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Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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SUBSTANTIVE BILLS

The following is an overview of substantive bills of interest to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2013 Session.

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**SB 0056 – Infant Death
Ch. 2013-62 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 30, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the education and orientation requirements for birth centers and their families to incorporate safe sleep practices and causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death;
- Revising legislative findings and intent with respect to the sudden unexpected death of an infant under a specified age;
- Defining the term "Sudden Unexpected Infant Death";
- Revising provisions relating to training requirements for first responders;
- Revising requirements relating to autopsies performed by medical examiners.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 0142 – Intellectual Disabilities
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Substituting the Arc of Florida for the Association for Retarded Citizens for purposes of certain proceedings relating to children;
- Substituting the term "intellectual disability" for the term "mental retardation";
- Clarifying in specified provisions that the meaning of the terms "intellectual disability" or "intellectually disabled" is the same as the meaning of the terms "mental retardation," "retarded," and "mentally retarded" for purposes of matters relating to the criminal laws and court rules.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**HB 0215 – Dependent Children
Ch. 2013-21 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 11, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Provides legislative findings and intent;
- Provides for participation in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment and social activities by children in out-of-home care;
- Provides for use of reasonable and prudent parent standard for decision making about such activities;
- Clarifies standard for reunification and for changing custody;
- Provides for use of reasonable and prudent parent standard in certain decision making;
- Requires submission of plan for judicial review;
- Provides definition for reasonable and prudent parent standard;
- Provides rulemaking authority.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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HB 0411 – Children’s Initiatives
Ch. 2013-81 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 30, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishes New Town Success Zone in Duval County and Parramore Kidz Zone in Orange County;
- Provides for projects to be managed by corporations not for profit that are not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any department of state;
- Requires corporations to be subject to state public records and meeting requirements and procurement of commodities and contractual services requirements;
- Requires designated children's initiatives to assist in creation of community-based service networks and programming that provides certain services for children and families residing in disadvantaged areas of state;
- Provides for evaluation, fiscal management and oversight of projects.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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HB 0437 – Community Development
Ch. 2013-83 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 30, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revises definition of "qualifying housing development";
- Revises power of housing finance authority to make loans directly to eligible persons;
- Deletes ad valorem tax exemption for property owned by certain Florida-based limited partnerships and used for affordable housing for certain income-qualified persons;
- Provides for retroactive application;
- Revises powers of Florida Housing Finance Corporation;
- Specifies how corporation will allocate certain funds;



- Revises provisions relating to state apartment incentive loans to provide for competitive evaluation and selection process with respect to loan applications;
- Provides that corporation's strategic business plan must be consistent with long-range program plan relating to affordable housing;
- Deletes requirement that corporation compile certain data;
- Revises provisions relating to corporation's development of long-range plan;
- Revises required contents and information to be included in corporation's annual report;
- Requires corporation to submit separate audited financial statements that include specified information and incorporate certain reports;
- Requires Auditor General to conduct operational audit of corporation and provide written report to Legislature;
- Repeals provisions relating to federal Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere (HOPE) program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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HB 0461 – Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students
Ch. 2013-84 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 30, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires DOE to develop model communication plan to be used in development of IEP for deaf or hard-of-hearing students;
- Requires DOE to disseminate model to each school district and provide technical assistance.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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HB 0939 – Medicaid Recoveries
Ch. 2013-150 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires change in principal to be reported by Medicaid provider to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA);
- Revises provisions relating to AHCA's onsite inspection responsibilities;
- Revises provisions relating to background screening;
- Authorizes AHCA to enroll a provider who is licensed in this state and provides diagnostic services through telecommunications technology;
- Revises provisions relating to settlements of Medicaid claims;
- Provides procedures for contesting amount of medical expense damages;
- Provides conditions regarding admissible evidence, venue and attorney fees and costs;



