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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
 2 Committee

3 Representative Ponder offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**
 6 Remove lines 97-962 and insert:
 7 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), and paragraphs
 8 (b), (d), and (e) of subsection (5), of section 20.19, Florida
 9 Statutes, are amended to read:

10 20.19 Department of Children and Families.—There is
 11 created a Department of Children and Families.

12 (1) MISSION AND PURPOSE.—

13 (b) The department shall develop a strategic plan for
 14 fulfilling its mission and establish a set of measurable goals,
 15 objectives, performance standards and metrics, and quality
 16 assurance requirements to ensure that the department is

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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.

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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.

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

570 402.62 Children's Promise Tax Credit.-

571 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

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

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

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

585 (d) "Eligible contribution" means a monetary contribution
586 from a taxpayer, subject to the restrictions provided in this
587 section, to an eligible charitable organization. The taxpayer

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588 making the contribution may not designate a specific child
589 assisted by the eligible charitable organization as the
590 beneficiary of the contribution.

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

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

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

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

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

602 3. Provides services to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

658 (c) Annually submit to the department:

659 1. An audit of the eligible charitable organization
660 conducted by an independent certified public accountant in
661 accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the
662 United States, government auditing standards, and rules

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663 promulgated by the Auditor General. The audit report must
664 include a report on financial statements presented in accordance
665 with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit report
666 must be provided to the department within 180 days after
667 completion of the eligible charitable organization's fiscal
668 year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

707 (d) Compel the return of funds that are provided to an
708 eligible charitable organization that fails to comply with the
709 requirements of this section. Eligible charitable organizations
710 that are subject to return of funds are ineligible to receive

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711 funding under this section for a period 10 years after final
712 agency action to compel the return of funding.

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

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

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

721 1. The taxpayer shall specify in the application each tax
722 for which the taxpayer requests a credit and the applicable
723 taxable year for a credit under s. 220.1876 or s. 624.51056 or
724 the applicable state fiscal year for a credit under s. 211.0252,
725 s. 212.1833, or s. 561.1212. For purposes of s. 220.1876, a
726 taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a prior taxable
727 year before the date the taxpayer is required to file a return
728 for that year pursuant to s. 220.222. For purposes of s.
729 624.51056, a taxpayer may apply for a credit to be used for a
730 prior taxable year before the date the taxpayer is required to
731 file a return for that prior taxable year pursuant to ss.
732 624.509 and 624.5092. The application must specify the eligible
733 charitable organization to which the proposed contribution will
734 be made. The Department of Revenue shall approve tax credits on

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735 a first-come, first-served basis and must obtain the division's
736 approval before approving a tax credit under s. 561.1212.

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

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

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

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760 notify the Department of Revenue of its intent to convey,
761 transfer, or assign a tax credit to another member within an
762 affiliated group of corporations. The amount conveyed,
763 transferred, or assigned is available to another member of the
764 affiliated group of corporations upon approval by the Department
765 of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall obtain the
766 division's approval before approving a conveyance, transfer, or
767 assignment of a tax credit under s. 561.1212.

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

781 (f) Within 10 days after approving or denying the
782 conveyance, transfer, or assignment of a tax credit under
783 paragraph (d), or the rescindment of a tax credit under
784 paragraph (e), the Department of Revenue shall provide a copy of

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785 its approval or denial letter to the eligible charitable
786 organization specified by the taxpayer. The Department of
787 Revenue shall also include the eligible charitable organization
788 specified by the taxpayer on all letters or correspondence of
789 acknowledgment for tax credits under s. 212.1833.

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

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

802 2. For purposes of determining if a penalty under s.
803 624.5092 shall be imposed, an insurer, after earning a credit
804 under s. 624.51056 for a taxable year, may reduce any
805 installment payment for such taxable year of 27 percent of the
806 amount of the net tax due as reported on the return for the
807 preceding year under s. 624.5092(2)(b) by the amount of the
808 credit.

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

825 (7) ADMINISTRATION; RULES.—

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

829 (b) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules necessary to
830 administer this section and ss. 211.0252, 212.1833, 220.1876,
831 561.1212, and 624.51056, including rules establishing
832 application forms, procedures governing the approval of tax
833 credits and carryforward tax credits under subsection (5), and

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834 procedures to be followed by taxpayers when claiming approved
835 tax credits on their returns.

