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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Harrell offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (909994) (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 5-1215 of the amendment and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 39.013, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 39.013 Procedures and jurisdiction; right to counsel.—

8 (2) The circuit court has exclusive original jurisdiction  
9 of all proceedings under this chapter, of a child voluntarily  
10 placed with a licensed child-caring agency, a licensed child-  
11 placing agency, or the department, and of the adoption of  
12 children whose parental rights have been terminated under this  
13 chapter. Jurisdiction attaches when the initial shelter  
14 petition, dependency petition, or termination of parental rights

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15 petition, or a petition for an injunction to prevent child abuse  
16 issued pursuant to s. 39.504, is filed or when a child is taken  
17 into the custody of the department. The circuit court may assume  
18 jurisdiction over any such proceeding regardless of whether the  
19 child was in the physical custody of both parents, was in the  
20 sole legal or physical custody of only one parent, caregiver, or  
21 some other person, or was not in the physical or legal custody  
22 of any person when the event or condition occurred that brought  
23 the child to the attention of the court. When the court obtains  
24 jurisdiction of any child who has been found to be dependent,  
25 the court shall retain jurisdiction, unless relinquished by its  
26 order, until the child reaches 21 years of age, or 22 years of  
27 age if the child has a disability, with the following  
28 exceptions:

29 (a) If a young adult chooses to leave foster care upon  
30 reaching 18 years of age.

31 (b) If a young adult does not meet the eligibility  
32 requirements to remain in foster care under s. 39.6251 or  
33 chooses to leave care under that section.

34 (c) If a young adult petitions the court at any time  
35 before his or her 19th birthday requesting the court's continued  
36 jurisdiction, the juvenile court may retain jurisdiction under  
37 this chapter for a period not to exceed 1 year following the  
38 young adult's 18th birthday for the purpose of determining  
39 whether appropriate services that were required to be provided  
40 to the young adult before reaching 18 years of age have been

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41 provided.

42 (d) If a petition for special immigrant juvenile status  
43 and an application for adjustment of status have been filed on  
44 behalf of a foster child and the petition and application have  
45 not been granted by the time the child reaches 18 years of age,  
46 the court may retain jurisdiction over the dependency case  
47 solely for the purpose of allowing the continued consideration  
48 of the petition and application by federal authorities. Review  
49 hearings for the child shall be set solely for the purpose of  
50 determining the status of the petition and application. The  
51 court's jurisdiction terminates upon the final decision of the  
52 federal authorities. Retention of jurisdiction in this instance  
53 does not affect the services available to a young adult under s.  
54 409.1451. The court may not retain jurisdiction of the case  
55 after the immigrant child's 22nd birthday.

56 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 39.2015, Florida  
57 Statutes, is amended to read:

58 39.2015 Critical incident rapid response team.—

59 (11) The secretary shall appoint an advisory committee  
60 made up of experts in child protection and child welfare,  
61 including the Statewide Medical Director for Child Protection  
62 under the Department of Health, a representative from the  
63 institute established pursuant to s. 1004.615, an expert in  
64 organizational management, and an attorney with experience in  
65 child welfare, to conduct an independent review of investigative  
66 reports from the critical incident rapid response teams and to

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67 make recommendations to improve policies and practices related  
68 to child protection and child welfare services. The advisory  
69 committee shall meet at least once each quarter and shall submit  
70 quarterly reports to the secretary. The quarterly reports shall  
71 ~~which~~ include findings and recommendations and shall describe  
72 the implementation status of all recommendations contained  
73 within the advisory committee reports, including an entity's  
74 reason for not implementing a recommendation, if applicable. The  
75 secretary shall submit each report to the Governor, the  
76 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
77 Representatives.

78 Section 3. Paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (8) of  
79 section 39.402, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

80 39.402 Placement in a shelter.—

81 (8)

82 (f) At the shelter hearing, the department shall inform  
83 the court of:

84 1. Any identified current or previous case plans  
85 negotiated under this chapter in any judicial circuit district  
86 with the parents or caregivers ~~under this chapter~~ and problems  
87 associated with compliance;

88 2. Any adjudication of the parents or caregivers of  
89 delinquency;

90 3. Any past or current injunction for protection from  
91 domestic violence or an order of no contact; and

92 4. All of the child's places of residence during the prior

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93 12 months.

94 (h) The order for placement of a child in shelter care  
95 must identify the parties present at the hearing and must  
96 contain written findings:

97 1. That placement in shelter care is necessary based on  
98 the criteria in subsections (1) and (2).

99 2. That placement in shelter care is in the best interest  
100 of the child.

101 3. That continuation of the child in the home is contrary  
102 to the welfare of the child because the home situation presents  
103 a substantial and immediate danger to the child's physical,  
104 mental, or emotional health or safety which cannot be mitigated  
105 by the provision of safety management ~~preventive~~ services.

106 4. That based upon the allegations of the petition for  
107 placement in shelter care, there is probable cause to believe  
108 that the child is dependent or that the court needs additional  
109 time, which may not exceed 72 hours, in which to obtain and  
110 review documents pertaining to the family in order to  
111 appropriately determine whether placement in shelter care is  
112 necessary to ensure the child's safety ~~the risk to the child~~.

113 5. That the department has made reasonable efforts to  
114 prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the  
115 home. A finding of reasonable effort by the department to  
116 prevent or eliminate the need for removal may be made and the  
117 department is deemed to have made reasonable efforts to prevent  
118 or eliminate the need for removal if:

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119 a. The first contact of the department with the family  
120 occurs during an emergency;

121 b. The appraisal of the home situation by the department  
122 indicates that the home situation presents a substantial and  
123 immediate danger to the child's physical, mental, or emotional  
124 health or safety which cannot be mitigated by the provision of  
125 safety management preventive services, including issuance of an  
126 injunction against a perpetrator of domestic violence pursuant  
127 to s. 39.504;

128 c. The child cannot safely remain at home, either because  
129 there are no safety management preventive services, under s.  
130 409.988(3)(b), that can ensure the health and safety of the  
131 child or because, even with appropriate and available services  
132 being provided, the health and safety of the child cannot be  
133 ensured; or

134 d. The parent or legal custodian is alleged to have  
135 committed any of the acts listed as grounds for expedited  
136 termination of parental rights in s. 39.806(1)(f)-(i).

137 6. That the department has made reasonable efforts to keep  
138 siblings together if they are removed and placed in out-of-home  
139 care unless such placement is not in the best interest of each  
140 child. It is preferred that siblings be kept together in a  
141 foster home, if available. Other reasonable efforts shall  
142 include short-term placement in a group home with the ability to  
143 accommodate sibling groups if such a placement is available. The  
144 department shall report to the court its efforts to place

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145 siblings together unless the court finds that such placement is  
146 not in the best interest of a child or his or her sibling.

