking skills, formal  
466 assessment processes, communication skills, problem solving, and  
467 empathy; a commitment to helping children and families; a  
468 capacity to work as part of a team; an interest in continuous  
469 development of skills and knowledge; and personal strength and  
470 resilience to manage competing demands and handle workplace  
471 stresses.

472 (2) SPECIALIZED TRAINING.—All child protective  
473 investigators and child protective investigation supervisors  
474 employed by the department or a sheriff's office must complete  
475 specialized training either focused on serving a specific  
476 population, including, but not limited to, medically fragile  
477 children, sexually exploited children, children under 3 years of  
478 age, or families with a history of domestic violence, mental  
479 illness, or substance abuse, or focused on performing certain  
480 aspects of child protection practice, including, but not limited  
481 to, investigation techniques and analysis of family dynamics.  
482 The specialized training may be used to fulfill continuing  
483 education requirements under s. 402.40(3)(e). Individuals ~~hired~~  
484 ~~before July 1, 2014, shall complete the specialized training by~~  
485 ~~June 30, 2016, and individuals~~ hired on or after July 1, 2014,  
486 shall complete the specialized training within 2 years after  
487 hire. An individual may receive specialized training in multiple  
488 areas.

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489       (3) STAFF SUPPORT.—The department shall implement policies  
490 and programs that mitigate and prevent the impact of secondary  
491 traumatic stress and burnout among child protective  
492 investigations staff, including, but not limited to:

493       (a) Initiatives to encourage and inspire child protective  
494 investigations staff, including recognizing their achievements  
495 on a recognition wall within their unit.

496       (b) Formal procedures for providing support to child  
497 protective investigations staff after a critical incident such  
498 as a child fatality.

499       (c) Initial training upon appointment to a supervisory  
500 position and annual continuing education for all supervisors on  
501 how to prevent secondary traumatic stress and burnout among the  
502 employees they supervise.

503       (d) Monitoring levels of secondary traumatic stress and  
504 burnout among individual employees and intervening as needed.  
505 The department shall closely monitor and respond to levels of  
506 secondary traumatic stress and burnout among employees during  
507 the first 2 years after hire.

508       (e) Ongoing training in self-care for all child protective  
509 investigations staff.

510  
511 Such programs may also include, but are not limited, to formal  
512 peer counseling and support programs.

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513           ~~(4)(3)~~ REPORT.—By each October 1, the department shall  
514 submit a report on the educational qualifications, turnover,  
515 professional advancement, and working conditions of the child  
516 protective investigators and supervisors to the Governor, the  
517 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
518 Representatives.

519           ~~(5)(4)~~ ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY OR CONTRACTING WITH THE  
520 DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE CHILD WELFARE CASES.—Attorneys hired or  
521 contracted with on or after July 1, 2014, whose primary  
522 responsibility is representing the department in child welfare  
523 cases shall, within the first 6 months of employment, receive  
524 training in:

525           (a) The dependency court process, including the attorney's  
526 role in preparing and reviewing documents prepared for  
527 dependency court for accuracy and completeness.~~†~~

528           (b) Preparing and presenting child welfare cases,  
529 including at least 1 week shadowing an experienced children's  
530 legal services attorney preparing and presenting cases.~~†~~

531           (c) Safety assessment, safety decisionmaking tools, and  
532 safety plans.~~†~~

533           (d) Developing information presented by investigators and  
534 case managers to support decisionmaking in the best interest of  
535 children.~~†~~~~and~~

536           (e) The experiences and techniques of case managers and  
537 investigators, including shadowing an experienced child

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538 protective investigator and an experienced case manager for at  
539 least 8 hours.

540 Section 12. Section 402.715, Florida Statutes, is created  
541 to read:

542 402.715 Office of Quality.—The department shall establish  
543 a department-wide Office of Quality to ensure that the  
544 department and its contracted service providers achieve high  
545 levels of performance. Duties of the office shall include, but  
546 not be limited to:

547 (1) Identifying performance standards and metrics for the  
548 department and all contracted service providers, including, but  
549 not limited to, law enforcement agencies, managing entities,  
550 lead agencies, and attorney services. Such performance standards  
551 and metrics shall be reflected in the strategic plan required  
552 under s. 20.19(1). Performance standards and metrics for the  
553 child welfare system shall at a minimum incorporate measures  
554 used in the results-oriented accountability system under s.  
555 409.997.

556 (2) Strengthening the department's data and analytic  
557 capabilities to identify systemic strengths and deficiencies.

558 (3) Recommending initiatives to correct programmatic and  
559 systemic deficiencies, in consultation with the relevant program  
560 office.

561 (4) Engaging and collaborating with contractors,  
562 stakeholders, and other relevant entities to improve quality,

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563 efficiency, and effectiveness of department programs and  
564 services.

565 (5) Reporting systemic or persistent failures to meet  
566 performance standards to the secretary, and recommending  
567 corrective action.

568  
569 Section 13. Section 402.62, Florida Statutes, is created  
570 to read:

571 402.62 Children's Promise Tax Credit.—

572 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

573 (a) "Annual tax credit amount" means, for any state fiscal  
574 year, the sum of the amount of tax credits approved under  
575 paragraph (5)(b), including tax credits to be taken under s.  
576 211.0252, s. 212.1833, s. 220.1876, s. 561.1212, or s.  
577 624.51056, which are approved for taxpayers whose taxable years  
578 begin on or after January 1 of the calendar year preceding the  
579 start of the applicable state fiscal year.

580 (b) "Division" means the Division of Alcoholic Beverages  
581 and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional  
582 Regulation.

583 (c) "Eligible charitable organization" means an  
584 organization designated by the department to be eligible to  
585 receive funding under this section.

586 (d) "Eligible contribution" means a monetary contribution  
587 from a taxpayer, subject to the restrictions provided in this

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588 section, to an eligible charitable organization. The taxpayer  
589 making the contribution may not designate a specific child  
590 assisted by the eligible charitable organization as the  
591 beneficiary of the contribution.

592 (e) "Tax credit cap amount" means the maximum annual tax  
593 credit amount that the Department of Revenue may approve for a  
594 state fiscal year.

595 (2) CHILDREN'S PROMISE TAX CREDITS; ELIGIBILITY.—

596 (a) The department shall designate as an eligible  
597 charitable organization an organization that:

598 1. Is exempt from federal income taxation under s.  
599 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

600 2. Is a Florida entity formed under chapter 605, chapter  
601 607, or chapter 617 and whose principal office is located in the  
602 state.

603 3. Provides services to:

604 a. Prevent child abuse, neglect, abandonment, or  
605 exploitation;

606 b. Enhance the safety, permanency, or well-being of  
607 children with child welfare involvement;

608 c. Assist families with children who have a chronic  
609 illness or physical, intellectual, developmental, or emotional  
610 disability; or

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611 d. Provide workforce development services to families of  
612 children eligible for a federal free or reduced-price meals  
613 program.

614 4. Has a contract or written referral agreement with, or  
615 reference from, the department, a community-based care lead  
616 agency as defined in s. 409.986, a managing entity as defined in  
617 s. 394.9082, or the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, for  
618 services specified in subparagraph 3.

