

By Senator Wise

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to certification of  
3           professional staff; requiring the Department of  
4           Juvenile Justice to establish a workgroup to  
5           study the certification of professional staff  
6           working for a provider of juvenile justice  
7           services; providing for membership; requiring  
8           the workgroup to consider the feasibility of  
9           implementing and operating a certification  
10          system for professional staff; requiring the  
11          workgroup to consider, at a minimum, certain  
12          specified issues; directing the workgroup to  
13          recommend a process for testing and validating  
14          the effectiveness of the recommended  
15          professional staff development system;  
16          requiring the workgroup to prepare a report of  
17          its deliberations and recommendations and to  
18          submit the report to the Governor, the  
19          President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
20          House of Representatives by a specified date;  
21          providing an effective date.

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

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25           Section 1. Certification for juvenile justice provider  
26 staff.--

27           (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall establish  
28 a workgroup to study the feasibility of a certification system  
29 for professional staff working for a provider of juvenile  
30 justice services.

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1           (2) The membership shall include, but is not limited  
2 to, two representatives of the department, two representatives  
3 of providers of juvenile justice services, two members of the  
4 Florida Juvenile Justice Association, and two representatives  
5 of the Florida Certification Board. Other interested parties  
6 may also participate.

7           (3) The workgroup shall consider the feasibility of  
8 implementing and operating a certification system for  
9 professional staff who work at juvenile justice facilities or  
10 in juvenile justice programs. The workgroup shall consider, at  
11 a minimum, the occupational levels of professional staff  
12 subject to certification, the criteria that may be used to  
13 certify staff, the levels of certification, the benefits that  
14 will be derived for the juvenile justice system, and the cost  
15 to implement the proposed certification system. The workgroup  
16 shall also recommend a process for testing and validating the  
17 effectiveness of the recommended professional staff  
18 development system.

19           (4) The workgroup shall prepare a report of its  
20 deliberations and recommendations. The workgroup shall submit  
21 the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
22 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1,  
23 2006.

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

Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to establish a workgroup to study the certification of professional staff working for a provider of juvenile justice services. Requires the workgroup to consider the feasibility of implementing and operating a certification system for professional staff. Requires the workgroup to consider, at a minimum, certain specified issues. Directs the workgroup to recommend a process for testing and validating the effectiveness of the recommended professional staff development system. Requires the workgroup to prepare a report of its deliberations and recommendations and to submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by a specified date.

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