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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to child protection; amending s. 39.01, 3 F.S.; defining the term "child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior"; amending s. 39.0121, F.S.; 4 authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services 5 to adopt rules providing for reporting, locating, 6 7 recovering, and stabilizing missing children who are involved with the department; amending s. 39.0138, F.S.; 8 9 specifying additional persons to be subject to a criminal history records check prior to placement of a child; 10 requiring a criminal history records check of persons 11 being considered for placement of a child to include a 12 search of the department's automated abuse information 13 system; authorizing the department to adopt rules 14 establishing standards for evaluating such information; 15 16 creating s. 39.0141, F.S.; requiring the department, the community-based care provider, or the appropriate law 17 enforcement agency to file a report following a 18 determination that a child involved with the department is 19 missing; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; providing for 20 additional methods to report suspected child abuse, 21 abandonment, and neglect of a child or to report a child 22 who has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior; amending 23 s. 39.301, F.S.; conforming language relating to reporting 24 suspected child abuse, abandonment, and neglect; providing 25 26 certain exceptions to the requirements that a child protective investigation be closed within 60 days; 27 amending s. 39.307, F.S.; revising provisions relating to 28 Page 1 of 43

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the provision of services to a child in cases of child-on-29 30 child sexual abuse to include a child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior; revising terminology; 31 amending s. 39.401, F.S.; requiring judicial review and 32 approval for the placement of a child with a nonrelative; 33 providing conditions for and limitations on nonrelative 34 35 placements; amending s. 39.502, F.S.; requiring certain 36 notice to foster and preadoptive parents of any hearings 37 involving the child in their care; amending s. 39.503, F.S.; revising procedures relating to diligent searches 38 for missing parents and relatives; amending s. 39.504, 39 F.S.; revising procedures related to injunctions pending 40 disposition of petition issued to protect a child; 41 requiring that such injunctions remain in effect until 42 modified or dissolved by the court; providing additional 43 44 conditions for an injunction to protect a child from domestic violence; providing for process of service; 45 authorizing law enforcement officers to exercise certain 46 47 arrest powers; amending s. 39.507, F.S.; limiting a court to one order adjudicating dependency; providing for 48 supplemental findings; correcting a cross-reference; 49 amending s. 39.521, F.S.; providing an exception from the 50 requirement for a predisposition study in dependency 51 proceedings; correcting cross-references; amending s. 52 53 39.701, F.S.; requiring that notice of a judicial review 54 of a child's status be served on certain persons regardless of whether or not they attended a prior hearing 55 at which the hearing was announced; amending s. 63.0541, 56 Page 2 of 43

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F.S.; permitting certain information contained in the Florida Putative Father Registry to be disclosed to the department; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; authorizing the department to be provided copies of driver's license files maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the purpose of conducting protective investigations and expediting the determination of eligibility for public assistance; amending s. 402.401; providing for administration of the Florida Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness Program by the Department of Children and Family Services rather than the Department of Education; authorizing loan reimbursement to certain eligible employees; revising loan eligibility requirements; amending s. 409.1671, F.S.; providing for certain coverage in lieu of personal motor vehicle insurance for automobiles not owned by a lead agency that are used for agency business; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure as a foster home or child-caring agency; deleting the exemption from licensure for persons who receive a child from the department; clarifying that a permanent guardian is exempt from licensure; amending s. 787.04, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully taking or removing a minor from the state or concealing the location of a minor during the pendency of a dependency proceeding or any other action concerning alleged abuse or neglect of the minor; amending s. 937.021, F.S.; requiring that a report of a missing child made by the department, a community-Page 3 of 43

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85 based care provider, or the appropriate law enforcement 86 agency be treated as a missing child report filed by a parent or guardian; prohibiting a law enforcement agency 87 from requiring an order that a child be taken into custody 88 or any other such order before accepting a missing child 89 report for investigation; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; 90 91 providing for the disclosure of certain records relating to children having a history of inappropriate sexual 92 93 behavior to school superintendents; amending ss. 393.0661, 393.071, 393.125, 39.0015, 39.205, 39.302, 39.6011, 94 39.828, and 419.001, F.S.; conforming cross-references; 95 amending s. 1, ch. 2007-174, Laws of Florida; extending 96 the date for the repeal of provisions authorizing the 97 reorganization of the Department of Children and Family 98 Services; providing effective dates. 99 100 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 101 102 103 Section 1. Subsections (14) through (74) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15) through 104 105 (75), respectively, and a new subsection (14) is added to that 106 section to read: 107 39.01 Definitions.--When used in this chapter, unless the 108 context otherwise requires: "Child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual 109 (14)110 behavior" means a child who is 12 years of age or younger and has been found by the department or the court to have committed 111 112 an inappropriate sexual act.

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Section 2. Subsection (16) is added to section 39.0121, Florida Statutes, to read:

39.0121 Specific rulemaking authority.--Pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.536, the department is specifically authorized to adopt, amend, and repeal administrative rules which implement or interpret law or policy, or describe the procedure and practice requirements necessary to implement this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

121 (16) Provision for reporting, locating, recovering, and 122 stabilizing a child whose whereabouts become unknown while the 123 child is involved with the department and for preventing 124 recurrences of such incidents. At a minimum, the rules must:

(a) Provide comprehensive, explicit, and consistent
 guidelines to be followed by the department's employees and
 contracted providers when the whereabouts of a child involved
 with the department is unknown.

(b) Include criteria to determine when a child is missing for purposes of making a report to a law enforcement agency and require that in all cases in which a law enforcement agency has accepted a case for criminal investigation pursuant to s.

133 <u>39.301(2)(c) and the child's whereabouts are unknown, the child</u>
134 <u>shall be considered missing and a report shall be made.</u>

135 (c) Include steps to be taken by employees and contracted
 136 providers to ensure and provide evidence that parents and
 137 guardians have been advised of the requirements of s. 787.04(3)
 138 and that any violation of s. 787.04(3) is reported.
 139 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 39.0138, Florida

140 Statutes, is amended to read:

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141 39.0138 Criminal history records check; limit on placement 142 of a child.--

The department shall conduct a criminal history 143 (1)144 records check on for all persons being considered by the 145 department for approval for placement of a child subject to a 146 placement decision under this chapter, including all nonrelative 147 placement decisions, all members of the household of the person being considered, and all frequent visitors to the household. 148 149 For purposes of this section, a criminal history records check may include, but is not limited to, submission of fingerprints 150 151 to the Department of Law Enforcement for processing and 152 forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for state and national criminal history information, and local criminal 153 154 records checks through local law enforcement agencies. A criminal history records check must also include a search of the 155 department's automated abuse information system. The department 156 157 shall establish by rule standards for evaluating any information 158 contained in the automated system relating to a person who must 159 be screened for purposes of making a placement decision.

