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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Hill)  
recommended the following ~~substitute for~~ amendment ~~(481818)~~:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 402.301,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

402.301 Child care facilities; legislative intent and  
declaration of purpose and policy.--It is the legislative  
intent to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the  
children of the state and to promote their emotional and  
intellectual development and care. Toward that end:

(8) It is the intent of the Legislature that a public  
child care center designated as a Gold Seal Quality Care  
facility under s. 402.281 allow children who have not attained  
the age of eligibility for kindergarten and who are under the  
jurisdiction of a circuit court of this state due to a  
documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to  
receive first priority for placement. To the extent that this

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1 subsection creates a conflict with a priority placement  
2 pursuant to s. 411.01(6), a child who is at least 3 years of  
3 age but who has not yet attained the age of eligibility for  
4 kindergarten shall have first priority for placement. The  
5 licensing entity for each district shall ensure compliance  
6 with this subsection by developing a process for consumers to  
7 provide feedback and an administrative process for addressing  
8 complaints which ensure that child care providers holding as  
9 Gold Seal Quality Care designation comply with the legislative  
10 intent of this subsection.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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14 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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18 and insert:

19 A bill to be entitled  
20 An act relating to public child care; amending  
21 s. 402.301, F.S.; providing legislative intent  
22 that children meeting certain requirements be  
23 given first priority for placement into the  
24 Gold Seal Quality Care Program; requiring the  
25 licensing entity for each district within the  
26 program to ensure compliance with such  
27 legislative intent by developing processes for  
28 receiving feedback and addressing complaints;  
29 providing an effective date.

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