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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 23 and 24, insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) "Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions. The term includes systematically and chronically subjecting a child to an act listed in s. 1006.147(3) (a) when doing so causes or is likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be

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17 significantly impaired. Corporal discipline of a child by a  
18 parent or legal custodian for disciplinary purposes does not in  
19 itself constitute abuse when it does not result in harm to the  
20 child.

21 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
22 39.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23 39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or  
24 neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—

25 (1)(a) Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to  
26 suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected ~~by a~~  
27 ~~parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible~~  
28 ~~for the child's welfare, as defined in this chapter, or that a~~  
29 ~~child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent,~~  
30 ~~legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known~~  
31 ~~and available to provide supervision and care shall report such~~  
32 knowledge or suspicion to the department in the manner  
33 prescribed in subsection (2).

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36 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

37 Remove lines 2-3 and insert:

38 An act relating to child abuse; amending s. 39.01,  
39 F.S.; including bullying behaviors within the  
40 definition of "child abuse" when doing so causes or is  
41 likely to cause the child's physical, mental, or  
42 emotional health to be significantly impaired;  
43 amending s. 39.201, F.S.; revising provisions relating

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44 to mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or  
45 neglect; amending s. 1006.147, F.S.; revising