

By Senator Smith

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s.
39.202, F.S., relating to confidentiality
requirements for reports and records in cases
of child abuse or neglect; providing that staff
members of a child advocacy center who are
providing the services of the center to the
child may have access to the records; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (q) is added to section 39.202,
Florida Statutes, to read:

39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases
of child abuse or neglect.--

(2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to
such records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall
be released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be
granted only to the following persons, officials, and
agencies:

(q) Staff of a child advocacy center that has met the
standards set forth in s. 39.3035 who are actively involved in
providing the services of the center to the child.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

SENATE SUMMARY

Amends confidentiality provisions that pertain to reports
and records in cases of child abuse or neglect to provide
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 the services of the center
to the child may have access to the records.