147 7. That the court notified the parents, relatives that are  
148 providing out-of-home care for the child, or legal custodians of  
149 the time, date, and location of the next dependency hearing and  
150 of the importance of the active participation of the parents,  
151 relatives that are providing out-of-home care for the child, or  
152 legal custodians in all proceedings and hearings.

153 8. That the court notified the parents or legal custodians  
154 of their right to counsel to represent them at the shelter  
155 hearing and at each subsequent hearing or proceeding, and the  
156 right of the parents to appointed counsel, pursuant to the  
157 procedures set forth in s. 39.013.

158 9. That the court notified relatives who are providing  
159 out-of-home care for a child as a result of the shelter petition  
160 being granted that they have the right to attend all subsequent  
161 hearings, to submit reports to the court, and to speak to the  
162 court regarding the child, if they so desire.

163 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
164 39.5085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

165 39.5085 Relative Caregiver Program.—

166 (2) (a) The Department of Children and Families shall  
167 establish, ~~and operate,~~ and implement the Relative Caregiver  
168 Program ~~pursuant to eligibility guidelines established in this~~  
169 ~~section as further implemented~~ by rule of the department. The  
170 Relative Caregiver Program shall, within the limits of available

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171 funding, provide financial assistance to:

172 1. Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood or  
173 marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are  
174 caring full-time for that dependent child in the role of  
175 substitute parent as a result of a court's determination of  
176 child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and subsequent placement  
177 with the relative under this chapter.

178 2. Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood or  
179 marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are  
180 caring full-time for that dependent child, and a dependent half-  
181 brother or half-sister of that dependent child, in the role of  
182 substitute parent as a result of a court's determination of  
183 child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and subsequent placement  
184 with the relative under this chapter.

185 3. Nonrelatives who are willing to assume custody and care  
186 of a dependent child in the role of substitute parent as a  
187 result of a court's determination of child abuse, neglect, or  
188 abandonment and subsequent placement with the nonrelative  
189 caregiver under this chapter. The court must find that a  
190 proposed placement under this subparagraph is in the best  
191 interest of the child.

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193 The relative or nonrelative caregiver may not receive a Relative  
194 Caregiver Program payment if the parent or stepparent of the  
195 child resides in the home. However, a relative or nonrelative  
196 may receive the payment for a minor parent who is in his or her

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197 care and for the minor parent's child, if both the minor parent  
198 and the child have been adjudicated dependent and meet all other  
199 eligibility requirements. If the caregiver is currently  
200 receiving the payment, the payment must be terminated no later  
201 than the first day of the following month after the parent or  
202 stepparent moves into the home. Before the payment is  
203 terminated, the caregiver must be given 10 days' notice of  
204 adverse action. The placement may be court-ordered temporary  
205 legal custody to the relative or nonrelative under protective  
206 supervision of the department pursuant to s. 39.521(1)(c)3.  
207 ~~39.521(1)(b)3.~~, or court-ordered placement in the home of a  
208 relative or nonrelative as a permanency option under s. 39.6221  
209 or s. 39.6231 or under former s. 39.622 if the placement was  
210 made before July 1, 2006. The Relative Caregiver Program shall  
211 offer financial assistance to caregivers who would be unable to  
212 serve in that capacity without the caregiver payment because of  
213 financial burden, thus exposing the child to the trauma of  
214 placement in a shelter or in foster care.

215 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
216 39.521, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (b) through (f)  
217 are redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively,  
218 and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to read:

219 39.521 Disposition hearings; powers of disposition.—

220 (1) A disposition hearing shall be conducted by the court,  
221 if the court finds that the facts alleged in the petition for  
222 dependency were proven in the adjudicatory hearing, or if the

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223 parents or legal custodians have consented to the finding of  
224 dependency or admitted the allegations in the petition, have  
225 failed to appear for the arraignment hearing after proper  
226 notice, or have not been located despite a diligent search  
227 having been conducted.

228 (a) A written case plan and a predisposition study  
229 prepared by an authorized agent of the department must be  
230 approved by the court. The department must file the case plan  
231 and predisposition study filed with the court, ~~serve them~~ served  
232 upon the parents of the child, and provide them ~~provided~~ to the  
233 representative of the guardian ad litem program, if the program  
234 has been appointed, and ~~provided~~ to all other parties:

235 1. Not less than 72 hours before the disposition hearing, ~~if~~  
236 if the disposition hearing occurs on or after 60 days after the  
237 child was placed in out-of-home care ~~All such case plans must be~~  
238 ~~approved by the court.~~

239 2. Not less than 72 hours before the case plan acceptance  
240 hearing, if the disposition hearing occurs prior to 60 days  
241 after the child was placed in out-of-home care and a case plan  
242 was not submitted pursuant to this paragraph or ~~If~~ the court  
243 does not approve the case plan at the disposition hearing. The  
244 case plan acceptance hearing must occur within 30 days after the  
245 disposition hearing, the court must set a hearing within 30 days  
246 after the disposition hearing to review and approve the case  
247 plan.

248 (b) The court may grant an exception to the requirement

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249 for a predisposition study by separate order or within the  
250 judge's order of disposition upon finding that all the family  
251 and child information required by subsection (2) is available in  
252 other documents filed with the court.

253 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 39.522, Florida  
254 Statutes, is amended to read:

255 39.522 Postdisposition change of custody.—The court may  
256 change the temporary legal custody or the conditions of  
257 protective supervision at a postdisposition hearing, without the  
258 necessity of another adjudicatory hearing.

259 (2) In cases where the issue before the court is whether a  
260 child should be reunited with a parent, the court shall  
261 determine whether the circumstances that caused the out-of-home  
262 placement and issues subsequently identified have been remedied  
263 ~~parent has substantially complied with the terms of the case~~  
264 ~~plan~~ to the extent that the return of the child to the home with  
265 an in-home safety plan will not be detrimental to the child's  
266 safety, well-being, and physical, mental, and emotional health  
267 ~~of the child is not endangered by the return of the child to the~~  
268 ~~home.~~

269 Section 7. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
270 section 39.6011, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
271 paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is  
272 added to that subsection, to read:

273 39.6011 Case plan development.—

274 (1) The department shall prepare a draft of the case plan

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275 for each child receiving services under this chapter. A parent  
276 of a child may not be threatened or coerced with the loss of  
277 custody or parental rights for failing to admit in the case plan  
278 of abusing, neglecting, or abandoning a child. Participating in  
279 the development of a case plan is not an admission to any  
280 allegation of abuse, abandonment, or neglect, and it is not a  
281 consent to a finding of dependency or termination of parental  
282 rights. The case plan shall be developed subject to the  
283 following requirements:

284 (b) If the child has attained 14 years of age or is  
285 otherwise of an appropriate age and capacity, the child must:

286 1. Be consulted on the development of the case plan; have  
287 the opportunity to attend a face-to-face conference, if  
288 appropriate; express a placement preference; and have the option  
289 to choose two members of the case planning team who are not a  
290 foster parent or caseworker for the child.