Section 4. Section 39.0141, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

162 <u>39.0141 Missing children; report required.--Whenever the</u> 163 <u>whereabouts of a child involved with the department becomes</u> 164 <u>unknown, the department, the community-based care provider, or</u> 165 <u>the appropriate law enforcement agency providing investigative</u> 166 <u>services for the department shall make reasonable efforts, as</u> 167 <u>defined by rule, to locate the child. If, pursuant to criteria</u> 168 <u>established by rule, the child is determined to be missing, the</u>

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169 <u>department, the community-based care provider, or the</u> 170 <u>appropriate law enforcement agency shall file a report that the</u> 171 <u>child is missing in accordance with s. 937.021.</u> 172 Section 5. Subsections (2), (4), and (7) of section 173 39.201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17439.201Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or175neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.--

176 Each report of known or suspected child abuse, (2)(a) 177 abandonment, or neglect by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare as defined 178 179 in this chapter, except those solely under s. 827.04(3), and each report that a child is in need of supervision and care and 180 has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative 181 182 immediately known and available to provide supervision and care shall be made immediately to the department's central abuse 183 184 hotline. Such reports may be made on the single statewide toll-185 free telephone number or via fax or web-based report. Personnel 186 at the department's central abuse hotline shall determine if the 187 report received meets the statutory definition of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Any report meeting one of these 188 189 definitions shall be accepted for the protective investigation 190 pursuant to part III of this chapter.

(b) If the report is of an instance of known or suspected
child abuse by someone other than a parent, legal custodian,
caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare
as defined in this chapter, the <u>report or</u> call shall be
immediately electronically transferred to the appropriate law

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196 <u>enforcement agency county sheriff's office</u> by the central abuse 197 hotline.

(c) If the report is of an instance of known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect that occurred out of state and the alleged perpetrator and the child alleged to be a victim live out of state, the central abuse hotline shall not accept the <u>report or</u> call for investigation, but shall transfer the information on the report to the appropriate state.

204 (d) If the report is of an instance of known or suspected 205 child abuse involving impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by a person 21 years of age or older solely under s. 206 207 827.04(3), the report shall be made immediately to the appropriate county sheriff's office or other appropriate law 208 209 enforcement agency. If the report is of an instance of known or suspected child abuse solely under s. 827.04(3), the reporting 210 211 provisions of this subsection do not apply to health care 212 professionals or other persons who provide medical or counseling 213 services to pregnant children when such reporting would 214 interfere with the provision of medical services.

(e) Reports involving known or suspected institutional
child abuse or neglect shall be made and received in the same
manner as all other reports made pursuant to this section.

(f) Reports involving a known or suspected juvenile sexual
offender or a child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual
behavior shall be made and received by the department.

The department shall determine the age of the alleged
 juvenile sexual offender, if known.

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223 2. If When the alleged juvenile sexual offender is 12 224 years of age or younger, the central abuse hotline shall immediately electronically transfer the report or call to the 225 226 appropriate law enforcement agency office. The department shall 227 conduct an assessment and assist the family in receiving 228 appropriate services pursuant to s. 39.307, and send a written 229 report of the allegation to the appropriate law enforcement 230 agency county sheriff's office within 48 hours after the initial 231 report is made to the central abuse hotline.

232 If When the alleged juvenile sexual offender is 13 3. 233 years of age or older, the central abuse hotline department shall immediately electronically transfer the report or call to 234 the appropriate law enforcement agency county sheriff's office 235 236 by the central abuse hotline, and send a written report to the 237 appropriate law enforcement agency county sheriff's office 238 within 48 hours after the initial report to the central abuse 239 hotline.

(g) Reports involving abandoned newborn infants as
described in s. 383.50 shall be made and received by the
department.

243 1. If the report is of an abandoned newborn infant as 244 described in s. 383.50 and there is no indication of abuse, neglect, or abandonment other than that necessarily entailed in 245 the infant having been left at a hospital, emergency medical 246 services station, or fire station, the department shall provide 247 to the caller the name of a licensed child-placing agency on a 248 rotating basis from a list of licensed child-placing agencies 249 eligible and required to accept physical custody of and to place 250 Page 9 of 43

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newborn infants left at a hospital, emergency medical services station, or fire station. The report shall not be considered a report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment solely because the infant has been left at a hospital, emergency medical services station, or fire station pursuant to s. 383.50.

256 If the call, fax, or web-based report includes caller 2. 257 reports indications of abuse or neglect beyond that necessarily entailed in the infant having been left at a hospital, emergency 258 259 medical services station, or fire station, the report shall be 260 considered as a report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment and 261 shall be subject to the requirements of s. 39.395 and all other relevant provisions of this chapter, notwithstanding any 262 provisions of chapter 383. 263

264 Hotline counselors shall receive periodic training in (h) 265 encouraging reporters to provide their names when reporting 266 abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Callers shall be advised of the 267 confidentiality provisions of s. 39.202. The department shall 268 secure and install electronic equipment that automatically 269 provides to the hotline the number from which the call or fax is placed or the Internet protocol (IP) address from which the 270 271 report is received. This number shall be entered into the report 272 of abuse, abandonment, or neglect and become a part of the 273 record of the report, but shall enjoy the same confidentiality as provided to the identity of the reporter caller pursuant to 274 s. 39.202. 275

(i) The department shall voice-record all incoming or outgoing calls that are received or placed by the central abuse hotline which relate to suspected or known child abuse, neglect, Page 10 of 43

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279 or abandonment. The department shall maintain an electronic copy 280 of each fax and web-based report. The recording or electronic 281 copy of each fax and web-based report shall become a part of the 282 record of the report but, notwithstanding s. 39.202, shall be 283 released in full only to law enforcement agencies and state 284 attorneys for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting 285 criminal charges pursuant to s. 39.205, or to employees of the department for the purpose of investigating and seeking 286 287 administrative penalties pursuant to s. 39.206. Nothing in this 288 paragraph shall prohibit the use of the recordings, the electronic copies of faxes, and web-based reports by hotline 289 staff for quality assurance and training. 290

The department shall establish and maintain a central 291 (4)292 abuse hotline to receive all reports made pursuant to this section in writing, via fax, via web-based reporting, or through 293 294 a single statewide toll-free telephone number, which any person may use to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, 295 296 or neglect at any hour of the day or night, any day of the week. 297 The central abuse hotline shall be operated in such a manner as to enable the department to: 298

(a) Immediately identify and locate prior reports or cases
of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect through utilization of
the department's automated tracking system.