619 5. Provides to the department accurate information  
620 including, at a minimum, a description of the services provided  
621 by the organization that are eligible for funding under this  
622 section; the number of individuals served through those services  
623 during the last calendar year in total and the number served  
624 during the last calendar year using funding under this section;  
625 basic financial information regarding the organization and  
626 services eligible for funding under this section; outcomes for  
627 such services; and contact information for the organization.

628 6. Annually submits a statement signed by a current  
629 officer of the organization, under penalty of perjury, that the  
630 organization meets all criteria to qualify as an eligible  
631 charitable organization, has fulfilled responsibilities under  
632 this section for the previous fiscal year if the organization  
633 received any funding through this credit during the previous  
634 year, and intends to fulfill its responsibilities during the  
635 upcoming year.

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636 7. Provides any documentation requested by the department  
637 to verify eligibility as an eligible charitable organization or  
638 compliance with this section.

639 (b) The department may not designate as an eligible  
640 charitable organization an organization that:

641 1. Provides abortions, pays for or provides coverage of  
642 abortions, or financially supports any other entity that  
643 provides, pays for, or provides coverage of abortions; or

644 2. Has received more than 50 percent of its total annual  
645 revenue from the department or the Agency for Persons with  
646 Disabilities, either directly or via a contractor of the  
647 department or agency, in the prior fiscal year.

648 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE  
649 ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible charitable organization receiving  
650 contributions under this section must:

651 (a) Conduct background screenings on all volunteers and  
652 staff working directly with children in any programs funded  
653 under this section. The background screening shall use level 2  
654 screening standards pursuant to s. 435.04. The department shall  
655 specify requirements for background screening in rule.

656 (b) Expend 100 percent of any contributions received under  
657 this section for direct services to state residents for the  
658 purposes specified in subparagraph (2) (a)3.

659 (c) Annually submit to the department:

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660 1. An audit of the eligible charitable organization  
661 conducted by an independent certified public accountant in  
662 accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the  
663 United States, government auditing standards, and rules  
664 promulgated by the Auditor General. The audit report must  
665 include a report on financial statements presented in accordance  
666 with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit report  
667 must be provided to the department within 180 days after  
668 completion of the eligible charitable organization's fiscal  
669 year.

670 2. A copy of the eligible charitable organization's most  
671 recent federal Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization  
672 Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990).

673 (d) Notify the department within 5 business days after the  
674 eligible charitable organization ceases to meet eligibility  
675 requirements or fails to fulfill its responsibilities under this  
676 section.

677 (e) Upon receipt of a contribution, the eligible  
678 charitable organization shall provide the taxpayer that made the  
679 contribution with a certificate of contribution. A certificate  
680 of contribution must include the taxpayer's name and, if  
681 available, federal employer identification number, the amount  
682 contributed, the date of contribution, and the name of the  
683 eligible charitable organization.

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684 (4) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.—The department  
685 shall:

686 (a) Annually redesignate eligible charitable organizations  
687 that have complied with all requirements of this section.

688 (b) Remove the designation of organizations that fail to  
689 meet all requirements of this section. An organization that has  
690 had its designation removed by the department may reapply for  
691 designation as an eligible charitable organization, and the  
692 department shall redesignate such organization if it meets the  
693 requirements of this section and demonstrates through its  
694 application that all factors leading to its previous failure to  
695 meet requirements have been sufficiently addressed.

696 (c) Publish information about the tax credit program and  
697 eligible charitable organizations on a department website. The  
698 website shall, at a minimum, provide:

699 1. The requirements and process for becoming designated or  
700 redesignated as an eligible charitable organization.

701 2. A list of the eligible charitable organizations that  
702 are currently designated by the department and the information  
703 provided under subparagraph (2) (a) 5. regarding each eligible  
704 charitable organization.

705 3. The process for a taxpayer to select an eligible  
706 charitable organization as the recipient of funding through a  
707 tax credit.

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708 (d) Compel the return of funds that are provided to an  
709 eligible charitable organization that fails to comply with the  
710 requirements of this section. Eligible charitable organizations  
711 that are subject to return of funds are ineligible to receive  
712 funding under this section for a period 10 years after final  
713 agency action to compel the return of funding.

714 (5) CHILDREN'S PROMISE TAX CREDITS; APPLICATIONS,  
715 TRANSFERS, AND LIMITATIONS.-

716 (a) The tax credit cap amount is \$5 million in each state  
717 fiscal year.

718 (b) Beginning October 1, 2020, a taxpayer may submit an  
719 application to the Department of Revenue for a tax credit or  
720 credits to be taken under one or more of s. 211.0252, s.  
721 212.1833, s. 220.1876, s. 561.1212, or s. 624.51056.

722 1. The taxpayer shall specify in the application each tax  
723 for which the taxpayer requests a credit and the applicable  
724 taxable year for a credit under s. 220.1876 or s. 624.51056 or  
725 the applicable state fiscal year for a credit under s. 211.0252,  
726 s. 212.1833, or s. 561.1212. For purposes of s. 220.1876, a  
727 taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a prior taxable  
728 year before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return  
729 for that year pursuant to s. 220.222. For purposes of s.  
730 624.51056, a taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a  
731 prior taxable year before the date the taxpayer is required to  
732 file a return for that prior taxable year pursuant to ss.

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733 624.509 and 624.5092. The application must specify the eligible  
734 charitable organization to which the proposed contribution will  
735 be made. The Department of Revenue shall approve tax credits on  
736 a first-come, first-served basis and must obtain the division's  
737 approval before approving a tax credit under s. 561.1212.

738 2. Within 10 days after approving or denying an  
739 application, the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of  
740 its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable  
741 organization specified by the taxpayer in the application.

742 (c) If a tax credit approved under paragraph (b) is not  
743 fully used within the specified state fiscal year for credits  
744 under s. 211.0252, s. 212.1833, or s. 561.1212 or against taxes  
745 due for the specified taxable year for credits under s. 220.1876  
746 or s. 624.51056 because of insufficient tax liability on the  
747 part of the taxpayer, the unused amount shall be carried forward  
748 for a period not to exceed 10 years. For purposes of s.  
749 220.1876, a credit carried forward may be used in a subsequent  
750 year after applying the other credits and unused carryovers in  
751 the order provided in s. 220.02(8).

752 (d) A taxpayer may not convey, assign, or transfer an  
753 approved tax credit or a carryforward tax credit to another  
754 entity unless all of the assets of the taxpayer are conveyed,  
755 assigned, or transferred in the same transaction. However, a tax  
756 credit under s. 211.0252, s. 212.1833, s. 220.1876, s. 561.1212,  
757 or s. 624.51056 may be conveyed, transferred, or assigned

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758 between members of an affiliated group of corporations if the  
759 type of tax credit under s. 211.0252, s. 212.1833, s. 220.1876,  
760 s. 561.1212, or s. 624.51056 remains the same. A taxpayer shall  
761 notify the Department of Revenue of its intent to convey,  
762 transfer, or assign a tax credit to another member within an  
763 affiliated group of corporations. The amount conveyed,  
764 transferred, or assigned is available to another member of the  
765 affiliated group of corporations upon approval by the Department  
766 of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall obtain the  
767 division's approval before approving a conveyance, transfer, or  
768 assignment of a tax credit under s. 561.1212.

