

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01,
3 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "abuse";
4 amending s. 39.0138, F.S.; requiring the Department of
5 Children and Families to establish rules for granting
6 exemptions from criminal history and certain other
7 records checks required for persons being considered
8 for placement of a child; requiring level 1 screening
9 for persons granted such exemption; prohibiting
10 placement of a child with persons convicted of a
11 certain felony; amending s. 39.6012, F.S.; requiring
12 parents to make proactive contact with case managers
13 at regular intervals; amending s. 39.6013, F.S.;
14 requiring the court to consider certain case details
15 before amending a case plan; amending s. 39.621, F.S.;
16 requiring the court, during permanency hearings, to
17 determine case plan compliance; amending s. 39.701,
18 F.S.; requiring the court, during judicial review
19 hearings, to determine case plan compliance; amending
20 s. 63.092, F.S.; requiring the department to release
21 specified records to entities conducting preliminary
22 home studies; providing that certain specified
23 training is not required for certain home studies;
24 amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising minimum
25 requirements for child care personnel related to

26 screening and fingerprinting; requiring child care
27 facilities to provide information to parents intended
28 to prevent children from being left in vehicles;
29 specifying the minimum standards the department must
30 adopt regarding transportation of children by child
31 care facilities; amending ss. 402.313 and 402.3131,
32 F.S.; requiring family day care homes and large family
33 child care homes to provide information to parents
34 intended to prevent children from being left in
35 vehicles; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; defining the term
36 "severe disability" and providing an exemption from
37 fingerprint requirements for adult household members
38 with severe disabilities; amending s. 409.991, F.S.;
39 revising the equity allocation formula for community-
40 based care lead agencies; amending s. 435.07, F.S.;
41 revising the offenses that disqualify certain child
42 care personnel from specified employment; amending ss.
43 402.30501, 1002.55, 1002.57, and 1002.59, F.S.;
44 conforming cross-references; providing a directive to
45 the Division of Law Revision and Information;
46 providing an effective date.

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

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50 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 39.01, Florida

51 Statutes, is amended to read:

52 39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the
53 context otherwise requires:

54 (2) "Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that
55 results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or
56 harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical,
57 mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse
58 of a child includes the birth of a new child into a family
59 during the course of an open dependency case when the parent or
60 caregiver has been determined to lack the protective capacity to
61 safely care for the children in the home and has not
62 substantially complied with the case plan towards successful
63 reunification or met the conditions for return of the children
64 into the home. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions.
65 Corporal discipline of a child by a parent or legal custodian
66 for disciplinary purposes does not in itself constitute abuse
67 when it does not result in harm to the child.

68 Section 2. Subsections (2) through (7) of section 39.0138,
69 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (8),
70 respectively, present subsections (2) and (3) are amended, and a
71 new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

72 39.0138 Criminal history and other records checks; limit
73 on placement of a child.—

74 (2) (a) The department shall establish rules for granting
75 an exemption from the fingerprinting requirements under

76 subsection (1) for a household member who has a physical,
77 developmental, or cognitive disability that prevents that person
78 from safely submitting fingerprints.

79 (b) Before granting an exemption, the department or its
80 designee shall assess and document the physical, developmental,
81 or cognitive limitations that justified the exemption and the
82 effect of such limitations on the safety and well-being of the
83 child being placed in the home.

84 (c) If a fingerprint exemption is granted, a level 1
85 screening pursuant to s. 435.03 shall be completed on the person
86 who is granted the exemption.

87 (3)-(2) The department may not place a child with a person
88 other than a parent if the criminal history records check
89 reveals that the person has been convicted of any felony that
90 falls within any of the following categories:

91 (a) Child abuse, abandonment, or neglect;

92 (b) Domestic violence;

93 (c) Child pornography or other felony in which a child was
94 a victim of the offense; or

95 (d) Homicide, sexual battery, or other felony involving
96 violence, other than felony assault or felony battery when an
97 adult was the victim of the assault or battery, or resisting
98 arrest with violence.

