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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
(Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 39.01, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(2) "Abuse" means any willful act or threatened act that
results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or



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11 harm that causes or is likely to cause the child's physical,
12 mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse
13 of a child includes the birth of a new child into a family
14 during the course of an open dependency case when the parent or
15 caregiver has been determined to lack the protective capacity to
16 safely care for the children in the home and has not
17 substantially complied with the case plan towards successful
18 reunification or met the conditions for return of the children
19 into the home. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions.
20 Corporal discipline of a child by a parent or legal custodian
21 for disciplinary purposes does not in itself constitute abuse
22 when it does not result in harm to the child.

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

27 39.0138 Criminal history and other records checks; limit on
28 placement of a child.-

29 (2) (a) The department shall establish rules for granting an
30 exemption from the fingerprinting requirements under subsection
31 (1) for a household member who has a physical, developmental, or
32 cognitive disability that prevents that person from safely
33 submitting fingerprints.

34 (b) Before granting an exemption, the department or its
35 designee shall assess and document the physical, developmental,
36 or cognitive limitations that justify the exemption and the
37 effect of such limitations on the safety and well-being of the
38 child being placed in the home.

39 (c) If a fingerprint exemption is granted, a level 1



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40 screening pursuant to s. 435.03 shall be completed on the person
41 who is granted the exemption.

42 (3)~~(2)~~ The department may not place a child with a person
43 other than a parent if the criminal history records check
44 reveals that the person has been convicted of any felony that
45 falls within any of the following categories:

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

47 (b) Domestic violence;

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

50 (d) Homicide, sexual battery, or other felony involving
51 violence, other than felony assault or felony battery when an
52 adult was the victim of the assault or battery, or resisting
53 arrest with violence.

54 (4)~~(3)~~ The department may not place a child with a person
55 other than a parent if the criminal history records check
56 reveals that the person has, within the previous 5 years, been
57 convicted of a felony that falls within any of the following
58 categories:

59 (a) Assault;

60 (b) Battery; ~~or~~

61 (c) A drug-related offense; or

62 (d) Resisting arrest with violence.

63 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
64 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

65 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child
66 protective investigative services; procedures; funding.—

67 (3) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the sheriffs of
68 Pasco County, Manatee County, Broward County, and Pinellas



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69 County shall have the responsibility to provide all child
70 protective investigations in their respective counties.
71 Beginning in fiscal year 2018-2019, the Sheriff of Walton County
72 shall provide all child protective investigations in his or her
73 county. Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the Department of
74 Children and Families is authorized to enter into grant
75 agreements with sheriffs of other counties to perform child
76 protective investigations in their respective counties.

77 Section 4. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
78 section 39.6012, Florida Statutes, to read:

79 39.6012 Case plan tasks; services.—

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

82 (d) Parents must provide accurate contact information to
83 the department or the contracted case management agency, update
84 such information as appropriate, and make proactive contact with
85 the department or the contracted case management agency at least
86 every 14 calendar days to provide information on the status of
87 case plan task completion, barriers to completion, and plans
88 toward reunification.

89 Section 5. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 39.6013,
90 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),
91 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section,
92 to read:

93 39.6013 Case plan amendments.—

94 (6) When determining whether to amend the case plan, the
95 court must consider the length of time the case has been open,
96 the level of parental engagement to date, the number of case
97 plan tasks completed, the child's type of placement and



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98 attachment, and the potential for successful reunification.

