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1 The Health & Families Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to child abuse; requiring the Office of
7 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to
8 evaluate compliance with continuing education requirements
9 for professionals required to provide their names when
10 reporting child abuse, neglect, or abandonment; requiring
11 a report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring the
12 Department of Health to make available a curriculum;
13 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. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
18 Government Accountability shall evaluate the continuing
19 education requirements related to identifying victims of child
20 abuse required for those individuals in the occupational
21 categories that are required to provide their names to child
22 abuse hotline staff when reporting known or suspected child
23 abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The evaluation shall include,

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24 | but not be limited to, an assessment of compliance by profession
25 | or occupation, whether the training is statutorily required or
26 | required as a condition for relicensure, recertification, or
27 | continued employment, and the efficacy of such training. The
28 | Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
29 | shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the
30 | Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
31 | December 31, 2006.

32 | Section 2. Based on the findings of the Office of Program
33 | Policy Analysis and Government Accountability's report, the
34 | Division of Prevention and Intervention of the Children's
35 | Medical Services program of the Department of Health shall make
36 | available an appropriate child abuse education curriculum to
37 | professional reporters under s. 39.201(1)(b), Florida Statutes.

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