Update on Proposed Changes to the iBudget System SB 82

Senator Aaron Bean, Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee amended his proposal to remedy the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) budget deficit problem. The Council was very happy to see this amended version which was a big improvement over the original SB 82 that the Council had to oppose because of the Council's position against managed care for iBudget services. The amended bill was supposed to have been heard on February 5 or February 6 in the Senate Appropriations Committee, but it was temporarily postponed, and the February 6 meeting was cancelled.

Proposed contracted prior authorization services were exchanged for moving Significant Additional Needs (SAN) funding requests back into the state office in their entirety which was a proposal of the APD and Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) redesign. This amended proposal also adds a more flexible option for solo support coordination by allowing four or more support coordinators to work together if they meet a certain criterion in addition to state contracts with larger provider organizations.

Advocates are concerned that the SAN's definition is still only geared to health and safety or serious jeopardy situations instead of considering options that are designed to help individuals work and live in the community, like supported employment services or a less restrictive living situation.

The amended version of SB 82 still may be headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Council will be contacting members of the
Senate Appropriations Committee to share the aspects of the iBudget system that we like. Our message will be a big thank you for the amended bill and that the amended bill would be even better with the addition of the iBudget waiver to the Social Services Estimating conference, an extension of the start date to July 2021, instead of January 2021, to allow for planning and a definition of the SAN's process that provides options that are designed to help individuals work and live in the community, like supported employment services or a less restrictive living situation. There have been amendments filed to address these issues plus one to let support coordinators remain solo if they meet a certain criterion. More amendments may be filed.

**Important Bills to Watch**


**Summary**

This bill establishes an Independent Living Task Force within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and provides for duties, membership, and meetings of the task force. The Council would sit on the Task Force. The Task Force must develop and evaluate policy proposals that incentivize developers or contractors to create units within mixed-use developments that may be used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals with a disability, while giving special consideration to the needs of individuals who have a developmental disability or a mental illness. The bill requires the start of meeting by August 1, 2020. The bill requires that the task force submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

**Actions**

- 08/08/19 HOUSE Filed
- 09/23/19 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
- 01/20/20 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**Similar Bills**

**SB 0364 Independent Living Task Force by Rader**
12/13/19 - SENATE Now in Rules

**HB 551 - Transportation Disadvantaged by Jenne and Co-Sponsors: Caruso, Cortes, Eskamani and CS Sponsors: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee**
Summary

This bill requires community transportation coordinators to increase and support programs that enhance cross-county mobility for transportation disadvantaged. The bill also requires coordinating boards to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase and support such programs. Sensitivity training requirements were amended off the bill. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

11/06/19 HOUSE    Filed
11/15/19 HOUSE    Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/16/20 HOUSE    Reference to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining references: State Affairs Committee
01/30/20 HOUSE    Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/06/20 HOUSE    Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/12/20

Similar Bills

SB 0076 Transportation Disadvantaged by Book
01/28/20 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

HB 79 - Student Elopement by Jenne and Co-Sponsors: Daley, Gottlieb, Mercado, Polo, Raschein

Summary

This bill requires public schools to create School Staff Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) Team and school elopement plan. The bill provides requirements for the team and the plan. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is neutral on this proposed legislation at this time.

Actions

08/21/19 HOUSE    Filed
09/23/19 HOUSE    Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Identical Bills

SB 0650 Student Elopement by Book
**HB 361 - Developmental Disabilities by Hattersley Co-Sponsors: Polo**

**Summary**

This bill revises the definition of the term "developmental disability." This definition would move Florida closer to using the federal definition for a developmental disability. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

10/15/19 HOUSE Filed
10/23/19 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee
Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

**Similar Bills**

**SB 0532 Developmental Disabilities by Cruz**
11/01/19 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

**HB 601 - Public School Transportation by Pritchett and Co-Sponsors: Cortes, Eskamani**

**Summary**

This bill requires district school boards to provide transportation for each public elementary school student through sixth grade, if student's single parent or guardian has a developmental disability. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

11/12/19 HOUSE Filed
11/25/19 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

