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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Care Appropriations  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Santiago offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
8 383.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 383.311 Education and orientation for birth center clients  
10 and their families.—

11 (2) The clients shall be prepared for childbirth and  
12 childbearing by education in:

13 (f) The care of the newborn to include safe sleep  
14 practices and the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant  
15 Death.

16 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section  
17 383.318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and  
19 infants.—

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20 (3) Postpartum evaluation and followup care shall be  
21 provided, which shall include:

22 (e) Instruction in child care, including immunization, ~~and~~  
23 breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and possible causes of  
24 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.

25 Section 3. Section 383.3362, Florida Statutes, is amended  
26 to read:

27 383.3362 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death ~~Syndrome.~~-

28 (1) FINDINGS AND INTENT.-The Legislature recognizes that  
29 more than 4,500 infants in the United States die suddenly and  
30 unexpectedly of no immediate or obvious cause. According to  
31 statistics from the Department of Health, more than 200 infants  
32 in this state experienced Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in 2010  
33 ~~sudden Infant death Syndrome, or SIDS, is a leading cause of~~  
34 ~~death among children under the age of 1 year, both nationally~~  
35 ~~and in this state.~~ The Legislature further recognizes that first  
36 responders to emergency calls relating to such a death need  
37 access to special training to better enable them to recognize  
38 that such deaths may result from natural and accidental causes  
39 or may be caused ~~distinguish SIDS from death caused by criminal~~  
40 acts and to appropriately interact with the deceased infant's  
41 parents or caretakers. At the same time, the Legislature,  
42 recognizing that the primary focus of first responders is to  
43 carry out their assigned duties, intends to increase ~~the~~  
44 awareness of the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant  
45 Death ~~SIDS by first responders,~~ but in no way expand or take  
46 away from their duties. Further, the Legislature recognizes the  
47 importance of a multidisciplinary investigation and standardized

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48 investigative protocols in cases of Sudden Unexpected Infant  
49 Death standard protocol for review of SIDS deaths by medical  
50 examiners and the importance of appropriate followup in cases of  
51 certified or suspected SIDS deaths. Finally, the Legislature  
52 finds that it is desirable to analyze existing data, and to  
53 conduct further research on the possible causes of Sudden  
54 Unexpected Infant Death SIDS and on how to reduce its incidence  
55 lower the number of sudden infant deaths.

56 (2) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "Sudden  
57 Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome," or "SUID," "SIDS," means the  
58 sudden unexpected death of an infant under 1 year of age while  
59 in apparent good health whose death may have been a result of  
60 natural or unnatural causes which remains unexplained after a  
61 complete autopsy, death-scene investigation, and review of the  
62 case history. The term includes only those deaths for which,  
63 currently, there is no known cause or cure.

64 (3) TRAINING.—

65 (a) The Legislature finds that an emergency medical  
66 technician, a paramedic, a firefighter, or a law enforcement  
67 officer is likely to be the first responder to a request for  
68 assistance which is made immediately after the sudden unexpected  
69 death of an infant. The Legislature further finds that these  
70 first responders should be trained in appropriate responses to  
71 sudden infant death.

72 (b) ~~After January 1, 1995,~~ The basic training programs  
73 required for certification as an emergency medical technician, a  
74 paramedic, a firefighter, or a law enforcement officer as  
75 defined in s. 943.10, other than a correctional officer or a

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76 correctional probation officer, must include curriculum that  
77 contains instruction on SUID ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~.

78 (c) The Department of Health, in consultation with the  
79 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, the Firefighters  
80 Employment, Standards, and Training Council, the child  
81 protection teams established in the Division of Children's  
82 Medical Services, and the Criminal Justice Standards and  
83 Training Commission, shall develop and adopt, by rule,  
84 curriculum that is as part of the Centers for Disease Control  
85 SUID Initiative which must ~~that, at a minimum, includes training~~  
86 ~~in the nature of SIDS, standard procedures to be followed by law~~  
87 ~~enforcement agencies in investigating cases involving sudden~~  
88 ~~deaths of infants, and training in responding appropriately to~~  
89 ~~the parents or caretakers who have requested assistance.~~

