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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative McFarland offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 107-542 and insert:

year contracts with lead agencies. The department may extend a contract for 1 to 5 years, in accordance with s. 287.057, only if a lead agency has met performance expectations within the monitoring evaluation.

(4) In order to serve as a lead agency, an entity must:

(a) Be organized as a Florida corporation or a governmental entity.

(b) Be governed by a board of directors or a board committee composed of board members. The board of directors or

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14 board committee shall provide oversight and ensure  
15 accountability and transparency for the system of care. The  
16 board of directors or board committee shall provide fiduciary  
17 oversight to prevent conflicts of interest, promote  
18 accountability and transparency, and protect state and federal  
19 funding from misuse. The board of directors shall act in  
20 accordance with s. 617.0830. The membership of the board of  
21 directors or board committee must be described in the bylaws or  
22 articles of incorporation of each lead agency, which must  
23 provide that at least 75 percent of the membership of the board  
24 of directors or board committee must be composed ~~consist~~ of  
25 persons residing in this state, and at least 51 percent of the  
26 state residents on the board of directors must reside within the  
27 service area of the lead agency. The lead agency shall ensure  
28 that its board members, directors, and officers participate in  
29 annual training related to their responsibilities. The  
30 department shall set forth minimum training criteria in the  
31 contracts with the lead agencies. However, for procurements of  
32 lead agency contracts initiated on or after July 1, 2014:

33 1. At least 75 percent of the membership of the board of  
34 directors must be composed ~~consist~~ of persons residing in this  
35 state, and at least 51 percent of the membership of the board of  
36 directors must be composed ~~consist~~ of persons residing within  
37 the service area of the lead agency. If a board committee  
38 governs the lead agency, 100 percent of its membership must be

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39 | composed ~~consist~~ of persons residing within the service area of  
40 | the lead agency.

41 |       2. The powers of the board of directors or board committee  
42 | include, but are not limited to, approving the lead agency's  
43 | budget and setting the lead agency's operational policy and  
44 | procedures. A board of directors must additionally have the  
45 | power to hire the lead agency's executive director, unless a  
46 | board committee governs the lead agency, in which case the board  
47 | committee must have the power to confirm the selection of the  
48 | lead agency's executive director.

49 |       (c) Demonstrate financial responsibility through an  
50 | organized plan for regular fiscal audits and the posting of a  
51 | performance bond.

52 |       (7)(a) As used in this subsection, the term:

53 |       1. "Activity" includes, but is not limited to, a contract  
54 | for goods and services, a contract for the purchase of any real  
55 | or tangible property, or an agreement to engage with a lead  
56 | agency for the benefit of a third party in exchange for an  
57 | interest in real or tangible property, a monetary benefit, or an  
58 | in-kind contribution.

59 |       2. "Conflict of interest" means when a board member,  
60 | director, or ~~an~~ officer, or a relative of a board member,  
61 | director, or ~~an~~ officer, of a lead agency does any of the  
62 | following:

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63 a. Enters into a contract or other transaction for goods  
64 or services with the lead agency.

65 b. Holds a direct or indirect interest in a corporation,  
66 limited liability corporation, partnership, limited liability  
67 partnership, or other business entity that conducts business  
68 with the lead agency or proposes to enter into a contract or  
69 other transaction with the lead agency. For purposes of this  
70 paragraph, the term "indirect interest" has the same meaning as  
71 in s. 112.312.

72 c. Knowingly obtains a direct or indirect personal,  
73 financial, professional, or other benefit as a result of the  
74 relationship of such board member, director, or officer, or  
75 relative of the board member, director, or officer, with the  
76 lead agency. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "benefit"  
77 does not include per diem and travel expenses paid or reimbursed  
78 to board members, directors, or officers of the lead agency in  
79 connection with their service on the board.

80 3. "Related party" means any entity of which a director or  
81 an officer of the entity is also directly or indirectly related  
82 to, or has a direct or indirect financial or other material  
83 interest in, the lead agency. The term also includes any  
84 subsidiary firm or joint venture.

85 ~~4.3.~~ "Relative" means a relative within the third degree  
86 of consanguinity by blood or marriage.