769 (e) Within any state fiscal year, a taxpayer may rescind  
770 all or part of a tax credit approved under paragraph (b). The  
771 amount rescinded shall become available for that state fiscal  
772 year to another eligible taxpayer as approved by the Department  
773 of Revenue if the taxpayer receives notice from the Department  
774 of Revenue that the rescindment has been accepted by the  
775 Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue must obtain the  
776 division's approval before accepting the rescindment of a tax  
777 credit under s. 561.1212. Any amount rescinded under this  
778 paragraph shall become available to an eligible taxpayer on a  
779 first-come, first-served basis based on tax credit applications  
780 received after the date the rescindment is accepted by the  
781 Department of Revenue.

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782 (f) Within 10 days after approving or denying the  
783 conveyance, transfer, or assignment of a tax credit under  
784 paragraph (d), or the rescindment of a tax credit under  
785 paragraph (e), the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of  
786 its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable  
787 organization specified by the taxpayer. The Department of  
788 Revenue shall also include the eligible charitable organization  
789 specified by the taxpayer on all letters or correspondence of  
790 acknowledgment for tax credits under s. 212.1833.

791 (g) For purposes of calculating the underpayment of  
792 estimated corporate income taxes under s. 220.34 and tax  
793 installment payments for taxes on insurance premiums or  
794 assessments under s. 624.5092, the final amount due is the  
795 amount after credits earned under s. 220.1876 or s. 624.51056  
796 for contributions to eligible charitable organizations are  
797 deducted.

798 1. For purposes of determining if a penalty or interest  
799 under s. 220.34(2)(d)1. shall be imposed for underpayment of  
800 estimated corporate income tax, a taxpayer may, after earning a  
801 credit under s. 220.1876, reduce any estimated payment in that  
802 taxable year by the amount of the credit.

803 2. For purposes of determining if a penalty under s.  
804 624.5092 shall be imposed, an insurer, after earning a credit  
805 under s. 624.51056 for a taxable year, may reduce any  
806 installment payment for such taxable year of 27 percent of the

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807 amount of the net tax due as reported on the return for the  
808 preceding year under s. 624.5092(2)(b) by the amount of the  
809 credit.

810 (6) PRESERVATION OF CREDIT.—If any provision or portion of  
811 this section, s. 211.0252, s. 212.1833, s. 220.1876, s.  
812 561.1212, or s. 624.51056 or the application thereof to any  
813 person or circumstance is held unconstitutional by any court or  
814 is otherwise declared invalid, the unconstitutionality or  
815 invalidity shall not affect any credit earned under s. 211.0252,  
816 s. 212.1833, s. 220.1876, s. 561.1212, or s. 624.51056 by any  
817 taxpayer with respect to any contribution paid to an eligible  
818 charitable organization before the date of a determination of  
819 unconstitutionality or invalidity. The credit shall be allowed  
820 at such time and in such a manner as if a determination of  
821 unconstitutionality or invalidity had not been made, provided  
822 that nothing in this subsection by itself or in combination with  
823 any other provision of law shall result in the allowance of any  
824 credit to any taxpayer in excess of one dollar of credit for  
825 each dollar paid to an eligible charitable organization.

826 (7) ADMINISTRATION; RULES.—

827 (a) The Department of Revenue, the division, and the  
828 department may develop a cooperative agreement to assist in the  
829 administration of this section, as needed.

830 (b) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules necessary to  
831 administer this section and ss. 211.0252, 212.1833, 220.1876,

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832 561.1212, and 624.51056, including rules establishing  
833 application forms, procedures governing the approval of tax  
834 credits and carryforward tax credits under subsection (5), and  
835 procedures to be followed by taxpayers when claiming approved  
836 tax credits on their returns.

837 (c) The division may adopt rules necessary to administer  
838 its responsibilities under this section and s. 561.1212.

839 (d) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer  
840 this section, including, but not limited to, rules establishing  
841 application forms for organizations seeking designation as  
842 eligible charitable organizations under this act.

843 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of s. 213.053 to the  
844 contrary, sharing information with the division related to this  
845 tax credit is considered the conduct of the Department of  
846 Revenue's official duties as contemplated in s. 213.053(8)(c),  
847 and the Department of Revenue and the division are specifically  
848 authorized to share information as needed to administer this  
849 program.

850 Section 14. Section 402.7305, Florida Statutes, is amended  
851 to read:

852 402.7305 Department of Children and Families; procurement  
853 of contractual services; contract management.—

854 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

855 (a) "Contract manager" means the department employee who  
856 is responsible for enforcing the compliance with administrative

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857 and programmatic terms and conditions of a contract. The  
858 contract manager is the primary point of contact through which  
859 all contracting information flows between the department and the  
860 contractor. The contract manager is responsible for day-to-day  
861 contract oversight, including approval of contract deliverables  
862 and invoices. All actions related to the contract shall be  
863 initiated by or coordinated with the contract manager. The  
864 contract manager maintains the official contract files.

865 (b) "Contract monitor" means the department employee who  
866 is responsible for observing, recording, and reporting to the  
867 contract manager and other designated entities the information  
868 necessary to assist the contract manager and program management  
869 in determining whether the contractor is in compliance with the  
870 administrative and programmatic terms and conditions of the  
871 contract.

872 (c) "Department" means the Department of Children and  
873 Families.

874 (d) "Outsourcing" means the process of contracting with an  
875 external service provider to provide a service, in whole or in  
876 part, while the department retains the responsibility and  
877 accountability for the service.

878 (2) PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.—

879 (a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(3)(e)12., if the department  
880 intends to contract with a public postsecondary institution to  
881 provide a service, the department must allow all public

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882 postsecondary institutions in this state that are accredited by  
883 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to bid on the  
884 contract. Thereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of  
885 law, if a public postsecondary institution intends to  
886 subcontract for any service awarded in the contract, the  
887 subcontracted service must be procured by competitive  
888 procedures.

889 (b) When it is in the best interest of a defined segment  
890 of its consumer population, the department may competitively  
891 procure and contract for systems of treatment or service that  
892 involve multiple providers, rather than procuring and  
893 contracting for treatment or services separately from each  
894 participating provider. The department must ensure that all  
895 providers that participate in the treatment or service system  
896 meet all applicable statutory, regulatory, service quality, and  
897 cost control requirements. If other governmental entities or  
898 units of special purpose government contribute matching funds to  
899 the support of a given system of treatment or service, the  
900 department shall formally request information from those funding  
901 entities in the procurement process and may take the information  
902 received into account in the selection process. If a local  
903 government contributes matching funds to support the system of  
904 treatment or contracted service and if the match constitutes at  
905 least 25 percent of the value of the contract, the department  
906 shall afford the governmental match contributor an opportunity

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907 to name an employee as one of the persons required by s.  
908 287.057(16) to evaluate or negotiate certain contracts, unless  
909 the department sets forth in writing the reason why the  
910 inclusion would be contrary to the best interest of the state.  
911 Any employee so named by the governmental match contributor  
912 shall qualify as one of the persons required by s. 287.057(16).  
913 A governmental entity or unit of special purpose government may  
914 not name an employee as one of the persons required by s.  
915 287.057(16) if it, or any of its political subdivisions,  
916 executive agencies, or special districts, intends to compete for  
917 the contract to be awarded. The governmental funding entity or  
918 contributor of matching funds must comply with all procurement  
919 procedures set forth in s. 287.057 when appropriate and  
920 required.

