

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care

317-595-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care; requiring the  
3           Agency for Health Care Administration to  
4           convene an interagency workgroup to study  
5           issues pertaining to certain background  
6           screening requirements for health care  
7           professionals and owners, operators, and  
8           employees of certain health care providers,  
9           services, and programs; providing for  
10          composition of the workgroup; requiring a  
11          report; repealing s. 71(1) of ch. 98-171, Laws  
12          of Florida; abrogating the repeal of provisions  
13          of law which require background screening of  
14          applicants for licensure, certification, or  
15          registration; providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. (1) The Agency for Health Care  
20 Administration shall convene an interagency workgroup to study  
21 ways to establish the uniform requirements for background  
22 screening of applicants for licensure, certification, or  
23 registration of health care professionals and for owners,  
24 operators, and employees of health care providers, services,  
25 and programs that are regulated by the agency and subject to  
26 background-screening requirements. The workgroup shall review  
27 chapter 435, Florida Statutes, and propose revisions to the  
28 list of criminal offenses, specify appropriate statutes of  
29 limitation for offenses leading to disqualification, and  
30 identify additional civil actions that should be considered as  
31 disqualifying.

1           (2) The interagency workgroup shall, at a minimum,  
2 include a representative of:  
3           (a) The Office of Statewide Prosecution;  
4           (b) The Attorney General;  
5           (c) The Department of Children and Family Services;  
6 and  
7           (d) The Department of Elderly Affairs.  
8           (3) The workgroup shall complete its study and review  
9 by November 1, 2001, and shall submit a report of its findings  
10 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
11 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
12 December 1, 2001, after which, the workgroup is abolished.

13           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 71 of chapter  
14 98-171, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

15           Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

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18           SENATE SUMMARY

19           Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
20           convene an interagency workgroup to study issues related  
21           to background screening requirements for certain health  
22           care professionals and others. Provides membership  
23           requirements and requires a report. Abrogates the repeal  
24           of provisions of law which require background screening  
25           of applicants for licensure, certification, or  
26           registration.  
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