

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**CHILD AND FAMILY SECURITY  
FINAL ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 523

**RELATING TO:** Community Human Svc. Infrastructure

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Ball

**TIED BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) CHILD & FAMILY SECURITY YEAS 6 NAYS 0
- (2) JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT YEAS 8 NAYS 0
- (3) COUNCIL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES YEAS 16 NAYS 0
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**I. SUMMARY:**

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUING STATUTES, OR TO BE CONSTRUED AS AFFECTING, DEFINING, LIMITING, CONTROLLING, SPECIFYING, CLARIFYING, OR MODIFYING ANY LEGISLATION OR STATUTE.

The Department of Children and Families, in consultation with local communities, is required to establish a community alliance of the stakeholders, community leaders, client representatives and funders of human services in each county to provide a focal point for community participation and governance of community-based services.

The initial membership of the community alliance in a county is composed of the district administrator and representatives from county government, the school district, the county United Way, county sheriff's office, the circuit court corresponding to the county, and from the county children's board, if one exists.

This bill includes the local state attorney and public defender among those persons who may be added to the membership of a county community alliance after the initial meeting of the community alliance.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 20.19(6)(a), F.S. requires that the Department of Children and Families (DCF), in consultation with local communities, establish a community alliance of the stakeholders, community leaders, client representatives and funders of human services in each county to provide a focal point for community participation and governance of community-based services. A community alliance may cover more than one county when it is determined that such an arrangement is necessary to provide more effective representation. The duties of the community alliance include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Joint planning for resource utilization in the community, including resources appropriated to the department and any funds that local funding sources choose to provide.
- Needs assessment and establishment of community priorities for service delivery.
- Determining community outcome goals to supplement state-required outcomes.
- Serving as a catalyst for community resource development.
- Providing for community education and advocacy on issues related to delivery of services.
- Promoting prevention and early intervention services.

See s. 20.19(6)(b), F.S.

The initial membership of the community alliance in a county is composed of the following:

- The district administrator;
- A representative from county government;
- A representative from the school district;
- A representative from the county United Way;
- A representative from the county sheriff's office;
- A representative from the circuit court corresponding to the county; and
- A representative from the county children's board, if one exists.

See s. 20.19(6)(d), F.S.

The members of the alliance can be expanded beyond the initial core membership at any time after the initial meeting of the alliance to better meet the needs of the community. According to DCF, there are 33 alliances in place that cover all 67 counties in Florida.

#### COMMUNITY ALLIANCES

DISTRICT/ALLIANCE	CHAIRPERSON'S NAME	AFFILIATION/POSITION
1/District 1 Community Alliance	John Kuder, acting co-chair Chuck Bates, acting co-chair	Chief Judge Circuit Court District Administrator, DCF
2A/Northwest Florida Alliance	Jerry Hix	United Way of NE Florida
2B/Big Bend Community Alliance	Kenneth Armstrong	United Way of Big Bend
3/North Central Florida Alliance	Nancy Harris	Putnam County Commissioner
3/Columbia County Alliance	Hugh Geibeig	Columbia County Public Health Department
4/Northeast Florida Alliance	Judy Truett	County Government/Community Service Department
4/Nassau County Alliance	Vickie Samus	Nassau County Commissioner
7/Orange County Alliance	Tom Weinberg	Deputy County Administrator
7/Brevard Leadership Roundtable	Richard DiPatri	Brevard County School Superintendent
7/Osceola County Alliance	Donna Hart	Education Consultant
7/Seminole County Alliance	Hortense Evans	Assistant Superintendent
8/Hendry/Glades County Alliance	James D. Sloan	Circuit Court Judge
8/Charlotte County Alliance	Margaret Steinbeck	Circuit Court Judge
8/Collier County Alliance	Franklin Baker	Circuit Court Judge
8/Lee County Alliance	John Carlin	Judge Lee County Justice Center
9/Palm Beach County Alliance	Walter Colbath	Judge Circuit Judge (Retired)
10/Children & Families Leadership Association	Robert MacConnell	President/CEO United Way of Broward
11A/Miami-Dade Community Alliance	Cindy Lederman	Administrative Judge
11B/Monroe County Community Alliance	Peter Ilchuck	Florida Keys & Key West Lodging Association
12/Volusia/Flagler Alliance	Lynda Linke	Flagler County Government
13/Hernando County Alliance	Jean Raggs	Social Services Director
13/Sumter County Alliance	Joey Chandler	Board of County Commissioners
13/Lake County Alliance	William Law	Judge
13/Marion County Alliance	Ed Dean	Sheriff
13/Citrus County Alliance	Patricia Thomas	Judge
14/Polk, Hardee, Highlands Alliance	Kevin Roberts	CEO Chair/Children's Service Council
15/Okeechobee & The Treasure Coast Community Alliance	Harry Yates	Executive Director, County Commissioners
SunCoast Region Desoto County	Don T. Hall	Judge
SunCoast Region Sarasota County Alliance	Paul Mercier	County Commissioner
SunCoast Region Hillsborough County Alliance		
SunCoast Region Manatee County Alliance	Elliot Metcalfe	Public Defender
SunCoast Region Pinellas County Alliance	Jim Coates	Chief Deputy Sheriff
SunCoast Region Pasco County Alliance	Paul Holden	Supervisor of Student Services

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill includes the local state attorney and public defender among those persons who may be added to the membership of a county community alliance after the initial meeting of the community alliance.

This bill takes effect upon becoming law.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Amends paragraph (e) of subsection (6) of s. 20.19, F.S.

Includes the local state attorney and public defender among those persons who may be added to the membership of a county community alliance after the initial meeting of the community alliance.

Section 2. Provides that the act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditures of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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