

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RS 03/26/2010

The Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means (Peaden and Rich) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 109 and 110 insert:

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Section 3. Present subsections (8) through (11) of section 409.1671, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12) through (15), respectively, and new subsections (8) through (11) are added to that section, to read:

409.1671 Foster care and related services; outsourcing.-

(8) A contract established between the department and a community-based agency under this section must be funded by a grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or

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applicable federal funding sources. A community-based care lead agency may carry forward documented unexpended state funds from one fiscal year to the next; however, the cumulative amount carried forward may not exceed 8 percent of the contract total. Any unexpended state funds in excess of that percentage must be returned to the department. The funds carried forward may not be used in any way that would create increased recurring future obligations, and such funds may not be used for any type of program or service that is not currently authorized by the existing contract with the department. Expenditures of funds carried forward must be separately reported to the department. Any unexpended funds that remain at the end of the contract period shall be returned to the department.

- (9) The method of payment for a fixed-price contract with a community-based care lead agency shall provide for a 2-month advance payment at the beginning of each fiscal year and equal monthly payments thereafter.
- (10) The department may outsource the programmatic, administrative, or fiscal monitoring oversight of communitybased care lead agencies.
- (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a community-based care lead agency may make expenditures for staff cellular telephone allowances, contracts requiring deferred payments and maintenance agreements, security deposits for office leases, related agency professional membership dues other than personal professional membership dues, promotional materials, and grant-writing services. Expenditures for food and refreshment, other than those provided to clients in the care of the agency or to foster parents, adoptive parents, and



caseworkers during training sessions, are not allowable.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 15

and insert:

year; amending s. 409.1671, F.S.; providing funding requirements for contracts for foster care and related services; authorizing a community-based care lead agency to carry forward certain unexpended state funds; authorizing certain advance payments to a lead agency; authorizing the department to outsource certain oversight duties; specifying certain allowable expenses; prohibiting certain expenditures; repealing s. 394.655, F.S., relating to the