

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

HB 7093 — Domestic Violence

by Health and Human Services Committee and Rep. Harrell (CS/CS/SB 2054 by Judiciary Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Lynn)

The bill makes statutory changes to conform to proviso included in the FY 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act (GAA). The bill revises the duties and functions of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF or department) relating to the domestic violence program. Specifically, the bill:

- Limits the department's role in certification of domestic violence shelters to initial certification, suspension and revocation. Ongoing certification of domestic violence shelters will be performed by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV or coalition);
- Requires the department to partner with the FCADV to coordinate and administer the statewide activities related to the prevention of domestic violence;
- Requires the department to contract with the coalition for the delivery and management of services for the state's domestic violence program; and
- Eliminates the certification of batterers' intervention programs as well as the authority for the department to collect fees associated with the certification program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0