99 (4)-(3) The department may not place a child with a person
100 other than a parent if the criminal history records check

101 reveals that the person has, within the previous 5 years, been
 102 convicted of a felony that falls within any of the following
 103 categories:

- 104 (a) Assault;
- 105 (b) Battery; ~~or~~
- 106 (c) A drug-related offense; or
- 107 (d) Resisting arrest with violence.

108 Section 3. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
 109 section 39.6012, Florida Statutes, to read:

110 39.6012 Case plan tasks; services.—

111 (1) The services to be provided to the parent and the
 112 tasks that must be completed are subject to the following:

- 113 (d) Parents must provide accurate contact information to
 114 the department or the contracted case management agency, and
 115 update as appropriate, and make proactive contact with the
 116 department of the contracted case management agency at least
 117 every 14 calendar days to provide information on the status of
 118 case plan task completion, barriers to completion, and plans
 119 toward reunification.

120 Section 4. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 39.6013,
 121 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),
 122 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section,
 123 to read:

124 39.6013 Case plan amendments.—

- 125 (6) When determining whether to amend the case plan, the

126 court must consider the length of time the case has been open,
127 the level of parental engagement to date, the number of case
128 plan tasks completed, the child's type of placement and
129 attachment, and the potential for successful reunification.

130 Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 39.621, Florida
131 Statutes, is amended to read:

132 39.621 Permanency determination by the court.—

133 (5) At the permanency hearing, the court shall determine:

134 (a) Whether the current permanency goal for the child is
135 appropriate or should be changed;

136 (b) When the child will achieve one of the permanency
137 goals; ~~and~~

138 (c) Whether the department has made reasonable efforts to
139 finalize the permanency plan currently in effect; and

140 (d) Whether the frequency, duration, manner, and level of
141 engagement of the parent or legal guardian's visitation with the
142 child meets the case plan requirements.

143 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
144 39.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

145 39.701 Judicial review.—

146 (2) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF
147 AGE.—

148 (d) Orders.—

149 1. Based upon the criteria set forth in paragraph (c) and
150 the recommended order of the citizen review panel, if any, the

151 court shall determine whether or not the social service agency
152 shall initiate proceedings to have a child declared a dependent
153 child, return the child to the parent, continue the child in
154 out-of-home care for a specified period of time, or initiate
155 termination of parental rights proceedings for subsequent
156 placement in an adoptive home. Amendments to the case plan must
157 be prepared as prescribed in s. 39.6013. If the court finds that
158 the prevention or reunification efforts of the department will
159 allow the child to remain safely at home or be safely returned
160 to the home, the court shall allow the child to remain in or
161 return to the home after making a specific finding of fact that
162 the reasons for the creation of the case plan have been remedied
163 to the extent that the child's safety, well-being, and physical,
164 mental, and emotional health will not be endangered.

165 2. The court shall return the child to the custody of the
166 parents at any time it determines that they have substantially
167 complied with the case plan, if the court is satisfied that
168 reunification will not be detrimental to the child's safety,
169 well-being, and physical, mental, and emotional health.

170 3. If, in the opinion of the court, the social service
171 agency has not complied with its obligations as specified in the
172 written case plan, the court may find the social service agency
173 in contempt, shall order the social service agency to submit its
174 plans for compliance with the agreement, and shall require the
175 social service agency to show why the child could not safely be

176 returned to the home of the parents.

177 4. If, at any judicial review, the court finds that the
178 parents have failed to substantially comply with the case plan
179 to the degree that further reunification efforts are without
180 merit and not in the best interest of the child, on its own
181 motion, the court may order the filing of a petition for
182 termination of parental rights, whether or not the time period
183 as contained in the case plan for substantial compliance has
184 expired.