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

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

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

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

851 402.7305 Department of Children and Families; procurement
852 of contractual services; contract management.—

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

854 (a) "Contract manager" means the department employee who
855 is responsible for enforcing the compliance with administrative
856 and programmatic terms and conditions of a contract. The
857 contract manager is the primary point of contact through which
858 all contracting information flows between the department and the

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859 contractor. The contract manager is responsible for day-to-day
860 contract oversight, including approval of contract deliverables
861 and invoices. All actions related to the contract shall be
862 initiated by or coordinated with the contract manager. The
863 contract manager maintains the official contract files.

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

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

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

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

878 (a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(3)(e)12., if the department
879 intends to contract with a public postsecondary institution to
880 provide a service, the department must allow all public
881 postsecondary institutions in this state that are accredited by
882 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to bid on the
883 contract. Thereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of

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884 law, if a public postsecondary institution intends to
885 subcontract for any service awarded in the contract, the
886 subcontracted service must be procured by competitive
887 procedures.

888 (b) When it is in the best interest of a defined segment
889 of its consumer population, the department may competitively
890 procure and contract for systems of treatment or service that
891 involve multiple providers, rather than procuring and
892 contracting for treatment or services separately from each
893 participating provider. The department must ensure that all
894 providers that participate in the treatment or service system
895 meet all applicable statutory, regulatory, service quality, and
896 cost control requirements. If other governmental entities or
897 units of special purpose government contribute matching funds to
898 the support of a given system of treatment or service, the
899 department shall formally request information from those funding
900 entities in the procurement process and may take the information
901 received into account in the selection process. If a local
902 government contributes matching funds to support the system of
903 treatment or contracted service and if the match constitutes at
904 least 25 percent of the value of the contract, the department
905 shall afford the governmental match contributor an opportunity
906 to name an employee as one of the persons required by s.
907 287.057(16) to evaluate or negotiate certain contracts, unless
908 the department sets forth in writing the reason why the

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

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

923 (3) CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS.—The
924 Department of Children and Families shall review the time period
925 for which the department executes contracts and shall execute
926 multiyear contracts to make the most efficient use of the
927 resources devoted to contract processing and execution. Whenever
928 the department chooses not to use a multiyear contract, a
929 justification for that decision must be contained in the
930 contract. Notwithstanding s. 287.057(14), the department is
931 responsible for establishing a contract management process that
932 requires a member of the department's Senior Management or
933 Selected Exempt Service to assign in writing the responsibility

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934 of a contract to a contract manager. The department shall
935 maintain a set of procedures describing its contract management
936 process which must minimally include the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

980 (4) CONTRACT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS.—The
981 department shall establish contract monitoring units staffed by
982 career service employees who report to a member of the Selected

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983 Exempt Service or Senior Management Service and who have been
984 properly trained to perform contract monitoring. At least one
985 member of the contract monitoring unit must possess specific
986 knowledge and experience in the contract's program area. The
987 department shall establish a contract monitoring process that
988 includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

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

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

1001 (c) Conducting analyses of the performance and compliance
1002 of an external service provider by means of desk reviews if the
1003 external service provider will not be monitored on site during a
1004 fiscal year.

1005 (d) Unless the department sets forth in writing the need
1006 for an extension, providing a written report presenting the

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1007 results of the monitoring within 30 days after the completion of
1008 the onsite monitoring or desk review.

1009 (e) Developing and maintaining a set of procedures
1010 describing the contract monitoring process.

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~~1012 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
1013 department shall limit monitoring of a child-caring or child-
1014 placing services provider under this subsection to only once per
1015 year. Such monitoring may not duplicate administrative
1016 monitoring that is included in the survey of a child welfare
1017 provider conducted by a national accreditation organization
1018 specified under s. 402.7306(1).~~

1019 Section 15. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (1) of
1020 section 409.988, Florida Statutes, to read:

1021 409.988 Lead agency duties; general provisions.-

1022 (1) DUTIES.-A lead agency:

1023 (1) Shall identify an employee to serve as a liaison with
1024 the community alliance and community-based and faith-based
1025 organizations interested in collaborating with the lead agency
1026 or offering services or other assistance on a volunteer basis to
1027 the children and families served by the lead agency. The lead
1028 agency shall ensure that appropriate lead agency staff and
1029 subcontractors, including, but not limited to, case managers,
1030 are informed of the specific services or assistance available
1031 from community-based and faith-based organizations.

