



Family Care Council Florida

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

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Dear Lucy,

The Executive Board of the Family Care Council Florida (FCCF) has reviewed HB 127 and has the following concerns:

1. We believe that Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) should retain the authority over the Developmental Disabilities Institutions.
2. We have real concerns over making Bill 127 retroactive from two stand points—fiscal impact and legal implications with the Brown vs. Bush settlement.
3. We believe the Family Care Council is already created in 393 can and should be the vehicle to advise the APD on issues affecting the residential services for people with developmental disabilities. The institutions may have an advisory council but it does not need to be a Governor's appointment.

Thank you for your consideration of the FCCF point of view. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by cell at 850-516-9177.

Sincerely,

Patty Houghland
FCCF Chairperson

The mission of the Family Care Council Florida is to advocate, educate, and empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, partnering with the Department, to bring quality services to individuals for dignity and choice.