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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to adult protective services; amending s. 415.1045, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to enter into certain working agreements with local law enforcement agencies by September 1, 2003; requiring a report; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 415.1045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

415.1045 Photographs, videotapes, and medical examinations; abrogation of privileged communications; confidential records and documents.--

(6) WORKING AGREEMENTS.--By September 1, 2003, the department shall enter into working agreements with the jurisdictionally responsible county sheriffs' office or local police department that will be the lead agency when conducting any criminal investigation arising from an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. The working agreement must specify how the requirements of this chapter will be met. The department shall conduct a review of the efficacy of the agreements by September 1, 2004. For the purposes of such agreement, the jurisdictionally responsible law enforcement entity is authorized to share Florida criminal history and local criminal history information that is not otherwise exempt from s. 119.07(1) with the district personnel. A law enforcement entity entering into such agreement must comply with s. 943.0525. Criminal justice information provided by such law enforcement entity shall be used only for the purposes specified



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31 in the agreement and shall be provided at no charge.  
32 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of  
33 Law Enforcement shall provide to the department electronic  
34 access to Florida criminal justice information which is lawfully  
35 available and not exempt from s. 119.07(1), only for the purpose  
36 of protective investigations and emergency placement. As a  
37 condition of access to such information, the department shall be  
38 required to execute an appropriate user agreement addressing the  
39 access, use, dissemination, and destruction of such information  
40 and to comply with all applicable laws and rules of the  
41 Department of Law Enforcement.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.