- Revises grounds for terminating a provider from a program, for seeking certain remedies for violations and for imposing certain sanctions;
- Provides limitation on information AHCA may consider when making determination of overpayment;
- Specifies records a provider must present to contest overpayment;
- Clarifies provision regarding accrued interest on certain payments withheld from a provider; deletes requirement that agency place payments withheld from provider in suspended account and revising when provider must reimburse overpayments;
- Revises membership requirements for Medicaid and Public Assistance Fraud Strike Force within DFS and provides for future review and repeal;
- Amends provisions relating to interagency agreements to detect and deter Medicaid and public assistance fraud and provides for future review and repeal.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1036 – Independent Living
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Nancy C. Detert Common Sense and Compassion Independent Living Act";
- Providing that when the court obtains jurisdiction over a child who has been found to be dependent, the court retains jurisdiction until the child reaches 21 years of age; providing exceptions; directing the Department of Children and Families to work in collaboration with the Board of Governors, the Florida College System, and the Department of Education to help address the need for a comprehensive support structure in the academic arena to assist young adults who have been or remain in the foster care system;

Effective Date: January 1, 2014

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**HB 1093 – Volunteer Health Services
Ch. 2013-151 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revises criteria required for limited licensure for physicians;
- Revises requirements for patient referral under "Access to Health Care Act";
- Eliminating requirement that governmental contractor approve all follow up or hospital care;
- Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to post specified information online concerning volunteer providers;

- Permitting volunteer providers to earn continuing education credit for participation in program up to specified amount;
- Provides that rules adopted by DOH give providers greatest flexibility possible in order to serve eligible patients.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1108 – Exceptional Student Education
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain actions with respect to parent meetings with school district personnel;
- Requiring the use of parental consent forms for specified actions in a student’s individual education plan;
- Encouraging the collaboration of public and private instructional personnel and providing requirements therefor;
- Providing that a student with a disability be granted an extraordinary exemption from the administration of certain assessments under certain circumstances.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**HB 1129 – Infants Born Alive
Ch. 2013-121 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Provides that infant born alive during or immediately after attempted abortion is entitled to same rights, powers and privileges as any other child born alive in course of natural birth;
- Requires health care practitioners to preserve life and health of such infant born alive, if possible;
- Provides for transport and admittance of infant to hospital;
- Provides certain services for infant;
- Requires health care practitioner or employees who have knowledge of any violations with respect to infants born alive after attempted abortion to report those violations to the Department of Health (DOH);
- Provides penalty;
- Provides for construction;
- Revises reporting requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**HB 1159 – Health Care Facilities
Ch. 2013-153 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizes specialty-licensed children's hospitals to provide obstetrical services under certain circumstances;
- Provides for expedited review of certificate-of-need for licensed skilled nursing facilities in qualifying retirement communities;
- Limits number of beds per retirement community that can be added through expedited review;
- Provides for severability.

Effective Date: Upon Becoming Law

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**HB 1325 – Victims of Human Trafficking
Ch. 2013-98 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 30, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revises mental, emotional, or developmental age of child victim whose out-of-court statement describing specified criminal acts is admissible in evidence in certain instances;
- Provides for expungement of criminal history record of victim of human trafficking;
- Designates what offenses may be expunged;
- Provides that conviction expunged under this act is deemed to have been vacated due to substantive defect in underlying criminal proceedings;
- Provides for period in which such expungement must be sought;
- Provides that official documentation of victim's status as human trafficking victim creates presumption;
- Provides standard of proof absent such documentation;
- Provides requirements for petitions;
- Provides for parties and service;
- Provides for electronic appearances of petitioners and attorneys;
- Provides for orders of relief;
- Provides for physical destruction of records;
- Authorizes person whose records are expunged to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge arrests covered by expunged record;
- Provides exceptions;
- Provides that such lawful denial is not perjury or subject person to liability.

