

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 1017 Children and Youth Cabinet
SPONSOR(S): Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee, Williams
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 374

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N, As CS	Christy	Brazzell
2) Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee			
3) Health & Human Services Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (Cabinet) was created to enable state agencies and programs that serve children to coordinate policy development and program implementation so services provided to children and youth are planned, managed and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner.

The Cabinet currently is composed of the Governor and 15 other members.

HB 1017 expands the membership of the Cabinet to include a representative from the Florida Dental Association.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2019.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (Cabinet) was created in 2007.¹ The Florida Legislature found a need to collaborate with the Governor to improve child and family outcomes in the state.² Among other things, the Cabinet was created to enable state agencies and programs that serve children to coordinate policy development and program implementation so services provided to children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner.³

The Cabinet is composed of the Governor and 15 other members, including:

- the Secretary of Children and Families,
- 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 Adoption and Child Protection,
- a superintendent of schools, appointed by the Governor, and
- five members who represent children and youth advocacy organizations and who are not service providers, appointed by the Governor.⁴

The enabling statute specifies that nongovernmental members of the cabinet shall serve without compensation but are entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S., while in performance of their duties.⁵

The Cabinet meets at least four, but no more than six, times a year in different regions of the state to solicit input related to issues affecting children from the public and other individuals offering testimony.⁶

The Cabinet must provide an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the public concerning its activities and progress towards making Florida the place where families want to raise their children.⁷ Additionally, the report may include recommendations for needed legislation or rulemaking authority.

Florida Dental Association

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) is a trade organization representing the interests of licensed dentists in the state and is a state constituent of the American Dental Association (ADA), which represents dentists throughout the country.

¹ S. 1, Ch. 2007-151, L.O.F.

² S. 402.56(2)(b), F.S.

³ S. 402.56(3)(a), F.S.

⁴ S. 402.56(4), F.S.

⁵ S. 402.56(4)(d), F.S.

⁶ S. 402.56(3)(b), F.S.

⁷ S. 402.56(7), F.S.

The FDA was founded in 1884 and currently has a membership of more than 8,100 licensed dentists. According to the FDA's website, its mission includes "delivering programs, services, continuing education, and advocacy" for its members.⁸ The FDA also conducts programs designed to promote and advocate for oral health among Florida's residents, such as the "Florida's Action for Dental Health" program in conjunction with the ADA.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill expands the membership of the Cabinet to include a representative from the Florida Dental Association. The representative will be appointed by the Governor.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amending s. 402.56, F.S., relating to children's cabinet; organization; responsibilities; annual report.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2019.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

⁸ Florida Dental Association, Who Are We and What Do We Do?, available at <https://www.floridadental.org/about-us/who-we-are> (last visited Mar. 15, 2019).

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

No rulemaking authority is required to implement the bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 20, 2019, the Children, Families, and Seniors Subcommittee adopted an amendment that requires the Cabinet member representative from the Florida Dental Association to be appointed by the Governor. The bill was reported favorably as amended. The analysis is drafted to the amended bill as passed by the Children, Families, and Seniors Subcommittee.