

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01,
3 F.S.; expanding the list of incidents or injuries that
4 constitute harm to a child's health or welfare;
5 amending s. 39.303, F.S.; expanding the types of
6 reports that the Department of Children and Families
7 must refer to Child Protection Teams; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraphs (m) and (n) are added to subsection
13 (35) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the
15 context otherwise requires:

16 (35) "Harm" to a child's health or welfare can occur when
17 any person:

18 (m) Violates s. 316.613 or s. 316.614, resulting in the
19 death of a child or the injury of a child which requires
20 treatment at a medical facility, if substantiated by a licensed
21 physician's opinion that the violation exacerbated the child's
22 injuries or resulted in the child's death.

23 (n) Violates s. 316.6135, resulting in the death of a child
24 or the injury of a child.

25 Section 2. Paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) are added to
26 subsection (4) of section 39.303, Florida Statutes, to read:

27 39.303 Child Protection Teams and sexual abuse treatment
28 programs; services; eligible cases.—

29 (4) The child abuse, abandonment, and neglect reports that

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30 must be referred by the department to Child Protection Teams of
31 the Department of Health for an assessment and other appropriate
32 available support services as set forth in subsection (3) must
33 include cases involving:

34 (j) A child who was not properly restrained in a motor
35 vehicle pursuant to s. 316.613 or s. 316.614 and the improper
36 restraint exacerbated the child's injuries or resulted in the
37 child's death.

38 (k) A child who was left unattended or unsupervised in a
39 motor vehicle pursuant to s. 316.6135 and such action resulted
40 in an injury to the child or in the child's death.

41 (l) Reports from emergency room physicians.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.