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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/26/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Storms)
 2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 65 and 66

6 insert and renumber subsequent sections:

7 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 394.4572, Florida
 8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 394.4572 Screening of mental health personnel.--

10 (1)(a) The department and the Agency for Health Care
 11 Administration shall require employment screening for mental
 12 health personnel using the standards for level 2 screening set
 13 forth in chapter 435. "Mental health personnel" includes all
 14 program directors, professional clinicians, staff members, and
 15 volunteers working in public or private mental health programs
 16 and facilities who have direct contact with ~~unmarried~~ patients
 17 ~~under the age of 18 years~~. For purposes of this chapter,



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18 employment screening of mental health personnel shall also
19 include, but is not limited to, employment screening as provided
20 under chapter 435.

21 (b) Students in the health care professions who are
22 interning in a mental health facility licensed under chapter 395,
23 where the primary purpose of the facility is not the treatment of
24 minors, are exempt from the fingerprinting and screening
25 requirements, provided they are under direct supervision in the
26 actual physical presence of a licensed health care professional.

27 ~~(c) Mental health personnel working in a facility licensed~~
28 ~~under chapter 395 who have less than 15 hours per week of direct~~
29 ~~contact with patients or who are health care professionals~~
30 ~~licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration or a board~~
31 ~~thereunder are exempt from the fingerprinting and screening~~
32 ~~requirements, except for persons working in mental health~~
33 ~~facilities where the primary purpose of the facility is the~~
34 ~~treatment of minors.~~

35 ~~(d)~~(c) A volunteer who assists on an intermittent basis for
36 less than 40 hours per month is exempt from the fingerprinting
37 and screening requirements, provided the volunteer is under
38 direct and constant supervision by persons who meet the screening
39 requirements of paragraph (a).

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

42 And the title is amended as follows:

43 Delete line(s) 2

44 and insert:

45 An act relating to mental health and substance abuse;
46 amending s. 394.4572, F.S.; requiring a level II screening

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47 | for all personnel who work with persons with mental
48 | illness;