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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/06/2010	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Dean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1003 - 1004
and insert:

Section 31. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and subsection
(8) of section 409.1671, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a
new paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to
read:

409.1671 Foster care and related services; outsourcing.—

(1)

(e) As used in this section, the term "eligible lead
community-based provider" means a single agency with which the



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13 department contracts ~~shall contract~~ for the provision of child
14 protective services in a community that is no smaller than a
15 county. The secretary of the department may authorize more than
16 one eligible lead community-based provider within a single
17 county if it ~~when to do so~~ will result in more effective
18 delivery of foster care and related services. To compete for an
19 outsourcing project, such agency must have:

20 1. The ability to coordinate, integrate, and manage all
21 child protective services in the designated community in
22 cooperation with child protective investigations.

23 2. The ability to ensure continuity of care from entry to
24 exit for all children referred from the protective investigation
25 and court systems.

26 3. The ability to ~~provide directly, or~~ contract ~~for~~ through
27 a local network of providers, for all necessary child protective
28 services. Such agency may not ~~agencies should~~ directly provide
29 ~~no~~ more than 35 percent of all child protective services
30 provided.

31 4. The willingness to be accountable ~~accept accountability~~
32 for meeting the outcomes and performance standards related to
33 child protective services established by the Legislature and the
34 Federal Government.

35 5. The capability and the willingness to serve all children
36 referred to it from the protective investigation and court
37 systems, regardless of the level of funding allocated to the
38 community by the state if, provided all related funding is
39 transferred.

40 6. The willingness to ensure that each individual who
41 provides child protective services completes the training



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42 required of child protective service workers by the Department
43 of Children and Family Services.

44 7. The ability to maintain eligibility to receive all
45 federal child welfare funds, including Title IV-E and IV-A
46 funds, currently being used by the Department of Children and
47 Family Services.

48 8. Written agreements with Healthy Families Florida lead
49 entities in their community, pursuant to s. 409.153, to promote
50 cooperative planning for the provision of prevention and
51 intervention services.

52 9. A board of directors, of which at least 51 percent of
53 the membership is comprised of persons residing in this state.
54 Of the state residents, at least 51 percent must also reside
55 within the service area of the eligible lead community-based
56 provider.

57 (m) In order to ensure an efficient and effective community
58 based-care system, the department shall annually evaluate each
59 lead agency's success in developing an effective network of
60 local providers, improving the coordination and delivery of
61 services to children, and investing appropriated funds into the
62 community for direct services to children and families.

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete line 54

67 and insert:

68 402.49, and 409.152, F.S.; conforming provision to
69 changes made by the act; amending s. 409.1671, F.S.;

70 revising provisions relating to lead agencies;



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requiring the department to annually evaluate each
agency; conforming provision to changes made by the
act; amending ss. 409.1755, 410.0245,