

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SB 400 — Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams

by Senator Gibson

The bill authorizes a state attorney in each judicial circuit to initiate an elder abuse fatality review team, composed of volunteer members. The members are experts in elder care and represent entities that provide local health and human services or legal services to elders. The purpose of the team is to review closed cases of elder fatalities caused by abuse or neglect. Based on the reviews, the teams are to make policy recommendations to help prevent future elder abuse-related fatalities. The teams must submit information to the Department of Elder Affairs. The department must submit a report each November 1, that summarizes the findings and recommendations of the review teams to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of Children and Families.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0