Effective Date: January 1, 2014

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HB 1355 – Purchase of Firearms by Mentally Ill Persons
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Provides conditions under which person who has been voluntarily admitted to mental institution for treatment and has undergone involuntary examination under Baker Act may be prohibited from purchasing firearm;
- Provides requirements for examining physician;
- Provides for judicial review of certain findings;
- Provides specified notice requirements;
- Provides form and contents of notice;
- Provides requirements with respect to filing of specified records with court and presentation of such records to judge or magistrate;
- Provides lawful authority of judge or magistrate to review specified records and order that such records be submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE);
- Provides a timeframe for submission of records to FDLE upon order of record by judge or magistrate;

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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SB 1420 – Mental Health Treatment
2013 Laws of Florida
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The bill amends statutory language by:

- ~~Authorizing forensic and civil facilities to order the continuation of psychotherapeutics for individuals receiving such medications in the jail before admission;~~
- ~~Providing timeframes within which competency hearings must be held;~~
- ~~Revising the time for dismissal of certain charges for defendants that remain incompetent to proceed to trial;~~
- ~~Standardizing the protocols, procedures, diagnostic criteria, and information and findings that must be included in an expert's competency evaluation report.~~

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

The following is an overview of the budget for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2013 Session.

SB 1500 – General Appropriations Act

Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013, with Line Item Vetos

Major funding decisions:

The funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities totals \$1.11 billion.

- Transition customers from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver waiting list to the HCBS Medicaid waiver – Increase of \$15 million in General Revenue, \$21.3 million in Trust Funds, \$36.3 million total funds.
- Increase Adult Day Training rates in the HCBS waiver – Increase of \$783,515 in General Revenue, \$1.1 million in Trust Funds, \$1.9 million total funds.
- Funding for the Carry-forward waiver deficit for FY 2012-13 – \$17 million nonrecurring General Revenue, \$23.3 million Trust Fund, \$40.3 million total funds.
- Room and Board – Reduction of \$651,127 in General Revenue.
- Individual and Family Supports (IFS) – Reduction of \$1,750,000 in Social Services Block Grant.
- Employment and Internships Program (IFS category) – Increase of \$500,000 in nonrecurring General Revenue.
- Client Data Management and Electronic Visit Verification project – \$750,000 in nonrecurring General Revenue, \$750,000 in nonrecurring Trust Fund, \$1.5 million nonrecurring total funding.
- There are 4 special member projects included in the agency's appropriation:
 - \$650,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for Quest Kids.
 - ~~\$250,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the MACtown Sprinkler System.~~
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 - \$1 million in nonrecurring funds is provided to the Dan Marino Jobs Program for Children with Disabilities.
 - ~~\$2 million in Fixed Capital Outlay funds is provided to Arc Village of Jacksonville.~~ **VETOED**
- \$1.4 million in Fixed Capital Outlay is provided to William J. (Billy Joe) Rish Recreational Park for renovations and restorations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1502 – Implementing the General Appropriations Act
Ch. 2013-41 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013**

Major funding decisions:

- Provides for the implementation of the General Appropriations Act.
- Relating specifically to APD, Section 9 listed below will expire July 1, 2014.
- Section 9. (1) In order to implement Specific Appropriation 267 of the 2013-2014 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 393.065(5), Florida Statutes, individuals from the Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs wait list shall be offered a slot on the waiver as follows:
 - (a) Individuals in category 1, which includes clients deemed to be in crisis as described in rule, shall be given top priority in moving from the wait list to the waiver.
 - (b) Individuals in category 2, at the time of finalization of an adoption with placement in the family home, reunification with family members with placement in a family home, or permanent placement with a relative in a family home, shall be moved to the waiver.
 - (c) In selecting individuals in category 3 or category 4, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall use the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Wait List Prioritization Tool, dated March 15, 2013. Those individuals whose needs score highest on the Wait List Prioritization Tool shall be moved to the waiver during the 2013-2014 fiscal year, to the extent funds are available.
- (2) Upon the placement of individuals on the waiver pursuant to subsection (1), individuals remaining on the wait list are deemed not to have been substantially affected by agency action and are, therefore, not entitled to a hearing under s. 393.125, Florida Statutes, or administrative proceeding under chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013, except as otherwise provided.