921 (c) The department may procure and contract for or provide  
922 assessment and case management services independently from  
923 treatment services.

924 (3) CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS.—The  
925 Department of Children and Families shall review the time period  
926 for which the department executes contracts and shall execute  
927 multiyear contracts to make the most efficient use of the  
928 resources devoted to contract processing and execution. Whenever  
929 the department chooses not to use a multiyear contract, a  
930 justification for that decision must be contained in the  
931 contract. Notwithstanding s. 287.057(14), the department is

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932 responsible for establishing a contract management process that  
933 requires a member of the department's Senior Management or  
934 Selected Exempt Service to assign in writing the responsibility  
935 of a contract to a contract manager. The department shall  
936 maintain a set of procedures describing its contract management  
937 process which must minimally include the following requirements:

938 (a) The contract manager shall maintain the official  
939 contract file throughout the duration of the contract and for a  
940 period not less than 6 years after the termination of the  
941 contract.

942 (b) The contract manager shall review all invoices for  
943 compliance with the criteria and payment schedule provided for  
944 in the contract and shall approve payment of all invoices before  
945 their transmission to the Department of Financial Services for  
946 payment.

947 (c) The contract manager shall maintain a schedule of  
948 payments and total amounts disbursed and shall periodically  
949 reconcile the records with the state's official accounting  
950 records.

951 (d) For contracts involving the provision of direct client  
952 services, the contract manager shall periodically visit the  
953 physical location where the services are delivered and speak  
954 directly to clients receiving the services and the staff  
955 responsible for delivering the services.

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956 (e) The contract manager shall meet at least once a month  
957 directly with the contractor's representative and maintain  
958 records of such meetings.

959 (f) The contract manager shall periodically document any  
960 differences between the required performance measures and the  
961 actual performance measures. If a contractor fails to meet and  
962 comply with the performance measures established in the  
963 contract, the department may allow a reasonable period for the  
964 contractor to correct performance deficiencies. If performance  
965 deficiencies are not resolved to the satisfaction of the  
966 department within the prescribed time, and if no extenuating  
967 circumstances can be documented by the contractor to the  
968 department's satisfaction, the department must terminate the  
969 contract. The department may not enter into a new contract with  
970 that same contractor for the services for which the contract was  
971 previously terminated for a period of at least 24 months after  
972 the date of termination. The contract manager shall obtain and  
973 enforce corrective action plans, if appropriate, and maintain  
974 records regarding the completion or failure to complete  
975 corrective action items.

976 (g) The contract manager shall document any contract  
977 modifications, which shall include recording any contract  
978 amendments as provided for in this section.

979 (h) The contract manager shall be properly trained before  
980 being assigned responsibility for any contract.

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981 (4) CONTRACT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS.—The  
982 department shall establish contract monitoring units staffed by  
983 career service employees who report to a member of the Selected  
984 Exempt Service or Senior Management Service and who have been  
985 properly trained to perform contract monitoring. At least one  
986 member of the contract monitoring unit must possess specific  
987 knowledge and experience in the contract's program area. The  
988 department shall establish a contract monitoring process that  
989 includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

990 (a) Performing a risk assessment at the start of each  
991 fiscal year and preparing an annual contract monitoring schedule  
992 that considers the level of risk assigned. The department may  
993 monitor any contract at any time regardless of whether such  
994 monitoring was originally included in the annual contract  
995 monitoring schedule.

996 (b) Preparing a contract monitoring plan, including  
997 sampling procedures, before performing onsite monitoring at  
998 external locations of a service provider. The plan must include  
999 a description of the programmatic, fiscal, and administrative  
1000 components that will be monitored on site. If appropriate,  
1001 clinical and therapeutic components may be included.

1002 (c) Conducting analyses of the performance and compliance  
1003 of an external service provider by means of desk reviews if the  
1004 external service provider will not be monitored on site during a  
1005 fiscal year.

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1006 (d) Unless the department sets forth in writing the need  
1007 for an extension, providing a written report presenting the  
1008 results of the monitoring within 30 days after the completion of  
1009 the onsite monitoring or desk review.

1010 (e) Developing and maintaining a set of procedures  
1011 describing the contract monitoring process.

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1013 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the~~  
1014 ~~department shall limit monitoring of a child-caring or child-~~  
1015 ~~placing services provider under this subsection to only once per~~  
1016 ~~year. Such monitoring may not duplicate administrative~~  
1017 ~~monitoring that is included in the survey of a child welfare~~  
1018 ~~provider conducted by a national accreditation organization~~  
1019 ~~specified under s. 402.7306(1).~~

1020 Section 15. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (1) of  
1021 section 409.988, Florida Statutes, to read:

1022 409.988 Lead agency duties; general provisions.—

1023 (1) DUTIES.—A lead agency:

1024 (1) Shall identify an employee to serve as a liaison with  
1025 the community alliance and community-based and faith-based  
1026 organizations interested in collaborating with the lead agency  
1027 or offering services or other assistance on a volunteer basis to  
1028 the children and families served by the lead agency. The lead  
1029 agency shall ensure that appropriate lead agency staff and  
1030 subcontractors, including, but not limited to, case managers,

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1031 are informed of the specific services or assistance available  
1032 from community-based and faith-based organizations.

1033 Section 16. Section 409.996, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1034 to read:

1035 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and  
1036 Families.— The department shall contract for the delivery,  
1037 administration, or management of care for children in the child  
1038 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department  
1039 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services  
1040 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are  
1041 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state  
1042 statutes and regulations and performance standards and metrics  
1043 specified in the strategic plan created under s. 20.19(1).

1044 (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead  
1045 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies  
1046 pursuant to s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must:

1047 (a) Provide for the services needed to accomplish the  
1048 duties established in s. 409.988 and provide information to the  
1049 department which is necessary to meet the requirements for a  
1050 quality assurance program pursuant to subsection (19)~~(18)~~ and  
1051 the child welfare results-oriented accountability system  
1052 pursuant to s. 409.997.

1053 (b) Provide for tiered interventions and graduated  
1054 penalties for failure to comply with contract terms or in the

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1055 event of performance deficiencies. Such interventions and  
1056 penalties may include, but are not limited to:

1057 1. ~~financial penalties,~~ Enhanced monitoring and  
1058 reporting.

1059 2. Corrective action plans. ~~and~~

1060 3. Requirements to accept technical assistance and  
1061 consultation from the department under subsection (4).

