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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to child protective 3 investigations; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; revising procedures relating to child 4 5 protective investigations; providing an effective date. 6 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Subsections (2) and (17) of section 39.301, 9 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 10 39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.--11 12 (2)(a) The department shall immediately forward any 13 allegation of criminal conduct received Upon notification by 14 the department's central abuse hotline under subsection (1), the designated child protective investigator shall immediately 15 notify to the appropriate law enforcement agency of the county 16 or municipality in which the alleged criminal conduct known or 17 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect is believed to 18 have occurred. For the purpose of this section, "criminal 19 20 conduct" means any activity defined in s. 39.01(64), s. 39.302(1), or s. 827.03. 21 (b) Upon receipt of an allegation of criminal conduct 22 from the department a report, the law enforcement agency shall 23 must review the information in the report to and determine 24 25 whether a criminal investigation of the case is warranted. If 26 the law enforcement agency accepts the case for criminal 27 investigation, it shall coordinate its investigative 28 activities with the department whenever feasible. If the law 29 enforcement agency does not accept the case for criminal investigation, the case shall be referred back to the 30 department and, if so, shall conduct the criminal 31

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investigation that shall be coordinated, whenever possible, with the child protective investigation of the department or its agent. (17) In a child protective investigation, the child protective investigator shall be responsible for photographing When a law enforcement agency is participating in an investigation, the agency shall take photographs of the child's living environment. Such photographs shall become part of the child protective investigation investigative file. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000. HOUSE SUMMARY Revises procedures relating to child protective investigations. 

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