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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; amending confidentiality 3 4 provisions that pertain to reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect, by 5 providing that staff members of a child 6 7 advocacy center who are providing services to the child may have access to the records; 8 9 providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 Section 1. Present paragraph (o) of subsection (2) of section 39.202, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph 14 (p), and a new paragraph (o) is added to that subsection to 15 16 read: 17 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect. --18 19 (2) Access to such records, excluding the name of the 20 reporter which shall be released only as provided in 21 subsection (4), shall be granted only to the following 22 persons, officials, and agencies: 23 (o) Staff of a child advocacy center that has met the 24 standards set forth in s. 39.3035, who are actively involved 25 in providing services to the child. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003. 26 27 28 29 30 31

SENATE SUMMARY Amends confidentiality provisions that pertain to reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect, by providing that staff members of a child advocacy center that meets the standards set forth in s. 39.3035, F.S., who are actively involved in providing services to the child may have access to the records.