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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Storms) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 10 and 11
insert:

Section 28. Subsections (2), (3), and (7) of section
402.40, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

402.40 Child welfare training.—

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Child welfare certification" means a professional
credential awarded by the department or by a credentialing
entity recognized by the department to individuals demonstrating
core competency in any child welfare services practice area.



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13 **(b)** "Child welfare services" means any intake, protective
14 investigations, preprotective services, protective services,
15 foster care, shelter and group care, and adoption and related
16 services program, including supportive services, supervision,
17 ~~and legal services,~~ provided to children who are alleged to have
18 been abused, abandoned, or neglected, or who are at risk of
19 becoming, are alleged to be, or have been found dependent
20 pursuant to chapter 39.

21 **(c)** "Core competency" means the knowledge, skills, and
22 abilities necessary to carry out work responsibilities.

23 **(d)** "Person providing child welfare services" means a
24 person who has a responsibility for supervisory, ~~legal,~~ direct
25 care or support related work in the provision of child welfare
26 services pursuant to chapter 39.

27 **(3) CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**—The department shall
28 establish a program for training pursuant to the provisions of
29 this section, and all persons providing child welfare services
30 shall be required to demonstrate core competency by earning and
31 maintaining a department or third-party awarded child welfare
32 certification and participate in and successfully complete the
33 program of training pertinent to their areas of responsibility.

34 **(7) CERTIFICATION AND TRAINER QUALIFICATIONS.**—The department
35 shall, in collaboration with the professionals and providers
36 described in subsection (5), develop minimum standards for a
37 certification process that ensures that participants have
38 successfully attained the knowledge, skills, and abilities
39 necessary to competently carry out their work responsibilities.
40 The department shall recognize third-party certification for
41 child welfare services staff that satisfies the core



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42 competencies and meets the certification requirements
43 established in this section. ~~and shall develop minimum standards~~
44 ~~for trainer qualifications which must be required of training~~
45 ~~academies in the offering of the training curricula.~~ Any person
46 providing child welfare services shall be required to master the
47 core competencies and hold an active child welfare certification
48 ~~components of the curriculum~~ that is ~~are~~ particular to that
49 person's work responsibilities.

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

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete line 39

54 and insert:

55 under certain circumstances; amending s. 402.40, F.S.;

56 adding definitions of child welfare certification and

57 core competency; requiring demonstration of core

58 competency; requiring that the department recognize

59 certain certifications; requiring that certain persons

60 hold active certification; amending s. 420.621,