

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Borrero offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) through (n) of subsection
8 (1) of section 409.988, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
9 paragraphs (c) through (o), respectively, and a new paragraph
10 (b) is added to that subsection, to read:

11 409.988 Community-based care lead agency duties; general
12 provisions.—

13 (1) DUTIES.—A lead agency:

14 (b)1. Shall, in coordination with the local managing
15 entity, administer a validated trauma-focused screening to a
16 child removed from his or her parent, legal custodian, or

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17 caregiver to ensure any trauma related to the child's removal is
18 timely identified, if present, and that the child is referred
19 promptly to appropriate trauma services, including clinical
20 evaluation and intervention if needed. The trauma-focused
21 screening must occur as soon as practicable subsequent to the
22 child's removal but no later than 14 days after the shelter
23 hearing. The screening and therapy, if recommended, must
24 evaluate and address the impact of the removal to the child.

25 2. Shall offer voluntary trauma screening and appropriate
26 trauma services to a child and his or her family in the event
27 that a shelter petition is denied and the child is returned to
28 his or her parent, legal custodian, or caregiver.

29 Section 2. Present paragraphs (b) through (f) of
30 subsection (1) of section 409.996, Florida Statutes, are
31 redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, a new
32 paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (b) of
33 subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

34 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and
35 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,
36 administration, or management of care for children in the child
37 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department
38 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services
39 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are
40 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state
41 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and

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42 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.
43 20.19(1).

44 (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead
45 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies
46 established in s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must do
47 all of the following:

48 (b) Require lead agencies and managing entities to
49 coordinate to administer a validated trauma-focused screening to
50 a child removed from his or her parent, legal custodian, or
51 caregiver to ensure any trauma related to the child's removal is
52 timely identified, if present, and that the child is referred
53 promptly to appropriate trauma services, including clinical
54 evaluation and intervention if needed as required by s.
55 409.988(1)(b).

56 (4)

57 (b) The department shall collect and publish on its
58 website, and update monthly, the information required under s.
59 409.988(1)(l) ~~s. 409.988(1)(k)~~.

60 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

An act relating to children removed from caregivers; amending s. 409.988, F.S.; requiring community-based care lead agencies, in coordination with the local managing entity, to administer a trauma-focused screening within a specified timeframe to children removed from certain caregivers; specifying requirements of the screening and therapy, if recommended; requiring community-based care lead agencies to offer voluntary trauma screening and services under certain circumstances; amending s. 409.996, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to require in its contracts with the community-based care lead agencies that such agencies and managing entities administer a trauma-focused screening within a specified timeframe to children removed from certain caregivers; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.