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Representative(s) Murman offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (712899) (with title amendment)

On page 15, between lines 15 and 16 of the amendment

insert:

Section 13. Subsection (9) of section 402.27, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is added to said section to read:

402.27 Child care and early childhood resource and referral.--The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a statewide child care resource and referral network. Preference shall be given to using the already established central agencies for subsidized child care as the child care resource and referral agency. If the agency cannot comply with the requirements to offer the resource information component or does not want to offer that service, the Department of Children and Family Services shall select the resource information agency based upon a request for proposal. At least one child care resource and referral agency must be established in each district of the department, but no more

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1 than one may be established in any county. Child care
2 resource and referral agencies shall provide the following
3 services:

4 (9) Assistance to families in identifying summer
5 recreation camp and summer day camp programs and in evaluating
6 the health and safety qualities of summer recreation camp and
7 summer day camp programs and in evaluating the health and
8 safety qualities of summer camp programs. Contingent upon
9 specific appropriation, a checklist of important health and
10 safety qualities that parents can use to choose their summer
11 camp programs shall be developed and distributed in a manner
12 that will reach parents interested in such programs for their
13 children.

14 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
15 402.3015, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is
16 added to said section, to read:

17 402.3015 Subsidized child care program; purpose; fees;
18 contracts.--

19 (1) The purpose of the subsidized child care program
20 is to provide quality child care to enhance the development,
21 including language, cognitive, motor, social, and self-help
22 skills of children who are at risk of abuse or neglect and
23 children of low-income families, and to promote financial
24 self-sufficiency and life skills for the families of these
25 children, unless prohibited by federal law. Priority for
26 participation in the subsidized child care program shall be
27 accorded to children under 13 years of age who are:

28 (c) Children of working families whose family income
29 is equal to or greater than 100 percent, but does not exceed
30 150 percent, of the federal poverty level. The department may
31 extend eligibility to children of working families who are

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1 currently in subsidized child care and whose family income
2 does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

3 (10) A family that is eligible to participate in the
4 subsidized child care program shall be considered a needy
5 family for purposes of the program funded through the federal
6 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, to
7 the extent permitted by appropriation of funds.

8 Section 15. Section 402.3017, Florida Statutes, is
9 created to read:

10 402.3017 Teacher Education and Compensation Helps
11 (TEACH) scholarship program.--

12 (1) The Legislature finds that the level of early
13 child care teacher education and training is a key predictor
14 for determining program quality. The Legislature also finds
15 that low wages for child care workers prevent many from
16 obtaining increased training and education and contribute to
17 high turnover rates. The Legislature therefore intends to
18 help fund a program which links teacher training and education
19 to compensation and commitment to the field of early childhood
20 education.

21 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services is
22 authorized to contract for the administration of the Teacher
23 Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship program,
24 which provides educational scholarships to caregivers and
25 administrators of early childhood programs, family day care
26 homes, and large family child care homes.

27 (3) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to
28 implement this section.

29 Section 16. Subsection (8) of section 402.302, Florida
30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 402.302 Definitions.--

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1 (8) "Large family child care home" means an occupied
2 residence in which child care is regularly provided for
3 children from at least two unrelated families, which receives
4 a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving
5 care, whether or not operated for profit, and which has at
6 least two full-time child care personnel on the premises
7 during the hours of operation. One of the two full-time child
8 care personnel must be the owner or occupant of the residence.
9 A large family child care home must first have operated as a
10 licensed family day care home for 2 years, with an operator
11 who has had a child development associate credential or its
12 equivalent for 1 year, before seeking licensure as a large
13 family child care home. A large family child care home shall
14 be allowed to provide care for one of the following groups of
15 children, which shall include those children under 13 ±2 years
16 of age who are related to the caregiver:

17 (a) A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of
18 age.

19 (b) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4
20 children under 24 months of age.

21 Section 17. Section 402.3028, Florida Statutes, is
22 created to read:

23 402.3028 Referral for assessment.--The Department of
24 Children and Family Services, Department of Health, and
25 Department of Education shall implement the following
26 procedures for making referrals for Level III assessment
27 pursuant to s. 402.3027:

28 (1) Children under 3 years of age who are in the
29 subsidized child care program and are identified as needing a
30 Level III developmental assessment pursuant to s. 402.3027
31 shall be referred to the Early Intervention for Infants and

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1 Toddlers with Disabilities Program of the Department of
2 Health, funded under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
3 Education Act, Pub. L. No. 105-17, Part C. Assessments shall
4 be completed within 45 days after the referral. If the Early
5 Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities
6 Program is not available, referral may be made to a local
7 community service provider.

8 (2) Children age 3 years through 5 years who are in
9 the subsidized child care program and are identified as
10 needing a Level III developmental assessment pursuant to s.
11 402.3027 shall be referred to the appropriate program under
12 the local school district or appropriate local service
13 provider. It is the intent of the Legislature that these
14 assessments be completed within 45 days because of the
15 critical nature of child development at this age.

16 (3) Services to children with disabilities under this
17 section shall be integrated and delivered with child care
18 programs to the extent possible.

