

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS

Senator Garcia, Chair

Senator Thompson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TIME: 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Book, Bradley, Brodeur, Ingoglia, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 272 Garcia (Compare CS/H 1101)	Children and Young Adults in Out-of-home Care; Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to serve a specified purpose; specifying dates by which the office must be established and certain information and training and processes provided; requiring the department to work with all stakeholders to educate children and young adults in out-of-home care regarding their rights and protections and the benefits available to them; requiring specified staff to provide certain materials to children and young adults in out-of-home care and explain certain rights and protections; requiring the department to adopt rules, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS AHS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
2	SB 976 Harrell (Similar H 1055)	Certification of Individuals Who Provide Child and Adult Protective Services; Providing a review and appeal process for child welfare administration certifications that are denied, revoked, or suspended or sanctions that are imposed by a third-party credentialing entity; revising legislative intent regarding the certification of individuals who provide adult protective services, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Favorable AHS FP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	SB 1012 Rouson (Similar CS/H 1045)	Certified Peer Specialist Pilot Program; Creating the pilot program within the Department of Corrections; authorizing inmates at participating facilities to apply to participate in the pilot program; exempting persons who complete the pilot program's requirements from a specified background screening for peer specialists, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS ACJ FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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4	SB 1016 Rouson (Identical H 1095)	Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Revising a requirement for the Department of Children and Families relating to certain performance outcomes and measures; requiring managing entities to lead the implementation of a coordinated system of care; repealing a provision relating to state and district substance abuse and mental health plans; revising department requirements for, and authorizations relating to, contracting with managing entities; requiring the department to review such assessments, in consultation with managing entity representatives, for inclusion in the department's legislative budget request, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS AHS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
5	SB 1384 Burton (Similar CS/H 875)	Legal Proceedings for Children; Revising the entities involved in the state plan for the promotion of adoption, support of adoptive families, and prevention of abuse, abandonment, and neglect of children; requiring the court to appoint a guardian ad litem at the earliest possible time to represent a child for specified proceedings; modifying requirements for the case plans for children in out-of-home placements; revising a guardian ad litem's responsibilities and authorities; authorizing the Pathway to Prosperity program to provide certain grants to youth and young adults aging out of foster care, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS ACJ FP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 1
6	SB 1440 Book (Similar H 1571)	Court Proceedings; Authorizing individuals to appear at or attend dependency proceedings through audio-video communication technology; requiring that court notices for shelter hearings held through audio-video communication technology include certain information; authorizing parties to consent to service or notice by e-mail for shelter hearings and hearings regarding medical emergencies; requiring that disposition orders issued by the court include instructions for appearance at certain hearings through audio-video communication technology, if applicable; authorizing that the testimony of children be given through audio-video communication technology under certain circumstances, etc. JU 03/29/2023 Favorable CF 04/04/2023 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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7	SB 1540 Garcia (Similar CS/H 1567, Compare H 1569, Linked S 1542)	Elder Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Fatality Review Teams; Revising provisions related to elder abuse fatality review teams; revising the scope of such review teams to include review of fatal and near-fatal incidents of abuse, exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults in addition to elderly persons; authorizing elder abuse fatality review teams existing on a specified date to continue to do so and requiring them to comply with specified provisions; revising annual reporting requirements, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS AHS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
8	SB 1542 Garcia (Similar H 1569, Compare CS/H 1567, Linked S 1540)	Public Records and Public Meetings/Elder Abuse or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Fatality Review Team; Specifying that information obtained by an elder abuse or a vulnerable adult abuse fatality review team which is confidential or exempt from public records requirements retains its protected status; providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of an abuse victim and other specified information contained in records held by a review team; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing statements of public necessity, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS AHS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
9	SB 1578 Thompson (Similar CS/H 625)	Florida Children's Initiatives; Revising the definition of the term "resident"; revising the objectives for certain working groups; providing that the Florida Children's Initiatives are administratively housed in the Department of Children and Families but are not subject to certain control, supervision, or direction by the department; revising legislative intent; clarifying provisions relating to the creation, implementation, and operation of Florida Children's Initiatives, etc. CF 04/04/2023 Fav/CS CA RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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10	CS/SB 1596 Health Policy / Garcia (Similar CS/H 1471, Compare S 412)	Provider Accountability; Revising the rights of residents of nursing home facilities; providing additional disqualifying offenses for purposes of background screening of employees of certain health care providers; creating a cause of action for ex parte injunctive relief against continued unlicensed activity relating to health care provider facilities; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to petition the court for such injunctive relief; providing for ex parte temporary injunctive relief under certain circumstances, etc. HP 03/27/2023 Fav/CS CF 04/04/2023 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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