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1 The Future of Florida's Families Committee recommends the  
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to child abuse; amending ss. 39.001 and  
8 39.201, F.S.; requiring Department of Children and Family  
9 Services employees and persons in specified occupation  
10 categories assigned to report, manage, or supervise cases  
11 of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect to annually  
12 complete a continuing education course; providing  
13 exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
18 39.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and  
20 screening.--

21 (2) DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.--The department may contract  
22 with the Federal Government, other state departments and  
23 agencies, county and municipal governments and agencies, public

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24 | and private agencies, and private individuals and corporations  
25 | in carrying out the purposes of, and the responsibilities  
26 | established in, this chapter.

27 | (e) The department shall develop and implement a written  
28 | and performance-based testing and evaluation program to ensure  
29 | measurable competencies of all employees assigned to report,  
30 | manage, or supervise cases of child abuse, abandonment, and  
31 | neglect. All employees assigned to report, manage, or supervise  
32 | cases of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect shall complete a  
33 | 1-hour continuing education course on child abuse each year.

34 | Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
35 | 39.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

36 | 39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or  
37 | neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.--

38 | (1)

39 | (b) Reporters licensed or regulated by the state and their  
40 | employees who are mandatory reporters are required to complete a  
41 | 1-hour continuing education course on child abuse each year,  
42 | except for reporters in subparagraphs 1. and 2. Reporters in the  
43 | following occupation categories are required to provide their  
44 | names to the hotline staff:

45 | 1. Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner,  
46 | chiropractic physician, nurse, or hospital personnel engaged in  
47 | the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;

48 | 2. Health or mental health professional other than one  
49 | listed in subparagraph 1.;

50 | 3. Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for  
51 | healing;

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- 52           4. School teacher or other school official or personnel;  
 53           5. Social worker, day care center worker, or other  
 54 professional child care, foster care, residential, or  
 55 institutional worker;  
 56           6. Law enforcement officer; or  
 57           7. Judge.

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 59 The names of reporters shall be entered into the record of the  
 60 report, but shall be held confidential and exempt as provided in  
 61 s. 39.202.

62           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.