19 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a subsidized
20 child care program from referring a child to Medicaid or the
21 Florida KidCare program to determine eligibility for services,
22 or from making a referral to a child's primary health care
23 provider.

24 Section 18. Section 402.3054, Florida Statutes, is
25 created to read:

26 402.3054 Child enrichment service providers.--

27 (1) For the purposes of this section, "child
28 enrichment service provider" means an individual who provides
29 enrichment activities, such as language training, music
30 instruction, educational instruction, and other experiences,
31 to specific children during a specific time that is not part

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1 of the regular program in a child care facility.

2 (2) The child's parent shall provide written consent
3 before a child may participate in activities conducted by a
4 child enrichment service provider that are not part of the
5 regular program of the child care facility. A child
6 enrichment service provider receives compensation from the
7 child's parent or from the child care facility and shall not
8 be considered a volunteer or child care personnel.

9 (3) A child enrichment service provider shall be of
10 good moral character based upon screening. This screening
11 shall be conducted as provided in chapter 435, using the level
12 2 standards for screening set forth in that chapter. A child
13 enrichment service provider must meet the screening
14 requirements prior to providing services to a child in a child
15 care facility. A child enrichment service provider who has
16 met the screening standards shall not be required to be under
17 the direct and constant supervision of child care personnel.

18 Section 19. Subsection (10) of section 402.305,
19 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.--

21 (10) TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.--Minimum standards shall
22 include requirements for child restraints or seat belts in
23 vehicles used by child care facilities and large-family child
24 care homes to transport children, requirements for annual
25 inspections of the vehicles, and limitations on the number of
26 children in the vehicles, and accountability for children
27 being transported.

28 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 409.178, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 409.178 Child Care Executive Partnership Act; findings
31 and intent; grant; limitation; rules.--

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1 (3) There is created a body politic and corporate
2 known as the Child Care Executive Partnership which shall
3 establish and govern the Child Care Executive Partnership
4 Program. The purpose of the Child Care Executive Partnership
5 Program is to utilize state and federal funds as incentives
6 for matching local funds derived from local governments,
7 employers, charitable foundations, and other sources, so that
8 Florida communities may create local flexible partnerships
9 with employers. The Child Care Executive Partnership Program
10 funds shall be used at the discretion of local communities to
11 meet the needs of working parents. A child care purchasing
12 pool shall be developed with the state, federal, and local
13 funds to provide subsidies to low-income working parents who
14 are eligible for subsidized child care with a
15 dollar-for-dollar match from employers, local government, and
16 other matching contributions. The funds used from the child
17 care purchasing pool must be used to supplement or extend the
18 use of existing public or private funds ~~and may not be used to~~
19 ~~supplant the maintenance of effort presently exerted by the~~
20 ~~employer or other participant in the activity funded.~~

21 Section 21. Contingent upon specific appropriation,
22 the statewide child care resource and referral network,
23 pursuant to s. 402.27, Florida Statutes, shall convene a
24 workgroup for the purpose of developing recommendations for
25 improving the health and safety qualities of summer camp
26 programs without over-regulation. One component of the
27 workgroup's deliberation shall include examining the
28 feasibility of requiring summer camp programs to register with
29 the Department of Children and Family Services, to provide
30 annual program information to the statewide child care
31 resource and referral networks, or to publish their health and

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1 safety plans. The workgroup shall include representatives from
 2 summer camp program related associations, the Department of
 3 Children and Family Services, parents, and any other
 4 interested individuals or organizations identified by the
 5 statewide child care resource and referral network. All
 6 participants in this process shall attend the meetings at
 7 their own expense. A report of the recommendations shall be
 8 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1,
 10 2001.

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14 And the title is amended as follows:

15 On page 17, line 13 after the semicolon, of the
16 amendment

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18 insert:

19 amending s. 402.27, F.S.; providing for
 20 assistance to families in evaluating summer
 21 recreation and day camp programs; amending s.
 22 402.3015, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
 23 Children and Family Services to increase family
 24 income limits for certain eligibility for
 25 subsidized child care; providing that an
 26 eligible family shall be considered a needy
 27 family for federal Temporary Assistance for
 28 Needy Families funding, subject to
 29 appropriations; creating s. 402.3017, F.S.;
 30 establishing the Teacher Education and
 31 Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship program;

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1 authorizing the department to contract for
2 administration of the program and to adopt
3 rules; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the
4 definition of "large family child care home" to
5 include certain children related to the
6 caregiver; creating s. 402.3028, F.S.;
7 providing procedures for referrals for
8 developmental assessment of children in
9 subsidized child care programs; creating s.
10 402.3054, F.S.; defining "child enrichment
11 service provider"; specifying requirements
12 relating to parental consent, compensation, and
13 background screening for such providers
14 providing services in a child care facility;
15 amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising provisions
16 of child care facilities' licensing standards
17 relating to transportation safety; amending s.
18 409.178, F.S.; removing a restriction on the
19 use of child care purchasing pool funds, under
20 the Child Care Executive Partnership Act;
21 requiring a workgroup, and report therefrom, on
22 health and safety in summer camp programs,
23 contingent on specific appropriation;

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