185 5. Within 6 months after the date that the child was
186 placed in shelter care, the court shall conduct a judicial
187 review hearing to review the child's permanency goal as
188 identified in the case plan. At the hearing the court shall make
189 findings regarding the likelihood of the child's reunification
190 with the parent or legal custodian. In making such findings, the
191 court shall consider the level of the parent or legal
192 custodian's compliance with the case plan and demonstrated
193 change in protective capacities compared to that necessary to
194 achieve timely reunification within 12 months after the removal
195 of the child from the home. The court shall also consider the
196 frequency, duration, manner, and level of engagement of the
197 parent or legal custodian's visitation with the child in
198 compliance with the case plan. If the court makes a written
199 finding that it is not likely that the child will be reunified
200 with the parent or legal custodian within 12 months after the

201 child was removed from the home, the department must file with
202 the court, and serve on all parties, a motion to amend the case
203 plan under s. 39.6013 and declare that it will use concurrent
204 planning for the case plan. The department must file the motion
205 within 10 business days after receiving the written finding of
206 the court. The department must attach the proposed amended case
207 plan to the motion. If concurrent planning is already being
208 used, the case plan must document the efforts the department is
209 taking to complete the concurrent goal.

210 6. The court may issue a protective order in assistance,
211 or as a condition, of any other order made under this part. In
212 addition to the requirements included in the case plan, the
213 protective order may set forth requirements relating to
214 reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified
215 period of time by a person or agency who is before the court;
216 and the order may require any person or agency to make periodic
217 reports to the court containing such information as the court in
218 its discretion may prescribe.

219 Section 7. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (3) of
220 section 63.092, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

221 63.092 Report to the court of intended placement by an
222 adoption entity; at-risk placement; preliminary study.—

223 (3) PRELIMINARY HOME STUDY.—Before placing the minor in
224 the intended adoptive home, a preliminary home study must be
225 performed by a licensed child-placing agency, a child-caring

226 agency registered under s. 409.176, a licensed professional, or
227 an agency described in s. 61.20(2), unless the adoptee is an
228 adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a relative. If the
229 adoptee is an adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a
230 relative, a preliminary home study may be required by the court
231 for good cause shown. The department is required to perform the
232 preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-
233 placing agency, child-caring agency registered under s. 409.176,
234 licensed professional, or agency described in s. 61.20(2), in
235 the county where the prospective adoptive parents reside. The
236 preliminary home study must be made to determine the suitability
237 of the intended adoptive parents and may be completed prior to
238 identification of a prospective adoptive minor. A favorable
239 preliminary home study is valid for 1 year after the date of its
240 completion. Upon its completion, a signed copy of the home study
241 must be provided to the intended adoptive parents who were the
242 subject of the home study. A minor may not be placed in an
243 intended adoptive home before a favorable preliminary home study
244 is completed unless the adoptive home is also a licensed foster
245 home under s. 409.175. The preliminary home study must include,
246 at a minimum:

247 (b) Records checks of the department's central abuse
248 registry, which the department shall provide to the entity
249 conducting the preliminary home study, and criminal records
250 correspondence checks under s. 39.0138 through the Department of

251 Law Enforcement on the intended adoptive parents;

252 (e) Documentation of counseling and education of the
253 intended adoptive parents on adoptive parenting, as determined
254 by the entity conducting the preliminary home study. The
255 training specified in s. 409.175(14) shall only be required for
256 persons who adopt children from the department;

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258 If the preliminary home study is favorable, a minor may be
259 placed in the home pending entry of the judgment of adoption. A
260 minor may not be placed in the home if the preliminary home
261 study is unfavorable. If the preliminary home study is
262 unfavorable, the adoption entity may, within 20 days after
263 receipt of a copy of the written recommendation, petition the
264 court to determine the suitability of the intended adoptive
265 home. A determination as to suitability under this subsection
266 does not act as a presumption of suitability at the final
267 hearing. In determining the suitability of the intended adoptive
268 home, the court must consider the totality of the circumstances
269 in the home. A minor may not be placed in a home in which there
270 resides any person determined by the court to be a sexual
271 predator as defined in s. 775.21 or to have been convicted of an
272 offense listed in s. 63.089(4)(b)2.