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87 (b)1. For any activity that is presented to the board of a  
88 lead agency for its initial consideration and approval ~~after~~  
89 ~~July 1, 2021~~, or any activity that involves a contract that is  
90 being considered for renewal ~~on or after July 1, 2021, but~~  
91 ~~before January 1, 2022~~, a board member, a director, or an  
92 officer of a lead agency shall disclose to the board any  
93 activity that may reasonably be construed to be a conflict of  
94 interest before such activity is initially considered and  
95 approved or a contract is renewed by the board. A rebuttable  
96 presumption of a conflict of interest exists if the activity was  
97 acted on by the board without prior notice as required under  
98 paragraph (c). The board shall disclose any known actual or  
99 potential conflicts to the department.

100 2. A lead agency may not enter into a contract or be a  
101 party to any transaction with related parties if a conflict of  
102 interest is not properly disclosed. A lead agency may not enter  
103 into a contract with a related party for officer or director  
104 level staffing to perform management functions. The contract  
105 with the department and lead agency must specify the  
106 administrative functions and services that the lead agency will  
107 subcontract ~~For contracts with a lead agency which are in~~  
108 ~~existence on July 1, 2021, and are not subject to renewal before~~  
109 ~~January 1, 2022, a board member or an officer of the lead agency~~  
110 ~~shall disclose to the board any activity that may reasonably be~~

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111 ~~construed to be a conflict of interest under this section by~~  
112 ~~December 31, 2021.~~

113 3. Subject to the requirements of subparagraph 2., a lead  
114 agency may enter into a contract or be a party to any  
115 transaction with related parties as long as the fee, rate, or  
116 price paid by the lead agency for the commodities or services  
117 being procured does not exceed the fair market value for such  
118 commodities or services. The lead agency shall disclose any  
119 known actual or potential conflicts to the department.

120 (g) All department contracts with lead agencies must  
121 contain the following contractual penalty provisions:

122 1. Penalties in the amount of \$5,000 per occurrence shall  
123 be imposed for each known and potential conflict of interest, as  
124 described in paragraph (b), which is not disclosed to the  
125 department.

126 2. If a contract is executed for which a conflict of  
127 interest was not disclosed to the department before execution of  
128 the contract, the following penalties apply:

129 a. A penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for a first offense.

130 b. A penalty in the amount of \$15,000 for a second or  
131 subsequent offense.

132 3. The penalties for failure to disclose a conflict of  
133 interest under subparagraphs 1. and 2. apply to any contract  
134 entered into, regardless of the method of procurement,  
135 including, but not limited to, formal procurement, single-source

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136 contracts, and contracts that do not meet the minimum threshold  
137 for formal procurement.

138 4. A contract procured for which a conflict of interest  
139 was not disclosed to the department before execution of the  
140 contract shall be reprocured. The department shall recoup from  
141 the lead agency expenses related to a contract that was executed  
142 without disclosure of a conflict of interest.

143 Section 3. Paragraphs (c), (j), and (k) of subsection (1)  
144 of section 409.988, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

145 409.988 Community-based care lead agency duties; general  
146 provisions.-

147 (1) DUTIES.-A lead agency:

148 (c) Shall follow the financial guidelines developed by the  
149 department and shall comply with regular, independent auditing  
150 of its financial activities, including any requests for records  
151 associated with such financial audits within the timeframe  
152 established by the department or its contracted vendors provide  
153 for a regular independent auditing of its financial activities.  
154 The results of the financial audit must ~~Such financial~~  
155 ~~information shall~~ be provided to the community alliance  
156 established under s. 20.19(5).