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1032 Section 16. Section 409.996, Florida Statutes, is amended
1033 to read:

1034 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and
1035 Families.— The department shall contract for the delivery,
1036 administration, or management of care for children in the child
1037 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department
1038 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services
1039 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are
1040 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state
1041 statutes and regulations and performance standards and metrics
1042 specified in the strategic plan created under s. 20.19(1).

1043 (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead
1044 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies
1045 pursuant to s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must:

1046 (a) Provide for the services needed to accomplish the
1047 duties established in s. 409.988 and provide information to the
1048 department which is necessary to meet the requirements for a
1049 quality assurance program pursuant to subsection (19)~~(18)~~ and
1050 the child welfare results-oriented accountability system
1051 pursuant to s. 409.997.

1052 (b) Provide for tiered interventions and graduated
1053 penalties for failure to comply with contract terms or in the
1054 event of performance deficiencies. Such interventions and
1055 penalties may include, but are not limited to:

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1056 1. ~~financial penalties,~~ Enhanced monitoring and
1057 reporting.

1058 2. Corrective action plans. ~~and~~

1059 3. Requirements to accept technical assistance and
1060 consultation from the department under subsection (4).

1061 4. Financial penalties, which shall require a lead agency
1062 to reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for
1063 children.

1064 5. Early termination of contracts, as provided in s.
1065 402.1705(3)(f). ~~or other appropriate action to ensure contract~~
1066 ~~compliance. The financial penalties shall require a lead agency~~
1067 ~~to reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for~~
1068 ~~children.~~

1069 (c) Ensure that the lead agency shall furnish current and
1070 accurate information on its activities in all cases in client
1071 case records in the state's statewide automated child welfare
1072 information system.

1073 (d) Specify the procedures to be used by the parties to
1074 resolve differences in interpreting the contract or to resolve
1075 disputes as to the adequacy of the parties' compliance with
1076 their respective obligations under the contract.

1077 (2) The department must adopt written policies and
1078 procedures for monitoring the contract for delivery of services
1079 by lead agencies which must be posted on the department's
1080 website. These policies and procedures must, at a minimum,

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

1094 (3) The department shall receive federal and state funds
1095 as appropriated for the operation of the child welfare system,
1096 transmit these funds to the lead agencies as agreed to in the
1097 contract, and provide information on its website of the
1098 distribution of the federal funds. The department retains
1099 responsibility for the appropriate spending of these funds. The
1100 department shall monitor lead agencies to assess compliance with
1101 the financial guidelines established pursuant to s. 409.992 and
1102 other applicable state and federal laws.

1103 (4) The department may ~~shall~~ provide technical assistance
1104 and consultation to lead agencies as necessary for the
1105 achievement of performance standards, ~~in the provision of care~~

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1106 ~~to children in the child protection and child welfare system.,~~
1107 including, but not limited to, providing additional resources to
1108 assist the lead agencies to implement best practices or
1109 institute operational efficiencies.

1110 (5) The department retains the responsibility for the
1111 review, approval or denial, and issuances of all foster home
1112 licenses.

1113 (6) The department shall process all applications
1114 submitted by lead agencies for the Interstate Compact on the
1115 Placement of Children and the Interstate Compact on Adoption and
1116 Medical Assistance.

1117 (7) The department shall assist lead agencies with access
1118 to and coordination with other service programs within the
1119 department.

1120 (8) The department shall determine Medicaid eligibility
1121 for all referred children and shall coordinate services with the
1122 Agency for Health Care Administration.

1123 (9) The department shall develop, in cooperation with the
1124 lead agencies, a third-party credentialing entity approved
1125 pursuant to s. 402.40(3), and the Florida Institute for Child
1126 Welfare established pursuant to s. 1004.615, a standardized
1127 competency-based curriculum for certification training for child
1128 protection staff.

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1129 (10) The department shall maintain the statewide adoptions
1130 website and provide information and training to the lead
1131 agencies relating to the website.