291 a. An individual selected by a child to be a member of the  
292 case planning team may be rejected at any time if there is good  
293 cause to believe that the individual would not act in the best  
294 interest of the child. One individual selected by a child to be  
295 a member of the child's case planning team may be designated to  
296 be the child's advisor and, as necessary, advocate, with respect  
297 to the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard  
298 to the child.

299 b. Notwithstanding s. 39.202, the department may discuss  
300 confidential information during the case planning conference in

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301 the presence of individuals chosen by the child to participate  
302 in the conference. All individuals who participate in the  
303 conference shall maintain the confidentiality of any and all  
304 information shared during the case planning conference.

305 c. The child may not be included in any aspect of the case  
306 planning process when information will be revealed or discussed  
307 that is of a nature that would best be presented to the child in  
308 a more therapeutic setting.

309 2. Sign the case plan, unless there is reason to waive the  
310 child's signature.

311 3. Receive an explanation of the provisions of the case  
312 plan from the department.

313 4. Be provided a copy of the case plan after the case plan  
314 has been agreed upon and signed and within 72 hours before the  
315 disposition hearing after jurisdiction attaches and the plan has  
316 been filed with the court.

317 Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 39.6035, Florida  
318 Statutes, is amended to read:

319 39.6035 Transition plan.—

320 ~~(4) If a child is planning to leave care upon reaching 18~~  
321 ~~years of age, The transition plan must be approved by the court~~  
322 ~~before the child's 18th birthday and must be attached to the~~  
323 ~~case plan and updated before each judicial review ~~child leaves~~~~  
324 ~~care and the court terminates jurisdiction.~~

325 Section 9. Subsections (2) through (11) of section 39.621,  
326 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through

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327 (12), respectively, present subsection (2) is amended, and a new  
328 subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

329 39.621 Permanency determination by the court.—

330 (2) The permanency goal of maintaining and strengthening  
331 the placement with a parent may be used in the following  
332 circumstances:

333 (a) If a child has not been removed from a parent, even if  
334 adjudication of dependency is withheld, the court may leave the  
335 child in the current placement with maintaining and  
336 strengthening the placement as a permanency option.

337 (b) If a child has been removed from a parent and is  
338 placed with the parent from whom the child was not removed, the  
339 court may leave the child in the placement with the parent from  
340 whom the child was not removed with maintaining and  
341 strengthening the placement as a permanency option.

342 (c) If a child has been removed from a parent and is  
343 subsequently reunified with that parent, the court may leave the  
344 child with that parent with maintaining and strengthening the  
345 placement as a permanency option.

346 (3)~~(2)~~ Except as provided in subsection (2), the  
347 permanency goals available under this chapter, listed in order  
348 of preference, are:

349 (a) Reunification;

350 (b) Adoption, if a petition for termination of parental  
351 rights has been or will be filed;

352 (c) Permanent guardianship of a dependent child under s.

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353 39.6221;

354 (d) Permanent placement with a fit and willing relative  
355 under s. 39.6231; or

356 (e) Placement in another planned permanent living  
357 arrangement under s. 39.6241.

358 Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (2) of  
359 section 39.701, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

360 39.701 Judicial review.—

361 (2) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF  
362 AGE.—

363 (a) Social study report for judicial review.—Before every  
364 judicial review hearing or citizen review panel hearing, the  
365 social service agency shall make an investigation and social  
366 study concerning all pertinent details relating to the child and  
367 shall furnish to the court or citizen review panel a written  
368 report that includes, but is not limited to:

369 1. A description of the type of placement the child is in  
370 at the time of the hearing, including the safety of the child,  
371 ~~and the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the~~  
372 placement, and that the placement is the least restrictive and  
373 family-like setting available that meets the needs of the child,  
374 or an explanation as to why the placement is not the least  
375 restrictive and family-like setting available that meets the  
376 needs of the child.

377 2. Documentation of the diligent efforts made by all  
378 parties to the case plan to comply with each applicable

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379 provision of the plan.

380 3. The amount of fees assessed and collected during the  
381 period of time being reported.

382 4. The services provided to the foster family or legal  
383 custodian in an effort to address the needs of the child as  
384 indicated in the case plan.

385 5. A statement that either:

386 a. The parent, though able to do so, did not comply  
387 substantially with the case plan, and the agency  
388 recommendations;

389 b. The parent did substantially comply with the case plan;  
390 or

391 c. The parent has partially complied with the case plan,  
392 with a summary of additional progress needed and the agency  
393 recommendations.

394 6. A statement concerning whether the circumstances that  
395 caused the out-of-home placement and issues subsequently  
396 identified have been remedied to the extent that the return of  
397 the child to the home with an in-home safety plan will not be  
398 detrimental to the child's safety, well-being, and physical,  
399 mental, and emotional health.

400 ~~7.6.~~ A statement from the foster parent or legal custodian  
401 providing any material evidence concerning the return of the  
402 child to the parent or parents.

403 ~~8.7.~~ A statement concerning the frequency, duration, and  
404 results of the parent-child visitation, if any, and the agency

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405 recommendations for an expansion or restriction of future  
406 visitation.

407 ~~9.8.~~ The number of times a child has been removed from his  
408 or her home and placed elsewhere, the number and types of  
409 placements that have occurred, and the reason for the changes in  
410 placement.

411 ~~10.9.~~ The number of times a child's educational placement  
412 has been changed, the number and types of educational placements  
413 which have occurred, and the reason for any change in placement.

414 ~~11.10.~~ If the child has reached 13 years of age but is not  
415 yet 18 years of age, a statement from the caregiver on the  
416 progress the child has made in acquiring independent living  
417 skills.

418 ~~12.11.~~ Copies of all medical, psychological, and  
419 educational records that support the terms of the case plan and  
420 that have been produced concerning the parents or any caregiver  
421 since the last judicial review hearing.

422 ~~13.12.~~ Copies of the child's current health, mental  
423 health, and education records as identified in s. 39.6012.

