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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 755 - 778

and insert:

(k) Shall publish ~~post~~ on its website by the 15th day of each month at a minimum the information contained in subparagraphs 1.-5. ~~subparagraphs 1.-4.~~ for the preceding calendar month regarding its case management services. The following information shall be reported by each individual subcontracted case management provider, by the lead agency, if the lead agency provides case management services, and in total



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11 for all case management services subcontracted or directly
12 provided by the lead agency:

13 1. The average caseload of case managers, including only
14 filled positions;

15 2. The total number and percentage of case managers who
16 have 25 or more cases on their caseloads;

17 ~~3.2.~~ The turnover rate for case managers and case
18 management supervisors for the previous 12 months;

19 ~~4.3.~~ The percentage of required home visits completed; and

20 ~~5.4.~~ Performance on outcome measures required pursuant to
21 s. 409.997 for the previous 12 months.

22 (1) Shall identify an employee to serve as a liaison with
23 the community alliance and community-based and faith-based
24 organizations interested in collaborating with the lead agency
25 or offering services or other assistance on a volunteer basis to
26 the children and families served by the lead agency. The lead
27 agency shall ensure that appropriate lead agency staff and
28 subcontractors, including, but not limited to, case managers,
29 are informed of the specific services or assistance available
30 from community-based and faith-based organizations.

31 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 402.40, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 402.40 Child welfare training and certification.—

34 (3) THIRD-PARTY CREDENTIALING ENTITIES.—The department
35 shall approve one or more third-party credentialing entities for
36 the purpose of developing and administering child welfare
37 certification programs for persons who provide child welfare
38 services. A third-party credentialing entity shall request such
39 approval in writing from the department. In order to obtain



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40 approval, the third-party credentialing entity must:

41 (a) Establish professional requirements and standards that
42 applicants must achieve in order to obtain a child welfare
43 certification and to maintain such certification.

44 (b) Develop and apply core competencies and examination
45 instruments according to nationally recognized certification and
46 psychometric standards.

47 (c) Maintain a professional code of ethics and a
48 disciplinary process that apply to all persons holding child
49 welfare certification.

50 (d) Maintain a database, accessible to the public, of all
51 persons holding child welfare certification, including any
52 history of ethical violations.

53 (e) Require annual continuing education for persons holding
54 child welfare certification.

55 (f) Administer a continuing education provider program to
56 ensure that only qualified providers offer continuing education
57 opportunities for certificateholders.

58 (g) Review the findings and all relevant records involving
59 the death of a child or other critical incident following
60 completion of any reviews by the department, the inspector
61 general, or the Office of the Attorney General. Such review may
62 occur only upon the filing of a complaint from an outside party
63 involving certified personnel. This review shall assess the
64 certified personnel's compliance with the third-party
65 credentialing entity's published code of ethical and
66 professional conduct and disciplinary procedures.

67 (h) Maintain an advisory committee, including
68 representatives from each region of the department, each



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69 sheriff's office providing child protective services, and each
70 community-based care lead agency, who shall be appointed by the
71 organization they represent. The third-party credentialing
72 entity may appoint additional members to the advisory committee.

73 (i) Any decision by a department-recognized credentialing
74 entity to deny, revoke, or suspend a certification, or otherwise
75 impose sanctions on an individual who is certified, is
76 reviewable by the department pursuant to 397.321(15).

77 Section 10. Subsection (7) of section 409.990, Florida
78 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection
79 (7) is added to that section to read:

80 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established
81 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a
82 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or
83 applicable federal funding sources.

84 (7) If subcontracted service providers must provide
85 services that are beyond the contract limits due to increased
86 client need or caseload, the lead agencies shall fund the cost
87 of increased care.

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

90 And the title is amended as follows:

91 Delete line 62

92 and insert:

93 welfare practices; requiring lead agencies to publish
94 on its website within a specified time certain
95 information related to case managers' caseloads;
96 amending s. 402.40, F.S.; providing that the
97 department is authorized to review any decision to



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98 take specified actions against certified individuals;
99 amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring lead agencies to
100 fund the cost of increased care in certain
101 circumstances; amending s. 409.996, F.S.;