Update on SB 82 and its provisions to change the iBudget

Senator Aaron Bean, Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee and his proposal (CS/SB 82) to remedy the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) budget deficit appeared in the Full Appropriations Committee last week on February 27. 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.

The bills original 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.

Three amendments were proposed and two were accepted by the committee. The first accepted amendment lengthened the start date by 6 months and another qualified the Significant Additional Needs definition by adding that the term "serious jeopardy" does not exclude an additional need that the client requires in order to remain in the least restrictive setting, including, but not limited to, employment services or transportation services." Another amendment that would have allowed solo support coordination failed.

No one is certain about the future of his bill since there is no companion in the
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
02/21/20 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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

Now in 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

02/13/20 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)

02/19/20 HOUSE in Messages

**Similar Bills**

**SB 0076 Transportation Disadvantaged by Book**
02/17/20 - SENATE Now in Appropriations

**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 his 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**
11/06/19 - SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

**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
02/27/20 HOUSE  Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/28/20 HOUSE  Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

**Identical Bills**

**SB 1692 Driver Licenses by Flores**
02/27/20 - SENATE on Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/03/20, 1:00 pm, 412 K - PCS

**Linked Bills**
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

02/11/20 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/12/20 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Now in Rules

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
02/18/20 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/27/20 SENATE on Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/03/20, 1:00 pm, 412 K - PCS

Similar Bills

HB 1163 Intermediate Care Facilities by Burton
02/28/20 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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
01/17/20 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

Identical Bills
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 supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions
01/09/20 SENATE Filed
01/17/20 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
02/10/20 SENATE Favorable by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
02/20/20 SENATE In Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 02/25/20, 9:00 am, 412 K
02/20/20 SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/26/20 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Identical Bills

HB 1231 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose
02/12/20 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 828 - Florida ABLE Program by Benacquisto

Summary
This bill extends the support and review of the Florida ABLE program until 2025.

Actions
02/20/20 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/26/20
02/26/20 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/03/20

Compare Bills

HB 0887-Florida ABLE Program by Rodrigues (R)
SB 1784 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services by Gainer CS Sponsors: Appropriations

Summary

This bill revises information that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation must include in its annual performance report to the Governor and the Legislature and requires the division to provide pre-employment transition services to certain eligible persons with disabilities. The bill also provides eligibility requirements for the provision of pre-employment transition services and revises the composition of the Florida Rehabilitation Council. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

03/02/20 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Similar Bills

HB 0901-Vocational Rehabilitation Services by Ponder
02/26/20 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)