**Identical Bills**

**SB 0472 Public School Transportation by Bracy**
11/01/19 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

**SB 1106 - Universal Changing Places by Baxley**
Summary

The bill requires new, large public buildings to install and maintain at least one universal changing place that can accommodate an adult. This legislation was created by Sabrina Kimball, a former Partners in Policymaking graduate. Ms. Kimball has worked on this proposed legislation in the past. New Hampshire used her bill language and passed it and now she wants to try again to get this legislation passed in Florida. The bill would require that large, high use public offices and venues offer changing tables for adults who need them. The bill specifies requirements for a universal changing place. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

12/03/19 SENATE  Filed
12/13/19 SENATE  Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

Similar Bills

HB 0669 Universal Changing Places by Newton
12/03/19 - HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

HB 787 - Driver Licenses by Tomkow

Summary

This bill authorizes person with specified disabilities to have capital letter "D" placed on his or her driver license and provides requirements for placement of such letter on person’s driver license. This bill would provide fees (see linked bills) for placement of specified letter on driver license of person who has a developmental disability. The license would be voluntary for adults with no guardians and is intended to alert law enforcement to unusual behaviors and responses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council narrowly voted to stay neutral on this bill.

Actions

11/26/19 HOUSE  Filed
12/16/19 HOUSE  Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee
01/30/20 HOUSE  On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, 102 H
02/03/20 HOUSE  Favorable by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
Now in State Affairs Committee

Identical Bills
SB 1692 Driver Licenses by Flores
01/17/20 - SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
02/05/20 - SENATE on Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 02/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 S

Linked Bills

HB 0789 Driver License Fees by Tomkow
12/16/19 - HOUSE Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee
01/30/20 - HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, 102 H
02/03/20 - HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

Compare Bills

SB 1694 Driver License Fees by Flores
01/17/20 - SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
02/05/20 - SENATE on Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security. 2/10/20, 4:00 pm, 110 S

SB 1198 - Purple Alert by Berman

Summary

This bill redefines the term "missing endangered person". The bill requires the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Purple Alert. The bill authorizes local law enforcement agencies to broadcast information concerning certain missing adults; requiring local law enforcement agencies to notify certain media and alert subscribers if a Purple Alert is determined to be necessary and appropriate.

APPROPRIATION: $322,836 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 2020, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

12/10/19 SENATE Filed
12/18/19 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules
01/27/20 SENATE Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/28/20 SENATE Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
02/06/20 SENATE Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder
Similar Bills

**HB 0899 Purple Alert by Casello**
12/19/19 - HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**SB 1344 - Intermediate Care Facilities by Harrell**

**Summary**

The bill requires certain facilities that have been granted a certificate-of-need exemption to demonstrate and maintain compliance with specified criteria. The bill provides an exemption from a certificate-of-need requirement for certain intermediate care facilities. The bill prohibits the Agency for Health Care Administration from granting an additional exemption to a facility unless a certain condition is met. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. **The Council is neutral on this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

12/27/19 SENATE Filed
01/13/20 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations
01/28/20 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/29/30 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

**Similar Bills**

**HB 1163 Intermediate Care Facilities by Burton**
01/13/20 - HOUSE Now in Health Market Reform Subcommittee

**HB 1349 - Social Services Estimating Conference by Ausley**

**Summary**

This bill specifies information Social Services Estimating Conference must develop related to a certain Medicaid waiver services program related to the iBudget for the home-based and community-based Medicaid waiver services program and must include iBudget enrollment, the number of current waiver recipients, the size of the waitlist, the rate of utilization of program services, and expenditure information that the conference determines is needed to plan for and project future budgets and the drawdown of federal matching funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

01/13/20 HOUSE Filed
Identical Bills

**SB 1780 Social Services Estimating Conference by Berman**
01/17/20 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

**SB 1644 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Book Co-Sponsors: Flores**

Summary

This bill requires school districts to prohibit the use of seclusion on students with disabilities in public schools; prohibits specified restraint techniques; requires a video camera to be placed in specified classrooms upon the request of a parent; requiring continuing education and inservice training for instructional personnel teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is studying this proposed legislation.

Actions

01/09/20 SENATE Filed
01/17/20 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
02/05/20 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 02/10/20, 1:30 pm, 412 K

Identical Bills

**HB 1231 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose**
01/28/20 - HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
02/04/20 - HOUSE Now in Education Committee

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