1132 (11) The department shall provide training and assistance
1133 to lead agencies regarding the responsibility of lead agencies
1134 relating to children receiving supplemental security income,
1135 social security, railroad retirement, or veterans' benefits.

1136 (12) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department
1137 shall develop and implement statewide and local interagency
1138 agreements needed to coordinate services for children and
1139 parents involved in the child welfare system who are also
1140 involved with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the
1141 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Education, the
1142 Department of Health, and other governmental organizations that
1143 share responsibilities for children or parents in the child
1144 welfare system.

1145 (13) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department
1146 shall develop and implement a working agreement between the lead
1147 agency and the substance abuse and mental health managing entity
1148 to integrate services and supports for children and parents
1149 serviced in the child welfare system.

1150 (14) The department shall work with the Agency for Health
1151 Care Administration to provide each Medicaid-eligible child with
1152 early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment,
1153 including 72-hour screening, periodic child health checkups, and

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1154 prescribed followup for ordered services, including, but not
1155 limited to, medical, dental, and vision care.

1156 (15) The department shall assist lead agencies in
1157 developing an array of services in compliance with the Title IV-
1158 E waiver and shall monitor the provision of such services.

1159 (16) The department shall provide a mechanism to allow
1160 lead agencies to request a waiver of department policies and
1161 procedures that create inefficiencies or inhibit the performance
1162 of the lead agency's duties.

1163 (17) The department shall directly ~~or through contract~~
1164 provide attorneys to prepare and present cases in dependency
1165 court and shall ensure that the court is provided with adequate
1166 information for informed decisionmaking in dependency cases,
1167 including, at a minimum, a face sheet for each case which lists
1168 the names and contact information for any child protective
1169 investigator, child protective investigation supervisor, case
1170 manager, and case manager supervisor, and the regional
1171 department official responsible for the lead agency contract.
1172 The department shall provide to the court the case information
1173 and recommendations provided by the lead agency or
1174 subcontractor. ~~For the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the department~~
1175 ~~shall contract with the state attorney for the provision of~~
1176 ~~these services.~~

1177 (18) (a) The department may contract for the provision of
1178 children's legal services to prepare and present cases in

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

1191 (b) The contracted attorneys shall adopt the child welfare
1192 practice model, as periodically updated by the department, that
1193 is used by attorneys employed by the department. The contracted
1194 attorneys shall operate in accordance with the same federal and
1195 state performance standards and metrics imposed on children's
1196 legal services attorneys employed by the department.

1197 (c) The department and contracted attorneys providing
1198 children's legal services shall collaborate to monitor program
1199 performance on an ongoing basis. The department and contracted
1200 attorneys', or a representative from such contracted attorneys'
1201 offices, shall meet at least quarterly to collaborate on federal
1202 and state quality assurance and quality improvement initiatives.

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1203 (d) The department shall conduct an annual program
1204 performance evaluation which shall be based on the same child
1205 welfare practice model principles and federal and state
1206 performance standards that are imposed on children's legal
1207 services attorneys employed by the department. The program
1208 performance evaluation must be standardized statewide and the
1209 department shall select random cases for evaluation. The program
1210 performance evaluation shall be conducted by a team of peer
1211 reviewers from the respective contracted attorneys' offices that
1212 perform children's legal services and representatives from the
1213 department.

1214 (e) The department shall publish an annual report
1215 regarding, at a minimum, performance quality, outcome-measure
1216 attainment, and cost efficiency of the services provided by the
1217 contracted attorneys. The annual report must include data and
1218 information on the performance of both the contracted attorneys'
1219 and the department's attorneys. The department shall submit the
1220 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
1221 the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
1222 November 1 of each year that the contracted attorneys are
1223 receiving appropriations to provide children's legal services
1224 for the department.

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1226 This subsection shall be repealed July 1, 2023, unless reviewed
1227 and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

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1228 (19)~~(18)~~ The department, in consultation with lead
1229 agencies, shall establish a quality assurance program for
1230 contracted services to dependent children. The quality assurance
1231 program shall, at a minimum, be based on standards established
1232 by federal and state law, and national accrediting
1233 organizations, and the Office of Quality established under s.
1234 402.715 and must be consistent with the child welfare results-
1235 oriented accountability system required by s. 409.997.