157 (j) May subcontract for the provision of services,  
158 excluding with a related party for officer or director level  
159 staffing to perform management functions, required by the  
160 contract with the lead agency and the department; however, the

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161 subcontracts must specify how the provider will contribute to  
162 the lead agency meeting the performance standards established  
163 pursuant to the child welfare results-oriented accountability  
164 system required by s. 409.997. The lead agency shall directly  
165 provide no more than 35 percent of all child welfare services  
166 provided unless it can demonstrate a need, within the lead  
167 agency's geographic service area in which there is a lack of  
168 qualified providers available to perform the necessary services.  
169 The approval period to exceed the threshold must be limited to 2  
170 years and must be renewed following the process outlined in this  
171 section, to exceed this threshold. The local community alliance  
172 in the geographic service area in which the lead agency is  
173 seeking to exceed the threshold shall review the lead agency's  
174 justification for need and recommend to the department whether  
175 the department should approve or deny the lead agency's request  
176 for an exemption from the services threshold. If there is not a  
177 community alliance operating in the geographic service area in  
178 which the lead agency is seeking to exceed the threshold, such  
179 review and recommendation shall be made by representatives of  
180 local stakeholders, including at least one representative from  
181 each of the following:

- 182 1. The department.
- 183 2. The county government.
- 184 3. The school district.
- 185 4. The county United Way.

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- 186           5. The county sheriff's office.
- 187           6. The circuit court corresponding to the county.
- 188           7. The county children's board, if one exists.
- 189           (k) Shall publish on its website by the 15th day of each
- 190 month at a minimum the data specified in subparagraphs 1.-10.
- 191 ~~1.-5.~~, calculated using a standard methodology determined by the
- 192 department, for the preceding calendar month regarding its case
- 193 management services. The following information shall be reported
- 194 by each individual subcontracted case management provider, by
- 195 the lead agency, if the lead agency provides case management
- 196 services, and in total for all case management services
- 197 subcontracted or directly provided by the lead agency:
- 198           1. The average caseload of case managers, including only
- 199 filled positions;
- 200           2. The total number and percentage of case managers who
- 201 have 25 or more cases on their caseloads;
- 202           3. The turnover rate for case managers and case management
- 203 supervisors for the previous 12 months;
- 204           4. The percentage of required home visits completed; ~~and~~
- 205           5. Performance on outcome measures required pursuant to s.
- 206 409.997 for the previous 12 months; ~~and~~
- 207           6. The number of unlicensed placements for the previous
- 208 month;
- 209           7. The percentages and trends for foster parent and group
- 210 home recruitment and licensure for the previous month;

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211 8. The percentage of families being served through family  
212 support, in-home, and out-of-home services for the previous  
213 month;

214 9. The percentage of cases that converted from nonjudicial  
215 to judicial for the previous month; and

216 10. Children's legal service staffing rates.

217 Section 4. Section 409.991, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

218 Section 5. Section 409.9913, Florida Statutes, is created  
219 to read:

220 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead  
221 agencies.-

222 (1) As used in this section, the term:

223 (a) "Core services funding" means all funds allocated to  
224 lead agencies. The term does not include any of the following:

225 1. Funds appropriated for independent living services.

226 2. Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies.

227 3. Funds allocated by the department for child protective  
228 investigation service training.

229 4. Nonrecurring funds.

230 5. Designated mental health wrap-around service funds.

231 6. Funds for special projects for a designated lead  
232 agency.

233 7. Funds appropriated for the Guardianship Assistance  
234 Program established under s. 39.6225.

235 (b) "Operational and fixed costs" means:

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236 1. Administrative expenditures, including, but not limited  
237 to, information technology and human resources functions.

238 2. Lease payments.

239 3. Asset depreciation.

240 4. Utilities.

241 5. Administrative components of case management.

242 6. Mandated activities such as training, quality  
243 improvement, or contract management.

244 (2) The department shall develop, in collaboration with  
245 lead agencies and providers of child welfare services, a funding  
246 methodology for allocating core services funding to lead  
247 agencies which, at a minimum:

248 (a) Is actuarially sound.

249 (b) Is reimbursement based.

250 (c) Is designed to incentivize efficient and effective  
251 lead agency operation, prevention, family preservation, and  
252 permanency.

253 (d) Considers variable costs, including, but not limited  
254 to, direct costs for in-home and out-of-home care for children  
255 served by the lead agencies, prevention services, and  
256 operational and fixed costs.

257 (e) Is scaled regionally for cost-of-living factors.

