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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Storms moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 21 - 83

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 39.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and screening.—

(6) LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN.—The incidence of known child abuse, abandonment, and neglect has continued to increase ~~increased rapidly over the past 5 years~~. The impact that abuse, abandonment, or neglect has on the victimized child, siblings,



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14 family structure, and inevitably on all citizens of the state  
15 has caused the Legislature to determine that the prevention of  
16 child abuse, abandonment, and neglect shall be a priority of  
17 this state. To further this end, it is the intent of the  
18 Legislature that an Office of Adoption and Child Protection be  
19 established. It is further the intent of the Legislature that  
20 Florida Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Plan:  
21 July 2010 - June 2015, be implemented and monitored by the  
22 agencies and organizations named within the plan. The  
23 Legislature finds that the plan contains low-cost and no cost  
24 cross-agency strategies adopted by the Children and Youth  
25 Cabinet. These activities are already underway and are privately  
26 and federally funded where necessary. No additional funds from  
27 the state are being requested for these activities. By February  
28 1, 2015, the Department of Children and Family Services shall  
29 report to the Legislature whether the plan has been effective  
30 and whether it should be updated and continued.

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33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete lines 2 - 17

35 and insert:

36 An act relating to the welfare of children; amending  
37 s. 39.001, F.S.; requiring certain agencies and  
38 organizations named in the Florida Prevention of Child  
39 Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Plan: July 2010 - 2015  
40 to implement and monitor the plan; providing  
41 legislative findings; requiring the Department of  
42 Children and Family Services to report to the



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Legislature; providing an effective date.