

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1372

INTRODUCER: Senator Montford

SUBJECT: Children and Youth Cabinet

DATE: March 14, 2014

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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I. Summary:

SB 1372 adds a superintendent of schools to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet to bring educational expertise to the work of the cabinet.

The bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact and is effective July 1, 2014.

II. Present Situation:

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (Cabinet) was created in 2007.¹ The Florida Legislature recognized the need to elevate child and youth issues by creating a high level body that would include all the relative agencies and stakeholders. The goal of the cabinet is to improve child and family outcomes in the state.² With multiple agency heads as members, the cabinet is expected to coordinate policy development and program implementation so services provided to children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in an integrated manner.³

The cabinet is comprised of the Governor and 14 members. These members include the Secretary of Children and Family Services, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, the director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the director of the Office of Early Learning, the State Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health Care Administration, the Commissioner of Education, the director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, the director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, and five members representing children and youth advocacy organizations, who are not service providers and who are appointed by the Governor.⁴

¹ The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet, *2013 Annual Report* (Jan. 31, 2014), available at http://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/childadvocacy/florida_children_and_youth_cabinet_2013_annual_report.pdf.

² Section 402.56(2)(b), F.S.

³ Section 402.56(3)(a), F.S.

⁴ Section 402.56(4), F.S.

The cabinet met four times 2013 in different regions of the state including: Orlando, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Ft. Myers. The cabinet focused on child health, child education readiness, safe and nurturing families, and safe and supportive communities. The cabinet receives staff support from the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection and produces an annual report with findings and recommendations.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 402.56, F.S., to expand the membership of the Children and Youth Cabinet to include a superintendent of schools appointed by the Governor. This change will better ensure that the educational issues relating to children and youth are considered by the cabinet.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2014.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 402.56 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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