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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           (d) The Department of Health;  
7           (e) The Department of Elderly Affairs;  
8           (f) The Senate as appointed by the President of the  
9 Senate; and  
10           (g) The House of Representatives as appointed by the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
12           (3) The workgroup shall complete its study and review  
13 by November 1, 2001, and shall submit a report of its findings  
14 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
15 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
16 December 1, 2001, after which, the workgroup is abolished.  
17           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 71 of chapter  
18 98-171, Laws of Florida, is repealed.  
19           Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2001.  
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