

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Storms

586-2061-07

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2                   An act relating to the Florida Safe Families  
3                   Network; requiring participating child welfare  
4                   organizations to enter information into the  
5                   network; requiring rules; requiring the  
6                   Department of Children and Family Services to  
7                   provide judges, magistrates, and guardians ad  
8                   litem with access to the Florida Safe Families  
9                   Network by the date the network is released;  
10                  requiring a report; providing an effective  
11                  date.

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

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15                  Section 1. Florida Safe Families Network.--  
16                  (1) The Florida Safe Families Network in the  
17 Department of Children and Family Services is intended to be  
18 the department's automated child welfare case-management  
19 system designed to provide child welfare workers with a  
20 mechanism for managing child welfare cases more efficiently  
21 and tracking children and families more effectively.

22                  (2) In order to maintain the accuracy and usefulness  
23 of the system, all public and private agencies and  
24 institutions participating in child welfare cases shall enter  
25 information specified by rule of the Department of Children  
26 and Family Services into the Florida Safe Families Network.

27                  (3) The Department of Children and Family Services  
28 shall coordinate with the Office of the State Courts  
29 Administrator and the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office for  
30 the purpose of providing any judge or magistrate and any  
31 guardian ad litem assigned to a dependency court case with

1 access to information in the Florida Safe Families Network  
2 relating to a child welfare case which is required to be filed  
3 with the court pursuant to chapter 39, Florida Statutes, by  
4 the time of the network's release date, which is scheduled for  
5 April 2008. The department shall report to the Governor, the  
6 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives by February 1, 2008, with respect to progress  
8 on providing access to the Florida Safe Families Network as  
9 provided in this subsection. This subsection is repealed  
10 effective July 1, 2008.

11           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
12 law.

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14                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
15                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
16                   Senate Bill 1392

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18 The amendment corrects a technical deficiency by changing the  
19 word "docket" to "case."

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