

By Representative Sublette

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to child protective
 3 investigations; amending s. 39.301, F.S.;
 4 revising procedures relating to child
 5 protective investigations; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

9 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (17) of section 39.301,
 10 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11 39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.--

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),~~
 15 ~~the designated child protective investigator shall immediately~~
 16 ~~notify to~~ the appropriate law enforcement agency of the county
 17 or municipality in which the alleged criminal conduct known or
 18 ~~suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect is believed to~~
 19 ~~have~~ occurred. For the purpose of this section, "criminal
 20 conduct" means any activity defined in s. 39.01(64), s.
 21 39.302(1), or s. 827.03.

22 (b) Upon receipt of an allegation of criminal conduct
 23 from the department ~~a report,~~ the law enforcement agency shall
 24 ~~must~~ review the information in the report to and determine
 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
 30 investigation, the case shall be referred back to the
 31 department and, if so, shall conduct the criminal