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Agency for Persons with Disabilities FY 2013-2014						
		FY 2012-2013			SB 1500 FY 2013-2014	
Budget Entity Code	Budget Entity Title	Appropriation Category Title	FTE	ALL FUNDS	FTE	ALL FUNDS
67100100	HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICES		280.50		280.50	
		SALARIES AND BENEFITS		12,786,322		12,786,322
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		3,942,276		3,942,276
		EXPENSES		2,214,329		2,214,329
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		35,394		35,394
		APD/FCO NEEDS/CEN MGD FACS				
		G/A-INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY		16,436,771		15,186,771
		ROOM AND BOARD PAYMENTS		3,490,328		2,839,201
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		139,231		139,231
		G/A-CONTRACTED SERVICES		1,088,276		2,988,276
		HOME/COMM SERVICES WAIVER		811,944,457		915,250,356
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		188,676		188,676
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		98,702		98,702
		HCBS WAIVER RESTRUCTURING		65,116,894		
67100100	Total		280.50	917,481,656	280.50	955,669,534
67100200	PROGRAM MGT & COMPLIANCE		322.00		322.00	
		SALARIES AND BENEFITS		19,844,145		19,844,145
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		674,855		674,855
		EXPENSES		3,147,238		3,147,238
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		27,774		27,774
		TRANS TO DIV ADM HEARINGS		81,812		154,473
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		381,575		381,575
		G/A-CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,013,289		2,013,289
		G/A-CONTRACT PROF SERVICES		3,874		3,874
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		270,104		270,104
		HOME & COMM SERV ADMIN		6,617,252		6,617,252
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		125,667		125,667
		(QEC) Client Data Management System and Electronic Visit Verification				1,500,000
		DCF DATA CENTER		302,438		302,438
		SOUTHWOOD SHARED RESOURCES		118,660		132,305
		NORTHWOOD SRC (NSRC)		179,205		123,593
		NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER (NWRDC)		88,324		
67100200	Total		322.00	33,876,212	322.00	35,318,582
67100300	DEV DISAB PUBLIC FACIL		2,305.50		2,305.50	
		SALARIES AND BENEFITS		93,758,586		93,758,586
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		1,833,206		1,833,206
		EXPENSES		6,282,828		6,282,828
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		261,020		261,020
		FOOD PRODUCTS		2,363,848		2,363,848
		APD/FCO NEEDS/CEN MGD FACS				3,400,000
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		1,951,178		1,951,178
		G/A-CONTRACT PROF SERVICES		5,016,410		5,016,410
		PRESCRIBED MEDICINE/DRUGS		1,145,923		1,145,923
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		5,849,449		5,849,449
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		18,751		18,751
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		895,454		895,454
67100300	Total		2,305.50	119,376,653	2,305.50	122,776,653
Grand Total			2,908.00	1,070,734,521	2,908.00	1,113,764,769



ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

The following is an overview of administrative bills of interest to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2013 Session.

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SB 0050 – Public Meetings

Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that a member of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard by a board or commission before it takes official action on a proposition;
- Providing that compliance with the requirements of this section is deemed to have occurred under certain circumstances;
- Providing that a circuit court has jurisdiction to issue an injunction under certain circumstances;
- Providing that an action taken by a board or commission which is found in violation of this section is not void; etc.

Effective Date: October 1, 2013

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SB 0994 – Florida Statutes

Ch. 2013-18 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 10, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending and repealing provisions, specifically chapter 393.0641, Florida Statutes, to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rulemaking authority;
- Amending provisions to conform to the changes made in this act.

