

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

**Committee on Children, Families,  
And Elder Affairs**

**CS/CS/HB 1229— Reorganization of the Department of Children and Family Services**

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health and Human Services Access Subcommittee; and Rep. Drake (CS/SB 2048 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee)

The bill authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF, or the department) to reorganize and changes the name of the agency to “Department of Children and Families.” The bill also establishes organizational units called “circuits” and “regions,” and changes the mission of the agency. The bill removes provisions related to program offices and directors, and removes obsolete language related to service districts and a prototype region.

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

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0*