1062 4. Financial penalties, which shall require a lead agency  
1063 to reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for  
1064 children.

1065 5. Early termination of contracts, as provided in s.  
1066 402.1705(3)(f). ~~or other appropriate action to ensure contract~~  
1067 ~~compliance. The financial penalties shall require a lead agency~~  
1068 ~~to reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for~~  
1069 ~~children.~~

1070 (c) Ensure that the lead agency shall furnish current and  
1071 accurate information on its activities in all cases in client  
1072 case records in the state's statewide automated child welfare  
1073 information system.

1074 (d) Specify the procedures to be used by the parties to  
1075 resolve differences in interpreting the contract or to resolve  
1076 disputes as to the adequacy of the parties' compliance with  
1077 their respective obligations under the contract.

1078 (2) The department must adopt written policies and  
1079 procedures for monitoring the contract for delivery of services

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1080 by lead agencies which must be posted on the department's  
1081 website. These policies and procedures must, at a minimum,  
1082 address the evaluation of fiscal accountability and program  
1083 operations, including provider achievement of performance  
1084 standards, provider monitoring of subcontractors, and timely  
1085 followup of corrective actions for significant monitoring  
1086 findings related to providers and subcontractors. These policies  
1087 and procedures must also include provisions for reducing the  
1088 duplication of the department's program monitoring activities  
1089 both internally and with other agencies, to the extent possible.  
1090 The department's written procedures must ensure that the written  
1091 findings, conclusions, and recommendations from monitoring the  
1092 contract for services of lead agencies are communicated to the  
1093 director of the provider agency and the community alliance as  
1094 expeditiously as possible.

1095 (3) The department shall receive federal and state funds  
1096 as appropriated for the operation of the child welfare system,  
1097 transmit these funds to the lead agencies as agreed to in the  
1098 contract, and provide information on its website of the  
1099 distribution of the federal funds. The department retains  
1100 responsibility for the appropriate spending of these funds. The  
1101 department shall monitor lead agencies to assess compliance with  
1102 the financial guidelines established pursuant to s. 409.992 and  
1103 other applicable state and federal laws.

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1104 (4) The department may ~~shall~~ provide technical assistance and  
1105 consultation to lead agencies as necessary for the achievement  
1106 of performance standards, in the provision of care to children  
1107 in the child protection and child welfare system., including,  
1108 but not limited to, providing additional resources to assist the  
1109 lead agencies to implement best practices or institute  
1110 operational efficiencies.

1111 (5) The department retains the responsibility for the  
1112 review, approval or denial, and issuances of all foster home  
1113 licenses.

1114 (6) The department shall process all applications  
1115 submitted by lead agencies for the Interstate Compact on the  
1116 Placement of Children and the Interstate Compact on Adoption and  
1117 Medical Assistance.

1118 (7) The department shall assist lead agencies with access  
1119 to and coordination with other service programs within the  
1120 department.

1121 (8) The department shall determine Medicaid eligibility  
1122 for all referred children and shall coordinate services with the  
1123 Agency for Health Care Administration.

1124 (9) The department shall develop, in cooperation with the  
1125 lead agencies, a third-party credentialing entity approved  
1126 pursuant to s. 402.40(3), and the Florida Institute for Child  
1127 Welfare established pursuant to s. 1004.615, a standardized

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1128 competency-based curriculum for certification training for child  
1129 protection staff.

1130 (10) The department shall maintain the statewide adoptions  
1131 website and provide information and training to the lead  
1132 agencies relating to the website.

1133 (11) The department shall provide training and assistance  
1134 to lead agencies regarding the responsibility of lead agencies  
1135 relating to children receiving supplemental security income,  
1136 social security, railroad retirement, or veterans' benefits.

1137 (12) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department  
1138 shall develop and implement statewide and local interagency  
1139 agreements needed to coordinate services for children and  
1140 parents involved in the child welfare system who are also  
1141 involved with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
1142 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Education, the  
1143 Department of Health, and other governmental organizations that  
1144 share responsibilities for children or parents in the child  
1145 welfare system.

1146 (13) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department  
1147 shall develop and implement a working agreement between the lead  
1148 agency and the substance abuse and mental health managing entity  
1149 to integrate services and supports for children and parents  
1150 serviced in the child welfare system.

1151 (14) The department shall work with the Agency for Health  
1152 Care Administration to provide each Medicaid-eligible child with

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1153 early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment,  
1154 including 72-hour screening, periodic child health checkups, and  
1155 prescribed followup for ordered services, including, but not  
1156 limited to, medical, dental, and vision care.

1157 (15) The department shall assist lead agencies in  
1158 developing an array of services in compliance with the Title IV-  
1159 E waiver and shall monitor the provision of such services.

1160 (16) The department shall provide a mechanism to allow  
1161 lead agencies to request a waiver of department policies and  
1162 procedures that create inefficiencies or inhibit the performance  
1163 of the lead agency's duties.

1164 (17) The department shall directly ~~or through contract~~  
1165 provide attorneys to prepare and present cases in dependency  
1166 court and shall ensure that the court is provided with adequate  
1167 information for informed decisionmaking in dependency cases,  
1168 including, at a minimum, a face sheet for each case which lists  
1169 the names and contact information for any child protective  
1170 investigator, child protective investigation supervisor, case  
1171 manager, and case manager supervisor, and the regional  
1172 department official responsible for the lead agency contract.  
1173 The department shall provide to the court the case information  
1174 and recommendations provided by the lead agency or  
1175 subcontractor. ~~For the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the department~~  
1176 ~~shall contract with the state attorney for the provision of~~  
1177 ~~these services.~~

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1178       (18) (a) The department may contract for the provision of  
1179 children's legal services to prepare and present cases in  
1180 dependency court. The contracted attorneys shall ensure that the  
1181 court is provided with adequate information for informed  
1182 decisionmaking in dependency cases, including, at a minimum, a  
1183 face sheet for each case which lists the names and contact  
1184 information for any child protective investigator, child  
1185 protective investigator supervisor, and the regional department  
1186 official responsible for the lead agency contract. The  
1187 contracted attorneys shall provide to the court the case  
1188 information and recommendations provided by the lead agency or  
1189 subcontractor. For the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the department  
1190 shall contract with the state attorney for the provision of  
1191 these services.

1192       (b) The contracted attorneys shall adopt the child welfare  
1193 practice model, as periodically updated by the department, that  
1194 is used by attorneys employed by the department. The contracted  
1195 attorneys shall operate in accordance with the same federal and  
1196 state performance standards and metrics imposed on children's  
1197 legal services attorneys employed by the department.

1198       (c) The department and contracted attorneys providing  
1199 children's legal services shall collaborate to monitor program  
1200 performance on an ongoing basis. The department and contracted  
1201 attorneys', or a representative from such contracted attorneys'

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1202 offices, shall meet at least quarterly to collaborate on federal  
1203 and state quality assurance and quality improvement initiatives.