302 (b) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the
303 department's program for reporting and investigating suspected
304 abuse, abandonment, or neglect of children through the
305 development and analysis of statistical and other information.

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306 (c) Track critical steps in the investigative process to
307 ensure compliance with all requirements for any report of abuse,
308 abandonment, or neglect.

(d) Maintain and produce aggregate statistical reports monitoring patterns of child abuse, child abandonment, and child neglect. The department shall collect and analyze child-on-child sexual abuse reports and include the information in aggregate statistical reports.

314 (e) Serve as a resource for the evaluation, management,
315 and planning of preventive and remedial services for children
316 who have been subject to abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

(f) Initiate and enter into agreements with other states for the purpose of gathering and sharing information contained in reports on child maltreatment to further enhance programs for the protection of children.

(7) On an ongoing basis, the department's quality 321 assurance program shall review calls, fax reports, and web-based 322 323 reports to the hotline involving three or more unaccepted 324 reports on a single child, where jurisdiction applies, in order to detect such things as harassment and situations that warrant 325 326 an investigation because of the frequency or variety of the 327 source of the reports. The Program Director for Family Safety may refer a case for investigation when it is determined, as a 328 result of this review, that an investigation may be warranted. 329

330 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (16) of section 39.301,331 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.--

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333 Upon receiving a an oral or written report of known or (1)334 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or that a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal 335 336 custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and 337 available to provide supervision and care, the central abuse hotline shall determine if the report requires an immediate 338 339 onsite protective investigation. For reports requiring an immediate onsite protective investigation, the central abuse 340 341 hotline shall immediately notify the department's designated children and families district staff responsible for protective 342 343 investigations to ensure that an onsite investigation is promptly initiated. For reports not requiring an immediate 344 onsite protective investigation, the central abuse hotline shall 345 346 notify the department's designated children and families district staff responsible for protective investigations in 347 348 sufficient time to allow for an investigation. At the time of 349 notification of district staff with respect to the report, the 350 central abuse hotline shall also provide information on any 351 previous report concerning a subject of the present report or any pertinent information relative to the present report or any 352 353 noted earlier reports.

(16) <u>The department shall complete its protective</u>
 investigation within No later than 60 days after receiving the
 initial report, <u>unless:</u> the local office of the department shall
 complete its investigation.

358 (a) There is an active, concurrent criminal investigation 359 that will continue beyond the 60-day period and the closure of 360 the protective investigation may compromise successful criminal Base 12 of 42

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361 prosecution of the child abuse or neglect case, in which case 362 the closure date shall coincide with the closure date of the 363 criminal investigation and any resulting legal action. In child death cases, the final report of the medical 364 (b) 365 examiner is necessary for the department to close its 366 investigation and the report has not been received within the 367 60-day period, in which case the report closure date shall be 368 extended to accommodate the medical examiner's final report. 369 (c) A child who is necessary to an investigation has been declared missing by the department, a law enforcement agency, or 370 371 a court, in which case the 60-day period shall be extended until 372 the child has been located or until sufficient information exists to close the investigation although the child's location 373 374 remains unknown. Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 375 376 39.307, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 377 39.307 Reports of child-on-child sexual abuse.--378 District staff, at a minimum, shall adhere to the (2)379 following procedures: 380 The purpose of the response to a report alleging (a) 381 juvenile sexual abuse behavior shall be explained to the 382 caregiver. 383 The purpose of the response shall be explained in a 1. manner consistent with legislative purpose and intent provided 384 385 in this chapter. The name and office telephone number of the person 386 2. 387 responding shall be provided to the caregiver of the alleged

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388 juvenile sexual offender <u>or the child who has exhibited</u> 389 inappropriate sexual behavior and the victim's caregiver.

390 3. The possible consequences of the department's response, 391 including outcomes and services, shall be explained to the 392 caregiver of the alleged juvenile sexual offender <u>or the child</u> 393 <u>who has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior</u> and the victim's 394 <u>family or caregiver</u>.

(b) The caregiver of the alleged juvenile sexual offender or the child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior and the victim's caregiver of the victim shall be involved to the fullest extent possible in determining the nature of the allegation and the nature of any problem or risk to other children.

401 (C) The assessment of risk and the perceived treatment 402 needs of the alleged juvenile sexual offender or the child who 403 has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior, the victim, and 404 respective careqivers shall be conducted by the district staff, 405 the child protection team of the Department of Health, and other 406 providers under contract with the department to provide services 407 to the caregiver of the alleged offender, the victim, and the 408 victim's caregiver.

(d) The assessment shall be conducted in a manner that is
sensitive to the social, economic, and cultural environment of
the family.

(e) <u>If</u> When necessary, the child protection team of the
Department of Health shall conduct a physical examination of the
victim that which is sufficient to meet forensic requirements.

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(f) Based on the information obtained from the alleged juvenile sexual offender or the child who exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior, his or her the alleged juvenile sexual offender's caregiver, the victim, and the victim's caregiver, an assessment service and treatment needs report must be completed within 7 days and, if needed, a case plan developed within 30 days.

422 (g) The department shall classify the outcome of its
423 initial assessment of the report as follows:

Report closed. Services were not offered to the alleged
juvenile sexual offender because the department determined that
there was no basis for intervention.

2. Services accepted by alleged offender or child who has
exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior. Services were offered
to the alleged juvenile sexual offender or the child who has
exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior and accepted by the
caregiver.

3. Report closed. Services were offered to the alleged
juvenile sexual offender or the child who has exhibited
<u>inappropriate sexual behavior</u>, but were rejected by the
caregiver.

436 4. Notification to law enforcement. Either The risk to the
437 victim's safety and well-being cannot be reduced by the
438 provision of services or the <u>caregiver</u> family rejected services,
439 and notification of the alleged delinquent act or violation of
440 law to the appropriate law enforcement agency was initiated.

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5. Services accepted by victim. Services were offered to the victim of the alleged juvenile sexual offender and accepted by the caregiver.

6. Report closed. Services were offered to the victim of
the alleged juvenile sexual offender, but were rejected by the
caregiver.

(3) <u>If When services have been accepted by the alleged</u>
juvenile sexual offender <u>or the child who has exhibited</u>
<u>inappropriate sexual behavior</u>, <u>the</u> victim, and respective
caregivers or family, the department shall designate a case
manager and develop a specific case plan.

(a) Upon receipt of the plan, the caregiver or familyshall indicate its acceptance of the plan in writing.

