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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Judiciary (Baxley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 206 - 240

and insert:

c. Be licensed as a physician under chapter 458 or chapter 459;

d. Be licensed as a nurse under chapter 464 and hold at least a master's degree;

e. Be certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a family mediator and hold at least a master's degree;

f. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar; or



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12 g. Be a professional guardian as defined in s. 744.102(17)
13 and hold at least a master's degree.
14 2. Complete all of the following:
15 a. Three years of post-licensure or post-certification
16 practice;
17 b. A family mediation training program certified by the
18 Florida Supreme Court;
19 c. An elder mediation training program that meets standards
20 approved and adopted by the Florida Supreme Court. If the
21 Florida Supreme Court has not yet adopted such standards, the
22 standards for elder mediation training approved and adopted by
23 the Association for Conflict Resolution apply; and
24 d. Eldercaring coordinator training. The training must
25 total at least 28 hours and must include eldercaring
26 coordination; elder, guardianship, and incapacity law and
27 procedures and less restrictive alternatives to guardianship as
28 it pertains to eldercaring coordination; at least 4 hours on the
29 implications of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and other
30 safety issues in eldercaring coordination; the elder's role
31 within eldercaring coordination; family dynamics related to
32 eldercaring coordination; eldercaring coordination skills and
33 techniques; multicultural competence and its use in eldercaring
34 coordination; at least 2 hours of ethical considerations
35 pertaining to eldercaring coordination; use of technology within
36 eldercaring coordination; and court-specific eldercaring
37 coordination procedures.
38 3. Successfully pass a level 2 background screening as set
39 forth in s. 435.04(2) and (3) or be exempt from disqualification
40 under s. 435.07. The prospective eldercaring coordinator must



41 submit a full set of fingerprints to the court or to a vendor,
42 entity, or agency authorized by s. 943.053(13). The court,
43 vendor, entity, or agency shall forward the fingerprints to the
44 Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and the
45 Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to
46 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing. The
47 prospective eldercaring coordinator shall pay the fees for state
48 and federal fingerprint processing. The state cost for
49 fingerprint processing shall be as provided in s. 943.053(3)(e)
50 for records provided to persons or entities other than those
51 specified as exceptions therein.

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54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete lines 15 - 29

56 and insert:

57 eldercaring coordinators; requiring the applicant to
58 meet certain qualifications for background screening,
59 unless otherwise exempt; requiring prospective
60 eldercaring coordinators to submit fingerprints for
61 purposes of criminal history background screening;
62 providing for the payment and cost of fingerprint
63 processing; providing for the removal and suspension
64 of authority of certain eldercaring coordinators;
65 requiring that notice of hearing on removal of a
66 coordinator be timely served; authorizing the courts
67 to award certain fees and costs under certain
68 circumstances; requiring the court to appoint
69 successor eldercaring coordinators under certain



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70 circumstances; authorizing the courts to make certain
71 determinations based on the fees and costs of
72 eldercaring coordination; providing that certain
73 communications between the parties, participants, and
74 eldercaring coordinators are confidential; providing
75 exceptions to confidentiality; providing requirements
76 for emergency reporting to courts under certain
77 circumstances; providing immunity from liability for
78 eldercaring coordinators