424 (d) Orders.-

425 1. Based upon the criteria ~~set forth~~ in paragraph (c) and  
426 the recommended order of the citizen review panel, if any, the  
427 court shall determine whether ~~or not~~ the social service agency  
428 shall initiate proceedings to have a child declared a dependent  
429 child, return the child to the parent, continue the child in  
430 out-of-home care for a specified period of time, or initiate

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431 termination of parental rights proceedings for subsequent  
432 placement in an adoptive home. Amendments to the case plan must  
433 be prepared as prescribed in s. 39.6013. If the court finds that  
434 remaining in the home with an in-home safety plan will not be  
435 detrimental to the child's safety, well-being, and physical,  
436 mental, and emotional health ~~the prevention or reunification~~  
437 ~~efforts of the department will allow the child to remain safely~~  
438 ~~at home or be safely returned to the home,~~ the court shall allow  
439 the child to remain in ~~or return to~~ the home after making a  
440 ~~specific finding of fact that the reasons for the creation of~~  
441 ~~the case plan have been remedied to the extent that the child's~~  
442 ~~safety, well-being, and physical, mental, and emotional health~~  
443 ~~will not be endangered.~~

444 2. The court shall return the child to the custody of the  
445 parents at any time it determines that the circumstances that  
446 caused the out-of-home placement and issues subsequently  
447 identified have been remedied to the extent that the return of  
448 the child to the home with an in-home safety plan ~~they have~~  
449 ~~substantially complied with the case plan, if the court is~~  
450 ~~satisfied that reunification~~ will not be detrimental to the  
451 child's safety, well-being, and physical, mental, and emotional  
452 health.

453 3. If, in the opinion of the court, the social service  
454 agency has not complied with its obligations as specified in the  
455 written case plan, the court may find the social service agency  
456 in contempt, shall order the social service agency to submit its

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457 plans for compliance with the agreement, and shall require the  
458 social service agency to show why the child could not safely be  
459 returned to the home of the parents.

460 4. If, at any judicial review, the court finds that the  
461 parents have failed to substantially comply with the case plan  
462 to the degree that further reunification efforts are without  
463 merit and not in the best interest of the child, on its own  
464 motion, the court may order the filing of a petition for  
465 termination of parental rights, whether or not the time period  
466 as contained in the case plan for substantial compliance has  
467 expired.

468 5. Within 6 months after the date that the child was  
469 placed in shelter care, the court shall conduct a judicial  
470 review hearing to review the child's permanency goal as  
471 identified in the case plan. At the hearing the court shall make  
472 findings regarding the likelihood of the child's reunification  
473 with the parent or legal custodian within 12 months after the  
474 removal of the child from the home. If the court makes a written  
475 finding that it is not likely that the child will be reunified  
476 with the parent or legal custodian within 12 months after the  
477 child was removed from the home, the department must file with  
478 the court, and serve on all parties, a motion to amend the case  
479 plan under s. 39.6013 and declare that it will use concurrent  
480 planning for the case plan. The department must file the motion  
481 within 10 business days after receiving the written finding of  
482 the court. The department must attach the proposed amended case

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483 plan to the motion. If concurrent planning is already being  
484 used, the case plan must document the efforts the department is  
485 taking to complete the concurrent goal.

486 6. The court may issue a protective order in assistance,  
487 or as a condition, of any other order made under this part. In  
488 addition to the requirements included in the case plan, the  
489 protective order may set forth requirements relating to  
490 reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified  
491 period of time by a person or agency who is before the court;  
492 and the order may require any person or agency to make periodic  
493 reports to the court containing such information as the court in  
494 its discretion may prescribe.

495 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
496 (b) of subsection (4) of section 125.901, Florida Statutes, are  
497 amended to read:

498 125.901 Children's services; independent special district;  
499 council; powers, duties, and functions; public records  
500 exemption.—

501 (1) Each county may by ordinance create an independent  
502 special district, as defined in ss. 189.012 and 200.001(8)(e),  
503 to provide funding for children's services throughout the county  
504 in accordance with this section. The boundaries of such district  
505 shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county. The  
506 county governing body shall obtain approval, by a majority vote  
507 of those electors voting on the question, to annually levy ad  
508 valorem taxes which shall not exceed the maximum millage rate

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509 authorized by this section. Any district created pursuant to the  
510 provisions of this subsection shall be required to levy and fix  
511 millage subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. Once such  
512 millage is approved by the electorate, the district shall not be  
513 required to seek approval of the electorate in future years to  
514 levy the previously approved millage.

515 (b) However, any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may  
516 instead have a governing body consisting of 33 members,  
517 including: the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's  
518 designee; two representatives of public postsecondary education  
519 institutions located in the county; the county manager or the  
520 equivalent county officer; the district administrator from the  
521 appropriate district of the Department of Children and Families,  
522 or the administrator's designee who is a member of the Senior  
523 Management Service or the Selected Exempt Service; the director  
524 of the county health department or the director's designee; the  
525 state attorney for the county or the state attorney's designee;  
526 the chief judge assigned to juvenile cases, or another juvenile  
527 judge who is the chief judge's designee and who shall sit as a  
528 voting member of the board, except that the judge may not vote  
529 or participate in setting ad valorem taxes under this section;  
530 an individual who is selected by the board of the local United  
531 Way or its equivalent; a member of a locally recognized faith-  
532 based coalition, selected by that coalition; a member of the  
533 local chamber of commerce, selected by that chamber or, if more  
534 than one chamber exists within the county, a person selected by

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535 a coalition of the local chambers; a member of the early  
536 learning coalition, selected by that coalition; a representative  
537 of a labor organization or union active in the county; a member  
538 of a local alliance or coalition engaged in cross-system  
539 planning for health and social service delivery in the county,  
540 selected by that alliance or coalition; a member of the local  
541 Parent-Teachers Association/Parent-Teacher-Student Association,  
542 selected by that association; a youth representative selected by  
543 the local school system's student government; a local school  
544 board member appointed by the chair of the school board; the  
545 mayor of the county or the mayor's designee; one member of the  
546 county governing body, appointed by the chair of that body; a  
547 member of the state Legislature who represents residents of the  
548 county, selected by the chair of the local legislative  
549 delegation; an elected official representing the residents of a  
550 municipality in the county, selected by the county municipal  
551 league; and 4 members-at-large, appointed to the council by the  
552 majority of sitting council members. The remaining 7 members  
553 shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with procedures  
554 set forth in paragraph (a), except that the Governor may remove  
555 a member for cause or upon the written petition of the council.  
556 Appointments by the Governor must, to the extent reasonably  
557 possible, represent the geographic and demographic diversity of  
558 the population of the county. Members who are appointed to the  
559 council by reason of their position are not subject to the  
560 length of terms and limits on consecutive terms as provided in

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561 this section. The remaining appointed members of the governing  
562 body shall be appointed to serve 2-year terms, except that those  
563 members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed to serve 4-  
564 year terms, and the youth representative and the legislative  
565 delegate shall be appointed to serve 1-year terms. A member may  
566 be reappointed; however, a member may not serve for more than  
567 three consecutive terms. A member is eligible to be appointed  
568 again after a 2-year hiatus from the council.

