

Amendment No. 05 (for drafter's use only)

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11 Representative(s) Merchant offered the following:

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13 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 2, between lines 26 and 27 of the bill

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16 insert:

17 Section 1. Subsections (27), (45), and (48) of section  
18 984.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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19 984.03 Definitions.--When used in this chapter, the

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20 term:

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21 (27) "Family in need of services" means a family that  
22 has a child who is running away; who is persistently  
23 disobeying reasonable and lawful demands of the parent or  
24 legal custodian and is beyond the control of the parent or  
25 legal custodian; or who is habitually truant from school or  
26 engaging in other serious behaviors that place the child at  
27 risk of future abuse, neglect, or abandonment or at risk of  
28 entering the juvenile justice system for whom there is no  
29 ~~pending investigation into an allegation of abuse, neglect, or~~  
30 ~~abandonment or no current supervision by the Department of~~  
31 ~~Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family~~

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1 ~~Services for an adjudication of dependency or delinquency. The~~  
2 child must be ~~also have been~~ referred to a law enforcement  
3 agency, ~~or the Department of Juvenile Justice, or an agency~~  
4 contracted to provide services to children in need of  
5 services. A family is not eligible to receive services if, at  
6 the time of the referral, there is an open investigation into  
7 an allegation of abuse, neglect, or abandonment or if the  
8 child is currently under supervision by the Department of  
9 Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family  
10 Services due to an adjudication of dependency or delinquency.

11 ~~for:~~

- 12       ~~(a) Running away from parents or legal custodians;~~  
13       ~~(b) Persistently disobeying reasonable and lawful~~  
14 ~~demands of parents or legal custodians and being beyond their~~  
15 ~~control; or~~  
16       ~~(c) Habitual truancy from school.~~

17       (45) "Preventive services" means social services and  
18 other supportive and rehabilitative services provided to the  
19 parent of the child, the legal guardian of the child, or the  
20 custodian of the child and to the child for the purpose of  
21 averting the removal of the child from the home or disruption  
22 of a family which will or could result in an adjudication that  
23 orders the placement of a child into in foster care or into  
24 the delinquency system or that will or could result in the  
25 child living on the street. Social services and other  
26 supportive and rehabilitative services may include the  
27 provision of assessment and screening services; individual,  
28 group, or family counseling; specialized educational and  
29 vocational services; temporary shelter for the child; outreach  
30 services for children living on the street; independent living  
31 services to assist adolescents in achieving a successful

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1 transition to adulthood; and other specialized services shall  
2 ~~promote the child's need for a safe, continuous, stable,~~  
3 ~~living environment and shall promote family autonomy and shall~~  
4 ~~strengthen family life as the first priority whenever~~  
5 ~~possible.~~

6 (48) "Reunification services" means social services  
7 and other supportive and rehabilitative services provided to  
8 the parent of the child, the legal guardian of the child, or  
9 the custodian of the child, whichever is applicable; the  
10 child; and, where appropriate, the foster parents of the child  
11 for the purpose of enabling a child who has been placed in  
12 temporary shelter foster care to return to his or her family  
13 at the earliest possible time. Social services and other  
14 supportive and rehabilitative services shall be consistent  
15 with ~~promote~~ the child's need for a safe, continuous, and  
16 ~~stable,~~ living environment and shall promote the strengthening  
17 of family autonomy and strengthen family life ~~as a first~~  
18 ~~priority~~ whenever possible.

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20 (Renumber subsequent sections)

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 1, line 3

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27 after the word "juveniles;" insert:

28 amending s. 984.03, F.S.; revising definitions

29 for purposes of ch. 984, F.S., relating to

30 children and families in need of services;

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