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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Santiago offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

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

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

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

383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and

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17 infants.—

18 (3) Postpartum evaluation and followup care shall be
19 provided, which shall include:

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

23 Section 3. Section 383.3362, Florida Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 383.3362 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death ~~Syndrome.~~—

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

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

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

62 (3) TRAINING.—

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

70 (b) ~~After January 1, 1995,~~ The basic training programs
71 required for certification as an emergency medical technician, a
72 paramedic, a firefighter, or a law enforcement officer as

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73 defined in s. 943.10, other than a correctional officer or a
74 correctional probation officer, must include curriculum that
75 contains instruction on SUID ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~.

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

89 (4) AUTOPSIES.—

90 (a) The death of any infant younger than 1 year of age who
91 dies suddenly and unexpectedly while in apparent good health
92 falls under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner as provided
93 in s. 406.11 ~~The medical examiner must perform an autopsy upon~~
94 ~~any infant under the age of 1 year who is suspected to have died~~
95 ~~of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~. The autopsy must be performed
96 within 72 ~~24~~ hours after the death, or as soon thereafter as is
97 feasible. ~~When the medical examiner's findings are consistent~~
98 ~~with the definition of sudden infant death syndrome in~~
99 ~~subsection (2), the medical examiner must state on the death~~
100 ~~certificate that sudden infant death syndrome was the cause of~~

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101 ~~death.~~

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

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

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

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

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

128 (b) Maintain a database of statistics on reported SUID

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129 ~~SIDS~~ deaths, and analyze the data as funds allow.

130 (c) Serve as liaison and closely coordinate activities
131 with the Florida SIDS Alliance, ~~including the services related~~
132 ~~to the SIDS hotline.~~

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

135 (e) Provide professional support to field staff.

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

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

142 395.1053 Postpartum education.—A hospital that provides
143 birthing services shall incorporate information on safe sleep
144 practices and the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant
145 Death into the hospital's postpartum instruction on the care of
146 newborns.

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

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

151 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

152 A bill to be entitled

153 An act relating to infant death; amending s. 383.311,

154 F.S.; revising the education and orientation

155 requirements for birth centers and their families to

156 incorporate safe sleep practices and causes of Sudden

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157 Unexpected Infant Death; amending s. 383.318, F.S.;

158 revising the postpartum care for birth center clients

159 and infants to incorporate instruction on safe sleep

160 practices and causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant

161 Death; amending s. 383.3362, F.S.; revising

162 legislative findings and intent with respect to the

163 sudden unexpected death of an infant under a specified

164 age; defining the term "Sudden Unexpected Infant

165 Death"; revising provisions relating to training

166 requirements for first responders; revising

167 requirements relating to autopsies performed by

168 medical examiners; requiring the Medical Examiners

169 Commission to provide for the development and

170 implementation of a protocol for the forensic

171 investigation of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death;

172 creating s. 395.1053, F.S.; requiring a hospital that

173 provides birthing services to incorporate information

174 on safe sleep practices and the possible causes of

175 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death into the hospital's

176 postpartum instruction on the care of newborns;

177 providing an effective date.