569 (4)

570 (b)1.a. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the governing body  
571 of the county shall submit the question of retention or  
572 dissolution of a district with voter-approved taxing authority  
573 to the electorate in the general election according to the  
574 following schedule:

575 (I) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and  
576 serving a county with a population of 400,000 or fewer persons  
577 as of that date.....2014.

578 (II) For a district in existence on July 1, 2010, and  
579 serving a county with a population of 2 million or more persons  
580 as of that date, unless the governing body of the county has  
581 previously submitted such question voluntarily to the electorate  
582 for a second time since 2005.....2020.

583 b. A referendum by the electorate on or after July 1,  
584 2010, creating a new district with taxing authority may specify  
585 that the district is not subject to reauthorization or may  
586 specify the number of years for which the initial authorization

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587 shall remain effective. If the referendum does not prescribe  
588 terms of reauthorization, the governing body of the county shall  
589 submit the question of retention or dissolution of the district  
590 to the electorate in the general election 12 years after the  
591 initial authorization.

592 2. The governing body of the district may specify, and  
593 submit to the governing body of the county no later than 9  
594 months before the scheduled election, that the district is not  
595 subsequently subject to reauthorization or may specify the  
596 number of years for which a reauthorization under this paragraph  
597 shall remain effective. If the governing body of the district  
598 makes such specification and submission, the governing body of  
599 the county shall include that information in the question  
600 submitted to the electorate. If the governing body of the  
601 district does not specify and submit such information, the  
602 governing body of the county shall resubmit the question of  
603 reauthorization to the electorate every 12 years after the year  
604 prescribed in subparagraph 1. The governing body of the district  
605 may recommend to the governing body of the county language for  
606 the question submitted to the electorate.

607 3. Nothing in this paragraph limits the authority to  
608 dissolve a district as provided under paragraph (a).

609 4. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the governing body  
610 of a district from requesting that the governing body of the  
611 county submit the question of retention or dissolution of a  
612 district with voter-approved taxing authority to the electorate

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613 at a date earlier than the year prescribed in subparagraph 1. If  
614 the governing body of the county accepts the request and submits  
615 the question to the electorate, the governing body satisfies the  
616 requirement of that subparagraph.

617  
618 If any district is dissolved pursuant to this subsection, each  
619 county must first obligate itself to assume the debts,  
620 liabilities, contracts, and outstanding obligations of the  
621 district within the total millage available to the county  
622 governing body for all county and municipal purposes as provided  
623 for under s. 9, Art. VII of the State Constitution. Any district  
624 may also be dissolved pursuant to part VII of chapter 189.

625 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
626 409.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

628 (3) AFTERCARE SERVICES.—

629 (a) Aftercare services are available to a young adult who  
630 was living in licensed care on his or her 18th birthday, ~~has~~  
631 ~~reached 18 years of age but~~ is not yet 23 years of age, and is:

632 1. Not in foster care.

633 2. Temporarily not receiving financial assistance under  
634 subsection (2) to pursue postsecondary education.

635 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
636 409.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

637 409.986 Legislative findings and intent; child protection  
638 and child welfare outcomes; definitions.—

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639 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this part, except as otherwise  
640 provided, the term:

641 (a) "Care" means services of any kind which are designed  
642 to facilitate a child remaining safely in his or her own home,  
643 returning safely to his or her own home if he or she is removed  
644 from the home, or obtaining an alternative permanent home if he  
645 or she cannot remain at home or be returned home. The term  
646 includes, but is not limited to, prevention, intervention,  
647 diversion, and related services.

648 Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 409.988, Florida  
649 Statutes, is amended to read:

650 409.988 Lead agency duties; general provisions.—

651 (3) SERVICES.—Lead agencies shall make available a  
652 continuum of care, meaning a range of services, programs, and  
653 placement options meeting the varied needs of children served  
654 by, or at risk of being served by, the dependency system. Such  
655 services may be provided by the lead agency or its  
656 subcontractors, through referral to another organization, or  
657 through other effective means. The department shall specify the  
658 minimum services that must be available in a lead agency's  
659 continuum of care through contract.

660 (a) A lead agency must provide dependent children with  
661 services that are supported by research or that are recognized  
662 as best practices in the child welfare field. The agency shall  
663 give priority to the use of services that are evidence-based and  
664 trauma-informed and may also provide other innovative services,

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665 including, but not limited to, family-centered and cognitive-  
666 behavioral interventions designed to mitigate out-of-home  
667 placements.

668 (b) Intervention services shall be made available to a  
669 child and the parent of a child who is unsafe but can, with  
670 services, remain in his or her home, or a child who is placed  
671 out-of-home and to the nonmaltreating parent or relative or  
672 nonrelative caregivers with whom an unsafe child is placed.

673 Intervention services and supports include:

674 1. Safety management services provided to an unsafe child  
675 as part of a safety plan which immediately and actively protects  
676 the child from dangerous threats if the parent or other  
677 caregiver cannot, including, but not limited to, behavior  
678 management, crisis management, social connection, resource  
679 support, and separation;

680 2. Treatment services provided to a parent or caregiver  
681 that are used to achieve fundamental change in behavioral,  
682 cognitive, and emotional functioning associated with the reason  
683 that the child is unsafe, including, but not limited to,  
684 parenting skills training, support groups, counseling, substance  
685 abuse treatment, mental and behavioral health services, and  
686 certified domestic violence center services for survivors of  
687 domestic violence and their children, and batterers'  
688 intervention programs that comply with s. 741.325 and other  
689 intervention services for perpetrators of domestic violence.

690 3. Child well-being services provided to an unsafe child

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691 that address a child's physical, emotional, developmental, and  
692 educational needs, including, but not limited to, behavioral  
693 health services, substance abuse treatment, tutoring,  
694 counseling, and peer support; and

695 4. Services provided to nonmaltreating parents or relative  
696 or nonrelative caregivers to stabilize the child's placement,  
697 including, but not limited to, transportation, clothing,  
698 household goods, assistance with housing and utility payments,  
699 child care, respite care, and assistance connecting families  
700 with other community-based services.

