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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WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)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 Quality
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Santiago offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 383.3362, Florida Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 383.3362 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death ~~Syndrome~~.—

10 (1) FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes that
11 more than 4,500 infants in the United States die suddenly and
12 unexpectedly of no immediate or obvious cause. According to
13 statistics from the Department of Health, more than 200 infants
14 in this state experienced Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in 2010
15 ~~sudden Infant death Syndrome, or SIDS, is a leading cause of~~
16 ~~death among children under the age of 1 year, both nationally~~
17 ~~and in this state.~~ The Legislature further recognizes that first
18 responders to emergency calls relating to such a death need
19 access to special training to better enable them to recognize

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20 that such deaths may result from natural and accidental causes
21 or may be caused ~~distinguish SIDS from death caused by criminal~~
22 acts and to appropriately interact with the deceased infant's
23 parents or caretakers. At the same time, the Legislature,
24 recognizing that the primary focus of first responders is to
25 carry out their assigned duties, intends to increase ~~the~~
26 awareness of the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant
27 Death ~~SIDS by first responders~~, but in no way expand or take
28 away from their duties. Further, the Legislature recognizes the
29 importance of a multidisciplinary investigation and standardized
30 investigative protocols in cases of Sudden Unexpected Infant
31 Death ~~standard protocol for review of SIDS deaths by medical~~
32 ~~examiners and the importance of appropriate followup in cases of~~
33 ~~certified or suspected SIDS deaths~~. Finally, the Legislature
34 finds that it is desirable to analyze existing data, and ~~to~~
35 conduct further research on, the possible causes of Sudden
36 Unexpected Infant Death ~~SIDS~~ and on how to reduce its incidence
37 ~~lower the number of sudden infant deaths~~.

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

46 (3) TRAINING.—

47 (a) The Legislature finds that an emergency medical

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48 technician, a paramedic, a firefighter, or a law enforcement
49 officer is likely to be the first responder to a request for
50 assistance which is made immediately after the sudden unexpected
51 death of an infant. The Legislature further finds that these
52 first responders should be trained in appropriate responses to
53 sudden infant death.

54 (b) ~~After January 1, 1995,~~ The basic training programs
55 required for certification as an emergency medical technician, a
56 paramedic, a firefighter, or a law enforcement officer as
57 defined in s. 943.10, other than a correctional officer or a
58 correctional probation officer, must include curriculum that
59 contains instruction on SUID ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~.

60 (c) The Department of Health, in consultation with the
61 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, the Firefighters
62 Employment, Standards, and Training Council, the child
63 protection teams established in Children's Medical Services
64 program, and the Criminal Justice Standards and Training
65 Commission, shall develop and adopt, by rule, curriculum that,
66 at a minimum, includes training in the nature of SUID ~~SIDS~~,
67 standard procedures to be followed by law enforcement agencies
68 in investigating cases involving sudden deaths of infants, and
69 training in responding appropriately to the parents or
70 caretakers who have requested assistance.

71 (4) AUTOPSIES.—

72 (a) The death of any infant younger than 1 year of age who
73 dies suddenly and unexpectedly while in apparent good health
74 falls under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner as provided
75 in s. 406.11. ~~The medical examiner must perform an autopsy upon~~

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76 ~~any infant under the age of 1 year who is suspected to have died~~
77 ~~of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The autopsy must be performed~~
78 ~~within 24 hours after the death, or as soon thereafter as is~~
79 ~~feasible. When the medical examiner's findings are consistent~~
80 ~~with the definition of sudden infant death syndrome in~~
81 ~~subsection (2), the medical examiner must state on the death~~
82 ~~certificate that sudden infant death syndrome was the cause of~~
83 ~~death.~~

84 (b) The Medical Examiners Commission shall provide for the
85 development and implementation of develop and implement a
86 protocol for the medicolegal investigation of SUID dealing with
87 ~~suspected sudden infant death syndrome. The protocol must be~~
88 ~~followed by all medical examiners when conducting the autopsies~~
89 ~~required under this subsection. The protocol may include~~
90 ~~requirements and standards for scene investigations,~~
91 ~~requirements for specific data, criteria for any specific tissue~~
92 ~~sampling, and any other requirements that are deemed~~
93 ~~ascertaining cause of death based on the autopsy, criteria for~~
94 ~~any specific tissue sampling, and any other requirements that~~
95 ~~the commission considers necessary.~~

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

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

101 (5) DEPARTMENT DUTIES RELATING TO SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT
102 DEATH (SUID) SYNDROME (SIDS).—The Department of Health, in
103 consultation with the child protection teams established in the

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104 Children's Medical Services program, shall:

105 (a) Collaborate with other agencies in the development and
106 presentation of the SUID ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)~~
107 training programs for first responders, including those for
108 emergency medical technicians and paramedics, firefighters, and
109 law enforcement officers.

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

112 (c) Serve as liaison and closely coordinate activities
113 with the Florida SIDS Alliance, ~~including the services related~~
114 ~~to the SIDS hotline.~~

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

117 (e) Provide professional support to field staff.

118 (f) Coordinate the activities of and promote a link
119 between the fetal and infant mortality review committees of the
120 local healthy start coalitions, the Florida ~~local~~ SIDS Alliance,
121 and other related support groups.

122 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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

126 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

127 A bill to be entitled

128 An act relating to infant death; amending s. 383.3362,

129 F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent with

130 respect to the sudden unexpected death of an infant

131 under a specified age; defining the term "Sudden

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132 Unexpected Infant Death" (SUID); revising provisions
133 relating to training requirements for first
134 responders; revising requirements relating to
135 autopsies performed by medical examiners; requiring
136 the Medical Examiners Commission to provide for the
137 development and implementation of a protocol for the
138 medicolegal investigation of SUID; providing an
139 effective date.