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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Care Appropriations
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative McFarland offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 271-381 and insert:

7 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead
8 agencies.-

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

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

12 1. Funds appropriated for independent living services.

13 2. Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies.

14 3. Funds allocated by the department for child protective
15 investigation service training.

16 4. Nonrecurring funds.

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

18 6. Funds for special projects for a designated lead
19 agency.

20 7. Funds appropriated for the Guardianship Assistance
21 Program established under s. 39.6225.

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

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

25 2. Lease payments.

26 3. Asset depreciation.

27 4. Utilities.

28 5. Administrative components of case management.

29 6. Mandated activities such as training, quality
30 improvement, or contract management.

31 (2) The department shall develop, in collaboration with
32 lead agencies and providers of child welfare services, a funding
33 methodology for allocating core services funding to lead
34 agencies which, at a minimum:

35 (a) Is actuarially sound.

36 (b) Is reimbursement based.

37 (c) Is designed to incentivize efficient and effective
38 lead agency operation, prevention, family preservation, and
39 permanency.

40 (d) Considers variable costs, including, but not limited
41 to, direct costs for in-home and out-of-home care for children

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42 served by the lead agencies, prevention services, and
43 operational and fixed costs.

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

45 (3) The lead agencies and providers shall submit any
46 detailed cost and expenditure data that the department requests
47 for the development of the funding methodology.

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

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

55 (b) Describes the data used to develop the methodology,
56 and the data that will be used to annually calculate the
57 proposed lead agency budget.

58 (c) Specifies proposed rates and total allocations for
59 each lead agency. The allocations shall ensure that the total of
60 all amounts allocated to lead agencies under the funding
61 methodology does not exceed the total amount appropriated to
62 lead agencies in the General Appropriations Act in the 2024-2025
63 fiscal year.

64 (d) Provides risk mitigation recommendations that ensure
65 that lead agencies do not experience a reduction in funding that

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66 would be detrimental to operations or result in a reduction in
67 services to children.

68 (5) By October 31 of each year, beginning in 2025, the
69 department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President
70 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
71 which includes recommendations for adjustments to the funding
72 methodology for the next fiscal year, using the criteria in
73 subsection (2) and basing the recommendations on, at a minimum,
74 updated expenditure data, cost-of-living adjustments, market
75 dynamics, or other catchment area variations. The total of all
76 amounts proposed for allocation to lead agencies under the
77 funding methodology for the next fiscal year may not exceed the
78 total amount appropriated for core services funding in the
79 current fiscal year's General Appropriations Act. The funding
80 methodology must include risk mitigation strategies that ensure
81 that no lead agency experiences a reduction in funding that
82 would be detrimental to operations or result in a reduction in
83 services to children.

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

88 (b) The data and reports required under subsections (4)
89 and (5) may also include proposed rates and total allocations
90 for each lead agency which reflect any additional core services

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91 funding for lead agencies which is requested by the department
92 under s. 216.023.

93 (7)(a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
94 Legislature shall allocate funding to lead agencies through the
95 General Appropriations Act with due consideration of the funding
96 methodology developed under this section.

97 (b) The department may not change the allocation of funds
98 to a lead agency as provided in the General Appropriations Act
99 without legislative approval. The department may approve
100 additional risk pool funding for a lead agency as provided under
101 s. 409.990.

102 (8) The department shall provide to the Governor, the
103 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
104 Representatives monthly reports from July through October 2024
105 which provide updates on activities and progress in developing
106 the funding methodology.

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

110 Remove lines 23-28 and insert:

111 providing definitions; requiring the department, in
112 collaboration with lead agencies and providers of
113 child welfare services, to develop a funding
114 methodology for allocating certain funding to lead
115 agencies; providing requirements for the methodology;

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116 providing reporting requirements; providing
117 construction; providing duties for the Legislature
118 relating to funding for lead agencies; prohibiting the
119 department from changing allocations of funds to lead
120 agencies without legislative approval; authorizing the
121 department to approve certain risk pool funding for
122 lead agencies; amending