701 (c) The department or community-based care lead agency  
702 that places children pursuant to this section shall establish  
703 permanency teams dedicated to permanency for children placed in  
704 residential group care. The permanency team shall convene a  
705 multidisciplinary staffing every 180 calendar days, to coincide  
706 with the judicial review, to reassess the appropriateness of the  
707 child's current placement and services. At a minimum, the  
708 staffing shall be attended by the community-based care lead  
709 agency, the caseworker for the child, the guardian ad litem, any  
710 other agency or provider of services for the child, and a  
711 representative of the residential group care provider. The  
712 multidisciplinary staffing shall consider, at a minimum, the  
713 current level of the child's functioning, whether recommended  
714 services are being provided effectively, any services that would  
715 enable transition to a less restrictive family-like setting, and  
716 diligent search efforts to find other permanent living

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717 arrangements for the child.

718 (d)1. By January 1, 2017, the lead agencies shall develop  
719 plans for the management of out-of-home-care utilization for the  
720 children they serve to ensure that a sufficient number of  
721 quality placements exist so that each child may be placed in the  
722 most appropriate setting. The plans shall include strategies,  
723 action steps, timeframes, and performance measures. Strategies  
724 may include, but not be limited to, increased recruitment of  
725 family foster homes, including homes for children with specific  
726 or extraordinary needs for which an adequate supply of homes is  
727 lacking; increased use of in-home services which avoid removal;  
728 and policies and procedures for identifying the least  
729 restrictive, most appropriate placements for children and  
730 transitioning them into such placements; effective  
731 implementation of the foster home and residential group care  
732 quality rating system; and working with group homes to provide  
733 more specialized services to better meet the needs of specific  
734 groups of children. The Florida Institute for Child Welfare  
735 shall provide support and information as necessary to ensure  
736 that effective strategies are selected for inclusion in the  
737 plans. However, such strategies must ensure that residential  
738 group care placements be available, particularly in family-style  
739 homes and in high-quality shift care homes, for those children  
740 for whom it is the most appropriate placement. These plans shall  
741 be updated annually through January 1, 2022, and submitted to  
742 the department.

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743       2. The department shall annually by October 1, beginning  
744 in 2017 and continuing through 2022, provide a report on lead  
745 agencies' implementation of their plans to the Governor, the  
746 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
747 Representatives.

748       (d) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
749 section.

750       Section 15. Section 409.996, Florida Statutes, is amended,  
751 to read:

752       409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and  
753 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,  
754 administration, or management of care for children in the child  
755 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department  
756 retains responsibility to ensure ~~for~~ the quality of contracted  
757 services and programs and ~~shall ensure~~ that an adequate array of  
758 services are available to be delivered in accordance with  
759 applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.

760       (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead  
761 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies  
762 pursuant to s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must:

763       (a) Provide for the services needed to accomplish the  
764 duties established in s. 409.988 and provide information to the  
765 department which is necessary to meet the requirements for a  
766 quality assurance program pursuant to subsection (18) and the  
767 child welfare results-oriented accountability system pursuant to  
768 s. 409.997.

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769 (b) Provide for graduated penalties for failure to comply  
770 with contract terms. Such penalties may include financial  
771 penalties, enhanced monitoring and reporting, corrective action  
772 plans, and early termination of contracts or other appropriate  
773 action to ensure contract compliance. The financial penalties  
774 shall require a lead agency to reallocate funds from  
775 administrative costs to direct care for children.

776 (c) Ensure that the lead agency shall furnish current and  
777 accurate information on its activities in all cases in client  
778 case records in the state's statewide automated child welfare  
779 information system.

780 (d) Specify the procedures to be used by the parties to  
781 resolve differences in interpreting the contract or to resolve  
782 disputes as to the adequacy of the parties' compliance with  
783 their respective obligations under the contract.

784 (2) The department must adopt written policies and  
785 procedures for monitoring the contract for delivery of services  
786 by lead agencies which must be posted on the department's  
787 website. These policies and procedures must, at a minimum,  
788 address the evaluation of fiscal accountability and program  
789 operations, including provider achievement of performance  
790 standards, provider monitoring of subcontractors, and timely  
791 followup of corrective actions for significant monitoring  
792 findings related to providers and subcontractors. These policies  
793 and procedures must also include provisions for reducing the  
794 duplication of the department's program monitoring activities

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795 both internally and with other agencies, to the extent possible.  
796 The department's written procedures must ensure that the written  
797 findings, conclusions, and recommendations from monitoring the  
798 contract for services of lead agencies are communicated to the  
799 director of the provider agency and the community alliance as  
800 expeditiously as possible.

801 (3) The department shall receive federal and state funds  
802 as appropriated for the operation of the child welfare system,  
803 transmit these funds to the lead agencies as agreed to in the  
804 contract, and provide information on its website of the  
805 distribution of the federal funds. The department retains  
806 responsibility for the appropriate spending of these funds. The  
807 department shall monitor lead agencies to assess compliance with  
808 the financial guidelines established pursuant to s. 409.992 and  
809 other applicable state and federal laws.

810 (4) The department shall provide technical assistance and  
811 consultation to lead agencies in the provision of care to  
812 children in the child protection and child welfare system.

813 (5) The department retains the responsibility for the  
814 review, approval or denial, and issuances of all foster home  
815 licenses.

816 (6) The department shall process all applications  
817 submitted by lead agencies for the Interstate Compact on the  
818 Placement of Children and the Interstate Compact on Adoption and  
819 Medical Assistance.

820 (7) The department shall assist lead agencies with access

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821 to and coordination with other service programs within the  
822 department.

823 (8) The department shall determine Medicaid eligibility  
824 for all referred children and shall coordinate services with the  
825 Agency for Health Care Administration.

826 (9) The department shall develop, in cooperation with the  
827 lead agencies, a third-party credentialing entity approved  
828 pursuant to s. 402.40(3), and the Florida Institute for Child  
829 Welfare established pursuant to s. 1004.615, a standardized  
830 competency-based curriculum for certification training for child  
831 protection staff.

832 (10) The department shall maintain the statewide adoptions  
833 website and provide information and training to the lead  
834 agencies relating to the website.

835 (11) The department shall provide training and assistance  
836 to lead agencies regarding the responsibility of lead agencies  
837 relating to children receiving supplemental security income,  
838 social security, railroad retirement, or veterans' benefits.

839 (12) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department  
840 shall develop and implement statewide and local interagency  
841 agreements needed to coordinate services for children and  
842 parents involved in the child welfare system who are also  
843 involved with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
844 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Education, the  
845 Department of Health, and other governmental organizations that  
846 share responsibilities for children or parents in the child

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847 welfare system.

