

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/HB 1087 — Domestic Violence Services

by Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee and Rep. Fernandez-Barquin and others
(CS/SB 1482 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senators Bean, Cruz,
Broxson, Perry and Wright)

The bill (Chapter 2020-6, L.O.F.) makes a number of changes to Florida law relating to the domestic violence program and the provision of domestic violence services statewide. Specifically, the law removes the requirement for the Department of Children and Families (department) to contract with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (coalition) for the delivery and management of domestic violence services statewide.

The bill also retains the ability of the department to contract with the coalition or another entity in the future, shifts certain duties previously performed by the coalition to the department including, but not limited to, certifying domestic violence centers and implementing, administering, and evaluating all domestic violence services provided by domestic violence centers.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on February 27, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0