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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House



1 Representative Altman offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. The Division of Law Revision is directed to add
6 s. 39.101, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, to part II
7 of chapter 39, Florida Statutes.

8 Section 2. Section 39.101, Florida Statutes, is created to
9 read:

10 39.101 Central abuse hotline.—The central abuse hotline is
11 the first step in the safety assessment and investigation
12 process.

13 (1) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.—

14 (a) The department shall operate and maintain a central

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15 abuse hotline capable of receiving all reports of known or
16 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and reports that
17 a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent,
18 legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known
19 and available to provide such supervision and care. The hotline
20 must accept reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and such
21 reports must be made in accordance with s. 39.201. The central
22 abuse hotline must be capable of accepting reports made in
23 accordance with s. 39.201 in writing, through a single statewide
24 toll-free telephone number, or through electronic reporting. A
25 person may use any of these methods to make a report to the
26 central abuse hotline.

27 (b) The central abuse hotline must be operated in such a
28 manner as to enable the department to:

29 1. Accept reports for investigation when there is
30 reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is being
31 abused or neglected or has been abandoned.

32 2. Determine whether the allegations made by the reporter
33 require an immediate or a 24-hour response in accordance with
34 subsection (2).

35 3. Immediately identify and locate previous reports or
36 cases of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect through the use of
37 the department's automated tracking system.

38 4. Track critical steps in the investigative process to
39 ensure compliance with all requirements for any report or case

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40 of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

41 5. When appropriate, refer reporters who do not allege
42 child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to other organizations that
43 may better resolve the reporter's concerns.

44 6. Serve as a resource for the evaluation, management, and
45 planning of preventive and remedial services for children who
46 have been abused, abandoned, or neglected.

47 7. Initiate and enter into agreements with other states
48 for the purposes of gathering and sharing information contained
49 in reports on child maltreatment to further enhance programs for
50 the protection of children.

51 8. Promote public awareness of the central abuse hotline
52 through community-based partner organizations and public service
53 campaigns.

54 (2) TIMEFRAMES FOR INITIATING INVESTIGATION.—After the
55 central abuse hotline receives a report, the department must
56 determine the timeframe in which to initiate an investigation
57 under chapter 39. Except as provided in s. 39.302 relating to
58 institutional investigations, the department must commence an
59 investigation:

60 (a) Immediately, regardless of the time of day or night,
61 if it appears that:

62 1. The immediate safety or well-being of a child is
63 endangered;

64 2. The family may flee or the child may be unavailable for

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65 purposes of conducting a child protective investigation; or

66 3. The facts reported to the central abuse hotline
67 otherwise so warrant.

68 (b) Within 24 hours after receipt of a report that does
69 not involve the criteria specified in paragraph (a).

70 (3) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND DATA.—The department
71 shall:

72 (a)1. Voice-record all incoming or outgoing calls that are
73 received or placed by the central abuse hotline which relate to
74 suspected or known child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and
75 maintain an electronic copy of each report made to the central
76 abuse hotline through a call or electronic reporting.

77 2. Make the recording or electronic copy of the report
78 made to the central abuse hotline a part of the record of the
79 report. Notwithstanding s. 39.202, the recording or electronic
80 copy may only be released in full to law enforcement agencies
81 and state attorneys for the purposes of investigating and
82 prosecuting criminal charges under s. 39.205, or to employees of
83 the department for the purposes of investigating and seeking
84 administrative fines under s. 39.206.

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86 This paragraph does not prohibit central abuse hotline
87 counselors from using the recordings or the electronic copy of
88 reports for quality assurance or training purposes.

89 (b)1. Secure and install electronic equipment that

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90 automatically provides the central abuse hotline the telephone
91 number from which the call is placed or the Internet protocol
92 address from which the electronic report is received.

93 2. Enter the telephone number or Internet protocol address
94 into the report of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect for it
95 to become a part of the record of the report.

96 3. Maintain the confidentiality of such information in the
97 same manner as given to the identity of the reporter under s.
98 39.202.

99 (c)1. Update the online form used for reporting child
100 abuse, abandonment, or neglect to include qualifying questions
101 in order to obtain necessary information required to assess need
102 and the timeframes necessary for initiating an investigation
103 under subsection (2).

104 2. Make the report available in its entirety to the
105 central abuse hotline counselors as needed to update the Florida
106 Safe Families Network or other similar systems.

107 (d) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the
108 reporting and investigating of suspected child abuse,
109 abandonment, or neglect through the development and analysis of
110 statistical and other information.

111 (e) Maintain and produce aggregate statistical reports
112 monitoring patterns of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect.

113 (f)1. Collect and analyze child-on-child sexual abuse
114 reports and include such information in the aggregate

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115 statistical reports.

116 2. Collect and analyze, in separate statistical reports,
117 those reports of child abuse, sexual abuse, and juvenile sexual
118 abuse which are reported from or which occurred on or at:

119 a. School premises;

120 b. School transportation;

121 c. School-sponsored off-campus events;

122 d. A school readiness program provider determined to be
123 eligible under s. 1002.88;

124 e. A private prekindergarten provider or a public school
125 prekindergarten provider, as those terms are defined in s.
126 1002.51(7) and (8), respectively;

127 f. A public K-12 school as described in s. 1000.04;

128 g. A private school as defined in s. 1002.01;

129 h. A Florida College System institution or a state
130 university, as those terms are defined in s. 1000.21(3) and (6),
131 respectively; or

132 i. A school, as defined in s. 1005.02.

133 (4) USE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE CENTRAL ABUSE
134 HOTLINE.—

135 (a) Information received by the central abuse hotline may
136 not be used for employment screening, except as provided in s.
137 39.202(2)(a) and (h) or s. 402.302(15).