1204 (d) The department shall conduct an annual program  
1205 performance evaluation which shall be based on the same child  
1206 welfare practice model principles and federal and state  
1207 performance standards that are imposed on children's legal  
1208 services attorneys employed by the department. The program  
1209 performance evaluation must be standardized statewide and the  
1210 department shall select random cases for evaluation. The program  
1211 performance evaluation shall be conducted by a team of peer  
1212 reviewers from the respective contracted attorneys' offices that  
1213 perform children's legal services and representatives from the  
1214 department.

1215 (e) The department shall publish an annual report  
1216 regarding, at a minimum, performance quality, outcome-measure  
1217 attainment, and cost efficiency of the services provided by the  
1218 contracted attorneys. The annual report must include data and  
1219 information on the performance of both the contracted attorneys'  
1220 and the department's attorneys. The department shall submit the  
1221 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
1222 the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than  
1223 November 1 of each year that the contracted attorneys are  
1224 receiving appropriations to provide children's legal services  
1225 for the department.

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1227 This subsection shall be repealed July 1, 2023, unless reviewed  
1228 and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

1229 ~~(19)-(18)~~ The department, in consultation with lead  
1230 agencies, shall establish a quality assurance program for  
1231 contracted services to dependent children. The quality assurance  
1232 program shall, at a minimum, be based on standards established  
1233 by federal and state law, ~~and~~ national accrediting  
1234 organizations, and the Office of Quality established under s.  
1235 402.715 and must be consistent with the child welfare results-  
1236 oriented accountability system required by s. 409.997.

1237 (a) The department must evaluate each lead agency under  
1238 contract at least annually. These evaluations shall cover the  
1239 programmatic, operational, and fiscal operations of the lead  
1240 agency ~~and must be consistent with the child welfare results-~~  
1241 ~~oriented accountability system required by s. 409.997.~~ The  
1242 department must consult with dependency judges in the circuit or  
1243 circuits served by the lead agency on the performance of the  
1244 lead agency.

1245 (b) The department and each lead agency shall monitor out-  
1246 of-home placements, including the extent to which sibling groups  
1247 are placed together or provisions to provide visitation and  
1248 other contacts if siblings are separated. The data shall  
1249 identify reasons for sibling separation. Information related to  
1250 sibling placement shall be incorporated into the results-  
1251 oriented accountability system required pursuant to s. 409.997

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1252 and into the evaluation of the outcome specified in s.  
1253 409.986(2) (e). The information related to sibling placement  
1254 shall also be made available to the institute established  
1255 pursuant s. 1004.615 for use in assessing the performance of  
1256 child welfare services in relation to the outcome specified in  
1257 s. 409.986(2) (e).

1258 (c) The department shall, to the extent possible, use  
1259 independent financial audits provided by the lead agency to  
1260 eliminate or reduce the ongoing contract and administrative  
1261 reviews conducted by the department. If the department  
1262 determines that such independent financial audits are  
1263 inadequate, other audits, as necessary, may be conducted by the  
1264 department. This paragraph does not abrogate the requirements of  
1265 s. 215.97.

1266 (d) The department may suggest additional items to be  
1267 included in such independent financial audits to meet the  
1268 department's needs.

1269 (e) The department may outsource programmatic,  
1270 administrative, or fiscal monitoring oversight of lead agencies.

1271 (f) A lead agency must assure that all subcontractors are  
1272 subject to the same quality assurance activities as the lead  
1273 agency.

1274 ~~(20)-(19)~~ The department and its attorneys have the  
1275 responsibility to ensure that the court is fully informed about  
1276 issues before it, to make recommendations to the court, and to

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1277 present competent evidence, including testimony by the  
1278 department's employees, contractors, and subcontractors, as well  
1279 as other individuals, to support all recommendations made to the  
1280 court. The department's attorneys shall coordinate lead agency  
1281 or subcontractor staff to ensure that dependency cases are  
1282 presented appropriately to the court, giving consideration to  
1283 the information developed by the case manager and direction to  
1284 the case manager if more information is needed.

1285 ~~(21)~~(20) The department, in consultation with lead  
1286 agencies, shall develop a dispute resolution process so that  
1287 disagreements between legal staff, investigators, and case  
1288 management staff can be resolved in the best interest of the  
1289 child in question before court appearances regarding that child.

1290 ~~(22)~~(21) The department shall periodically, and before  
1291 procuring a lead agency, solicit comments and recommendations  
1292 from the community alliance established in s. 20.19(5), any  
1293 other community groups, or public hearings. The recommendations  
1294 must include, but are not limited to:

1295 (a) The current and past performance of a lead agency.

1296 (b) The relationship between a lead agency and its  
1297 community partners.

1298 (c) Any local conditions or service needs in child  
1299 protection and child welfare.

1300 ~~(23)~~(22) The department shall develop, in collaboration  
1301 with the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, lead agencies,

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1302 service providers, current and former foster children placed in  
1303 residential group care, and other community stakeholders, a  
1304 statewide accountability system for residential group care  
1305 providers based on measureable quality standards.

1306 (a) The accountability system must:

1307 1. Promote high quality in services and accommodations,  
1308 differentiating between shift and family-style models and  
1309 programs and services for children with specialized or  
1310 extraordinary needs, such as pregnant teens and children with  
1311 Department of Juvenile Justice involvement.

1312 2. Include a quality measurement system with domains and  
1313 clearly defined levels of quality. The system must measure the  
1314 level of quality for each domain, using criteria that  
1315 residential group care providers must meet in order to achieve  
1316 each level of quality. Domains may include, but are not limited  
1317 to, admissions, service planning, treatment planning, living  
1318 environment, and program and service requirements. The system  
1319 may also consider outcomes 6 months and 12 months after a child  
1320 leaves the provider's care. However, the system may not assign a  
1321 single summary rating to residential group care providers.

1322 3. Consider the level of availability of trauma-informed  
1323 care and mental health and physical health services, providers'  
1324 engagement with the schools children in their care attend, and  
1325 opportunities for children's involvement in extracurricular  
1326 activities.

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1327 (b) After development and implementation of the  
1328 accountability system in accordance with paragraph (a), the  
1329 department and each lead agency shall use the information from  
1330 the accountability system to promote enhanced quality in  
1331 residential group care within their respective areas of  
1332 responsibility. Such promotion may include, but is not limited  
1333 to, the use of incentives and ongoing contract monitoring  
1334 efforts.

1335 (c) The department shall submit a report to the Governor,  
1336 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
1337 Representatives by October 1 of each year, ~~with the first report~~  
1338 ~~due October 1, 2017~~. The report must, at a minimum, include an  
1339 update on the development of a statewide accountability system  
1340 for residential group care providers and a plan for department  
1341 oversight and implementation of the statewide accountability  
1342 system. After implementation of the statewide accountability  
1343 system, the report must also include a description of the  
1344 system, including measures and any tools developed, a  
1345 description of how the information is being used by the  
1346 department and lead agencies, an assessment of placement of  
1347 children in residential group care using data from the  
1348 accountability system measures, and recommendations to further  
1349 improve quality in residential group care.

1350 (d) The accountability system must be implemented by July  
1351 1, 2022.

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1352 (e) Nothing in this subsection impairs the department's  
1353 licensure authority under s. 409.175.

1354 (f) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
1355 subsection.