(b) The case manager shall periodically review the
progress toward achieving the objectives of the plan in order
to:

457 1. Make adjustments to the plan or take additional action458 as provided in this part; or

459 2. Terminate the case <u>if</u> when indicated by successful or
460 substantial achievement of the objectives of the plan.

461 (4)(5) Services provided to the alleged juvenile sexual
 462 offender or the child who has exhibited inappropriate sexual
 463 <u>behavior</u>, the victim, and respective caregivers or family under
 464 this section shall be voluntary and of necessary duration.

465 <u>(5) (4) If</u> In the event the family or caregiver of the 466 alleged juvenile sexual offender or the child who has exhibited 467 <u>inappropriate sexual behavior</u> fails to adequately participate or 468 allow for the adequate participation of the <u>child</u> juvenile Page 17 of 43

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469 sexual offender in the services or treatment delineated in the 470 case plan, the case manager may recommend that the department:

471 (a) Close the case;

472 (b) Refer the case to mediation or arbitration, if473 available; or

474 (c) Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of475 failure to comply.

Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 39.401, Florida
Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
section, to read:

39.401 Taking a child alleged to be dependent into
custody; law enforcement officers and authorized agents of the
department.--

(3) If the child is taken into custody by, or is delivered
to, an authorized agent of the department, the authorized agent
shall review the facts supporting the removal with an attorney
representing the department. The purpose of <u>the</u> this review <u>is</u>
shall be to determine whether <u>there is</u> probable cause exists for
the filing of a shelter petition.

488 (a) If the facts are not sufficient to support the filing
489 of a shelter petition, the child shall immediately be returned
490 to the custody of the parent or legal custodian.

(b) If the facts are sufficient to support the filing of the shelter petition and the child has not been returned to the custody of the parent or legal custodian, the department shall file the petition and schedule a hearing, and the attorney representing the department shall request that a shelter hearing be held within as quickly as possible, not to exceed 24 hours Page 18 of 43

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497 after the removal of the child. While awaiting the shelter 498 hearing, the authorized agent of the department may place the 499 child in licensed shelter care or may release the child to a 500 parent or legal custodian or responsible adult relative who 501 shall be given priority consideration over a licensed placement, 502 or a responsible adult approved by the department if when this 503 is in the best interests of the child. Any Placement of a child 504 which is not in a licensed shelter must be preceded by a 505 criminal history records check pursuant to s. 39.0138 local and 506 state criminal records check, as well as a search of the 507 department's automated abuse information system, on all members 508 of the household, to assess the child's safety within the home. 509 In addition, the department may authorize placement of a 510 housekeeper/homemaker in the home of a child alleged to be 511 dependent until the parent or legal custodian assumes care of 512 the child.

513 (5) Judicial review and approval is required within 24 514 hours after placement for all nonrelative placements. A 515 nonrelative placement shall be for a specific and predetermined period of time, not to exceed 12 months, and shall be reviewed 516 517 by the court at least every 6 months. If the nonrelative 518 placement continues for longer than 12 months, the department 519 shall request the court to establish permanent guardianship or 520 require that the nonrelative placement seek licensure as a foster care provider within 30 days after the court decision. 521 522 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (17) of section 39.502, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 523 39.502 Notice, process, and service.--524

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(1) (a) Unless parental rights have been terminated, all parents must be notified of all proceedings or hearings involving the child. Notice in cases involving shelter hearings and hearings resulting from medical emergencies must be that most likely to result in actual notice to the parents. In all other dependency proceedings, notice must be provided in accordance with subsections (4)-(9).

(b) A foster parent or a preadoptive parent must receive
at least 72-hour notice, either verbally or in writing, of all
proceedings or hearings relating to a child in his or her care,
or whom the parent is seeking to adopt.

(17) The parent or legal custodian of the child, the
attorney for the department, the guardian ad litem, <u>the foster</u>
<u>parent</u>, the preadoptive parent, and all other parties and
participants shall be given reasonable notice of all hearings
provided for under this part.

541 Section 10. Subsection (6) of section 39.503, Florida 542 Statutes, is amended to read:

543 39.503 Identity or location of parent unknown; special 544 procedures.--

545 The diligent search required by subsection (5) must (6) 546 include, at a minimum, inquiries of all relatives of the parent 547 or prospective parent made known to the petitioner, inquiries of all offices of program areas of the department likely to have 548 information about the parent or prospective parent, inquiries of 549 other state and federal agencies likely to have information 550 about the parent or prospective parent, inquiries of appropriate 551 552 utility and postal providers, a thorough search of at least one

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553 electronic database specifically designed for locating missing parents and relatives, a search of the putative father registry, 554 555 and inquiries of appropriate law enforcement agencies. Pursuant 556 to s. 453 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 653(c)(4), 557 the department, as the state agency administering Titles IV-B 558 and IV-E of the act, along with any entity contracted by the 559 department to perform diligent searches, shall be provided 560 access to the federal and state parent locator service for 561 diligent search activities. A search using an electronic database specifically designed for locating missing parents and 562 563 relatives shall be accepted by the court as a sufficient 564 diligent search provided the search tool encompasses all 565 reasonably available public databases commonly used to locate 566 missing persons. Section 11. Section 39.504, Florida Statutes, is amended 567 568 to read: 569 Injunction pending disposition of petition; 39.504 570 penalty.--571 (1) (1) (a) At any time after a protective investigation has been initiated pursuant to part III When a petition for shelter 572 573 placement or a petition for dependency has been filed or when a 574 child has been taken into custody and reasonable cause, as 575 defined in paragraph (b), exists, the court, upon the request of 576 the department, a law enforcement officer, the state attorney, or other responsible person, or upon its own motion, may, if 577 there is reasonable cause, shall have the authority to issue an 578 injunction to prevent any act of child abuse or any unlawful 579 580 sexual offense involving a child.

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581 (b) Reasonable cause for the issuance of an injunction 582 exists if there is evidence of child abuse or an unlawful sexual 583 offense involving a child or if there is a reasonable likelihood 584 of such abuse or offense occurring based upon a recent overt act 585 or failure to act.

