

SB 885 -- COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND

SPONSOR: Graham (Cooper, 120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Family Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows city and county officials to appoint a board of directors for a community children's services fund, prior to the city or county voters approving the establishment of the tax to support the fund. Once established, the board can contract for services or actions necessary to conduct the duties of the board. The fund will provide financial support for counseling and related services to children to promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and to strengthen families.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that prior approval by board members will provide the public the ability to approve the tax based on proposals that the board presents instead of voting without knowing the facts.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Graham.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.