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The Committee on Budget (Wise and Gaetz) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 14260 - 15081  
and insert:

Section 247. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsection (4) of section 411.0101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

411.0101 Child care and early childhood resource and referral.—

(1) As a part of the school readiness programs, the Department of Children and Family Services ~~Agency for Workforce~~



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13 ~~Innovation~~ shall establish a statewide child care resource and  
14 referral network that is unbiased and provides referrals to  
15 families for child care. Preference shall be given to using the  
16 already established early learning coalitions as the child care  
17 resource and referral agencies. If an early learning coalition  
18 cannot comply with the requirements to offer the resource  
19 information component or does not want to offer that service,  
20 the early learning coalition shall select the resource and  
21 referral agency for its county or multicounty region based upon  
22 a request for proposal pursuant to s. 411.01(5)(e)1.

23 (2) At least one child care resource and referral agency  
24 must be established in each early learning coalition's county or  
25 multicounty region. The Department of Children and Family  
26 Services Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt rules  
27 regarding accessibility of child care resource and referral  
28 services offered through child care resource and referral  
29 agencies in each county or multicounty region which include, at  
30 a minimum, required hours of operation, methods by which parents  
31 may request services, and child care resource and referral staff  
32 training requirements.

33 (3) Child care resource and referral agencies shall provide  
34 the following services:

35 (a) Identification of existing public and private child  
36 care and early childhood education services, including child  
37 care services by public and private employers, and the  
38 development of a resource file of those services through the  
39 single statewide information system developed by the Department  
40 of Children and Family Services Agency for Workforce Innovation  
41 under s. 411.01(5)(c)1.e. These services may include family day



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42 care, public and private child care programs, the Voluntary  
43 Prekindergarten Education Program, Head Start, the school  
44 readiness program, special education programs for  
45 prekindergarten children with disabilities, services for  
46 children with developmental disabilities, full-time and part-  
47 time programs, before-school and after-school programs, vacation  
48 care programs, parent education, the Temporary Cash Assistance  
49 Program, and related family support services. The resource file  
50 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 51 1. Type of program.
- 52 2. Hours of service.
- 53 3. Ages of children served.
- 54 4. Number of children served.
- 55 5. Significant program information.
- 56 6. Fees and eligibility for services.
- 57 7. Availability of transportation.

58 (4) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
59 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ shall adopt any rules necessary for the  
60 implementation and administration of this section.

61 Section 248. Subsections (2), (6), and (7) of section  
62 411.01013, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

63 411.01013 Prevailing market rate schedule.-

64 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
65 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ shall establish procedures for the  
66 adoption of a prevailing market rate schedule. The schedule must  
67 include, at a minimum, county-by-county rates:

68 (a) At the prevailing market rate, plus the maximum rate,  
69 for child care providers that hold a Gold Seal Quality Care  
70 designation under s. 402.281.



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71 (b) At the prevailing market rate for child care providers  
72 that do not hold a Gold Seal Quality Care designation.

73 (6) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
74 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ may contract with one or more qualified  
75 entities to administer this section and provide support and  
76 technical assistance for child care providers.

77 (7) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
78 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ may adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
79 120.536(1) and 120.54 for establishing procedures for the  
80 collection of child care providers' market rate, the calculation  
81 of a reasonable frequency distribution of the market rate, and  
82 the publication of a prevailing market rate schedule.

83 Section 249. Subsection (1) of section 411.01014, Florida  
84 Statutes, is amended to read:

85 411.01014 School readiness transportation services.—

86 (1) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
87 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~, pursuant to chapter 427, may authorize  
88 an early learning coalition to establish school readiness  
89 transportation services for children at risk of abuse or neglect  
90 participating in the school readiness program. The early  
91 learning coalitions may contract for the provision of  
92 transportation services as required by this section.

93 Section 250. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section  
94 411.01015, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

95 411.01015 Consultation to child care centers and family day  
96 care homes regarding health, developmental, disability, and  
97 special needs issues.—

98 (1) Contingent upon specific appropriations, the Department  
99 ~~of Children and Family Services Agency for Workforce Innovation~~



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100 shall administer a statewide toll-free Warm-Line for the purpose  
101 of providing assistance and consultation to child care centers  
102 and family day care homes regarding health, developmental,  
103 disability, and special needs issues of the children they are  
104 serving, particularly children with disabilities and other  
105 special needs.