586 (2) Notice shall be provided to the parties as set forth 587 in the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure, unless the child is reported to be in imminent danger, in which case the court may 588 589 issue an injunction immediately. A judge may issue an emergency 590 injunction pursuant to this section without notice if at times 591 when the court is closed for the transaction of judicial 592 business. If When such an immediate injunction is issued, the court must shall hold a hearing on the next day of judicial 593 594 business either to dissolve the injunction or to continue or 595 modify it in accordance with the other provisions of this section. 596

597 (3) (a) If In every instance in which an injunction is 598 issued under this section, the primary purpose of the injunction 599 must be shall be primarily to protect and promote the best 600 interests of the child, taking the preservation of the child's 601 immediate family into consideration. The effective period of the 602 injunction shall be determined by the court, except that the injunction will expire at the time of the disposition of the 603 petition for shelter placement or dependency. 604

(a) (b) The injunction shall apply to the alleged or actual
 offender in a case of child abuse or <u>acts of domestic violence</u>
 an unlawful sexual offense involving a child. The conditions of
 the injunction shall be determined by the court, which

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609	conditions may include ordering the alleged or actual offender
610	to:
611	1. Refrain from further abuse or acts of domestic violence
612	unlawful sexual activity involving a child.
613	2. Participate in a specialized treatment program.
614	3. Limit contact or communication with the child victim ,
615	other children in the home, or any other child.
616	4. Refrain from contacting the child at home, school,
617	work, or wherever the child may be found.
618	5. Have limited or supervised visitation with the child.
619	6. Pay temporary support for the child or other family
620	members; the costs of medical, psychiatric, and psychological
621	treatment for the child victim incurred as a result of the
622	offenses; and similar costs for other family members.
623	7. Vacate the home in which the child resides.
624	(b) If the intent of the injunction is to protect the
625	child from domestic violence, the conditions may also include:
626	1. Awarding the exclusive use and possession of the
627	dwelling to the caregiver or excluding the alleged or actual
628	offender from the residence of the caregiver.
629	2. Awarding the temporary custody of the child to the
630	caregiver.
631	3. Establishing temporary support for the child.
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633	This paragraph does not preclude the adult victim of domestic
634	violence from seeking protection under s. 741.30.
635	(c) The terms of the injunction shall remain in effect
636	until modified or dissolved by the court. The petitioner,
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637 respondent, or caregiver may move at any time to modify or 638 dissolve the injunction. The injunction is valid and enforceable 639 in all counties in the state. At any time prior to the 640 disposition of the petition, the alleged or actual offender may 641 offer the court evidence of changed circumstances as a ground to 642 dissolve or modify the injunction. 643 (4)The process of service to the respondent shall be carried out pursuant to s. 741.30. The department shall deliver 644 645 a copy of any injunction issued pursuant to this section shall

be delivered to the protected party, or a parent or caregiver or 646 individual acting in the place of a parent who is not the 647 respondent, and to any law enforcement agency having 648 649 jurisdiction to enforce such injunction. Upon delivery of the 650 injunction to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the agency 651 shall have the duty and responsibility to enforce the 652 injunction. Law enforcement officers may exercise their arrest 653 powers as provided in s. 901.15(6) to enforce the terms of the 654 injunction.

(5) Any person who fails to comply with an injunction
issued pursuant to this section <u>commits</u> is guilty of a
misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
775.082 or s. 775.083.

659 Section 12. Subsection (7) of section 39.507, Florida660 Statutes, is amended to read:

39.507 Adjudicatory hearings; orders of adjudication.- (7) (a) For as long as a court maintains jurisdiction over
 a dependency case, only one order adjudicating each child in the
 <u>case dependent shall be entered. This order establishes the</u>

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665	legal status of the child for purposes of proceedings under this
666	chapter and may be based on the conduct of one parent, both
667	parents, or a legal custodian.
668	(b) Upon a properly noticed motion, a subsequent
669	evidentiary hearing may be held regarding the conduct of one
670	parent, both parents, or a custodian. With court approval,
671	supplemental findings made beyond a preponderance of the
672	evidence may be entered. The child's dependency status may not
673	be retried or readjudicated.
674	(c) If a court adjudicates a child dependent and the child
675	is in out-of-home care, the court shall inquire of the parent or
676	parents whether the parents have relatives who might be
677	considered as a placement for the child. The court shall advise
678	the parents that, if the parents fail to substantially comply
679	with the case plan, their parental rights may be terminated and
680	that the child's out-of-home placement may become permanent. The
681	parent or parents shall provide to the court and all parties
682	identification and location information of the relatives.
683	Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (1) of
684	section 39.521, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
685	39.521 Disposition hearings; powers of disposition
686	(1) A disposition hearing shall be conducted by the court,
687	if the court finds that the facts alleged in the petition for
688	dependency were proven in the adjudicatory hearing, or if the
689	parents or legal custodians have consented to the finding of
690	dependency or admitted the allegations in the petition, have
691	failed to appear for the arraignment hearing after proper
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692 notice, or have not been located despite a diligent search693 having been conducted.

A written case plan and a predisposition study 694 (a) 695 prepared by an authorized agent of the department must be filed 696 with the court and served upon the parents of the child, 697 provided to the representative of the guardian ad litem program, 698 if the program has been appointed, and provided to all other 699 parties, not less than 72 hours before the disposition hearing. 700 All such case plans must be approved by the court. If the court does not approve the case plan at the disposition hearing, the 701 702 court must set a hearing within 30 days after the disposition 703 hearing to review and approve the case plan. The court may grant 704 an exception to the requirement for a predisposition study by 705 separate order or within the judge's order of disposition upon finding that all information regarding the family and child 706 707 required by subsection (2) is available in other documents filed 708 with the court.

709 If the court places the child in an out-of-home (f) 710 placement, the disposition order must include a written determination that the child cannot safely remain at home with 711 712 reunification or family preservation services and that removal 713 of the child is necessary to protect the child. If the child is 714 has been removed before the disposition hearing, the order must 715 also include a written determination as to whether, after removal, the department has made a reasonable effort to reunify 716 the parent and child, if reasonable efforts are required. 717 Reasonable efforts to reunify are not required if the court 718 finds has found that any of the acts listed in s. 39.806(1)(f)-719

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(i) have occurred. The department has the burden of
demonstrating that it has made reasonable efforts under this
paragraph.

1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "reasonable effort" means the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the department to provide the services ordered by the court or delineated in the case plan.

727 2. In support of its determination as to whether728 reasonable efforts have been made, the court shall:

a. Enter written findings as to whether or not prevention
or reunification efforts were indicated.

b. If prevention or reunification efforts were indicated,
include a brief written description of what appropriate and
available prevention and reunification efforts were made.

c. Indicate in writing why further efforts could or could
not have prevented or shortened the separation of the parent and
child.

737 3. A court may find that the department has made a
738 reasonable effort to prevent or eliminate the need for removal
739 if:

740 a. The first contact of the department with the family741 occurs during an emergency;

b. The appraisal by the department of the home situation indicates that it presents a substantial and immediate danger to the child's safety or physical, mental, or emotional health which cannot be mitigated by the provision of preventive services;

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747 c. The child cannot safely remain at home, either because 748 there are no preventive services that can ensure the health and 749 safety of the child or, even with appropriate and available 750 services being provided, the health and safety of the child 751 cannot be ensured; or

d. The parent is alleged to have committed any of the acts
listed as grounds for expedited termination of parental rights
under in s. 39.806(1)(f)-(i).