99 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 39.621, Florida
100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 39.621 Permanency determination by the court.—

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

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

105 (b) When the child will achieve one of the permanency
106 goals; ~~and~~

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

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

112 Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
113 39.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

114 39.701 Judicial review.—

115 (2) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF
116 AGE.—

117 (d) *Orders.*—

118 1. Based upon the criteria set forth in paragraph (c) and
119 the recommended order of the citizen review panel, if any, the
120 court shall determine whether or not the social service agency
121 shall initiate proceedings to have a child declared a dependent
122 child, return the child to the parent, continue the child in
123 out-of-home care for a specified period of time, or initiate
124 termination of parental rights proceedings for subsequent
125 placement in an adoptive home. Amendments to the case plan must
126 be prepared as prescribed in s. 39.6013. If the court finds that



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127 the prevention or reunification efforts of the department will
128 allow the child to remain safely at home or be safely returned
129 to the home, the court shall allow the child to remain in or
130 return to the home after making a specific finding of fact that
131 the reasons for the creation of the case plan have been remedied
132 to the extent that the child's safety, well-being, and physical,
133 mental, and emotional health will not be endangered.

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

139 3. If, in the opinion of the court, the social service
140 agency has not complied with its obligations as specified in the
141 written case plan, the court may find the social service agency
142 in contempt, shall order the social service agency to submit its
143 plans for compliance with the agreement, and shall require the
144 social service agency to show why the child could not safely be
145 returned to the home of the parents.

146 4. If, at any judicial review, the court finds that the
147 parents have failed to substantially comply with the case plan
148 to the degree that further reunification efforts are without
149 merit and not in the best interest of the child, on its own
150 motion, the court may order the filing of a petition for
151 termination of parental rights, whether or not the time period
152 as contained in the case plan for substantial compliance has
153 expired.

154 5. Within 6 months after the date that the child was placed
155 in shelter care, the court shall conduct a judicial review



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156 hearing to review the child's permanency goal as identified in
157 the case plan. At the hearing the court shall make findings
158 regarding the likelihood of the child's reunification with the
159 parent or legal custodian. In making such findings, the court
160 shall consider the level of the parent or legal custodian's
161 compliance with the case plan and demonstrated change in
162 protective capacities compared to that necessary to achieve
163 timely reunification within 12 months after the removal of the
164 child from the home. The court shall also consider the
165 frequency, duration, manner, and level of engagement of the
166 parent or legal custodian's visitation with the child in
167 compliance with the case plan. If the court makes a written
168 finding that it is not likely that the child will be reunified
169 with the parent or legal custodian within 12 months after the
170 child was removed from the home, the department must file with
171 the court, and serve on all parties, a motion to amend the case
172 plan under s. 39.6013 and declare that it will use concurrent
173 planning for the case plan. The department must file the motion
174 within 10 business days after receiving the written finding of
175 the court. The department must attach the proposed amended case
176 plan to the motion. If concurrent planning is already being
177 used, the case plan must document the efforts the department is
178 taking to complete the concurrent goal.

179 6. The court may issue a protective order in assistance, or
180 as a condition, of any other order made under this part. In
181 addition to the requirements included in the case plan, the
182 protective order may set forth requirements relating to
183 reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified
184 period of time by a person or agency who is before the court;



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185 and the order may require any person or agency to make periodic
186 reports to the court containing such information as the court in
187 its discretion may prescribe.

188 Section 8. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (3) of
189 section 63.092, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

190 63.092 Report to the court of intended placement by an
191 adoption entity; at-risk placement; preliminary study.—

192 (3) PRELIMINARY HOME STUDY.—Before placing the minor in the
193 intended adoptive home, a preliminary home study must be
194 performed by a licensed child-placing agency, a child-caring
195 agency registered under s. 409.176, a licensed professional, or
196 an agency described in s. 61.20(2), unless the adoptee is an
197 adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a relative. If the
198 adoptee is an adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a
199 relative, a preliminary home study may be required by the court
200 for good cause shown. The department is required to perform the
201 preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-
202 placing agency, child-caring agency registered under s. 409.176,
203 licensed professional, or agency described in s. 61.20(2), in
204 the county where the prospective adoptive parents reside. The
205 preliminary home study must be made to determine the suitability
206 of the intended adoptive parents and may be completed prior to
207 identification of a prospective adoptive minor. A favorable
208 preliminary home study is valid for 1 year after the date of its
209 completion. Upon its completion, a signed copy of the home study
210 must be provided to the intended adoptive parents who were the
211 subject of the home study. A minor may not be placed in an
212 intended adoptive home before a favorable preliminary home study
213 is completed unless the adoptive home is also a licensed foster