848 (13) With the assistance of a lead agency, the department  
849 shall develop and implement a working agreement between the lead  
850 agency and the substance abuse and mental health managing entity  
851 to integrate services and supports for children and parents  
852 serviced in the child welfare system.

853 (14) The department shall work with the Agency for Health  
854 Care Administration to provide each Medicaid-eligible child with  
855 early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment,  
856 including 72-hour screening, periodic child health checkups, and  
857 prescribed followup for ordered services, including, but not  
858 limited to, medical, dental, and vision care.

859 (15) The department shall assist lead agencies in  
860 developing an array of services in compliance with the Title IV-  
861 E waiver and shall monitor the provision of such services.

862 (16) The department shall provide a mechanism to allow  
863 lead agencies to request a waiver of department policies and  
864 procedures that create inefficiencies or inhibit the performance  
865 of the lead agency's duties.

866 (17) The department shall directly or through contract  
867 provide attorneys to prepare and present cases in dependency  
868 court and shall ensure that the court is provided with adequate  
869 information for informed decisionmaking in dependency cases,  
870 including a face sheet for each case which lists the names and  
871 contact information for any child protective investigator, child  
872 protective investigation supervisor, case manager, and case

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873 manager supervisor, and the regional department official  
874 responsible for the lead agency contract. The department shall  
875 provide to the court the case information and recommendations  
876 provided by the lead agency or subcontractor. For the Sixth  
877 Judicial Circuit, the department shall contract with the state  
878 attorney for the provision of these services.

879 (18) The department, in consultation with lead agencies,  
880 shall establish a quality assurance program for contracted  
881 services to dependent children. The quality assurance program  
882 shall be based on standards established by federal and state law  
883 and national accrediting organizations.

884 (a) The department must evaluate each lead agency under  
885 contract at least annually. These evaluations shall cover the  
886 programmatic, operational, and fiscal operations of the lead  
887 agency and must be consistent with the child welfare results-  
888 oriented accountability system required by s. 409.997. The  
889 department must consult with dependency judges in the circuit or  
890 circuits served by the lead agency on the performance of the  
891 lead agency.

892 (b) The department and each lead agency shall monitor out-  
893 of-home placements, including the extent to which sibling groups  
894 are placed together or provisions to provide visitation and  
895 other contacts if siblings are separated. The data shall  
896 identify reasons for sibling separation. Information related to  
897 sibling placement shall be incorporated into the results-  
898 oriented accountability system required pursuant to s. 409.997

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899 and into the evaluation of the outcome specified in s.  
900 409.986(2)(e). The information related to sibling placement  
901 shall also be made available to the institute established  
902 pursuant s. 1004.615 for use in assessing the performance of  
903 child welfare services in relation to the outcome specified in  
904 s. 409.986(2)(e).

905 (c) The department shall, to the extent possible, use  
906 independent financial audits provided by the lead agency to  
907 eliminate or reduce the ongoing contract and administrative  
908 reviews conducted by the department. If the department  
909 determines that such independent financial audits are  
910 inadequate, other audits, as necessary, may be conducted by the  
911 department. This paragraph does not abrogate the requirements of  
912 s. 215.97.

913 (d) The department may suggest additional items to be  
914 included in such independent financial audits to meet the  
915 department's needs.

916 (e) The department may outsource programmatic,  
917 administrative, or fiscal monitoring oversight of lead agencies.

918 (f) A lead agency must assure that all subcontractors are  
919 subject to the same quality assurance activities as the lead  
920 agency.

921 (19) The department and its attorneys have the  
922 responsibility to ensure that the court is fully informed about  
923 issues before it, to make recommendations to the court, and to  
924 present competent evidence, including testimony by the

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925 department's employees, contractors, and subcontractors, as well  
926 as other individuals, to support all recommendations made to the  
927 court. The department's attorneys shall coordinate lead agency  
928 or subcontractor staff to ensure that dependency cases are  
929 presented appropriately to the court, giving consideration to  
930 the information developed by the case manager and direction to  
931 the case manager if more information is needed.

932 (20) The department, in consultation with lead agencies,  
933 shall develop a dispute resolution process so that disagreements  
934 between legal staff, investigators, and case management staff  
935 can be resolved in the best interest of the child in question  
936 before court appearances regarding that child.

937 (21) The department shall periodically, and before  
938 procuring a lead agency, solicit comments and recommendations  
939 from the community alliance established in s. 20.19(5), any  
940 other community groups, or public hearings. The recommendations  
941 must include, but are not limited to:

942 (a) The current and past performance of a lead agency.

943 (b) The relationship between a lead agency and its  
944 community partners.

945 (c) Any local conditions or service needs in child  
946 protection and child welfare.

947 (22) By June 30, 2017, the department shall develop, in  
948 collaboration with lead agencies, service providers, current and  
949 former foster youth, and other community stakeholders, a  
950 statewide quality rating system for providers of residential

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951 group care and foster homes. This system must promote high  
952 quality in services and accommodations by creating measureable  
953 minimum quality standards that providers must meet to contract  
954 with the lead agencies and foster homes must meet to receive  
955 placements. Domains addressed by a quality rating system for  
956 residential group care may include, but need not be limited to,  
957 admissions, service planning and treatment planning, living  
958 environment, and program and service requirements. The system  
959 must be implemented by July 1, 2018.

960 (a) The rating system shall include:

961 1. Delineated levels of quality that are clearly and  
962 concisely defined, the domains measured, and criteria that must  
963 be met to be placed in each level. The quality rating system  
964 shall differentiate between shift and family-style models while  
965 encouraging a high level of quality in both;

966 2. The number of residential group care staff and foster  
967 parents who have received child welfare services certification,  
968 pursuant to s. 402.40, through certification programs developed  
969 specifically for foster parents and residential group care  
970 staff. Such certification programs shall be developed in  
971 collaboration with, at a minimum, current and former foster  
972 youth, foster parents, and residential group care providers;

973 3. Contractual incentives for achieving and maintaining  
974 higher levels of quality; and

975 4. A well-defined process for notice, inspection,  
976 remediation, appeal, and enforcement.

