HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS for SB 660 [S0660.HMS]

SPONSOR: Senator Brown-Waite

SUBJECT: Foster care and related services

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Children and Families

DATE: April 26, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1--235795 (body with title)

House Amendment 2--440379 (title)

House Amendment 3--122915 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 deletes the provisions that: 1) allowed the circuit court to retain jurisdiction in dependency proceedings until a person reaches the age of 21; 2) would require an annual review during such time; and 3) provided that foster care services could be terminated when such a child leaves an educational program, subject to review of the court.

House Amendment 2 corrects the title deleting "Bills of Rights" and replacing it with "goals for dependent children"

House Amendment 3 clarifies a provision in s. 409.1671, F.S., regarding tort liability of a lead community-based provider. The rewording of the sentence clarifies that a claims bill is brought on behalf of a claimant rather than by the claimant. Removing the reference to "filing of a claims bill" clarifies that a claims bill may be made on behalf of a claimant pursuant to s. 768.28, F.S.