

CHAPTER 2002-63

House Bill No. 523

An act relating to relating to community human services infrastructure; amending s. 20.19, F.S.; including the state attorney and public defender among those persons who may be added to the membership of a local community alliance for human services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (6) of section 20.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.19 Department of Children and Family Services.—There is created a Department of Children and Family Services.

(6) COMMUNITY ALLIANCES.—

(e) At any time after the initial meeting of the community alliance, the community alliance shall adopt bylaws and may increase the membership of the alliance to include the state attorney for the judicial circuit in which the community alliance is located, or his or her designee, the public defender for the judicial circuit in which the community alliance is located, or his or her designee, and other individuals and organizations who represent funding organizations, are community leaders, have knowledge of community-based service issues, or otherwise represent perspectives that will enable them to accomplish the duties listed in paragraph (b), if, in the judgment of the alliance, such change is necessary to adequately represent the diversity of the population within the community alliance service districts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 22, 2002.

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