

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1822  
SPONSOR: Senator Margolis  
SUBJECT: Adult Protective Services  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Children and Families  
DATE: May 2, 2003

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### **I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

#### **House Amendment 1 – 916463**

### **II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** makes the following provisions:

- Changes the relationship of The Office of Public Guardianship to the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA): the office would now come under the control of the DOEA.
- Directs that the Secretary of Elderly Affairs rather than the Governor appoint an executive director for the Statewide Public Guardianship Office who is a member of the Florida Bar and knowledgeable of guardianship law.
- Removes obsolete language pertaining to interim report requirements and requires that the executive director provide status reports and recommendations pertaining to public guardianship services to the Secretary by January 1, 2004 and by January 1 each year thereafter.
- Provides the Department of Elderly Affairs with the authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1).