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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the regulation of summer camps;
3 creating s. 402.3053, F.S.; defining terms; requiring
4 summer camp personnel and volunteers to display an
5 identification badge issued by the Department of
6 Children and Families; requiring background screening
7 of summer camp personnel and volunteers; providing
8 duties of the department; requiring the department to
9 establish a fee for an identification badge that may
10 be charged by a summer camp; providing an effective
11 date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 402.3053, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 402.3053 Regulation of summer camps.-

18 (1) As used in this section, the term:

19 (a) "Operator" means an onsite person ultimately
20 responsible for the overall operation of a summer day camp or
21 summer 24-hour camp, regardless of whether the operator is the
22 owner or administrator of the camp.

23 (b) "Personnel" means the owners, operators, employees, and
24 volunteers working in a summer day camp or summer 24-hour camp
25 who may be employed by or perform volunteer work for a person,
26 corporation, or agency that operates a summer day camp or summer
27 24-hour camp.

28 (c) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background
29 of personnel and includes, but is not limited to, employment

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30 history checks as provided in chapter 435 using the level 2
31 standards for screening provided in that chapter.

32 (d) "Summer camp" includes:

33 1. "Summer day camp," which means recreational,
34 educational, and other enrichment programs operated during
35 summer vacations for children who are 5 years of age or older on
36 or before September 1.

37 2. "Summer 24-hour camp," which means recreational,
38 educational, and other enrichment programs that are not
39 exclusively educational and that are operated on a 24-hour basis
40 during summer vacation for children who are 5 years of age or
41 older on or before September 1.

42 (2) (a) The department shall create a uniform, statewide
43 identification badge to be worn by summer camp personnel
44 signifying that the person has met the level 2 screening
45 requirements of chapter 435. The department shall issue the
46 identification badge, which must bear a photograph of the
47 person. An identification badge shall be issued if the person:

48 1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a
49 permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by
50 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

51 2. Meets the level 2 background screening requirements
52 under chapter 435.

53 (b) The identification badge must be visible at all times
54 that the employee or volunteer is on summer camp grounds.

55 (c) The identification badge shall be valid for 5 years or
56 until the person terminates employment or is terminated or until
57 the volunteer ceases working at the summer camp. Within 48 hours
58 after termination or ceasing to volunteer, the person shall

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59 return the identification badge to the operator of the summer
60 camp.

61 (d) The department shall determine a uniform cost that a
62 summer camp may charge for the identification badge, which shall
63 be borne by the recipient of the badge.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.