1236 (a) The department must evaluate each lead agency under
1237 contract at least annually. These evaluations shall cover the
1238 programmatic, operational, and fiscal operations of the lead
1239 agency ~~and must be consistent with the child welfare results-~~
1240 ~~oriented accountability system required by s. 409.997.~~ The
1241 department must consult with dependency judges in the circuit or
1242 circuits served by the lead agency on the performance of the
1243 lead agency.

1244 (b) The department and each lead agency shall monitor out-
1245 of-home placements, including the extent to which sibling groups
1246 are placed together or provisions to provide visitation and
1247 other contacts if siblings are separated. The data shall
1248 identify reasons for sibling separation. Information related to
1249 sibling placement shall be incorporated into the results-
1250 oriented accountability system required pursuant to s. 409.997
1251 and into the evaluation of the outcome specified in s.
1252 409.986(2) (e). The information related to sibling placement

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1253 shall also be made available to the institute established
1254 pursuant s. 1004.615 for use in assessing the performance of
1255 child welfare services in relation to the outcome specified in
1256 s. 409.986(2) (e).

1257 (c) The department shall, to the extent possible, use
1258 independent financial audits provided by the lead agency to
1259 eliminate or reduce the ongoing contract and administrative
1260 reviews conducted by the department. If the department
1261 determines that such independent financial audits are
1262 inadequate, other audits, as necessary, may be conducted by the
1263 department. This paragraph does not abrogate the requirements of
1264 s. 215.97.

1265 (d) The department may suggest additional items to be
1266 included in such independent financial audits to meet the
1267 department's needs.

1268 (e) The department may outsource programmatic,
1269 administrative, or fiscal monitoring oversight of lead agencies.

1270 (f) A lead agency must assure that all subcontractors are
1271 subject to the same quality assurance activities as the lead
1272 agency.

1273 ~~(20)~~(19) The department and its attorneys have the
1274 responsibility to ensure that the court is fully informed about
1275 issues before it, to make recommendations to the court, and to
1276 present competent evidence, including testimony by the
1277 department's employees, contractors, and subcontractors, as well

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

1284 ~~(21)(20)~~ The department, in consultation with lead
1285 agencies, shall develop a dispute resolution process so that
1286 disagreements between legal staff, investigators, and case
1287 management staff can be resolved in the best interest of the
1288 child in question before court appearances regarding that child.

1289 ~~(22)(21)~~ The department shall periodically, and before
1290 procuring a lead agency, solicit comments and recommendations
1291 from the community alliance established in s. 20.19(5), any
1292 other community groups, or public hearings. The recommendations
1293 must include, but are not limited to:

1294 (a) The current and past performance of a lead agency.

1295 (b) The relationship between a lead agency and its
1296 community partners.

1297 (c) Any local conditions or service needs in child
1298 protection and child welfare.

1299 ~~(23)(22)~~ The department shall develop, in collaboration
1300 with the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, lead agencies,
1301 service providers, current and former foster children placed in
1302 residential group care, and other community stakeholders, a

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1303 statewide accountability system for residential group care
1304 providers based on measureable quality standards.

1305 (a) The accountability system must:

1306 1. Promote high quality in services and accommodations,
1307 differentiating between shift and family-style models and
1308 programs and services for children with specialized or
1309 extraordinary needs, such as pregnant teens and children with
1310 Department of Juvenile Justice involvement.

1311 2. Include a quality measurement system with domains and
1312 clearly defined levels of quality. The system must measure the
1313 level of quality for each domain, using criteria that
1314 residential group care providers must meet in order to achieve
1315 each level of quality. Domains may include, but are not limited
1316 to, admissions, service planning, treatment planning, living
1317 environment, and program and service requirements. The system
1318 may also consider outcomes 6 months and 12 months after a child
1319 leaves the provider's care. However, the system may not assign a
1320 single summary rating to residential group care providers.

1321 3. Consider the level of availability of trauma-informed
1322 care and mental health and physical health services, providers'
1323 engagement with the schools children in their care attend, and
1324 opportunities for children's involvement in extracurricular
1325 activities.

1326 (b) After development and implementation of the
1327 accountability system in accordance with paragraph (a), the

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1328 department and each lead agency shall use the information from
1329 the accountability system to promote enhanced quality in
1330 residential group care within their respective areas of
1331 responsibility. Such promotion may include, but is not limited
1332 to, the use of incentives and ongoing contract monitoring
1333 efforts.

