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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget (Wise) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (203410) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 14260 - 15081
5 and insert:

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

9 411.0101 Child care and early childhood resource and
10 referral.—

11 (1) As a part of the school readiness programs, the
12 Department of Children and Family Services ~~Agency for Workforce~~
13 ~~Innovation~~ shall establish a statewide child care resource and



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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
42 care, public and private child care programs, the Voluntary



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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.

71 (b) At the prevailing market rate for child care providers



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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~~
100 shall administer a statewide toll-free Warm-Line for the purpose



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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,
129 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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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
158 day. A program may be offered through an existing early



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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
187 must protect the data in a manner that does not permit the



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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,