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214 home under s. 409.175. The preliminary home study must include,
215 at a minimum:

216 (b) Records checks of the department's central abuse
217 registry, which the department shall provide to the entity
218 conducting the preliminary home study, and criminal records
219 correspondence checks under s. 39.0138 through the Department of
220 Law Enforcement on the intended adoptive parents;

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

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227 If the preliminary home study is favorable, a minor may be
228 placed in the home pending entry of the judgment of adoption. A
229 minor may not be placed in the home if the preliminary home
230 study is unfavorable. If the preliminary home study is
231 unfavorable, the adoption entity may, within 20 days after
232 receipt of a copy of the written recommendation, petition the
233 court to determine the suitability of the intended adoptive
234 home. A determination as to suitability under this subsection
235 does not act as a presumption of suitability at the final
236 hearing. In determining the suitability of the intended adoptive
237 home, the court must consider the totality of the circumstances
238 in the home. A minor may not be placed in a home in which there
239 resides any person determined by the court to be a sexual
240 predator as defined in s. 775.21 or to have been convicted of an
241 offense listed in s. 63.089(4)(b)2.

242 Section 9. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (2) of



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243 section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
244 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, paragraph (a) of
245 subsection (2) and subsections (9) and (10) are amended, and a
246 new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection (2), to read:

247 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

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

250 (a) Good moral character based upon screening as defined in
251 s. 402.302(15). This screening shall be conducted as provided in
252 chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for screening set forth
253 in that chapter, and must include employment history checks, a
254 search of criminal history records, sexual predator and sexual
255 offender registries, and child abuse and neglect registry of any
256 state in which the current or prospective child care personnel
257 resided during the preceding 5 years.

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

260 (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

261 (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for
262 preadmission and periodic health examinations, requirements for
263 immunizations, and requirements for maintaining emergency
264 information and health records on all children.

265 (b) During the months of August and September of each year,
266 each child care facility shall provide parents of children
267 enrolled in the facility detailed information regarding the
268 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
269 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of
270 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
271 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers



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272 for Disease Control and Prevention.

273 (c) During the months of April and September of each year,
274 at a minimum, each facility shall provide parents of children
275 enrolled in the facility with information regarding the
276 potential for a distracted adult to fail to drop off a child at
277 the facility and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle
278 upon arrival at the adult's destination. The child care facility
279 shall also give parents information about resources with
280 suggestions to avoid this occurrence. The department shall
281 develop a flyer or brochure with this information, which shall
282 be posted to the department's website, which child care
283 facilities may choose to reproduce and provide to parents to
284 satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

285 (d)-(e) Because of the nature and duration of drop-in child
286 care, requirements for preadmission and periodic health
287 examinations and requirements for medically signed records of
288 immunization required for child care facilities shall not apply.
289 A parent of a child in drop-in child care shall, however, be
290 required to attest to the child's health condition and the type
291 and current status of the child's immunizations.

292 (e)-(d) Any child shall be exempt from medical or physical
293 examination or medical or surgical treatment upon written
294 request of the parent or guardian of such child who objects to
295 the examination and treatment. However, the laws, rules, and
296 regulations relating to contagious or communicable diseases and
297 sanitary matters shall not be violated because of any exemption
298 from or variation of the health and immunization minimum
299 standards.

300 (10) TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.—Minimum standards shall include



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301 requirements for child restraints or seat belts in vehicles used
302 by child care facilities and large family child care homes to
303 transport children, requirements for annual inspections of the
304 vehicles, limitations on the number of children in the vehicles,
305 procedures to avoid leaving children in vehicles when
306 transported by the facility, and accountability for children
307 being transported by the child care facility. A child care
308 facility is not responsible for children when they are
309 transported by a parent or guardian.