258 (3) The lead agencies and providers of child welfare  
259 services shall submit any detailed cost and expenditure data

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260 that the department requests for the development of the funding  
261 methodology.

262 (4) The department shall submit a report to the Governor,  
263 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
264 Representatives by December 1, 2024, which, at a minimum:

265 (a) Describes a proposed funding methodology and formula  
266 that will provide for the annual budget of each lead agency,  
267 including, but not limited to, how the proposed methodology will  
268 meet the criteria in subsection (2).

269 (b) Describes the data used to develop the methodology,  
270 and the data that will be used to annually calculate the  
271 proposed lead agency budget.

272 (c) Specifies proposed rates and total allocations for  
273 each lead agency. The allocations must ensure that the total of  
274 all amounts allocated to lead agencies under the funding  
275 methodology does not exceed the total amount appropriated to  
276 lead agencies in the General Appropriations Act in the 2024-2025  
277 fiscal year.

278 (d) Provides risk mitigation recommendations that ensure  
279 that lead agencies do not experience a reduction in funding that  
280 would be detrimental to operations or result in a reduction in  
281 services to children.

282 (5) By October 31 of each year, beginning in 2025, the  
283 department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President  
284 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

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285 which includes recommendations for adjustments to the funding  
286 methodology for the next fiscal year, using the criteria in  
287 subsection (2) and basing the recommendations on, at a minimum,  
288 updated expenditure data, cost-of-living adjustments, market  
289 dynamics, or other catchment area variations. The total of all  
290 amounts proposed for allocation to lead agencies under the  
291 funding methodology for the next fiscal year may not exceed the  
292 total amount appropriated for core services funding in the  
293 current fiscal year's General Appropriations Act. The funding  
294 methodology must include risk mitigation strategies that ensure  
295 that lead agencies do not experience a reduction in funding that  
296 would be detrimental to operations or result in a reduction in  
297 services to children.

298 (6)(a) The requirements of this section do not replace,  
299 and must be in addition to, any requirements of chapter 216,  
300 including, but not limited to, submission of final legislative  
301 budget requests by the department under s. 216.023.

302 (b) The data and reports required under subsections (4)  
303 and (5) may also include proposed rates and total allocations  
304 for each lead agency which reflect any additional core services  
305 funding for lead agencies which is requested by the department  
306 under s. 216.023.

307 (7)(a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the  
308 Legislature shall allocate funding to lead agencies through the

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309 General Appropriations Act with due consideration of the funding  
310 methodology developed under this section.

311 (b) The department may not change the allocation of funds  
312 to a lead agency as provided in the General Appropriations Act  
313 without legislative approval. The department may approve  
314 additional risk pool funding for a lead agency as provided under  
315 s. 409.990.

316 (8) The department shall provide to the Governor, the  
317 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
318 Representatives monthly reports from July through October 2024,  
319 which provide updates on activities and progress in developing  
320 the funding methodology.

321 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 409.992,  
322 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

323 409.992 Lead agency expenditures.—

324 (1) The procurement of commodities or contractual services  
325 by lead agencies is ~~shall be~~ governed by the financial  
326 guidelines developed by the department and must comply with  
327 applicable state and federal law and follow good business  
328 practices. Pursuant to s. 11.45, the Auditor General may provide  
329 technical advice in the development of the financial guidelines.

330 (a)1. Lead agencies shall competitively procure all  
331 contracts, consistent with the federal simplified acquisition  
332 threshold.

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333        2. Lead agencies shall competitively procure all contracts  
334 in excess of \$35,000 with related parties.

335        3. Financial penalties or sanctions, as established by the  
336 department and incorporated into the contract, shall be imposed  
337 by the department for noncompliance with applicable local,  
338 state, or federal law for the procurement of commodities or  
339 contractual services.

340        (b) The contract between the department and the lead  
341 agency for the provision of child protection and child welfare  
342 services must delineate the rights and obligations of the  
343 parties concerning the acquisition, transfer, or other  
344 disposition of real property held by the lead agency during the  
345 term of the contract. This paragraph applies prospectively to  
346 new contracts entered into between the department and a lead  
347 agency for the provision of child protection and child welfare  
348 services on or after July 1, 2024.