106 (3) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
107 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ shall annually inform child care  
108 centers and family day care homes of the availability of this  
109 service through the child care resource and referral network  
110 under s. 411.0101.

111 (4) Contingent upon specific appropriations, the Department  
112 of Children and Family Services Agency ~~for Workforce Innovation~~  
113 shall expand, or contract for the expansion of, the Warm-Line to  
114 maintain at least one Warm-Line site in each early learning  
115 coalition service area.

116 Section 251. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 411.0103,  
117 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

118 411.0103 Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH)  
119 scholarship program.—

120 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services Agency  
121 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ may contract for the administration of  
122 the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship  
123 program, which provides educational scholarships to caregivers  
124 and administrators of early childhood programs, family day care  
125 homes, and large family child care homes.

126 (3) The department agency shall adopt rules under ss.  
127 120.536(1) and 120.54 as necessary to administer this section.

128 Section 252. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 411.0104,



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129 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

130 411.0104 Early Head Start collaboration grants.—

131 (1) Contingent upon specific appropriations, the Department  
132 of Children and Family Services ~~Agency for Workforce Innovation~~  
133 shall establish a program to award collaboration grants to  
134 assist local agencies in securing Early Head Start programs  
135 through Early Head Start program federal grants. The  
136 collaboration grants shall provide the required matching funds  
137 for public and private nonprofit agencies that have been  
138 approved for Early Head Start program federal grants.

139 (3) The Department of Children and Family Services ~~Agency~~  
140 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ may adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1)  
141 and 120.54 as necessary for the award of collaboration grants to  
142 competing agencies and the administration of the collaboration  
143 grants program under this section.

144 Section 253. Section 411.0106, Florida Statutes, is amended  
145 to read:

146 411.0106 Infants and toddlers in state-funded education and  
147 care programs; brain development activities.—Each state-funded  
148 education and care program for children from birth to 5 years of  
149 age must provide activities to foster brain development in  
150 infants and toddlers. A program must provide an environment that  
151 helps children attain the performance standards adopted by the  
152 Department of Children and Family Services ~~Agency for Workforce~~  
153 ~~Innovation~~ under s. 411.01(4)(d)8. and must be rich in language  
154 and music and filled with objects of various colors, shapes,  
155 textures, and sizes to stimulate visual, tactile, auditory, and  
156 linguistic senses in the children and must include classical  
157 music and at least 30 minutes of reading to the children each



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158 day. A program may be offered through an existing early  
159 childhood program such as Healthy Start, the Title I program,  
160 the school readiness program, the Head Start program, or a  
161 private child care program. A program must provide training for  
162 the infants' and toddlers' parents including direct dialogue and  
163 interaction between teachers and parents demonstrating the  
164 urgency of brain development in the first year of a child's  
165 life. Family day care centers are encouraged, but not required,  
166 to comply with this section.

167 Section 254. Subsection (1) and paragraph (g) of subsection  
168 (3) of section 411.011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

169 411.011 Records of children in school readiness programs.—

170 (1) The individual records of children enrolled in school  
171 readiness programs provided under s. 411.01, held by an early  
172 learning coalition or the Department of Department of Children  
173 and Family Services Agency for Workforce Innovation, are  
174 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I  
175 of the State Constitution. For purposes of this section, records  
176 include assessment data, health data, records of teacher  
177 observations, and personal identifying information.

178 (3) School readiness records may be released to:

179 (g) Parties to an interagency agreement among early  
180 learning coalitions, local governmental agencies, providers of  
181 school readiness programs, state agencies, and the Department of  
182 Children and Family Services Agency for Workforce Innovation for  
183 the purpose of implementing the school readiness program.

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185 Agencies, organizations, or individuals that receive school  
186 readiness records in order to carry out their official functions



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187 must protect the data in a manner that does not permit the  
188 personal identification of a child enrolled in a school  
189 readiness program and his or her parents by persons other than  
190 those authorized to receive the records.

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

193 And the title is amended as follows:

194 Delete line 335

195 and insert:

196 409.946, 411.0101, 411.01013, 411.01014,