310 Section 10. Section 402.30501, Florida Statutes, is amended
311 to read:

312 402.30501 Modification of introductory child care course
313 for community college credit authorized.—The Department of
314 Children and Families may modify the 40-clock-hour introductory
315 course in child care under s. 402.305 or s. 402.3131 to meet the
316 requirements of articulating the course to community college
317 credit. Any modification must continue to provide that the
318 course satisfies the requirements of s. 402.305(2)(e) ~~s.~~
319 ~~402.305(2)(d).~~

320 Section 11. Subsection (15) is added to section 402.313,
321 Florida Statutes, to read:

322 402.313 Family day care homes.—

323 (15) During the months of April and September of each year,
324 at a minimum, each family day care home shall provide parents of
325 children attending the family day care home with information
326 regarding the potential for a distracted adult to fail to drop
327 off a child at the family day care home and instead leave the
328 child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the adult's
329 destination. The family day care home shall also give parents



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330 information about resources with suggestions to avoid this
331 occurrence. The department shall develop a flyer or brochure
332 with this information, which shall be posted to the department's
333 website, which family day care homes may choose to reproduce and
334 provide to parents to satisfy the requirements of this
335 subsection.

336 Section 12. Subsection (10) is added to section 402.3131,
337 Florida Statutes, to read:

338 402.3131 Large family child care homes.—

339 (10) During the months of April and September of each year,
340 at a minimum, each large family child care home shall provide
341 parents of children attending the large family child care home
342 with information regarding the potential for a distracted adult
343 to fail to drop off a child at the large family child care home
344 and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival
345 at the adult's destination. The large family child care home
346 shall also give parents information about resources with
347 suggestions to avoid this occurrence. The department shall
348 develop a flyer or brochure with this information, which shall
349 be posted to the department's website, which large family child
350 care homes may choose to reproduce and provide to parents to
351 satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

352 Section 13. Paragraphs (l) and (m) of subsection (2) of
353 section 409.175, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
354 paragraphs (m) and (n), respectively, a new paragraph (l) is
355 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of
356 that section is amended, to read:

357 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
358 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public



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359 records exemption.-

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

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

364 (6) (a) An application for a license shall be made on forms
365 provided, and in the manner prescribed, by the department. The
366 department shall make a determination as to the good moral
367 character of the applicant based upon screening. The department
368 may grant an exemption from fingerprinting requirements,
369 pursuant to s. 39.0138, for an adult household member who has a
370 severe disability.

371 Section 14. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and subsections
372 (2) and (4) of section 409.991, Florida Statutes, are amended to
373 read:

374 409.991 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead
375 agencies.-

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

377 (e) "Proportion of children in care" means the proportion
378 of the number of children in care receiving in-home services
379 over the most recent 12-month period, the number of children
380 whose families were receiving family support services during the
381 most recent 12-month period, and the number of children who have
382 entered into ~~in~~ out-of-home care with a case management overlay
383 during the most recent 24-month ~~12-month~~ period. This
384 subcomponent shall be weighted as follows:

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

387 ~~2.1-~~ Fifty-five ~~Sixty~~ percent shall be based on children in



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388 out-of-home care.

389 ~~3.2~~ Thirty ~~Forty~~ percent shall be based on children in in-
390 home care.

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

393 (a) Proportion of the child population shall be weighted as
394 5 percent of the total.~~7~~

395 (b) Proportion of child abuse hotline workload shall be
396 weighted as 35 ~~15~~ percent of the total.~~7~~ and

397 (c) Proportion of children in care shall be weighted as 60
398 ~~80~~ percent of the total.

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

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

404 (b) Thirty ~~Eighty~~ percent of new funding shall be allocated
405 among community-based care lead agencies that are funded below
406 their equitable share. Funds allocated pursuant to this
407 paragraph shall be weighted based on each community-based care
408 lead agency's relative proportion of the total amount of funding
409 below the equitable share.

