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Amendment No. ____

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Senator Cowin moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 33, line 1, through
page 37, line 7, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
409.145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.145 Care of children.--

(3)

(b) The services of the foster care program shall
continue for those individuals 18 to 21 years of age only for
the period of time the individual is continuously enrolled in
high school, in a program leading to a high school equivalency
diploma as defined in s. 229.814, or in a full-time career
education program. Services shall be terminated upon
completion of or withdrawal or permanent expulsion from high
school, the program leading to a high school equivalency
diploma, or the full-time career education program. In
addition, the department may, based upon the availability of

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1 funds, provide assistance to those individuals who leave
2 foster care when they attain 18 years of age and subsequently
3 request assistance prior to their 21st birthday. The following
4 are examples of assistance that may be provided: referrals for
5 employment, services for educational or vocational
6 development, and housing assistance.

7 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 409.1671,
8 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 409.1671 Foster care and related services;
10 privatization.--

11 (3)(a) In order to help ensure a seamless child
12 protection system, the department shall ensure that contracts
13 entered into with community-based agencies pursuant to this
14 section include provisions for a case-transfer process to
15 determine the date that the community-based agency will
16 initiate the appropriate services for a child and family. ~~This~~
17 ~~case-transfer process must clearly identify the closure of the~~
18 ~~protective investigation and the initiation of service~~
19 ~~provision.~~At the point of case transfer, as well as at the
20 conclusion of an investigation,the department must provide a
21 complete summary of the findings of the investigation to the
22 community-based agency.

23 (b) The contracts must also ensure that each
24 community-based agency shall furnish regular status reports of
25 its cases to the department as specified in the contract. A
26 provider may not discontinue services without prior written
27 notification to the department. After discontinuing services
28 to a child or a child and family, the community-based agency
29 must provide a written case summary, including its assessment
30 of the child and family, to the department.

31 (c) The annual contract between the department and

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1 community-based agencies must include provisions that specify
2 the procedures to be used by the parties to resolve
3 differences in interpreting the contract or to resolve
4 disputes as to the adequacy of the parties' compliance with
5 their respective obligations under the contract.

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7 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On page 2, lines 20 and 21, delete those lines,

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14 and insert:

15 child abuse death review coordinators; amending
16 s. 409.145, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
17 Children and Family Services to provide
18 additional assistance for certain individuals
19 leaving foster care; amending s. 409.1671,
20 F.S.; deleting requirement that the
21 case-transfer process for contracts with
22 community-based agencies for provision of
23 foster care and related services identify
24 closure of protective investigations;
25 prescribing times when

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