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Agency	Title	Description	Funds Requested	Amount Proposed	Sponsors	Comments
Agency for Health Care Administration	Background Screening	This bill relates to criminal background screenings for employees working with the elderly, children, or disabled individuals.	No		Sen. Bean/Rep. Reed	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Transitional Living Facilities	This bill revises licensure standards for TLFs by consolidating the oversight, care and services.	No		Rep. Magar	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Transfer Healthy Start Waiver Funding from Department of Health for Administrative Service Organization	This issue requests the transfer of \$15,171,241 from the DOH for AHCA to contract with an administrative services organization to represent the Healthy Start Coalitions.	Yes	\$15,171,241	N/A	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Development of Florida Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) for Hospital Services Under Medicaid	This issue requests to continue consulting services engaged to assist with the implementation of DRG systems for hospital reimbursement as significant work and support remain and continue.	Yes	\$1,000,000	N/A	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Development of Florida Resource Utilization Groups (RUG) for Nursing Home Payments Under Medicaid	This issue requests to procure consulting services to assist with the design of a RUG payment methodology.	Yes	\$1,000,000	N/A	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Development of Florida Ambulatory Patient Groups (APG) for Outpatient Payments Under Medicaid	This issue requests to procure consulting services to assist with the design of a APG payment methodology.	Yes	\$1,000,000	N/A	
Agency for Health Care Administration	Supplemental Appropriation for Legal Representation	This issue requests funding for the increased workload associated with the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) and the unprecedented number of federal lawsuits which has created the need to hire outside counsel.	Yes	\$4,102,409	N/A	

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Agency for Health Care Administration	Advanced Data Analytics and Detection Services	This issue requests funding for the purchase of analytical subscription services to identify fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid Program.	Yes	\$5,000,000	N/A	
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Additional Funding to Serve Remaining Individuals with Critical Needs on the Waiting List	Funds are provided to transition approximately 1,000 individuals with critical needs remaining on the waiting list to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver. It is estimated that the critical needs portion of the waiting list would be fully served with this appropriation.	Yes	\$8,180,000 GR; \$11,820,000 TF= \$20 million total	Governor's Budget Recommendations	By expanding wait list funding APD can better serve individuals with developmental disabilities who qualify for services.
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Employment and Internship Supports	This will provide supported employment and supported internship service for approximately 400 individuals on the waiting list who have indicated that they want to go to work.	Yes	\$1 million GR	Governor's Budget Recommendations	Providing individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity for employment and internship services will not only provide individuals on the waiting list the opportunity at a better quality of life, but it will also provide individual family members with a better quality of life; including the children youth of those families.
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Relating to Family Care Councils	This bill will expand the definition of the Family Care Council (FCC) membership to allow grandparents to take an active role in advocacy within a formal setting as FCC member. Current membership includes individuals with developmental disabilities, parents, guardians, and siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities.	No	N/A	SB 762 Sen. Detert/HB 715 Rep. Diaz	Revising membership eligibility to incorporate other family members develops and expands community partnerships in furthering the agency's primary mission of helping individuals with developmental disabilities, live, learn, and work in their communities.

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Department of Children and Families	Supporting Child Safety	Provides sheriffs in counties who conduct child protection investigations (Hillsborough, Broward, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Seminole) an overall increase in funding.	Yes	\$8 million		The amounts allocated to the counties will be based on respective caseloads. This reliable method of funding will bring more equity and stability to child protection funding decisions.
Department of Children and Families	Supporting Child Safety	Combats child abuse and neglect through prevention and proven results to help the Healthy Families Florida program reach statewide capacity for the first time in five years.	Yes	\$7 million		Healthy Families Florida is a nationally accredited, evidence-based home visiting program that prevents child abuse and neglect in Florida's highest-risk families.
Department of Children and Families	Helping Victims of Human Trafficking	Provides funding for safe houses and treatment for dependent youth who have been identified as victims of human trafficking.	Yes	\$2.5 million		DCF shall contract with qualified providers for wrap around services and collaborate with a state university to conduct an independent evaluation to assess the potential and effectiveness of particular combinations of services.
Department of Juvenile Justice	Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Facilitates successful re-entry, provides increased opportunities for youth, Ensures quality education by requiring accountability and performance measurements, and ensures every child has a quality teacher			SB 598 Sen. Bean/HB 173 Rep. Adkins	
Department of Juvenile Justice	General Revision	Codifies best practices and themes DJJ has taken in recent years.			SB 700 Sen. Bradley/HB 7005 Rep. Pilon	
Department of Education	School Accountability System	Provides stability and clarity to Florida's students, parents, and teachers during the transition to new state assessments pursuant to the Florida Plan for Education Accountability.			TBD	