410 Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 435.07, Florida
411 Statutes, is amended to read:

412 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise
413 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to
414 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses
415 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this
416 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are



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417 listed in this chapter or other laws.

418 (4) (a) Disqualification from employment under this chapter
419 may not be removed from, nor may an exemption be granted to, any
420 personnel who is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or
421 who has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any
422 felony covered by s. 435.03 or s. 435.04 solely by reason of any
423 pardon, executive clemency, or restoration of civil rights.

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

- 427 1. Sexual predator as designated pursuant to s. 775.21;
- 428 2. Career offender pursuant to s. 775.261; or
- 429 3. Sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, unless the
430 requirement to register as a sexual offender has been removed
431 pursuant to s. 943.04354.

432 (c) Disqualification from employment under this chapter may
433 not be removed from, and an exemption may not be granted to, any
434 current or prospective child care personnel, as defined in s.
435 402.302(3), and such a person is disqualified from employment as
436 child care personnel, regardless of any previous exemptions from
437 disqualification, if the person has been registered as a sex
438 offender as described in 42 U.S.C. s. 9858f(c)(1)(C) or has been
439 arrested for and is awaiting final disposition of, has been
440 convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or
441 nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, or has been
442 adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or
443 expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following
444 provisions of state law or a similar law of another
445 jurisdiction:



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- 446 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following
447 statutes:
- 448 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.
 - 449 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.
 - 450 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated
451 manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated
452 manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an
453 officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a
454 paramedic.
 - 455 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
 - 456 e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
 - 457 f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
 - 458 g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
 - 459 h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
460 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
461 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
462 custody proceedings.
 - 463 i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
464 enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
465 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
466 dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse
467 or neglect of a minor.
 - 468 j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
 - 469 k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
470 solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
471 authority.
 - 472 l. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
473 with certain minors.
 - 474 m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.



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- 475 n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.
- 476 o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- 477 p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
478 child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- 479 q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
480 delinquency or dependency of a child.
- 481 r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
482 child.
- 483 s. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.
- 484 t. Chapter 893, relating to a drug abuse prevention and
485 control offense, if that offense was committed in the preceding
486 5 years.
- 487 ~~u.~~ Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
488 juvenile justice programs.
- 489 2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the
490 following statutes:
- 491 a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of
492 the offense was a minor.
- 493 b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.
- 494 c. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.
- 495 3. A criminal act committed in another state or under
496 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an
497 offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph 1.
498 or subparagraph 2.
- 499 Section 16. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section
500 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 501 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
502 private prekindergarten providers.—
- 503 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,



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504 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
505 following requirements:

506 (g) The private prekindergarten provider must have a
507 prekindergarten director who has a prekindergarten director
508 credential that is approved by the office as meeting or
509 exceeding the minimum standards adopted under s. 1002.57.
510 Successful completion of a child care facility director
511 credential under s. 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~ before the
512 establishment of the prekindergarten director credential under
513 s. 1002.57 or July 1, 2006, whichever occurs later, satisfies
514 the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential under
515 this paragraph.

516 Section 17. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1002.57,
517 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

518 1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.—

519 (3) The prekindergarten director credential must meet or
520 exceed the requirements of the Department of Children and
521 Families for the child care facility director credential under
522 s. 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~, and successful completion of
523 the prekindergarten director credential satisfies these
524 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

525 (4) The department shall, to the maximum extent
526 practicable, award credit to a person who successfully completes
527 the child care facility director credential under s.
528 402.305(2)(g) ~~s. 402.305(2)(f)~~ for those requirements of the
529 prekindergarten director credential which are duplicative of
530 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

531 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 1002.59, Florida
532 Statutes, is amended to read:



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533 1002.59 Emergent literacy and performance standards
534 training courses.—

