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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Care Budget  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Trabulsy offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 75-282 and insert:

7 **Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 39.4085,**  
8 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

9 39.4085 Goals for dependent children; responsibilities;  
10 education; Office of the Children's Ombudsman.—

11 (6) (a) The department shall coordinate with organizations  
12 that are focused on empowering children with lived experience.  
13 The department and such organizations must meet quarterly, at a  
14 minimum, in person or via teleconference or other electronic  
15 means to solicit input on ways to address challenges and  
16 opportunities for children in the child welfare system. Each

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17 meeting must have a formal agenda, and such agenda and the  
18 minutes from each meeting must be made available on the  
19 department's website.

20 (b) Each community-based care lead agency shall coordinate  
21 with organizations that are focused on empowering children with  
22 lived experience. The community-based care lead agency and such  
23 organizations must meet quarterly, at a minimum, in person or  
24 via teleconference or other electronic means to solicit input on  
25 ways to address challenges and opportunities for children in the  
26 child welfare system. Each meeting must have a formal agenda,  
27 and such agenda and the minutes from each meeting must be made  
28 available on the community-based care lead agency's website.

29 (c) By February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning in  
30 2027, the department and each community-based care lead agency  
31 must make publicly accessible on their respective websites a  
32 report that outlines how the department and the community-based  
33 care lead agencies have implemented the suggestions of the  
34 organizations based on the meetings required in paragraphs (a)  
35 and (b).

36 **Section 3. Present subsection (5) of section 409.145,**  
37 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), a new**  
38 **subsection (5) is added to that section, and paragraph (b) of**  
39 **subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:**

40 409.145 Care of children; "reasonable and prudent parent"  
41 standard.—The child welfare system of the department shall

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42 operate as a coordinated community-based system of care which  
43 empowers all caregivers for children in foster care to provide  
44 quality parenting, including approving or disapproving a child's  
45 participation in activities based on the caregiver's assessment  
46 using the "reasonable and prudent parent" standard.

47 (2) REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD.—

48 (b) *Application of standard of care.*—

49 1. Every child who comes into out-of-home care pursuant to  
50 this chapter is entitled to participate in age-appropriate  
51 extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities and to  
52 receive a weekly cash allowance for personal use in accordance  
53 with subsection (5).

54 2. Each caregiver shall use the reasonable and prudent  
55 parent standard in determining whether to give permission for a  
56 child living in out-of-home care to participate in  
57 extracurricular, enrichment, or social activities. When using  
58 the reasonable and prudent parent standard, the caregiver must  
59 consider:

60 a. The child's age, maturity, and developmental level to  
61 maintain the overall health and safety of the child.

62 b. The potential risk factors and the appropriateness of  
63 the extracurricular, enrichment, or social activity.

64 c. The best interest of the child, based on information  
65 known by the caregiver.

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66 d. The importance of encouraging the child's emotional and  
67 developmental growth.

68 e. The importance of providing the child with the most  
69 family-like living experience possible.

70 f. The behavioral history of the child and the child's  
71 ability to safely participate in the proposed activity.

72 (5) CASH ALLOWANCE.—

73 (a) The Legislature finds that receiving a cash allowance  
74 is a critical aspect of normalcy for a child. A cash allowance  
75 teaches a child the value and use of money and promotes  
76 independence, responsibility, and decisionmaking. Caregivers  
77 should provide each child in their care, beginning when the  
78 child attains 6 years of age, a weekly cash allowance to help  
79 the child learn to manage money.

80 (b) Caregivers licensed by the department must provide a  
81 minimum allowance of \$20 per week from the caregivers' existing  
82 board rate to children aged 13 through 17 in their care. A child  
83 may not be required to use his or her allowance to purchase  
84 personal hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, or other  
85 necessities that are the responsibility of the child's  
86 caregiver. The allowance may not be tied to the child's behavior  
87 or employment status or the completion of his or her chores. A  
88 caregiver may not withhold the child's allowance as a form of  
89 punishment. Caregivers are encouraged to provide children placed  
90 in their care with the opportunity to earn additional money

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91 through chores or through employment if the child wishes to be  
92 employed.

93 (c) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
94 subsection.

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97 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

98 Remove lines 7-11 and insert:

99 circumstances; amending s. 39.4085, F.S.; requiring  
100 the Department of Children and Families and each  
101 community-based care lead agency to coordinate with  
102 certain organizations and meet quarterly for a  
103 specified purpose; authorizing such meetings to be in  
104 person or via teleconference or other electronic  
105 means; requiring such meetings to have a formal  
106 agenda; requiring the department and each community-  
107 based care lead agency to make certain information  
108 available on their respective websites; requiring,  
109 beginning in a specified year, the department and each  
110 community-based care lead agency to publish on their  
111 respective websites a biannual report containing  
112 specified information; amending s. 409.145, F.S.;  
113 providing legislative findings; requiring a caregiver  
114 to provide a weekly cash allowance to each child in  
115 his or her care beginning when the child attains a

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116 | certain age; prohibiting a caregiver from withholding  
117 | a child's allowance as punishment; providing that a  
118 | child may not be required to use his or her allowance  
119 | for certain items; encouraging caregivers to offer  
120 | certain opportunities and help to children in their  
121 | care; authorizing the department to adopt rules;  
122 | amending s.