

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 1902 [S1902.HMS]
SPONSOR: Committee on Children and Families and Senator Clary
SUBJECT: Department of Children and Family Services
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Children and Families
DATE: April 29, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1--361113 (body with title)
House Amendment 2--565717 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 deletes Section 2 of the bill that waives several subsections of s. 20.316, F.S., 1998 Supplement, to allow the Department of Juvenile Justice to organize program, districts, and functions of that department in order to achieve more effective and efficient service delivery and improve accountability. Section 4 of the bill is also removed that states that the act will not impair the operation of any other statutory responsibility until statutes or rules are amended or repealed provided in the manner provided by law. This statement is retained for the Department of Children and Family Services. A title amendment is included.

House Amendment 2 removes the provision that the Department of Juvenile Justice would develop a plan to realign their districts for consistency with the boundaries of the judicial circuits. The amendment does not modify the provision in the bill that the Department of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the Office of the State Courts Administrator, will develop a proposed plan to realign their districts so that the boundaries are consistent with the boundaries of the judicial circuits.