273 Section 8. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (2) of
274 section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
275 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, paragraph (a) of

276 subsection (2) and subsections (9) and (10) are amended, and a
 277 new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection (2), to read:

278 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

279 (2) PERSONNEL.—Minimum standards for child care personnel
 280 shall include minimum requirements as to:

281 (a) Good moral character based upon screening as defined
 282 in s. 402.302(15). This screening shall be conducted as provided
 283 in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for screening set
 284 forth in that chapter, and include employment history checks, a
 285 search of criminal history records, sexual predator and sexual
 286 offender registries, and child abuse and neglect registry of any
 287 state in which the current or prospective child care personnel
 288 resided during the preceding 5 years.

289 (b) Fingerprint submission for child care personnel, which
 290 shall comply with s. 435.12.

291 (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

292 (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for
 293 preadmission and periodic health examinations, requirements for
 294 immunizations, and requirements for maintaining emergency
 295 information and health records on all children.

296 (b) During the months of August and September of each
 297 year, each child care facility shall provide parents of children
 298 enrolled in the facility detailed information regarding the
 299 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
 300 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of

301 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
302 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers
303 for Disease Control and Prevention.

304 (c) During the months of April and September of each year,
305 at a minimum, each facility shall provide parents of children
306 enrolled in the facility information regarding the potential for
307 a distracted adult to fail to drop off a child at the facility
308 and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival
309 at the adult's destination. The child care facility shall also
310 give parents information about resources with suggestions to
311 avoid this occurrence. The department shall develop a flyer or
312 brochure with this information that shall be posted to the
313 department's website, which child care facilities may choose to
314 reproduce and provide to parents to satisfy the requirements of
315 this paragraph.

316 (d) ~~(e)~~ Because of the nature and duration of drop-in child
317 care, requirements for preadmission and periodic health
318 examinations and requirements for medically signed records of
319 immunization required for child care facilities shall not apply.
320 A parent of a child in drop-in child care shall, however, be
321 required to attest to the child's health condition and the type
322 and current status of the child's immunizations.

323 (e) ~~(d)~~ Any child shall be exempt from medical or physical
324 examination or medical or surgical treatment upon written
325 request of the parent or guardian of such child who objects to

326 the examination and treatment. However, the laws, rules, and
327 regulations relating to contagious or communicable diseases and
328 sanitary matters shall not be violated because of any exemption
329 from or variation of the health and immunization minimum
330 standards.

331 (10) TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.—Minimum standards shall
332 include requirements for child restraints or seat belts in
333 vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child
334 care homes to transport children, requirements for annual
335 inspections of the vehicles, limitations on the number of
336 children in the vehicles, procedures to avoid leaving children
337 in vehicles when transported by the facility, and accountability
338 for children ~~being~~ transported by the child care facility. A
339 child care facility is not responsible for children when they
340 are transported by a parent or guardian.

341 Section 9. Section 402.30501, Florida Statutes, is amended
342 to read:

343 402.30501 Modification of introductory child care course
344 for community college credit authorized.—The Department of
345 Children and Families may modify the 40-clock-hour introductory
346 course in child care under s. 402.305 or s. 402.3131 to meet the
347 requirements of articulating the course to community college
348 credit. Any modification must continue to provide that the
349 course satisfies the requirements of s. 402.305(2)(e) ~~s.~~
350 ~~402.305(2)(d).~~

351 Section 10. Subsection (15) is added to section 402.313,
352 Florida Statutes, to read:

353 402.313 Family day care homes.—

354 (15) During the months of April and September of each
355 year, at a minimum, each family day care home shall provide
356 parents of children attending the family day care home
357 information regarding the potential for a distracted adult to
358 fail to drop off a child at the family day care home and instead
359 leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the
360 adult's destination. The family day care home shall also give
361 parents information about resources with suggestions to avoid
362 this occurrence. The department shall develop a flyer or
363 brochure with this information that shall be posted to the
364 department's website, which family day care homes may choose to
365 reproduce and provide to parents to satisfy the requirements of
366 this subsection.

