

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COLLABORATION SERVICES WORKGROUP
RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET
JANUARY 31, 2013**

The Committee recommends pursuing legislation as follows:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the creation of pilot projects in certain counties for the delivery of specified children and youth services; amending s. 402.56, F.S; authorizing the Children's Cabinet to establish criteria for the grant of a waiver of certain reporting and funding requirements; establishing the framework for an alternative service delivery system; providing for monitoring and review by the cabinet of the program for which the waiver is granted; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 402.56, Florida Statutes is amended to add a new subsection 402.56(6) and renumber subsequent sections.

Section 2. Section 402.56(6), Florida Statutes shall read:

(6) COMMUNITY SERVICE DELIVERY PILOT PROJECT. - The cabinet is authorized to develop a process for approval of no more than three county pilot projects for the alternative delivery of children and youth services.

(a) Each plan shall:

1. Set forth clearly the framework for delivery of services and the process by which the service will be delivered.

2. Identify the cabinet headline indicators to be addressed and how the project will demonstrate alignment with the identified cabinet headline indicators.

3. Set forth outcomes to be achieved to provide for the effective, cost-efficient and appropriate service for children and youth.

4. Assure proper accounting and expenditure of public funds.

5. Provide for a central managing entity responsible for the delivery of the services and the effectiveness of the local pilot.

(b) Upon the approval of a local pilot plan the cabinet shall:

1. Authorize the implementation of the plan as approved.

2. Grant to the local managing entity a waiver of certain reporting requirements or rules as provided in the plan.

3. Grant a waiver of funding restrictions otherwise imposed by law or by appropriations conditions or provisos, subject to Legislative approval.