

By Senator Lynn

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to child welfare training
 3 academies; amending s. 402.40, F.S.; requiring
 4 the Department of Children and Family Services
 5 to establish a curriculum of core competencies;
 6 directing the department to competitively bid
 7 the contract for the training curriculum;
 8 providing for the training to be offered by the
 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
 13 Tallahassee Community College for the operation
 14 of one or more training academies; providing an
 15 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. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section
 20 402.40, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)
 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.--

24 (5) CORE COMPETENCIES.--The Department of Children and
 25 Family Services shall establish a curriculum of core
 26 competencies that every dependency program staff member must
 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
 31 training curriculum.

