

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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**BILL:** CS/SB 878

**INTRODUCER:** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Montford

**SUBJECT:** Children and Youth Cabinet

**DATE:** March 13, 2015      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Preston	Hendon	CF	<b>Fav/CS</b>
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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 878 adds a superintendent of schools to the membership of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet. The superintendent is to be appointed by the Governor.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on state government.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2015.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (cabinet) was created in 2007<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of developing and implementing a shared vision among the branches of government in order to improve child and family outcomes statewide.<sup>2</sup>

Current cabinet membership includes the Governor and 14 members.<sup>3</sup> These members include the Secretary of Children and Families, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, the director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the director of the Office of Early Learning, the State Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health Care Administration, the Commissioner of Education, the director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, the director of the Office of Child

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 2007-151, L.O.F.

<sup>2</sup> Section 402.56, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Section 402.56, F.S., currently states that the “cabinet shall consist of 14 members including the Governor and the following persons . . .” However, there are 14 specific members listed in addition to the Governor, bringing the total membership to 15 members. The bill changes the total number to 16 members, which will correct an inaccuracy in current law.

Abuse Prevention,<sup>4</sup> and five members representing children and youth advocacy organizations, who are not service providers and who are appointed by the Governor.<sup>5</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** amends s. 402.56, F.S., to expand cabinet membership to include a superintendent of schools to be appointed by the Governor.

**Section 2** provides for an effective date of July 1, 2015.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

### **VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

### **VII. Related Issues:**

None.

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<sup>4</sup> The Office of Child Abuse Prevention was created in 2006 and the name was changed to the Office of Adoption and Child Protection in 2007. See chapters 2006-194 and 2007-124, L.O.F., respectively.

<sup>5</sup> Section 402.56, F.S.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 402.56.

**IX. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs on March 12, 2015:**

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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