4. A reasonable effort by the department for reunification of the parent and child has been made if the appraisal of the home situation by the department indicates that the severity of the conditions of dependency is such that reunification efforts are inappropriate. The department has the burden of demonstrating to the court that reunification efforts were inappropriate.

5. If the court finds that the prevention or reunification effort of the department would not have permitted the child to remain safely at home, the court may commit the child to the temporary legal custody of the department or take any other action authorized by this chapter.

767 Section 14. Subsection (5) of section 39.701, Florida768 Statutes, is amended to read:

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39.701 Judicial review.--

(5) Notice of a judicial review hearing or a citizen
review panel hearing, and a copy of the motion for judicial
review, if any, must be served by the clerk of the court <u>on all</u>
<u>of the following persons, if available to be served, regardless</u>
<u>of whether or not the person was present at the previous hearing</u>

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775	at which the date, time, and location of the hearing was
776	announced upon:
777	(a) The social service agency charged with the supervision
778	of care, custody, or guardianship of the child, if that agency
779	is not the movant.
780	(b) The foster parent or legal custodian in whose home the
781	child resides.
782	(c) The parents.
783	(d) The guardian ad litem for the child, or the
784	representative of the guardian ad litem program if the program
785	has been appointed.
786	(e) The attorney for the child.
787	(f) The child, if the child is 13 years of age or older.
788	<u>(g)</u> Any preadoptive parent.
789	<u>(h)</u> (f) Such other persons as the court may in its
790	discretion direct.
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792	Service of notice is not required on any of the persons listed
793	in paragraphs (a)-(f) if the person was present at the previous
794	hearing during which the date, time, and location of the hearing
795	was announced.
796	Section 15. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
797	section 63.0541, Florida Statutes, to read:
798	63.0541 Public records exemption for the Florida Putative
799	Father Registry
800	(1) All information contained in the Florida Putative
801	Father Registry and maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics
802	within the Department of Health is confidential and exempt from
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public disclosure pursuant to s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in this section. Information made confidential and exempt by this section shall be disclosed to:

807 (d) The department, upon the filing of a request for a
 808 diligent search of the Florida Putative Father Registry pursuant
 809 to s. 39.503.

810 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 322.142, Florida811 Statutes, is amended to read:

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322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.--

813 (4)The department may maintain a film negative or print file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital 814 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data 815 816 required by the department for identification and retrieval. Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from 817 818 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and shall be made and issued only 819 for departmental administrative purposes; for the issuance of 820 duplicate licenses; in response to law enforcement agency 821 requests; to the Department of State pursuant to an interagency 822 agreement to facilitate determinations of eligibility of voter 823 registration applicants and registered voters in accordance with 824 ss. 98.045 and 98.075; to the Department of Revenue pursuant to 825 an interagency agreement for use in establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, or enforcing support obligations in 826 Title IV-D cases; to the Department of Children and Family 827 828 Services pursuant to an interagency agreement to conduct protective investigations under part III of chapter 39 and s. 829 415.104 and for purposes of expediting the determination of 830

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831 <u>eligibility for public assistance;</u> or to the Department of 832 Financial Services pursuant to an interagency agreement to 833 facilitate the location of owners of unclaimed property, the 834 validation of unclaimed property claims, and the identification 835 of fraudulent or false claims, and are exempt from the 836 provisions of s. 119.07(1).

837 Section 17. Section 402.401, Florida Statutes, is amended 838 to read:

839 402.401 Florida Child Welfare Student Loan Forgiveness840 Program.--

(1) There is created the Florida Child Welfare Student 841 Loan Forgiveness Program to be administered by the Department of 842 843 Children and Family Services Education. The program shall 844 provide loan reimbursement assistance to eligible employees in child welfare positions that are critical to the department's 845 846 mission, as determined by the department, and that are within 847 the department, a law enforcement agency, or a contracted 848 community-based care agency students for upper division 849 undergraduate and graduate study. The primary purpose of the 850 program is to attract capable and promising students to the 851 child welfare profession, increase employment and retention of 852 individuals who are working towards or who have received either a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in social work, or any 853 854 human services subject area that qualifies the individual for employment as a family services worker, and provide 855 opportunities for persons making midcareer decisions to enter 856 the child welfare profession. The State Board of Education shall 857 858 adopt rules necessary to administer the program. Page 31 of 43

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859 $\frac{(2)}{(a)}$ To be eligible for a program loan, the employee's 860 outstanding student loans may not be in a default status. a candidate shall: 861 862 1. Be a full time student at the upper division 863 undergraduate or graduate level in a social work program 864 approved by the Council on Social Work Education leading to 865 either a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in social work or an accredited human services degree program. 866 867 2. Have declared an intent to work in child welfare for at least the number of years for which a forgivable loan is 868 869 received at the Department of Children and Family Services or 870 its successor, or with an eligible lead community based provider as defined in s. 409.1671. 871 3. If applying for an undergraduate forgivable loan, have 872 873 maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 874 a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work. Renewal 875 applicants for undergraduate loans shall have maintained a 876 minimum cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 877 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work and have earned at least 12 878 semester credits per term, or the equivalent. 879 4. If applying for a graduate forgivable loan, have 880 maintained an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at 881 least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or have attained a Graduate Record Examination score of at least 1,000. Renewal applicants for 882 graduate loans shall have maintained a minimum cumulative grade 883 point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate 884 885 work and have earned at least 9 semester credits per term, or 886 the equivalent.

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887 (b) An undergraduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 888 undergraduate years, not to exceed \$4,000 per year. 889 (c) A graduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 graduate years, not to exceed \$8,000 per year. In addition to 890 891 meeting criteria specified in paragraph (a), a loan recipient at 892 the graduate level shall: 893 1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a school or department of social work at any college or university accredited by the 894 895 Council on Social Work Education, or hold a degree in a human services field from an accredited college or university. 896 2. Not have received an undergraduate forgivable loan as 897 898 provided for in paragraph (b). (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule 899 900 repayment schedules and applicable interest rates under ss. 901 1009.82 and 1009.95. A forgivable loan must be repaid within 10 902 years after completion of a program of studies. 903 1. Credit for repayment of an undergraduate or graduate 904 forgivable loan shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 in 905 loan principal plus applicable accrued interest for each full year of eligible service in the child welfare profession. 906 907 2. Any forgivable loan recipient who fails to work at the 908 Department of Children and Family Services or its successor, or 909 with an eligible lead community based provider as defined in s. 910 409.1671, is responsible for repaying the loan plus accrued interest at 8 percent annually. 911 3. Forgivable loan recipients may receive loan repayment 912 credit for child welfare service rendered at any time during the 913 914 scheduled repayment period. However, such repayment credit shall Page 33 of 43

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915 be applicable only to the current principal and accrued interest 916 balance that remains at the time the repayment credit is earned. 917 No loan recipient shall be reimbursed for previous cash payments 918 of principal and interest.

