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11	Senator Cowin moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 23, between lines 15 and 16,
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16	insert:
17	Section 11. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (13)
18	of section 409.175, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as
19	paragraph (d) and a new paragraph (c) is added to that
20	subsection to read:
21	409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
22	child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies
23	(13)
24	(c) In consultation with foster parents, each district
25	or lead agency shall develop a plan for making the completion
26	of the required training as convenient as possible for
27	potential foster parents and emergency-shelter parents. The
28	plan should include, without limitation, such strategies as
29	providing training in nontraditional locations and at
30	nontraditional times. The plan must be revised at least
31	annually and must be included in the information provided to
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each person applying to become a foster parent or 1 2 emergency-shelter parent. Section 12. Section 409.1753, Florida Statutes, is 3 4 created to read: 5 409.1753 Foster care; duties.--The department shall 6 ensure that, within each district, each foster home is given a 7 telephone number for the foster parent to call during normal working hours whenever immediate assistance is needed and the 8 child's caseworker is unavailable. This number must be staffed 9 10 and answered by individuals possessing the knowledge and authority necessary to assist foster parents. 11 12 13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 14 15 16 17 And the title is amended as follows: On page 2, lines 18-24, delete those lines 18 19 20 and insert: 21 409.175, F.S.; requiring a plan for streamlining foster parent training; creating 22 s. 409.1753, 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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