1356 (24) Subject to an appropriation, for the 2020-2021 and  
1357 2021-2022 fiscal years, the department shall implement a pilot  
1358 project in the Sixth and Thirteenth Judicial Circuits,  
1359 respectively, aimed at improving child welfare outcomes.

1360 (a) In implementing the pilot projects, the department  
1361 shall establish performance metrics and performance standards to  
1362 assess improvements in safety, permanency, and the well-being of  
1363 children in the local system of care for the lead agencies in  
1364 those judicial circuits. Such metrics and standards must be  
1365 aligned with indicators used in the most recent federal Child  
1366 and Family Services Reviews.

1367 (b) The lead agencies in the Sixth and Thirteenth Judicial  
1368 Circuits shall provide performance data to the department each  
1369 quarter. The department shall review the data for accuracy and  
1370 completeness and then shall compare the actual performance of  
1371 the lead agencies to the established performance metrics and  
1372 standards. Each lead agency that exceeds performance metrics and  
1373 standards is eligible for incentive funding.

1374 (c) For the first quarter of each fiscal year, the  
1375 department may advance incentive funding to the lead agencies in  
1376 an amount equal to one quarter of the total allocated to the

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1377 pilot project. After each quarter, the department shall assess  
1378 the performance of the lead agencies for that quarter and adjust  
1379 the subsequent quarter's incentive funding based on its actual  
1380 prior quarter performance.

1381 (d) The department shall include the results of the pilot  
1382 projects in the report required under s. 20.19(7). The report  
1383 must include the department's findings and recommendations  
1384 relating to the pilot projects.

1385 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2022.

1386 ~~(23)(a) The department, in collaboration with the Florida~~  
1387 ~~Institute for Child Welfare, shall convene a workgroup on foster~~  
1388 ~~home quality. The workgroup, at a minimum, shall identify~~  
1389 ~~measures of foster home quality, review current efforts by lead~~  
1390 ~~agencies and subcontractors to enhance foster home quality,~~  
1391 ~~identify barriers to the greater availability of high-quality~~  
1392 ~~foster homes, and recommend additional strategies for assessing~~  
1393 ~~the quality of foster homes and increasing the availability of~~  
1394 ~~high-quality foster homes.~~

1395 ~~(b) The workgroup shall include representatives from the~~  
1396 ~~department, the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, foster~~  
1397 ~~parents, current and former foster children, foster parent~~  
1398 ~~organizations, lead agencies, child-placing agencies, other~~  
1399 ~~service providers, and others as determined by the department.~~

1400 ~~(c) The Florida Institute for Child Welfare shall provide~~  
1401 ~~the workgroup with relevant research on, at a minimum, measures~~

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1402 ~~of quality of foster homes; evidence-supported strategies to~~  
1403 ~~increase the availability of high-quality foster homes, such as~~  
1404 ~~those regarding recruitment, screening, training, retention, and~~  
1405 ~~child placement; descriptions and results of quality improvement~~  
1406 ~~efforts in other jurisdictions; and the root causes of placement~~  
1407 ~~disruption.~~

1408 ~~(d) The department shall submit a report to the Governor, the~~  
1409 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~  
1410 ~~Representatives by November 15, 2017. The report shall, at a~~  
1411 ~~minimum:~~

1412 ~~1. Describe the important dimensions of quality for foster~~  
1413 ~~homes;~~

1414 ~~2. Describe the foster home quality enhancement efforts in~~  
1415 ~~the state, including, but not limited to, recruitment,~~  
1416 ~~retention, placement procedures, systems change, and quality~~  
1417 ~~measurement programs, and any positive or negative results;~~

1418 ~~3. Identify barriers to the greater availability of high-~~  
1419 ~~quality foster homes;~~

1420 ~~4. Discuss available research regarding high-quality~~  
1421 ~~foster homes; and~~

1422 ~~5. Present a plan for developing and implementing~~  
1423 ~~strategies to increase the availability of high-quality foster~~  
1424 ~~homes. The strategies shall address important elements of~~  
1425 ~~quality, be based on available research, include both~~  
1426 ~~qualitative and quantitative measures of quality, integrate with~~

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1427 ~~the community-based care model, and be respectful of the privacy~~  
1428 ~~and needs of foster parents. The plan shall recommend possible~~  
1429 ~~instruments and measures and identify any changes to general law~~  
1430 ~~or rule necessary for implementation.~~

1431 Section 17. Section 409.997, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1432 to read:

1433 409.997 Child welfare results-oriented accountability  
1434 program.—

1435 (1) The department, the community-based care lead  
1436 agencies, and the lead agencies' subcontractors share the  
1437 responsibility for achieving the outcome goals specified in s.  
1438 409.986(2).

1439 (2) The purpose of the results-oriented accountability  
1440 program is to monitor and measure the use of resources, the  
1441 quality and amount of services provided, and child and family  
1442 outcomes. The program includes data analysis, research review,  
1443 and evaluation. The program shall produce an assessment of  
1444 individual entities' performance, as well as the performance of  
1445 groups of entities working together on a local, judicial  
1446 circuit, regional, and statewide basis to provide an integrated  
1447 system of care. Data analyzed and communicated through the  
1448 accountability program shall inform the department's development  
1449 and maintenance of an inclusive, interactive, and evidence-  
1450 supported program of quality improvement which promotes  
1451 individual skill building as well as organizational learning.

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1452 ~~Additionally, outcome~~ The department may use data generated by  
1453 the program regarding performance drivers, process improvements,  
1454 short- and long-term outcomes, and quality improvement efforts  
1455 ~~may be used~~ to determine contract compliance and as the basis  
1456 for payment of performance incentives if funds for such payments  
1457 are made available through the General Appropriations Act. The  
1458 information compiled and utilized in the accountability program  
1459 must incorporate, at a minimum:

1460 (a) Valid and reliable outcome measures for each of the  
1461 goals specified in this subsection. The outcome data set must  
1462 consist of a limited number of understandable measures using  
1463 available data to quantify outcomes as children move through the  
1464 system of care. Such measures may aggregate multiple variables  
1465 that affect the overall achievement of the outcome goals. Valid  
1466 and reliable measures must be based on adequate sample sizes, be  
1467 gathered over suitable time periods, and reflect authentic  
1468 rather than spurious results, and may not be susceptible to  
1469 manipulation.

1470 (b) Regular and periodic monitoring activities that track  
1471 the identified outcome measures on a statewide, regional, and  
1472 provider-specific basis. Monitoring reports must identify trends  
1473 and chart progress toward achievement of the goals specified in  
1474 this subsection. The accountability program may not rank or  
1475 compare performance among community-based care regions unless  
1476 adequate and specific adjustments are adopted which account for

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1477 the diversity in regions' demographics, resources, and other  
1478 relevant characteristics. The requirements of the monitoring  
1479 program may be incorporated into the department's quality  
1480 assurance and contract management programs ~~program~~.