919 (3) This section shall be implemented only as specifically 920 funded.

921 Section 18. Paragraphs (h) and (j) of subsection (1) of 922 section 409.1671, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

923 409.1671 Foster care and related services; outsourcing.--924 (1)

925 (h) Other than an entity to which s. 768.28 applies, any eligible lead community-based provider, as defined in paragraph 926 (e), or its employees or officers, except as otherwise provided 927 928 in paragraph (i), must, as a part of its contract, obtain a minimum of \$1 million per claim/\$3 million per incident in 929 930 general liability insurance coverage. The eligible lead 931 community-based provider must also require that staff who 932 transport client children and families in their personal 933 automobiles in order to carry out their job responsibilities obtain minimum bodily injury liability insurance in the amount 934 935 of \$100,000 per claim, \$300,000 per incident, on their personal 936 automobiles. In lieu of such personal motor vehicle insurance, 937 the lead community-based provider's casualty, liability, or 938 motor vehicle insurance carrier may provide nonowned automobile coverage that would provide the lead community-based provider 939 940 with coverage for automobiles that the lead community-based provider does not own, lease, rent, or borrow and that are used 941 942 in connection with the lead community-based provider's business.

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943	This coverage includes automobiles owned by the lead community-
944	based provider's employees or a member of their households but
945	only when the automobile is used in connection with the lead
946	community-based provider's business. The nonowned automobile
947	coverage for the lead community-based provider would apply as
948	excess coverage over any other collectible insurance. The
949	personal automobile policy for the employee of the lead
950	community-based provider would be primary, and the nonowned
951	automobile coverage of the lead community-based provider would
952	be excess. The lead community-based provider shall provide a
953	minimum limit of \$1,000,000 in nonowned automobile coverage. In
954	any tort action brought against such an eligible lead community-
955	based provider or employee, net economic damages shall be
956	limited to \$1 million per liability claim and \$100,000 per
957	automobile claim, including, but not limited to, past and future
958	medical expenses, wage loss, and loss of earning capacity,
959	offset by any collateral source payment paid or payable. In any
960	tort action brought against such an eligible lead community-
961	based provider, noneconomic damages shall be limited to \$200,000
962	per claim. A claims bill may be brought on behalf of a claimant
963	pursuant to s. 768.28 for any amount exceeding the limits
964	specified in this paragraph. Any offset of collateral source
965	payments made as of the date of the settlement or judgment shall
966	be in accordance with s. 768.76. The lead community-based
967	provider shall not be liable in tort for the acts or omissions
968	of its subcontractors or the officers, agents, or employees of
969	its subcontractors.

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970 (j) Any subcontractor of an eligible lead community-based 971 provider, as defined in paragraph (e), which is a direct 972 provider of foster care and related services to children and families, and its employees or officers, except as otherwise 973 974 provided in paragraph (i), must, as a part of its contract, 975 obtain a minimum of \$1 million per claim/\$3 million per incident 976 in general liability insurance coverage. The subcontractor of an 977 eligible lead community-based provider must also require that 978 staff who transport client children and families in their personal automobiles in order to carry out their job 979 980 responsibilities obtain minimum bodily injury liability 981 insurance in the amount of \$100,000 per claim, \$300,000 per incident, on their personal automobiles. In lieu of such 982 983 personal motor vehicle insurance, the subcontractor's casualty, liability, or motor vehicle insurance carrier may provide 984 985 nonowned automobile coverage that would provide the 986 subcontractor with coverage for automobiles that the 987 subcontractor does not own, lease, rent, or borrow and that are 988 used in connection with the subcontractor's business. This 989 coverage includes automobiles owned by the subcontractor 's 990 employees or a member of their households but only when the 991 automobile is used in connection with the subcontractor's 992 business. The nonowned automobile coverage for the subcontractor 993 would apply as excess coverage over any other collectible insurance. The personal automobile policy for the employee of 994 the subcontractor would be primary, and the nonowned automobile 995 coverage of the subcontractor would be excess. The subcontractor 996 997 shall provide a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 in nonowned

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998 automobile coverage. In any tort action brought against such 999 subcontractor or employee, net economic damages shall be limited to \$1 million per liability claim and \$100,000 per automobile 1000 claim, including, but not limited to, past and future medical 1001 1002 expenses, wage loss, and loss of earning capacity, offset by any 1003 collateral source payment paid or payable. In any tort action 1004 brought against such subcontractor, noneconomic damages shall be limited to \$200,000 per claim. A claims bill may be brought on 1005 1006 behalf of a claimant pursuant to s. 768.28 for any amount 1007 exceeding the limits specified in this paragraph. Any offset of 1008 collateral source payments made as of the date of the settlement 1009 or judgment shall be in accordance with s. 768.76.

Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential 1013 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public 1014 records exemption.--

1015 (4) (a) A person, family foster home, or residential child-1016 caring agency may shall not provide receive a child for continuing full-time child care or custody unless such person, 1017 1018 home, or agency has first procured a license from the department 1019 to provide such care. This requirement does not apply to a person who is a relative of the child by blood, marriage, or 1020 adoption, or to a permanent legal guardian established under s. 1021 39.6221, a person who has received the child from the 1022 department, a licensed child-placing agency, or an intermediary 1023 for the purposes of adoption pursuant to chapter 63. 1024

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1025 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 787.04, Florida
1026 Statutes, is amended to read:

1027 787.04 Removing minors from state or concealing minors 1028 contrary to state agency order or court order.--

1029 It is unlawful for any person, with criminal intent, (3) to knowingly and willfully lead, take, entice, or remove a minor 1030 1031 beyond the limits of this state, or to knowingly and willfully conceal the location of a minor, during the pendency of a 1032 1033 dependency proceeding affecting such minor or during the 1034 pendency of any investigation, action, or proceeding concerning 1035 the alleged abuse or neglect of such minor, after having received actual or constructive notice of the pendency of such 1036 investigation, action, or proceeding and without the permission 1037 1038 of the state agency or court in which the investigation, action, 1039 or proceeding is pending.

