

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida 211 Network; amending s.
 3 408.918, F.S.; requiring participants in the network to be
 4 accredited by the Florida Alliance of Information and
 5 Referral Services and to notify the Public Service
 6 Commission of such accreditation; providing for revocation
 7 of 211 numbers under certain circumstances; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of 408.918, Florida Statutes, is
 13 amended to read:

14 408.918 Florida 211 Network; uniform certification
 15 requirements.--

16 (2) In order to participate in the Florida 211 Network, a
 17 211 provider must be accredited by ~~certified by the Agency for~~
 18 ~~Health Care Administration. The agency shall develop criteria~~
 19 ~~for certification, as recommended by~~ the Florida Alliance of
 20 Information and Referral Services. The 211 provider shall notify
 21 the Public Service Commission of its accreditation in order to
 22 receive authorization for the 211 number, ~~and shall adopt the~~
 23 ~~criteria as administrative rules.~~

24 ~~(a)~~ If any provider of information and referral services
 25 or other entity leases a 211 number from a local exchange
 26 company and is not accredited as described in this subsection
 27 ~~certified by the agency, the agency shall, after consultation~~
 28 ~~with the local exchange company and the Public Service~~

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29 Commission shall request that the Federal Communications
30 Commission direct the local exchange company to revoke the use
31 of the 211 number.

32 ~~(b) The agency shall seek the assistance and guidance of~~
33 ~~the Public Service Commission and the Federal Communications~~
34 ~~Commission in resolving any disputes arising over jurisdiction~~
35 ~~related to 211 numbers.~~

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