1334 (c) The department shall submit a report to the Governor,
1335 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
1336 Representatives by October 1 of each year, ~~with the first report~~
1337 ~~due October 1, 2017~~. The report must, at a minimum, include an
1338 update on the development of a statewide accountability system
1339 for residential group care providers and a plan for department
1340 oversight and implementation of the statewide accountability
1341 system. After implementation of the statewide accountability
1342 system, the report must also include a description of the
1343 system, including measures and any tools developed, a
1344 description of how the information is being used by the
1345 department and lead agencies, an assessment of placement of
1346 children in residential group care using data from the
1347 accountability system measures, and recommendations to further
1348 improve quality in residential group care.

1349 (d) The accountability system must be implemented by July
1350 1, 2022.

1351 (e) Nothing in this subsection impairs the department's
1352 licensure authority under s. 409.175.

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1353 (f) The department may adopt rules to administer this
1354 subsection.

1355 (24) Subject to an appropriation, for the 2020-2021 and
1356 2021-2022 fiscal years, the department shall implement a pilot
1357 project in the Sixth and Thirteenth Judicial Circuits,
1358 respectively, aimed at improving child welfare outcomes.

1359 (a) In implementing the pilot projects, the department
1360 shall establish performance metrics and performance standards to
1361 assess improvements in safety, permanency, and the well-being of
1362 children in the local system of care for the lead agencies in
1363 those judicial circuits. Such metrics and standards must be
1364 aligned with indicators used in the most recent federal Child
1365 and Family Services Reviews.

1366 (b) The lead agencies in the Sixth and Thirteenth Judicial
1367 Circuits shall provide performance data to the department each
1368 quarter. The department shall review the data for accuracy and
1369 completeness and then shall compare the actual performance of
1370 the lead agencies to the established performance metrics and
1371 standards. Each lead agency that exceeds performance metrics and
1372 standards is eligible for incentive funding.

1373 (c) For the first quarter of each fiscal year, the
1374 department may advance incentive funding to the lead agencies in
1375 an amount equal to one quarter of the total allocated to the
1376 pilot project. After each quarter, the department shall assess
1377 the performance of the lead agencies for that quarter and adjust

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1378 the subsequent quarter's incentive funding based on its actual
1379 prior quarter performance.

1380 (d) The department shall include the results of the pilot
1381 projects in the report required under s. 20.19(7). The report
1382 must include the department's findings and recommendations
1383 relating to the pilot projects.

1384 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2022.

1385 ~~(23)(a) The department, in collaboration with the Florida~~
1386 ~~Institute for Child Welfare, shall convene a workgroup on foster~~
1387 ~~home quality. The workgroup, at a minimum, shall identify~~
1388 ~~measures of foster home quality, review current efforts by lead~~
1389 ~~agencies and subcontractors to enhance foster home quality,~~
1390 ~~identify barriers to the greater availability of high-quality~~
1391 ~~foster homes, and recommend additional strategies for assessing~~
1392 ~~the quality of foster homes and increasing the availability of~~
1393 ~~high-quality foster homes.~~

1394 ~~(b) The workgroup shall include representatives from the~~
1395 ~~department, the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, foster~~
1396 ~~parents, current and former foster children, foster parent~~
1397 ~~organizations, lead agencies, child-placing agencies, other~~
1398 ~~service providers, and others as determined by the department.~~

1399 ~~(c) The Florida Institute for Child Welfare shall provide~~
1400 ~~the workgroup with relevant research on, at a minimum, measures~~
1401 ~~of quality of foster homes; evidence-supported strategies to~~
1402 ~~increase the availability of high-quality foster homes, such as~~

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1403 ~~those regarding recruitment, screening, training, retention, and~~
1404 ~~child placement; descriptions and results of quality improvement~~
1405 ~~efforts in other jurisdictions; and the root causes of placement~~
1406 ~~disruption.~~

1407 ~~(d) The department shall submit a report to the Governor,~~
1408 ~~the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~
1409 ~~Representatives by November 15, 2017. The report shall, at a~~
1410 ~~minimum:~~

1411 ~~1. Describe the important dimensions of quality for foster~~
1412 ~~homes;~~

