

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to child abuse; requiring the Office of
3 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to
4 evaluate compliance with continuing education requirements
5 for professionals required to provide their names when
6 reporting child abuse, neglect, or abandonment; requiring
7 a report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring the
8 Department of Health to make available a curriculum;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
14 Government Accountability shall evaluate the continuing
15 education requirements related to identifying victims of child
16 abuse required for those individuals in the occupational
17 categories that are required to provide their names to child
18 abuse hotline staff when reporting known or suspected child
19 abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The evaluation shall include,
20 but not be limited to, an assessment of compliance by profession
21 or occupation, whether the training is statutorily required or
22 required as a condition for relicensure, recertification, or
23 continued employment, and the efficacy of such training. The
24 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
25 shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the
26 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
27 December 31, 2006.

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

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