

By Senator Hill

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to false reports of child abuse;
3 amending s. 39.402, F.S.; requiring a child to be
4 returned to a parent or guardian within 3 days
5 following a determination that an order for shelter
6 care was based on a false report of child abuse,
7 abandonment, or neglect; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 39.402, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 39.402 Placement in a shelter.—

14 (13) A child may not be held in a shelter under an order so
15 directing for more than 60 days without an adjudication of
16 dependency. A child may not be held in a shelter for more than
17 30 days after the entry of an order of adjudication unless an
18 order of disposition has been entered by the court. A child may
19 not be held in a shelter for more than 3 days following a
20 determination that the order for shelter placement was based on
21 a false report, in which case the child shall be returned to the
22 custody of the parent or guardian.

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