

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: CS/ SB 1282
 SPONSOR: Appropriations Committee and Senator Peaden
 SUBJECT: Children and Families
 DATE: March 25, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	_____	_____	AHS	Withdrawn
2.	Hardy	Coburn	AP	Fav/CS
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

This proposed legislation provides statutory authority necessary to implement and execute certain provisions in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. The bill amends ss. 20.04 and 20.19, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Department of Children and Families Organizational Structure

The Department of Children and Families is geographically organized into thirteen districts and one region. The districts and region are staffed to perform all the required management functions, including administrative support services and program compliance activities. The organizational structures of these districts have become gradually more dissimilar over time, leading to a lack of standardization that has made the management of the department increasingly difficult.

Ten Percent Transfer Authority to District Administrators

Until Fiscal Year 2003-2004, Department of Children and Families district administrators had the authority to transfer up to ten percent of the total district budget, notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 216.292 and 216.351, F.S. The 2003 Legislature amended s. 20.19, F.S., repealing this transfer authority for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, and making it contingent on a specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Amends s. 20.04, F.S., to set forth the organizational structure for the Department of Children and Families.

Section 2. Amends s. 20.19, F.S., to authorize the creation of six zones, within the Department of Children and Families. These zones would be responsible for providing administrative support to the districts, including programmatic technical assistance, budget and financial services, data collection and information technology services. The department estimates that the consolidation of organizational functions authorized in this bill would create administrative efficiencies that will produce future cost savings.

This section also amends s. 20.19, F.S., to extend for one year the ten percent transfer authority limitation mandated for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

Section 3. Provides that this act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Children and Families estimates the following savings for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 as a result of implementing this legislation:

FTE's	GR	TF	TOTAL
(484)	(\$9,610,438)	(\$10,555,306)	(\$20,165,744)

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