367 Section 11. Subsection (10) is added to section 402.3131,
368 Florida Statutes, to read:

369 402.3131 Large family child care homes.—

370 (10) During the months of April and September of each
371 year, at a minimum, each large family child care home shall
372 provide parents of children attending the large family child
373 care home information regarding the potential for a distracted
374 adult to fail to drop off a child at the large family child care
375 home and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon

376 arrival at the adult's destination. The large family child care
377 home shall also give parents information about resources with
378 suggestions to avoid this occurrence. The department shall
379 develop a flyer or brochure with this information that shall be
380 posted to the department's website, which large family child
381 care homes may choose to reproduce and provide to parents to
382 satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

383 Section 12. Paragraphs (l) and (m) of subsection (2) of
384 section 409.175, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
385 paragraphs (m) and (n), respectively, a new paragraph (l) is
386 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of
387 that section is amended, to read:

388 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
389 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public
390 records exemption.—

391 (2) As used in this section, the term:

392 (1) "Severe disability" means a physical, developmental,
393 or cognitive limitation affecting an individual's ability to
394 safely submit fingerprints.

395 (6) (a) An application for a license shall be made on forms
396 provided, and in the manner prescribed, by the department. The
397 department shall make a determination as to the good moral
398 character of the applicant based upon screening. The department
399 may grant an exemption from fingerprinting requirements,
400 pursuant to s. 39.0138, for an adult household member who has a

401 severe disability.

402 Section 13. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and
403 subsections (2) and (4) of section 409.991, Florida Statutes,
404 are amended to read:

405 409.991 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead
406 agencies.—

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

408 (e) "Proportion of children in care" means the proportion
409 of the number of children in care receiving in-home services
410 over the most recent 12-month period, the number of children
411 whose families are receiving family support services over the
412 most recent 12-month period, and the number of children who have
413 entered into ~~in~~ out-of-home care with a case management overlay
414 during the most recent 24-month ~~12-month~~ period. This
415 subcomponent shall be weighted as follows:

416 1. Fifteen percent shall be based on children whose
417 families are receiving family support services.

418 ~~2.1. Fifty-five~~ Sixty percent shall be based on children
419 in out-of-home care.

420 ~~3.2. Thirty~~ Forty percent shall be based on children in
421 in-home care.

422 (2) The equity allocation of core services funds shall be
423 calculated based on the following weights:

424 (a) Proportion of the child population shall be weighted
425 as 5 percent of the total.~~†~~

426 (b) Proportion of child abuse hotline workload shall be
 427 weighted as 35 ~~15~~ percent of the total. ~~;~~ and

428 (c) Proportion of children in care shall be weighted as 60
 429 ~~80~~ percent of the total.

430 (4) Unless otherwise specified in the General
 431 Appropriations Act, any new core services funds shall be
 432 allocated based on the equity allocation model as follows:

433 (a) Seventy ~~Twenty~~ percent of new funding shall be
 434 allocated among all community-based care lead agencies.

435 (b) Thirty ~~Eighty~~ percent of new funding shall be
 436 allocated among community-based care lead agencies that are
 437 funded below their equitable share. Funds allocated pursuant to
 438 this paragraph shall be weighted based on each community-based
 439 care lead agency's relative proportion of the total amount of
 440 funding below the equitable share.

441 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 435.07, Florida
 442 Statutes, is amended to read:

443 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise
 444 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to
 445 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses
 446 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this
 447 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are
 448 listed in this chapter or other laws.

449 (4) (a) Disqualification from employment under this chapter
 450 may not be removed from, nor may an exemption be granted to, any

451 personnel who is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or
452 who has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any
453 felony covered by s. 435.03 or s. 435.04 solely by reason of any
454 pardon, executive clemency, or restoration of civil rights.

455 (b) Disqualification from employment under this chapter
456 may not be removed from, nor may an exemption be granted to, any
457 person who is a:

- 458 1. Sexual predator as designated pursuant to s. 775.21;
- 459 2. Career offender pursuant to s. 775.261; or
- 460 3. Sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, unless the
461 requirement to register as a sexual offender has been removed
462 pursuant to s. 943.04354.

