I. Summary:

The Division of Law Revision and Information of the Office of Legislative Services is required, by statute, to conduct a systematic and continuing study of the Florida Statutes. The purpose of this study is to recommend to the Legislature changes that will remove inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition from the statutes; improve clarity and facilitate correct interpretation; correct grammatical and typographical errors; and delete obsolete, repealed, or superseded provisions. These recommendations are submitted to the Legislature in the form of technical, nonsubstantive reviser’s bills.

This reviser’s bill replaces statutory references to the Department of Children and Family Services with references to the Department of Children and Families to conform references within the Florida Statutes to the redesignation of the Department of Children and Family Services as the Department of Children and Families by ch. 2012-84, Laws of Florida.

II. Present Situation:

The bill replaces references to the Department of Children and Family Services with references to the Department of Children and Families throughout the Florida Statutes to conform to the redesignation of the Department of Children and Family Services as the Department of Children and Families pursuant to ch. 2012-84, Laws of Florida.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1, ch. 2012-84, Laws of Florida, redesignated the Department of Children and Family Services as the Department of Children and Families for purposes of structure of the executive branch of government in s. 20.04, F.S. Section 2, ch. 2012-84, redesignated the name of the department to conform in s. 20.19, F.S., which creates the department. There are numerous references to the Department of Children and Family Services throughout the statutes, and these were not revised by ch. 2012-84.

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:

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.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill’s introducer or the Florida Senate.