Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.:SB-1122
AN ACT REQUIRING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AUDITS OF MEDICAID-
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Human Services Committee

CO-SPONSORS:

Sen. Matthew L. Lesser, 9th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill seeks to require the Auditors of Public Accounts to conduct performance reviews on at least two Medicaid-funded programs.

Often state programs go without audits for an extended period of time and information on these programs can be sparce. To ensure funding and execution is accurate and proper; audits on these programs can be allow for committee members and the public to review.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

<u>Department of Social Services (DSS), Commissioner, Andrea Barton Reeves:</u> comments that they don't mind participating in the audits however, they mention that it would take significant amount of staff resources. DSS funds "sister" agencies through medicated and that these audits would have an overall negative impact on their resources. They ask that language be revised to include a cap on the number of audits per year; with no more than four audits.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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