349        (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
350 community-based care lead agency administrative employee may not  
351 receive a salary, whether base pay or base pay combined with any  
352 bonus or incentive payments, in excess of 150 percent of the  
353 annual salary paid to the secretary of the Department of  
354 Children and Families from state-appropriated funds, including  
355 state-appropriated federal funds. This limitation applies  
356 regardless of the number of community-based care contracts a  
357 community-based care lead agency may execute with the

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358 department. This subsection does not prohibit any party from  
359 providing cash that is not from appropriated state funds to a  
360 community-based care lead agency administrative employee.

361 Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
362 409.994, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

363 409.994 Community-based care lead agencies; receivership.—

364 (1) The Department of Children and Families may petition a  
365 court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a  
366 receiver for a community-based care lead agency established  
367 pursuant to s. 409.987 if any of the following conditions exist:

368 (d) The lead agency cannot meet, or is unlikely to meet,  
369 its current financial obligations to its employees, contractors,  
370 or foster parents. Issuance of bad checks or the existence of  
371 delinquent obligations for payment of salaries, utilities, or  
372 invoices for essential services or commodities constitutes shall  
373 ~~constitute~~ prima facie evidence that the lead agency lacks the  
374 financial ability to meet its financial obligations.

375 Section 8. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
376 409.996, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and  
378 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,  
379 administration, or management of care for children in the child  
380 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department  
381 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services  
382 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are

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383 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state  
384 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and  
385 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.  
386 20.19(1).

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

391 (d) Provide for contractual actions ~~tiered interventions~~  
392 ~~and graduated penalties~~ for failure to comply with contract  
393 terms or in the event of performance deficiencies, as determined  
394 appropriate by the department.

395 1. Such contractual actions must ~~interventions and~~  
396 ~~penalties shall~~ include, but are not limited to:

397 a.1. Enhanced monitoring and reporting.

398 b.2. Corrective action plans.

399 c.3. Requirements to accept technical assistance and  
400 consultation from the department under subsection (6).

401 d.4. Financial penalties, as a matter of contract. The  
402 financial penalties assessed by the department on the lead  
403 agency revert to the state which shall require a lead agency to  
404 ~~reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for~~  
405 ~~children.~~

406 e.5. Early termination of contracts, as provided in s.  
407 402.7305(3)(f) ~~s. 402.1705(3)(f).~~

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408        2. No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall  
409 ensure that each lead agency contract executed includes a list  
410 of financial penalties for failure to comply with contractual  
411 requirements.

412        Section 9. The Department of Children and Families shall  
413 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
414 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on rules and  
415 policies adopted and other actions taken to implement the  
416 requirements of this act. The first such report must be due  
417 September 30, 2024, and the second such report must be due  
418 February 1, 2025.

419        Section 10. There is established the Future of Child  
420 Protection Contracting and Funding Working Group. The Department  
421 of Children and Families shall convene the working group and  
422 shall be responsible for producing and submitting a report to  
423 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
424 the House of Representatives by October 15, 2025.

425        (1) The report must, at a minimum:

426        (a) Examine the current contracting methods for the  
427 provision of all foster care and related services.

428        (b) Identify any barriers or deficiencies in creating  
429 local ownership and governance of such services.

430        (c) Assess the implications of a 10 percent cap on  
431 administrative costs.

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432 (d) Evaluate barriers to entry in the procurement of  
433 managed care networks.

434 (e) Consider the unique regional needs of children and  
435 families at risk of abuse and neglect.

436 (f) Recommend changes to existing laws, rules, and  
437 policies necessary to implement the working group's  
438 recommendations.

439 (2) The secretary of the Department of Children and  
440 Families, or his or her designee, shall chair the working group  
441 and shall invite the following persons to participate as a  
442 member of the working group:

443 (a) The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care  
444 Administration, or his or her designee.

445 (b) The secretary of the Department of Management  
446 Services, or his or her designee.

447 (c) A member of the Florida Coalition for Children, Inc.,  
448 or his or her designee.

449 (d) A current contractor for lead agency child protection  
450 services.

