

By Senator Peaden

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to child protection; amending
3 s. 39.301, F.S.; clarifying that an authorized
4 agent of the Department of Children and Family
5 Services may continue to provide protective
6 services for a child or a child's family
7 following completion of the investigation
8 report in a child-protection case; requiring
9 that a case be designated as a backlog case if
10 investigative activities continue after a
11 specified period; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 39.301, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.--
18 (14) Within ~~No later than~~ 60 days after receiving the
19 initial report, the local office of the department shall
20 complete its investigation. Upon completing an investigation
21 report of a case, the department's investigative functions
22 with respect to that case are complete regardless of whether
23 the investigator or other authorized agent of the department
24 continues to provide protective services for the child or the
25 child's family. A case must be designated as a backlog case if
26 an investigator or other authorized agent of the department
27 continues investigative activities after the 60th day
28 following receipt of the initial investigation report.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes an agent of the Department of Children and Family Services to continue providing protective services for a child or a child's family following completion of the investigation report. Provides that a case be designated as a backlog case if investigative activities continue after the 60th day following receipt of the initial investigation report.