90 (4) AUTOPSIES.—

91 (a) The death of any infant younger than 1 year of age who  
92 dies suddenly and unexpectedly while in apparent good health  
93 falls under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner as provided  
94 in s. 406.11 ~~The medical examiner must perform an autopsy upon~~  
95 ~~any infant under the age of 1 year who is suspected to have died~~  
96 ~~of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. If an autopsy is performed, it~~  
97 ~~The autopsy must be performed within 48~~ 24 hours after the death  
98 or as soon thereafter as is feasible. ~~When the medical~~  
99 ~~examiner's findings are consistent with the definition of sudden~~  
100 ~~infant death syndrome in subsection (2), the medical examiner~~  
101 ~~must state on the death certificate that sudden infant death~~  
102 ~~syndrome was the cause of death.~~

103 (b) The Medical Examiners Commission shall provide for the

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104 development and implementation of ~~develop and implement~~ a  
105 protocol for the medicolegal investigation of SUID ~~dealing with~~  
106 ~~suspected sudden infant death syndrome. The protocol must be~~  
107 ~~followed by all medical examiners when conducting the autopsies~~  
108 ~~required under this subsection.~~ The protocol may include  
109 requirements and standards for scene investigations,  
110 requirements for specific data, criteria for any specific tissue  
111 sampling, and any other requirements that are deemed  
112 ~~ascertaining cause of death based on the autopsy, criteria for~~  
113 ~~any specific tissue sampling, and any other requirements that~~  
114 ~~the commission considers necessary.~~

115 (c) A medical examiner is not liable for damages in a  
116 civil action for any act or omission done in compliance with  
117 this subsection.

118 ~~(d) An autopsy must be performed under the authority of a~~  
119 ~~medical examiner under s. 406.11.~~

120 (5) DEPARTMENT DUTIES RELATING TO SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT  
121 DEATH (SUID) ~~SYNDROME (SIDS).~~—The Department of Health, in  
122 consultation with the child protection teams established in the  
123 Division of Children's Medical Services, shall:

124 (a) Collaborate with other agencies in the development and  
125 presentation of the SUID ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)~~  
126 training programs for first responders, including those for  
127 emergency medical technicians and paramedics, firefighters, and  
128 law enforcement officers.

129 (b) Maintain a database of statistics on reported SUID  
130 ~~SIDS~~ deaths, and analyze the data as funds allow.

131 (c) Serve as liaison and closely coordinate activities

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132 with the Florida SIDS Alliance, ~~including the services related~~  
133 ~~to the SIDS hotline.~~

134 (d) Maintain a library reference list and materials about  
135 SUID ~~SIDS~~ for public dissemination.

136 (e) Provide professional support to field staff.

137 (f) Coordinate the activities of and promote a link  
138 between the fetal and infant mortality review committees of the  
139 local healthy start coalitions, the Florida ~~local~~ SIDS Alliance,  
140 and other related support groups.

141 Section 4. Section 395.1053, Florida Statutes, is created  
142 to read:

143 395.1053 Postpartum education.—A hospital that provides  
144 birthing services shall incorporate information on safe sleep  
145 practices and the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant  
146 Death into the hospital's postpartum instruction on the care of  
147 newborns.

148 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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

152 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

153 A bill to be entitled

154 An act relating to infant death; amending s. 383.311,  
155 F.S.; revising the education and orientation  
156 requirements for birth centers and their families to  
157 incorporate safe sleep practices and causes of Sudden  
158 Unexpected Infant Death; amending s. 383.318, F.S.;  
159 revising the postpartum care for birth center clients

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160 and infants to incorporate instruction on safe sleep  
161 practices and causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant  
162 Death; amending s. 383.3362, F.S.; revising  
163 legislative findings and intent with respect to the  
164 sudden unexpected death of an infant under a specified  
165 age; defining the term "Sudden Unexpected Infant  
166 Death"; revising provisions relating to training  
167 requirements for first responders; revising  
168 requirements relating to autopsies performed by  
169 medical examiners; requiring the Medical Examiners  
170 Commission to provide for the development and  
171 implementation of a protocol for the medicolegal  
172 investigation of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death;  
173 creating s. 395.1053, F.S.; requiring a hospital that  
174 provides birthing services to incorporate information  
175 on safe sleep practices and the possible causes of  
176 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death into the hospital's  
177 postpartum instruction on the care of newborns;  
178 providing an effective date.