

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to care of children; amending s. 20.19,  
 3           F.S.; establishing the Grandparents' Liaison Office within  
 4           the Department of Children and Family Services; amending  
 5           s. 39.202, F.S.; authorizing physicians to obtain access  
 6           to certain reports and records in cases of child abuse and  
 7           neglect; amending s. 39.304, F.S.; requiring certain  
 8           medical information relating to child abuse or neglect to  
 9           be preserved in department records; providing an effective  
 10          date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
 15   20.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           20.19 Department of Children and Family Services.--There  
 17   is created a Department of Children and Family Services.

18           (4) PROGRAM OFFICES AND SUPPORT OFFICES.--

19           (b) The following program offices are established:

- 20           1. Adult Services.
- 21           2. Child Care Services.
- 22           3. Domestic Violence.
- 23           4. Economic Self-Sufficiency Services.
- 24           5. Family Safety.
- 25           6. Mental Health.
- 26           7. Refugee Services.
- 27           8. Substance Abuse.
- 28           9. Grandparents' Liaison.

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29           Section 2. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (2) of  
30 section 39.202, Florida Statutes, to read:

31           39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of  
32 child abuse or neglect.--

33           (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such  
34 records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall be  
35 released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be granted  
36 only to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

37           (r) A physician engaged in the care or treatment of the  
38 child.

39           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 39.304, Florida  
40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41           39.304 Photographs, medical examinations, X rays, and  
42 medical treatment of abused, abandoned, or neglected child.--

43           (4) Any photograph or report on examinations made or X  
44 rays taken pursuant to this section, or copies thereof, shall be  
45 sent to the department as soon as possible and shall be  
46 preserved in permanent form in records held by the department.

47           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.