Florida Senate - 2003

By Senator Lynn

7-1328B-03 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to child welfare training academies; amending s. 402.40, F.S.; requiring 3 4 the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a curriculum of core competencies; 5 directing the department to competitively bid 6 7 the contract for the training curriculum; providing for the training to be offered by the 8 9 training academies; directing the department to 10 competitively bid training academy contracts; 11 deleting a requirement that the Department of 12 Children and Family Services contract with Tallahassee Community College for the operation 13 14 of one or more training academies; providing an effective date. 15 16 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section 402.40, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6) 20 21 and (7), respectively, and are amended, and a new subsection 22 (5) is added to that section, to read: 23 402.40 Child welfare training.--(5) CORE COMPETENCIES. -- The Department of Children and 24 25 Family Services shall establish a curriculum of core competencies that every dependency program staff member must 26 27 master before beginning work in the field. Notwithstanding the 28 provisions of s. 287.057(5) and (22), the department shall 29 competitively bid and contract with a single contractor for 30 the development, validation, and periodic evaluation of this training curriculum. 31

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1	(6)(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING ACADEMIESThe
2	department shall contract for the operation of one or more
3	training academies with Tallahassee Community College . The
4	number, location, and timeframe for establishment of
5	additional training academies shall be approved by the
6	Secretary of Children and Family Services. <u>Each training</u>
7	academy shall offer the curriculum of core competencies.
8	Training academies may offer other training to meet the needs
9	of dependency program staff members. In addition, the
10	department may contract with the training academies to provide
11	other curricula, including advanced training, training that is
12	specific to a region or a contractor, or training that meets
13	other needs. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 287.057(5)
14	and (22), the department shall seek competitive bids for all
15	training academy contracts.
16	(7)(6) ADOPTION OF RULESThe Department of Children
17	and Family Services shall adopt rules necessary to carry out
18	the provisions of this section.
19	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20	law.
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23	SENATE SUMMARY
24	Requires that the Department of Children and Family Services establish a curriculum of core competencies for
25	staff members of dependency programs. Requires the department to enter into a contract with a single
26	contractor to develop and evaluate this training curriculum. Deletes a provision requiring the department
27	to contract with Tallahassee Community College for the operation of one or more child welfare training academies.
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