Effective Date: July 2, 2013

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HB 1075 – Public Records

Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Provides exemption from public record requirements for complaint of misconduct filed with agency against agency employee and all information obtained pursuant to investigation of complaint by agency;
- Provides for limited duration of exemption;
- Provides for future review and repeal of exemption;
- Provides statement of public necessity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**HB 1309 – Procurement of Commodities and Contractual Services
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Provides that each public agency contract for services must meet specified requirements;
- Requires agreements funded with state or federal financial assistance to include additional provisions;
- Requires the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to perform audits of executed agreements and discuss such audits with agency officials;
- Authorizes the Department of Management Services (DMS) to lead or enter into joint agreements with governmental entities for purchase of commodities or contractual services that can be used by multiple agencies;
- Provides that contracts awarded pursuant to invitation to bid shall be awarded to responsible and responsive vendor that submits lowest responsive bid;
- Revises exceptions to requirement that purchase of specified commodities or contractual services be made only as result of receiving competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, or competitive sealed replies;
- Authorizes agency to negotiate better pricing upon renewal of contract;
- Provides contract manager certification for contract managers responsible for contracts in excess of specified threshold amount;
- Requires DMS, in consultation with CFO to maintain program for online procurement of commodities and contractual services;
- Requires CFO to perform audits of executed contract documents and to discuss such audits with agency officials;
- Provides that Project Management Professionals training for personnel involved in managing outsourcings and negotiations is subject to annual appropriations, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1504 – State Employees
Ch. 2013-43 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing for the resolution of certain collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and certified bargaining units of state employees;
- Providing for all other mandatory collective bargaining issues that are at impasse and that are not addressed by the act or the General Appropriations Act to be resolved consistent with personnel rules or by otherwise maintaining the status quo.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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SB 1518 – Department of Children and Families
Ch. 2013-47 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the carrying forward, expenditure, and return of unexpended funds paid to entities contracting with the department to manage the delivery of behavioral health services;
- Revising recurring core services funding for community-based care lead agencies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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SB 1520 – Medicaid
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that certain rural hospitals remain rural hospitals under specified circumstances;
- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement a prospective payment system for inpatient hospital services using diagnosis-related groups (DRGs);
- Establishing the Statewide Medicaid Residency Program;
- Amending parameters for the disproportionate share program for specialty hospitals;
- Limiting reimbursement to tuberculosis services provided under contract with the Department of Health.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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SB 1802 – State Employee Health Insurance
Ch. 2013-52 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Modifying the terms “full-time state employees” and “part-time state employee” for the purposes of expressly excluding persons paid from other-personal-services funds who work less than a certain number of hours per week from the state group insurance program;
- Revising provisions relating to employer contributions to employee health savings accounts;
- Providing that an OPS employee meeting certain criteria is eligible to participate in the state group health insurance program.

Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2013

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**SB 1810 – Florida Retirement System
Ch. 2013-53 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the employer contribution rates for the retiree health insurance subsidy;
- Revising the required employer retirement contribution rates for members of each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1844 – Florida Health Choices Program
Ch. 2013-110 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising eligibility requirements for the Florida Health Choices Program;
- Revising the enrollment period for the initial selection of products and services for individual participants in the program;
- Providing that the Florida Insurance Code is not applicable in certain circumstances.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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**SB 1852 – Funding from the National Mortgage Settlement
Ch. 2013-106 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2013**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing an appropriation from the General Revenue (GR) Fund to the Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program to purchase 2-year dormitory residence advance payment contracts for certain students;
- Providing an appropriation from the GR Fund to the state courts system to provide technology solutions to expedite foreclosure cases through the judicial process;
- Providing an appropriation from the GR Fund to the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal aid services to low- and moderate-income homeowners facing foreclosure;
- Providing an appropriation from the GR Fund to the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide a grant to Habitat for Humanity of Florida for certain purposes.

Effective Date: Upon the deposit of \$200,080,474 into the General Revenue Fund from the escrow account created as a result of the consent judgment entered into by the Attorney General on April 4, 2012, in the case of United States of America, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 12-0361-RMC, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

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HB 5401 - Transparency in State Contracting
Ch. 2013-54 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 20, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires the Executive Office of the 4 Governor (EOG) to establish single website providing access to other websites;
- Requires office to establish website providing information about fiscal planning for state and specifies information to be included on website;
- Requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) to maintain website that provides current information on state employees and officers;
- Requires the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to establish and maintain secure contract tracking system;
- Requires that exempt and confidential information be redacted from contracts and procurement documents posted on system;
- Authorizes CFO to regulate and prohibit posting of certain information that could facilitate identity theft or cause harm;
- Creates User Experience Task Force to develop and recommend design for consolidating existing state-managed websites.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

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HB 7129 - Residential Services for Children
Ch. 2013 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2013

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Provides accreditation requirements for boarding schools;



- Authorizes the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to impose administrative sanctions or civil remedies when residential group care is being provided without license;
- Requires background screening for certain boarding school personnel;
- Requires boarding schools to follow standard school schedules;
- Provides for fines.

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