

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1050
 SPONSOR: Senator Posey
 SUBJECT: Community Human Services Infrastructure
 DATE: January 31, 2002 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Barnes	Whiddon	CF	Favorable
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I. Summary:

SB 1050 provides for the expansion of the community alliance to include the state attorney and the public defender of the judicial circuit in which the alliance is located.

This bill amends section 20.19, of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Subsection 20.19(6), F.S., requires that the Department of Children and Family Services (department), 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 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.

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.

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 the department, there are 33 alliances in place that cover all 67 counties. Ten of the alliances cover multiple counties and 24 are single county alliances.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 1050 amends s. 20.19(6)(e), F.S., expanding the community alliance to include the local state attorney and public defender, or his or their designees, from the judicial circuit in which the alliance is located.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

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