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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Bradley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 27

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (1) of section 39.201, Florida Statutes, to read:

39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—

(1)

(h) An officer or employee of a law enforcement agency is not required to provide notice to the department of reasonable cause to suspect child abuse by an adult other than a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the



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14 child's welfare when the incident under investigation by the law
15 enforcement agency was reported to law enforcement by the
16 Central Abuse Hotline through the electronic transfer of the
17 report or call. The department's Central Abuse Hotline is not
18 required to electronically transfer calls and reports received
19 pursuant to paragraph (2) (b) to the county sheriff's office if
20 the matter was initially reported to the department by the
21 county sheriff's office or another law enforcement agency. This
22 paragraph applies only when the information related to the
23 alleged child abuse has been provided to the officer or employee
24 of a law enforcement agency or Central Abuse Hotline employee in
25 the course of carrying out his or her official duties.

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

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Between lines 2 and 3
30 insert:

31 amending s. 39.201, F.S.; limiting the duty of an
32 officer or employee of a law enforcement agency to
33 provide notice to the Department of Children and
34 Families of reasonable cause to suspect child abuse
35 under certain circumstances; limiting the duty of the
36 Central Abuse Hotline to electronically transfer
37 certain calls and reports to the county sheriff's
38 office under certain circumstances; providing
39 applicability;