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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to abuse of children; amending s. 39.01, F.S., relating to proceedings relating to children; amending s. 827.01, F.S., relating to abuse of children; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (47) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01 Definitions.--When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(47) "Other person responsible for a child's welfare" includes the child's legal guardian, legal custodian, or foster parent; an employee of a private school, public or private child day care center, residential home, institution, facility, or agency; a law enforcement officer or employee of a municipal or county detention facility or of the Department of Corrections while acting in an official capacity, public school volunteer, religious organization volunteer, health care provider, or any other person legally responsible for the child's welfare in a residential setting; and also includes an adult sitter or relative entrusted with a child's care. ~~For the purpose of departmental investigative jurisdiction, this definition does not include law enforcement officers, or employees of municipal or county detention facilities or the Department of Corrections, while acting in an official capacity.~~

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 827.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1 827.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

2 (1) "Caregiver" means a parent, adult household
3 member, law enforcement officer or employee of a municipal or
4 county detention facility or of the Department of Corrections
5 while acting in an official capacity, public school volunteer,
6 religious organization volunteer, health care provider, or
7 other person responsible for a child's welfare.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
9 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Defines the terms "other person responsible for a child's welfare" and "caregiver" to include a law enforcement officer, public school volunteer, a religious organization volunteer, a health care provider for purposes of ch. 39, Florida Statutes.