451 (e) Two representatives of a direct provider of child  
452 protection or child welfare services.

453 (f) A member of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar  
454 or a member of the court exercising jurisdiction over family law  
455 matters.

456 (g) A representative of a for-profit managed care entity.

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457 (h) A representative from a State University System school  
458 of business.

459 (i) A representative from the Florida Institute for Child  
460 Welfare.

461 (j) Any additional members as the department deems  
462 appropriate.

463 (3) The working group shall terminate immediately after  
464 the secretary of the Department of Children and Families submits  
465 the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
466 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

470 Remove lines 5-83 and insert:  
471 authorizing the Department of Children and Families to  
472 extend contracts with community-based care lead  
473 agencies under certain circumstances; revising  
474 requirements for an entity to serve as a lead agency;  
475 providing duties for board members and board of  
476 directors of lead agencies; requiring that lead  
477 agencies ensure that board members participate in  
478 certain annual training; revising the definition of  
479 the term "conflict of interest"; defining the term  
480 "related party"; requiring the lead agency's board of  
481 directors to disclose any known or potential conflicts

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482 of interest; prohibiting a lead agency from entering  
483 into a contract or being a party to any transaction  
484 with related parties if a conflict of interest is not  
485 properly disclosed; prohibiting a lead agency from  
486 entering into a contract or being a party to any  
487 transaction with related parties for officer or  
488 director level staffing to perform management  
489 functions; removing obsolete language; authorizing a  
490 lead agency to enter into certain contracts or be a  
491 party to certain transactions under certain  
492 circumstances; requiring department contracts with  
493 lead agencies to include certain contractual penalty  
494 provisions; specifying the contractual penalties;  
495 providing applicability; requiring certain contracts  
496 to be reprocured; requiring the department to recoup  
497 lead agency expenses for the execution of certain  
498 contracts; amending s. 409.988, F.S.; revising lead  
499 agency duties and authority; repealing s. 409.991,  
500 F.S., relating to allocation of funds for community-  
501 based care lead agencies; creating s. 409.9913, F.S.;  
502 providing definitions; requiring the department, in  
503 collaboration with the lead agencies and providers of  
504 child welfare services, to develop a specific funding  
505 methodology for the allocation of core services which  
506 meets certain criteria; requiring the lead agencies

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507 and providers of child welfare services to submit to  
508 the department certain financial information for the  
509 development of the funding methodology; requiring the  
510 department to submit to the Governor and the  
511 Legislature certain reports by the established  
512 deadlines; subjecting the allocation of core services  
513 to the requirements of ch. 216, F.S.; authorizing the  
514 department to include certain rates and total  
515 allocations in certain reports; requiring the  
516 Legislature to allocate funding to the lead agencies  
517 with due consideration of the funding methodology,  
518 beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year; prohibiting  
519 the department from changing a lead agency's  
520 allocation of funds provided in the General  
521 Appropriations Act without legislative approval;  
522 authorizing the department to approve certain risk  
523 pool funding for a lead agency; requiring the  
524 department to submit to the Governor and the  
525 Legislature certain reports by the established  
526 deadlines; amending s. 409.992, F.S.; revising  
527 requirements for lead agency practices in the  
528 procurement of commodities and contractual services;  
529 requiring the department to impose certain penalties  
530 for a lead agency's noncompliance with applicable  
531 procurement law; requiring a contract between the

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532 department and a lead agency to specify the rights and  
533 obligations to real property held by the lead agency  
534 during the term of the contract; providing  
535 applicability; providing applicability of certain  
536 limitations on the salaries of community-based care  
537 lead agency administrative employees; amending s.  
538 409.994, F.S.; revising the conditions under which the  
539 department may petition a court for the appointment of  
540 a receiver for a community-based care lead agency;  
541 amending s. 409.996, F.S.; revising requirements for  
542 contracts between the department and lead agencies;  
543 making a technical change; providing duties of the  
544 department; providing reporting requirements;  
545 requiring the department to convene a working group to  
546 submit a certain report to the Governor and the  
547 Legislature by a certain date; providing membership  
548 and termination of the working group; providing an  
549 effective

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