1040 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 937.021, Florida 1041 Statutes, is amended to read:

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937.021 Missing child reports.--

1043 (1)Upon the filing of a police report that a child is missing by the parent or guardian, the Department of Children 1044 1045 and Family Services, a community-based care provider, or the 1046 appropriate law enforcement agency providing investigative services for the department, the law enforcement agency 1047 receiving the report shall immediately inform all on-duty law 1048 enforcement officers of the existence of the missing child 1049 1050 report, communicate the report to every other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the county, and transmit the 1051 report for inclusion within the Florida Crime Information Center 1052 Page 38 of 43

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1053 computer. A law enforcement agency may not require a reporter to 1054 present an order that a child be taken into custody or any other such order before accepting a report that a child is missing. 1055 1056 Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 1057 985.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1058 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.--1059 (4)1060 The department shall disclose to the school (C) 1061 superintendent the presence of any child in the care and custody or under the jurisdiction or supervision of the department who 1062 has a known history of criminal sexual behavior with other 1063 1064 juveniles; is an alleged juvenile sexual offender or a child who 1065 has exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior, as defined in s. 1066 39.01; or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found to have committed, a violation of chapter 794, chapter 1067 1068 796, chapter 800, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0133, regardless of adjudication. An Any employee of a district school board who 1069 1070 knowingly and willfully discloses such information to an 1071 unauthorized person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 1072 1073 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1074 39.0015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1075 39.0015 Child abuse prevention training in the district 1076 school system. --1077 DEFINITIONS. -- As used in this section: (3) "Child abuse" means those acts as defined in ss. 1078 (b) 39.01(1), (2), (32), (31), (42), (41), (44), (43), (56), and 1079 (67) (66), 827.04, and 984.03(1), (2), and (37). 1080 Page 39 of 43

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1081 Section 24. Subsection (5) of section 39.205, Florida 1082 Statutes, is amended to read:

1083 39.205 Penalties relating to reporting of child abuse,1084 abandonment, or neglect.--

1085 If the department or its authorized agent has (5) 1086 determined after its investigation that a report is false, the 1087 department shall, with the consent of the alleged perpetrator, refer the report to the local law enforcement agency having 1088 1089 jurisdiction for an investigation to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to refer the case for prosecution for 1090 1091 filing a false report as defined in s. $39.01(29)\frac{(28)}{(28)}$. During the pendency of the investigation by the local law enforcement 1092 agency, the department must notify the local law enforcement 1093 1094 agency of, and the local law enforcement agency must respond to, all subsequent reports concerning children in that same family 1095 1096 in accordance with s. 39.301. If the law enforcement agency 1097 believes that there are indicators of abuse, abandonment, or neqlect, it must immediately notify the department, which must 1098 1099 assure the safety of the children. If the law enforcement agency finds sufficient evidence for prosecution for filing a false 1100 1101 report, it must refer the case to the appropriate state attorney 1102 for prosecution.

1103 Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 39.302, Florida
1104 Statutes, is amended to read:

1105 39.302 Protective investigations of institutional child 1106 abuse, abandonment, or neglect.--

1107 (1) The department shall conduct a child protective1108 investigation of each report of institutional child abuse,

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1109 abandonment, or neglect. Upon receipt of a report that alleges 1110 that an employee or agent of the department, or any other entity or person covered by s. 39.01(33) or (47) (32) or (46), acting in 1111 1112 an official capacity, has committed an act of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, the department shall initiate a child 1113 protective investigation within the timeframe established by the 1114 1115 central abuse hotline under s. 39.201(5) and orally notify the appropriate state attorney, law enforcement agency, and 1116 1117 licensing agency. These agencies shall immediately conduct a joint investigation, unless independent investigations are more 1118 1119 feasible. When conducting investigations onsite or having faceto-face interviews with the child, such investigation visits 1120 shall be unannounced unless it is determined by the department 1121 1122 or its agent that the unannounced visits would threaten the 1123 safety of the child. When a facility is exempt from licensing, 1124 the department shall inform the owner or operator of the facility of the report. Each agency conducting a joint 1125 investigation is entitled to full access to the information 1126 1127 gathered by the department in the course of the investigation. A protective investigation must include an onsite visit of the 1128 1129 child's place of residence. In all cases, the department shall make a full written report to the state attorney within 3 1130 working days after making the oral report. A criminal 1131 investigation shall be coordinated, whenever possible, with the 1132 child protective investigation of the department. Any interested 1133 person who has information regarding the offenses described in 1134 this subsection may forward a statement to the state attorney as 1135 to whether prosecution is warranted and appropriate. Within 15 1136 Page 41 of 43

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1137 days after the completion of the investigation, the state 1138 attorney shall report the findings to the department and shall 1139 include in the report a determination of whether or not 1140 prosecution is justified and appropriate in view of the 1141 circumstances of the specific case.

1142Section 26. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of1143section 39.6011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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39.6011 Case plan development.--

(2) The case plan must be written simply and clearly in English and, if English is not the principal language of the child's parent, to the extent possible in the parent's principal language. Each case plan must contain:

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(b) The permanency goal as defined in s. 39.01(52)(51).

(c) If concurrent planning is being used, a description of the permanency goal of reunification with the parent or legal custodian in addition to a description of one of the remaining permanency goals described in s. 39.01<u>(52)</u>(51).

1154Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section115539.828, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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39.828 Grounds for appointment of a guardian advocate.--

(1) The court shall appoint the person named in the petition as a guardian advocate with all the powers and duties specified in s. 39.829 for an initial term of 1 year upon a finding that:

1161 (a) The child named in the petition is or was a drug 1162 dependent newborn as described in s. 39.01(32)(g)(31)(g);

1163Section 28. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section1164419.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1165 419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.--1166 (1)For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply: 1167 1168 (d) "Resident" means any of the following: a frail elder 1169 as defined in s. 429.65; a physically disabled or handicapped 1170 person as defined in s. 760.22(7)(a); a developmentally disabled 1171 person as defined in s. 393.063; a nondangerous mentally ill person as defined in s. 394.455(18); or a child who is found to 1172 1173 be dependent or a child in need of services as defined in s. 1174 39.01(15)(14), s. 984.03(9) or (12), or s. 985.03. 1175 Section 29. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and 1176 operating retroactively to June 29, 2008, subsection (3) of section 1 of chapter 2007-174, Laws of Florida, is amended to 1177 1178 read: 1179 Section 1. Flexibility for the Department of Children and

1179 Section 1. Flexibility for the Department of Children and 1180 Family Services.--

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(3) This section expires June 30, 2009 2008.

Section 30. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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