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Department of Education	Student Data Security Act	a. Sets policies and establishes safeguards for the collection, maintenance and use of student data by DOE. b. Outlines activities DOE is not allowed to do, including: collect certain types of non-educational records; disclose personally identifiable information, without parental consent, for commercial use; and transfer personally identifiable student records to the federal government except as needed for audits of federal programs.			SB 188 Sen. Hukill/HB 195 Rep. Raburn	
Department of Education	Florida Education Finance Program	Line item in Governor Scott's recommended budget for school districts.	Yes	\$10.6 billion in state funds		\$40 million for digital learning (\$250,000 minimum per school district). Continues \$480 million salary increase for teacher salaries.
Department of Education	Principal and Teacher Professional Development	Goal of professional development will be to build capacity at the local level, so that districts can share information and best practices and deepen implementation of standards.	Yes	\$13.4 million		\$8.4 million new funds for principal professional development. \$5 million new funds for teacher professional development for implementation of state standards.
Department of Education	Fixed Capital Outlay	Budget recommendation for special facility construction critical needs projects for Glades, Dixie, Washington, Madison, Levy, Calhoun, and Holmes counties.	Yes	\$243.8 million		\$171.7 million in Maintenance for Public Schools, Charter Schools and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. \$72.1 million for Special Facility Construction Critical Needs in Rural Districts
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	Voluntary Prekindergarten	Increase \$/FTE by \$100/FTE	Yes	\$929,015		Requires \$929K over current funding level
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	School Readiness Funding	Onetime nonrecurring CCDF funding to coalitions for school readiness programs	Yes	\$30,000,000		Additional children funds

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Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	T.E.A.C.H. - additional funding	Funding to improve qualifications of early care educators and directors	Yes	\$1,500,000		Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) provides scholarships; this could serve 1,500 additional professionals
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	School Readiness Teacher Improvement	Funding to provide training for teacher improvement and develop a statewide system to measure teacher effectiveness		\$5,000,000		Located in School Readiness line item
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	VPK Assessment	Funding to provide pre- and post-assessment for VPK	Yes	\$3,000,000		Accountability initiative to support high quality VPK
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	Information Technology	Funding to continue development of critical technology and information system	Yes	\$7,000,000		Budget authority to spend \$7 million from settlement agreement
Department of Education - Office of Early Learning	Statewide Parent Skill Building	Funding to develop statewide system to enhance parenting skills and knowledge of parenting available	Yes	\$12,000,000		New initiative
Department of Health	Healthiest Weight	The proposed budget authorizes \$2 million in budget authority to address the top public health threat that challenges Florida - weight.	Yes	\$2,000,000		The Department has launched a statewide initiative bringing together state agencies, not for profit organizations, businesses, and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.
Department of Health	Child Protection Teams	Budget request for \$2.8 million to strengthen the ability of the state's 25 Child Protection Teams (CPT).	Yes	\$2,800,000		The Department's Division of Children's Medical Services oversees CPTs that provide assessments to assist in alleged child abuse and neglect cases. The teams are medically directed and multidisciplinary, which allows them to assess safety and risk for children with special medical needs.

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Department of Health	Early Steps Programs	Budget request to invest \$3.6 million to assist with assessments, early intervention and support systems, home visits, and family supports.	Yes	\$3,600,000		The Early Steps Program provides a coordinated system of early intervention services.
Guardian ad Litem	Workload Issue - Legislative Budget Request	Adds 106 new Volunteer Coordinators and Attorneys to bring representation up from 75% of all dependent children to more than 80% statewide.	\$6.1 million	\$2.9 million	Governor's Recommended Budget	House Speaker and Senate President have made Guardian ad Litem funding one of their top joint priorities for the coming session.
Guardian ad Litem	Keys to Independence	Bill authorizes funds to reimburse foster youth and caregivers for the costs of driver education, driver licensing and auto insurance; removes the disability of non-age for youth to obtain insurance on their own.	\$800,000 - Senate; \$1.5 million - House	TBD	Sen. Detert/Rep. Albritton	Bill aims to promote normalcy by increasing the numbers of foster youth who can drive. This will promote educational access and ability to get to a job.