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977 (b) The department shall submit a report to the Governor,  
978 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
979 Representatives by October 1 of each year, with the first report  
980 due October 1, 2016. The report must at a minimum include an  
981 update on the development of a statewide quality rating system  
982 for residential group care and foster homes and a plan for  
983 department oversight of the implementation of the statewide  
984 quality rating system for residential group care and foster  
985 homes by the community-based lead agencies. Beginning in 2018  
986 and in subsequent years, the report shall also contain a list of  
987 residential group care providers meeting minimum quality  
988 standards and their quality ratings; the percentage of children  
989 placed in residential group care with highly rated providers;  
990 any negative actions taken against contracted providers for not  
991 meeting minimum quality standards; percentages of highly rated  
992 foster homes by lead agency; and percentage of children placed  
993 in highly rated foster homes.

994 Section 16. Subsection (52) of section 39.01, Florida  
995 Statutes, is amended to read:

996 39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the  
997 context otherwise requires:

998 (52) "Permanency goal" means the living arrangement  
999 identified for the child to return to or identified as the  
1000 permanent living arrangement of the child. ~~Permanency goals~~  
1001 ~~applicable under this chapter, listed in order of preference,~~  
1002 ~~are:~~

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- 1003       ~~(a) Reunification;~~  
1004       ~~(b) Adoption when a petition for termination of parental~~  
1005 ~~rights has been or will be filed;~~  
1006       ~~(c) Permanent guardianship of a dependent child under s.~~  
1007 ~~39.6221;~~  
1008       ~~(d) Permanent placement with a fit and willing relative~~  
1009 ~~under s. 39.6231; or~~  
1010       ~~(e) Placement in another planned permanent living~~  
1011 ~~arrangement under s. 39.6241.~~

1012

1013 The permanency goal is also the case plan goal. If concurrent  
1014 case planning is being used, reunification may be pursued at the  
1015 same time that another permanency goal is pursued.

1016 Section 17. Paragraph (s) of subsection (2) of section  
1017 39.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1018 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of  
1019 child abuse or neglect.—

1020 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such  
1021 records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall be  
1022 released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be granted  
1023 only to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

1024 (s) Persons with whom the department is seeking to place  
1025 the child or to whom placement has been granted, including  
1026 foster parents for whom an approved home study has been  
1027 conducted, the designee of a licensed residential child-caring  
1028 agency defined in s. 409.175 ~~group home described in s. 39.523,~~

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1029 an approved relative or nonrelative with whom a child is placed  
1030 pursuant to s. 39.402, preadoptive parents for whom a favorable  
1031 preliminary adoptive home study has been conducted, adoptive  
1032 parents, or an adoption entity acting on behalf of preadoptive  
1033 or adoptive parents.

1034 Section 18. Subsection (11) of section 1002.3305, Florida  
1035 Statutes, is amended to read:

1036 1002.3305 College-Preparatory Boarding Academy Pilot  
1037 Program for at-risk students.—

1038 (11) STUDENT HOUSING.—Notwithstanding s. 409.176 ~~ss.~~  
1039 ~~409.1677(3)(d)~~ and ~~409.176~~ or any other provision of law, an  
1040 operator may house and educate dependent, at-risk youth in its  
1041 residential school for the purpose of facilitating the mission  
1042 of the program and encouraging innovative practices.

1043 Section 19. Section 39.523, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

1044 Section 20. Section 409.141, Florida Statutes, is  
1045 repealed.

1046 Section 21. Section 409.1676, Florida Statutes, is  
1047 repealed.

1048 Section 22. Section 409.1677, Florida Statutes, is  
1049 repealed.

1050 Section 23. Section 409.1679, Florida Statutes, is  
1051 repealed.

1052 Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 1222-1314 of the amendment and insert:  
An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.013, F.S.; extending court jurisdiction to age 22 for young adults with disabilities in foster care; amending s. 39.2015, F.S.; revising requirements of the quarterly report submitted by the critical incident rapid response team advisory committee; amending s. 39.402, F.S.; revising information that the Department of Children and Families is required to inform the court of at shelter hearings; amending s. 39.5085, F.S.; revising eligibility guidelines for the Relative Caregiver Program with respect to relative and nonrelative caregivers; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 39.521, F.S.; revising timelines and distribution requirements for case plans; amending s. 39.522, F.S.; providing conditions under which a child may be returned home with an in-home safety plan; amending s. 39.6011, F.S.; providing that a child of a certain age must be given the opportunity to be consulted on the creation of the case plan; providing for the child to select certain case planning team members and permit those team members access to confidential information; providing that the child review, sign, and receive a copy of his or her case plan; amending s. 39.6035, F.S.; requiring court

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1081 approval of a transition plan before the child's 18th  
1082 birthday; amending s. 39.621, F.S.; creating an  
1083 exception to the order of preference for permanency  
1084 goals under chapter 39, F.S., for maintaining and  
1085 strengthening the placement; authorizing the new  
1086 permanency goal to be used in specified circumstances;  
1087 amending s. 39.701, F.S.; revising the information  
1088 which must be included in a specified written report  
1089 under certain circumstances; revising what must be  
1090 found to maintain or return a child to his or her  
1091 home; amending s. 125.901, F.S.; revising requirements  
1092 related to the governing body of certain counties;  
1093 revising requirements related to a certain schedule by  
1094 which the governing body of a county must submit  
1095 certain information to the electorate in the general  
1096 election; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; requiring that a  
1097 child be living in licensed care on or after his or  
1098 her 18th birthday as a condition for receiving  
1099 aftercare services; amending s. 409.986, F.S.;  
1100 revising the definition of the term "care" to include  
1101 intervention services; amending s. 409.988, F.S.;  
1102 requiring a continuum of care; requiring specified  
1103 intervention services; requiring the establishment of  
1104 permanency teams for certain children; authorizing the  
1105 department to adopt rules; requiring out-of-home care  
1106 utilization plans by lead agencies; requiring

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1107 department tracking of lead agency plans; requiring a  
1108 report to the Governor and Legislature; amending s.  
1109 409.996, F.S.; requiring the department to ensure and  
1110 develop an adequate array of services; requiring the  
1111 development of a statewide quality rating system;  
1112 requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature;  
1113 amending s. 39.01, F.S.; revising definition of the  
1114 term "permanency goal"; amending s. 39.202, F.S.;  
1115 changing the designation of an entity; amending s.  
1116 1002.3305, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;  
1117 repealing s. 39.523, F.S., relating to the placement  
1118 of children in residential group care; repealing s.  
1119 409.141, F.S., relating to equitable reimbursement  
1120 methodology; repealing s. 409.1676, F.S., relating to  
1121 comprehensive residential group care services to  
1122 children who have extraordinary needs; repealing s.  
1123 409.1677, F.S., relating to model comprehensive  
1124 residential services programs; repealing s. 409.1679,  
1125 F.S., relating to program requirements and  
1126 reimbursement methodology; providing an effective  
1127 date.

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