463 (c) Disqualification from employment under this chapter
464 may not be removed from, and an exemption may not be granted to,
465 any current or prospective child care personnel, as defined in
466 s. 402.302(3), and such a person is disqualified from employment
467 as child care personnel, regardless of any previous exemptions
468 from disqualification, if the person has been registered as a
469 sex offender as described in 42 U.S.C. s. 9858f(c)(1)(C) or has
470 been arrested for and is awaiting final disposition of, has been
471 convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or
472 nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, or has been
473 adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or
474 expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following
475 provisions of state law or a similar law of another

476 jurisdiction:

477 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following
478 statutes:

479 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.

480 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.

481 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated
482 manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated
483 manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an
484 officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a
485 paramedic.

486 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.

487 e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.

488 f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.

489 g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
490 child.

491 h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
492 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
493 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
494 custody proceedings.

495 i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
496 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
497 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
498 dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse
499 or neglect of a minor.

500 j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.

501 k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
 502 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
 503 authority.

504 l. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
 505 with certain minors.

506 m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.

507 n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.

508 o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.

509 p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
 510 child abuse, or neglect of a child.

511 q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
 512 delinquency or dependency of a child.

513 r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
 514 child.

515 s. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.

516 t. Chapter 893, relating to a drug abuse prevention and
 517 control offense, if that offense was committed in the preceding
 518 5 years.

519 ~~u.t.~~ Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
 520 juvenile justice programs.

521 2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the
 522 following statutes:

523 a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of
 524 the offense was a minor.

525 b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a

526 child.

527 c. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.

528 3. A criminal act committed in another state or under
 529 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an
 530 offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph 1.
 531 or subparagraph 2.

532 Section 15. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section
 533 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

534 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
 535 private prekindergarten providers.—

536 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,
 537 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
 538 following requirements:

539 (g) The private prekindergarten provider must have a
 540 prekindergarten director who has a prekindergarten director
 541 credential that is approved by the office as meeting or
 542 exceeding the minimum standards adopted under s. 1002.57.
 543 Successful completion of a child care facility director
 544 credential under s. 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~ before the
 545 establishment of the prekindergarten director credential under
 546 s. 1002.57 or July 1, 2006, whichever occurs later, satisfies
 547 the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential under
 548 this paragraph.

549 Section 16. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1002.57,
 550 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

551 1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.—

552 (3) The prekindergarten director credential must meet or
553 exceed the requirements of the Department of Children and
554 Families for the child care facility director credential under
555 s. 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~, and successful completion of
556 the prekindergarten director credential satisfies these
557 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

558 (4) The department shall, to the maximum extent
559 practicable, award credit to a person who successfully completes
560 the child care facility director credential under s.
561 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~ for those requirements of the
562 prekindergarten director credential which are duplicative of
563 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

564 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 1002.59, Florida
565 Statutes, is amended to read:

566 1002.59 Emergent literacy and performance standards
567 training courses.—

568 (1) The office shall adopt minimum standards for one or
569 more training courses in emergent literacy for prekindergarten
570 instructors. Each course must comprise 5 clock hours and provide
571 instruction in strategies and techniques to address the age-
572 appropriate progress of prekindergarten students in developing
573 emergent literacy skills, including oral communication,
574 knowledge of print and letters, phonemic and phonological
575 awareness, and vocabulary and comprehension development. Each

576 course must also provide resources containing strategies that
577 allow students with disabilities and other special needs to
578 derive maximum benefit from the Voluntary Prekindergarten
579 Education Program. Successful completion of an emergent literacy
580 training course approved under this section satisfies
581 requirements for approved training in early literacy and
582 language development under ss. 402.305(2)(e)5. ~~402.305(2)(d)5.~~,
583 402.313(6), and 402.3131(5).

584 Section 18. The Division of Law Revision and Information
585 is directed to prepare, with the assistance of the staffs of the
586 appropriate substantive committees of the House of
587 Representatives and the Senate, a reviser's bill for the 2019
588 Regular Session of the Legislature to capitalize each word of
589 the term "child protection team" wherever it occurs in Florida
590 Statutes.

591 Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.