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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~~ 30 ~~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.

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

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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560 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

561 And the title is amended as follows:



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.;



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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.