535 (1) The office shall adopt minimum standards for one or
536 more training courses in emergent literacy for prekindergarten
537 instructors. Each course must comprise 5 clock hours and provide
538 instruction in strategies and techniques to address the age-
539 appropriate progress of prekindergarten students in developing
540 emergent literacy skills, including oral communication,
541 knowledge of print and letters, phonemic and phonological
542 awareness, and vocabulary and comprehension development. Each
543 course must also provide resources containing strategies that
544 allow students with disabilities and other special needs to
545 derive maximum benefit from the Voluntary Prekindergarten
546 Education Program. Successful completion of an emergent literacy
547 training course approved under this section satisfies
548 requirements for approved training in early literacy and
549 language development under ss. 402.305(2)(e)5. ~~402.305(2)(d)5.,~~
550 402.313(6), and 402.3131(5).

551 Section 19. The Division of Law Revision and Information is
552 directed to prepare, with the assistance of the staffs of the
553 appropriate substantive committees of the House of
554 Representatives and the Senate, a reviser's bill for the 2019
555 Regular Session of the Legislature to capitalize the first
556 letter of each word of the term "child protection team" wherever
557 it occurs in Florida Statutes.

558 Section 20. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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561 And the title is amended as follows:



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562 Delete everything before the enacting clause
563 and insert:

564 A bill to be entitled
565 An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01,
566 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "abuse";
567 amending s. 39.0138, F.S.; requiring the Department of
568 Children and Families to establish rules for granting
569 exemptions from criminal history and certain other
570 records checks required for persons being considered
571 for placement of a child; requiring the department or
572 its designee to assess the limitations that justify
573 the exemption and the limitation's effects on the
574 child before granting the exemption; requiring level 1
575 screening for persons granted such exemption;
576 prohibiting placement of a child with persons
577 convicted of a certain felony; amending s. 39.3065,
578 F.S.; requiring the Sheriff of Walton County to
579 provide all child protective investigations in the
580 county beginning with a specified fiscal year;
581 amending s. 39.6012, F.S.; requiring parents to make
582 proactive contact with the department or contracted
583 case management agency at regular intervals; amending
584 s. 39.6013, F.S.; requiring the court to consider
585 certain case details before amending a case plan;
586 amending s. 39.621, F.S.; requiring the court, during
587 permanency hearings, to determine case plan
588 compliance; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring the
589 court, during judicial review hearings, to determine
590 case plan compliance; amending s. 63.092, F.S.;



591 requiring the department to release specified records
592 to entities conducting preliminary home studies;
593 providing that certain specified training is required
594 only for persons who adopt children from the
595 department; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising
596 minimum requirements for child care personnel related
597 to screening and fingerprinting; requiring child care
598 facilities to provide information during specified
599 months to parents intended to prevent children from
600 being left in vehicles; requiring the department to
601 develop a flyer or brochure containing specified
602 information; specifying the minimum standards the
603 department must adopt regarding transportation of
604 children by child care facilities; specifying that a
605 child care facility is not responsible for children
606 when they are transported by a parent or guardian;
607 amending ss. 402.313 and 402.3131, F.S.; requiring
608 family day care homes and large family child care
609 homes to provide information during specified months
610 to parents intended to prevent children from being
611 left in vehicles; requiring the department to develop
612 a flyer or brochure containing specified information;
613 amending s. 409.175, F.S.; defining the term "severe
614 disability" and providing an exemption from
615 fingerprint requirements for adult household members
616 with severe disabilities; amending s. 409.991, F.S.;
617 revising the equity allocation formula for community-
618 based care lead agencies; amending s. 435.07, F.S.;
619 revising the offenses that disqualify certain child



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620 care personnel from specified employment; amending ss.
621 402.30501, 1002.55, 1002.57, and 1002.59, F.S.;
622 conforming cross-references; providing a directive to
623 the Division of Law Revision and Information;
624 providing an effective date.