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Senator Mitchell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 67, line 12, through page 68, line 13, delete those lines

and insert:

(3)(a)1. Notwithstanding s. 435.045(1), the department may place a child in a foster home which otherwise meets licensing requirements if state and local criminal records checks do not disqualify the applicant, and the department has submitted fingerprint information to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is awaiting the results of the federal criminal records check.

2. Prospective and approved foster parents must disclose to the department any prior or pending local, state or federal criminal proceedings in which they are or have been involved.

(b)(a) Prior to recommending to the court any out-of-home placement for a child other than placement in a

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1 licensed shelter or foster home, the department shall conduct  
2 a study of the home of the proposed legal custodians  
3 ~~caregivers~~, which must include, at a minimum:

4 1. An interview with the proposed legal custodians  
5 ~~adult caregivers~~ to assess their ongoing commitment and  
6 ability to care for the child.

7 2. Records checks through the department's automated  
8 abuse information system, and local and statewide criminal and  
9 juvenile records checks through the Department of Law  
10 Enforcement, on all household members 12 years of age or older  
11 and any other persons made known to the department who are  
12 frequent visitors in the home.

13 3. An assessment of the physical environment of the  
14 home.

15 4. A determination of the financial security of the  
16 proposed legal custodians ~~caregivers~~.

17 5. A determination of suitable child care arrangements  
18 if the proposed legal custodians ~~caregivers~~ are employed  
19 outside of the home.

20 6. Documentation of counseling and information  
21 provided to the proposed legal custodians ~~caregivers~~ regarding  
22 the dependency process and possible outcomes.

23 7. Documentation that information regarding support  
24 services available in the community has been provided to the  
25 proposed legal custodians ~~caregivers~~.

26 ~~(c)(b)~~ The department shall not place the child or  
27 continue the placement of the child in the home of the  
28 proposed legal custodians ~~caregivers~~ if the results of the  
29 home study are unfavorable.

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