1481 (c) An analytical framework that builds on the results of  
1482 the outcomes monitoring procedures and assesses the statistical  
1483 validity of observed associations between child welfare  
1484 interventions and the measured outcomes. The analysis must use  
1485 quantitative methods to adjust for variations in demographic or  
1486 other conditions. The analysis must include longitudinal studies  
1487 to evaluate longer term outcomes, such as continued safety,  
1488 family permanence, and transition to self-sufficiency. The  
1489 analysis may also include qualitative research methods to  
1490 provide insight into statistical patterns.

1491 (d) A program of research review to identify interventions  
1492 that are supported by evidence as causally linked to improved  
1493 outcomes.

1494 (e) An ongoing process of evaluation to determine the  
1495 efficacy and effectiveness of various interventions. Efficacy  
1496 evaluation is intended to determine the validity of a causal  
1497 relationship between an intervention and an outcome.  
1498 Effectiveness evaluation is intended to determine the extent to  
1499 which the results can be generalized.

1500 (f) Procedures for making the results of the  
1501 accountability program transparent for all parties involved in

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1502 the child welfare system as well as policymakers and the public,  
1503 which shall be updated at least quarterly and published on the  
1504 department's website in a manner that allows custom searches of  
1505 the performance data. The presentation of the data shall provide  
1506 a comprehensible, visual report card for the state and each  
1507 community-based care region, indicating the current status of  
1508 the outcomes relative to each goal and trends in that status  
1509 over time. The presentation shall identify and report outcome  
1510 measures that assess the performance of the department, the  
1511 community-based care lead agencies, and their subcontractors  
1512 working together to provide an integrated system of care.

1513 (g) An annual performance report that is provided to  
1514 interested parties including the dependency judge or judges in  
1515 the community-based care service area. The report shall be  
1516 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
1517 Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1 of each  
1518 year.

1519 ~~(3) The department shall establish a technical advisory~~  
1520 ~~panel consisting of representatives from the Florida Institute~~  
1521 ~~for Child Welfare established pursuant to s. 1004.615, lead~~  
1522 ~~agencies, community based care providers, other contract~~  
1523 ~~providers, community alliances, and family representatives. The~~  
1524 ~~President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
1525 ~~Representatives shall each appoint a member to serve as a~~  
1526 ~~legislative liaison to the panel. The technical advisory panel~~

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1527 ~~shall advise the department on the implementation of the~~  
1528 ~~results-oriented accountability program.~~

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1531 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1532 Remove lines 3-70 and insert:

1533 title; amending s. 20.19, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
1534 Children and Families to establish performance metrics;  
1535 specifying goals that must be established; revising and  
1536 providing duties of community alliances; revising membership of  
1537 community alliances; creating s. 39.0143, F.S.; requiring the  
1538 Department of Children and Families to establish and apply a  
1539 methodology to rate performance of all entities working together  
1540 as circuit-level child welfare systems; specifying requirements  
1541 for such rating system; requiring reporting of ratings;  
1542 permitting ratings to be used as the basis for the payment of  
1543 performance incentives; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; requiring  
1544 sheriffs providing child protective investigative services to  
1545 adopt the child welfare practice model; requiring the Department  
1546 of Children and Families and certain sheriffs to monitor program  
1547 performance and meet, at least quarterly, to collaborate on  
1548 specified quality assurance and initiatives; requiring the  
1549 department to conduct an annual evaluation of the sheriffs'  
1550 program performance based on certain criteria; requiring the  
1551 department to submit an annual report on certain information by

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1552 a specified date; providing report requirements; providing for  
1553 future repeal; creating ss. 211.0252, 212.1833, 561.1212, and  
1554 624.51056, F.S.; authorizing a tax credit for certain  
1555 contributions made to an eligible charitable organization with  
1556 certain restrictions; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising  
1557 legislative intent; amending ss. 220.13 and 220.186, F.S.;  
1558 conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; creating  
1559 s. 220.1876, F.S.; authorizing a tax credit for certain  
1560 contributions made to an eligible organization with certain  
1561 restrictions; providing requirements for applying a credit when  
1562 the taxpayer requests an extension; amending s. 402.402, F.S.;  
1563 requiring the department to implement certain policies and  
1564 programs; requiring the annual report to include information on  
1565 professional advancement of child protective investigators and  
1566 supervisors; requiring attorneys contracting with the department  
1567 to receive certain training within a specified time; creating s.  
1568 402.62, F.S.; creating the Children's Promise tax credit;  
1569 providing definitions; providing requirements for designation as  
1570 an eligible charitable organization; specifying certain  
1571 organizations that may not be designated as an eligible  
1572 charitable organization; providing responsibilities of eligible  
1573 charitable organizations receiving contributions under the tax  
1574 credit; providing responsibilities of the department related to  
1575 the tax credit; providing guidelines for the application of,  
1576 limitations to, and transfers of the tax credit; providing for

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1577 the preservation of the tax credit under certain circumstances;  
1578 authorizing the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic  
1579 Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and  
1580 Professional Regulation, and the department to develop a  
1581 cooperative agreement to administer the tax credit; providing  
1582 the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages  
1583 and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional  
1584 Regulation, and the department rulemaking authority; authorizing  
1585 the Department of Revenue and the Division of Alcoholic  
1586 Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and  
1587 Professional Regulation to share certain information as needed  
1588 to administer the tax credit program; creating s. 402.715, F.S.;  
1589 requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish  
1590 an Office of Quality; providing duties of the office; amending  
1591 s. 402.7305, F.S.; removing limitations on monitoring of child-  
1592 caring or child-placing services providers; amending s. 409.988,  
1593 F.S.; revising the duties of a lead agency; amending s. 409.996,  
1594 F.S.; adding responsibilities to the Department of Children and  
1595 Families for contracts regarding care for children in the child  
1596 welfare system; specifying additional requirements for  
1597 contracts; authorizing the department to provide technical  
1598 assistance to lead agencies; authorizing the department to  
1599 contract for the provision of children's legal services;  
1600 requiring the contracted attorneys to adopt the child welfare  
1601 practice model and operate in the same manner as attorneys

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1602 employed by the department; requiring the department and the  
1603 contracted attorneys to monitor program performance; requiring  
1604 the department to conduct an annual evaluation based on certain  
1605 criteria; requiring the department to submit an annual report to  
1606 the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for  
1607 future repeal; revising requirements regarding the quality  
1608 assurance program for contracted services to dependent children;  
1609 deleting obsolete language; requiring the department to  
1610 implement pilot projects to improve child welfare outcomes in  
1611 specified judicial circuits; requiring the department to  
1612 establish performance metrics and standards to implement the  
1613 pilot projects; requiring lead agencies in specified judicial  
1614 circuits to provide certain data to the department each quarter;  
1615 requiring the department to review such data; authorizing the  
1616 department to advance incentive funding to certain lead agencies  
1617 that meet specified requirements; requiring the Department of  
1618 Children and Families to include certain results in a specified  
1619 report; providing for future expiration; amending s. 409.997,  
1620 F.S.; specifying types of data that may be used by the  
1621 Department of Children and Families; adding contract compliance  
1622 as a use of the data; allowing the requirements of the  
1623 monitoring program to be incorporated into the contract  
1624 management program of the department;

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