1413 ~~2. Describe the foster home quality enhancement efforts in~~
1414 ~~the state, including, but not limited to, recruitment,~~
1415 ~~retention, placement procedures, systems change, and quality~~
1416 ~~measurement programs, and any positive or negative results;~~

1417 ~~3. Identify barriers to the greater availability of high-~~
1418 ~~quality foster homes;~~

1419 ~~4. Discuss available research regarding high-quality~~
1420 ~~foster homes; and~~

1421 ~~5. Present a plan for developing and implementing~~
1422 ~~strategies to increase the availability of high-quality foster~~
1423 ~~homes. The strategies shall address important elements of~~
1424 ~~quality, be based on available research, include both~~
1425 ~~qualitative and quantitative measures of quality, integrate with~~
1426 ~~the community-based care model, and be respectful of the privacy~~
1427 ~~and needs of foster parents. The plan shall recommend possible~~

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1428 ~~instruments and measures and identify any changes to general law~~
1429 ~~or rule necessary for implementation.~~

1430 Section 17. Section 409.997, Florida Statutes, is amended
1431 to read:

1432 409.997 Child welfare results-oriented accountability
1433 program.—

1434 (1) The department, the community-based care lead
1435 agencies, and the lead agencies' subcontractors share the
1436 responsibility for achieving the outcome goals specified in s.
1437 409.986(2).

1438 (2) The purpose of the results-oriented accountability
1439 program is to monitor and measure the use of resources, the
1440 quality and amount of services provided, and child and family
1441 outcomes. The program includes data analysis, research review,
1442 and evaluation. The program shall produce an assessment of
1443 individual entities' performance, as well as the performance of
1444 groups of entities working together on a local, judicial
1445 circuit, regional, and statewide basis to provide an integrated
1446 system of care. Data analyzed and communicated through the
1447 accountability program shall inform the department's development
1448 and maintenance of an inclusive, interactive, and evidence-
1449 supported program of quality improvement which promotes
1450 individual skill building as well as organizational learning.
1451 ~~Additionally, outcome~~ The department may use data generated by
1452 the program regarding performance drivers, process improvements,

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

1459 (a) Valid and reliable outcome measures for each of the
1460 goals specified in this subsection. The outcome data set must
1461 consist of a limited number of understandable measures using
1462 available data to quantify outcomes as children move through the
1463 system of care. Such measures may aggregate multiple variables
1464 that affect the overall achievement of the outcome goals. Valid
1465 and reliable measures must be based on adequate sample sizes, be
1466 gathered over suitable time periods, and reflect authentic
1467 rather than spurious results, and may not be susceptible to
1468 manipulation.

1469 (b) Regular and periodic monitoring activities that track
1470 the identified outcome measures on a statewide, regional, and
1471 provider-specific basis. Monitoring reports must identify trends
1472 and chart progress toward achievement of the goals specified in
1473 this subsection. The accountability program may not rank or
1474 compare performance among community-based care regions unless
1475 adequate and specific adjustments are adopted which account for
1476 the diversity in regions' demographics, resources, and other
1477 relevant characteristics. The requirements of the monitoring

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1478 program may be incorporated into the department's quality
1479 assurance and contract management programs ~~program~~.

1480 (c) An analytical framework that builds on the results of
1481 the outcomes monitoring procedures and assesses the statistical
1482 validity of observed associations between child welfare
1483 interventions and the measured outcomes. The analysis must use
1484 quantitative methods to adjust for variations in demographic or
1485 other conditions. The analysis must include longitudinal studies
1486 to evaluate longer term outcomes, such as continued safety,
1487 family permanence, and transition to self-sufficiency. The
1488 analysis may also include qualitative research methods to
1489 provide insight into statistical patterns.

1490 (d) A program of research review to identify interventions
1491 that are supported by evidence as causally linked to improved
1492 outcomes.

1493 (e) An ongoing process of evaluation to determine the
1494 efficacy and effectiveness of various interventions. Efficacy
1495 evaluation is intended to determine the validity of a causal
1496 relationship between an intervention and an outcome.
1497 Effectiveness evaluation is intended to determine the extent to
1498 which the results can be generalized.

1499 (f) Procedures for making the results of the
1500 accountability program transparent for all parties involved in
1501 the child welfare system as well as policymakers and the public,
1502 which shall be updated at least quarterly and published on the

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

1512 (g) An annual performance report that is provided to
1513 interested parties including the dependency judge or judges in
1514 the community-based care service area. The report shall be
1515 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
1516 Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1 of each
1517 year.

1518 ~~(3) The department shall establish a technical advisory~~
1519 ~~panel consisting of representatives from the Florida Institute~~
1520 ~~for Child Welfare established pursuant to s. 1004.615, lead~~
1521 ~~agencies, community-based care providers, other contract~~
1522 ~~providers, community alliances, and family representatives. The~~
1523 ~~President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~
1524 ~~Representatives shall each appoint a member to serve as a~~
1525 ~~legislative liaison to the panel. The technical advisory panel~~
1526 ~~shall advise the department on the implementation of the~~
1527 ~~results-oriented accountability program.~~

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

Remove lines 3-70 and insert:

title; amending s. 20.19, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish performance metrics; specifying goals that must be established; revising and providing duties of community alliances; revising membership of community alliances; creating s. 39.0143, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish and apply a methodology to rate performance of all entities working together as circuit-level child welfare systems; specifying requirements for such rating system; requiring reporting of ratings; permitting ratings to be used as the basis for the payment of performance incentives; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; requiring sheriffs providing child protective investigative services to adopt the child welfare practice model; requiring the Department of Children and Families and certain sheriffs to monitor program performance and meet, at least quarterly, to collaborate on specified quality assurance and initiatives; requiring the department to conduct an annual evaluation of the sheriffs' program performance based on certain criteria; requiring the department to submit an annual report on certain information by a specified date; providing report requirements; providing for future repeal; creating ss. 211.0252, 212.1833, 561.1212, and

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1553 624.51056, F.S.; authorizing a tax credit for certain
1554 contributions made to an eligible charitable organization with
1555 certain restrictions; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising
1556 legislative intent; amending ss. 220.13 and 220.186, F.S.;
1557 conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; creating
1558 s. 220.1876, F.S.; authorizing a tax credit for certain
1559 contributions made to an eligible organization with certain
1560 restrictions; providing requirements for applying a credit when
1561 the taxpayer requests an extension; amending s. 402.402, F.S.;
1562 requiring the department to implement certain policies and
1563 programs; requiring the annual report to include information on
1564 professional advancement of child protective investigators and
1565 supervisors; requiring attorneys contracting with the department
1566 to receive certain training within a specified time; creating s.
1567 402.62, F.S.; creating the Children's Promise tax credit;
1568 providing definitions; providing requirements for designation as
1569 an eligible charitable organization; specifying certain
1570 organizations that may not be designated as an eligible
1571 charitable organization; providing responsibilities of eligible
1572 charitable organizations receiving contributions under the tax
1573 credit; providing responsibilities of the department related to
1574 the tax credit; providing guidelines for the application of,
1575 limitations to, and transfers of the tax credit; providing for
1576 the preservation of the tax credit under certain circumstances;
1577 authorizing the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic

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1578 Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and
1579 Professional Regulation, and the department to develop a
1580 cooperative agreement to administer the tax credit; providing
1581 the Department of Revenue, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages
1582 and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional
1583 Regulation, and the department rulemaking authority; authorizing
1584 the Department of Revenue and the Division of Alcoholic
1585 Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and
1586 Professional Regulation to share certain information as needed
1587 to administer the tax credit program; creating s. 402.715, F.S.;
1588 requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish
1589 an Office of Quality; providing duties of the office; amending
1590 s. 402.7305, F.S.; removing limitations on monitoring of child-
1591 caring or child-placing services providers; amending s. 409.988,
1592 F.S.; revising the duties of a lead agency; amending s. 409.996,
1593 F.S.; adding responsibilities to the Department of Children and
1594 Families for contracts regarding care for children in the child
1595 welfare system; specifying additional requirements for
1596 contracts; authorizing the department to provide technical
1597 assistance to lead agencies; authorizing the department to
1598 contract for the provision of children's legal services;
1599 requiring the contracted attorneys to adopt the child welfare
1600 practice model and operate in the same manner as attorneys
1601 employed by the department; requiring the department and the
1602 contracted attorneys to monitor program performance; requiring

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