138 (b) Information in the central abuse hotline and the
139 department's automated abuse information system may be used by

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140 the department, its authorized agents or contract providers, the
141 Department of Health, or county agencies as part of the
142 licensure or registration process pursuant to ss. 402.301-
143 402.319 and ss. 409.175-409.176.

144 (c) Information in the central abuse hotline may also be
145 used by the Department of Education for purposes of educator
146 certification discipline and review pursuant to s. 39.202(2)(q).

147 (5) QUALITY ASSURANCE.—On an ongoing basis, the
148 department's quality assurance program shall review screened-out
149 reports involving three or more unaccepted reports on a single
150 child, when jurisdiction applies, in order to detect such things
151 as harassment and situations that warrant an investigation
152 because of the frequency of the reports or the variety of the
153 sources of the reports. A component of the quality assurance
154 program must analyze unaccepted reports to the central abuse
155 hotline by identified relatives as a part of the review of
156 screened-out reports. The Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare
157 may refer a case for investigation when it is determined, as a
158 result of such review, that an investigation may be warranted.

159 Section 3. Section 39.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to
160 read:

161 (Substantial rewording of section. See
162 s. 39.201, F.S., for present text.)

163 39.201 Required reports of child abuse, abandonment, or
164 neglect, sexual abuse of a child, and juvenile sexual abuse;

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165 required reports of death; reports involving a child who has
166 exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior.—

167 (1) MANDATORY REPORTING.—

168 (a)1. A person is required to report immediately to the
169 central abuse hotline established in s. 39.101, in writing,
170 through a call to the toll-free telephone number, or through
171 electronic reporting, if he or she knows, or has reasonable
172 cause to suspect, that any of the following has occurred:

173 a. Child abuse, abandonment, or neglect by a parent or
174 caregiver, which includes, but is not limited to, when a child
175 is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian,
176 caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare
177 or when a child is in need of supervision and care and has no
178 parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative
179 immediately known and available to provide such supervision and
180 care.

181 b. Child abuse by an adult other than a parent, legal
182 custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the
183 child's welfare. The central abuse hotline must immediately
184 electronically transfer such reports to the appropriate county
185 sheriff's office.

186 2. Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to
187 suspect, that a child is the victim of sexual abuse or juvenile
188 sexual abuse shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the
189 central abuse hotline, including if the alleged incident

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190 involves a child who is in the custody of or under the
191 protective supervision of the department.

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193 Such reports may be made in writing, through the statewide toll-
194 free telephone number, or through electronic reporting.

195 (b)1. A person from the general public may make a report
196 to the central abuse hotline anonymously if he or she chooses to
197 do so.

198 2. A person making a report to the central abuse hotline
199 whose occupation is in any of the following categories is
200 required to provide his or her name to the central abuse hotline
201 counselors:

202 a. Physician, osteopathic physician, medical examiner,
203 chiropractic physician, nurse, or hospital personnel engaged in
204 the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;

205 b. Health care professional or mental health professional
206 other than a person listed in sub-subparagraph a.;

207 c. Practitioner who relies solely on spiritual means for
208 healing;

209 d. School teacher or other school official or personnel;

210 e. Social worker, day care center worker, or other
211 professional child care worker, foster care worker, residential
212 worker, or institutional worker;

213 f. Law enforcement officer;

214 g. Judge; or

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215 h. Animal control officer as defined in s. 828.27(1)(b) or
216 agent appointed under s. 828.03.

217 (c) Central abuse hotline counselors shall advise persons
218 under subparagraph (b)2. who are making a report to the central
219 abuse hotline that, while their names must be entered into the
220 record of the report, the names of reporters are held
221 confidential and exempt as provided in s. 39.202. Such
222 counselors must receive periodic training in encouraging all
223 reporters to provide their names when making a report.

224 (2) EXCEPTIONS TO REPORTING.—

225 (a) An additional report of child abuse, abandonment, or
226 neglect is not required to be made by:

227 1. A professional who is hired by or who enters into a
228 contract with the department for the purpose of treating or
229 counseling a person as a result of a report of child abuse,
230 abandonment, or neglect if such person was the subject of the
231 referral for treatment or counseling.

232 2. An officer or employee of the judicial branch when the
233 child is currently being investigated by the department, when
234 there is an existing dependency case, or when the matter has
235 previously been reported to the department if there is
236 reasonable cause to believe that the information is already
237 known to the department. This subparagraph applies only when the
238 information related to the alleged child abuse, abandonment, or
239 neglect has been provided to such officer or employee in the

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240 course of carrying out his or her official duties.

241 3. An officer or employee of a law enforcement agency when
242 the incident under investigation by the law enforcement agency
243 was reported to law enforcement by the central abuse hotline
244 through the electronic transfer of the report or telephone call.
245 The department's central abuse hotline is not required to
246 electronically transfer calls or reports received under sub-
247 paragraph (1)(a)1.b. to the county sheriff's office if the
248 matter was initially reported to the department by the county
249 sheriff's office or by another law enforcement agency. This
250 subparagraph applies only when the information related to the
251 alleged child abuse, abandonment, or neglect has been provided
252 to the officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or
253 central abuse hotline counselor in the course of carrying out
254 his or her official duties.

255 (b) Nothing in this section or in the contract with
256 community-based care providers for foster care and related
257 services as specified in s. 409.987 may be construed to remove
258 or reduce the duty and responsibility of any person, including
259 any employee of the community-based care provider, to report a
260 known or suspected case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect
261 to the department's central abuse hotline.

262 (3) ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO REPORTS.—

263 (a) Abuse occurring out of state.—

264 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the central

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265 abuse hotline may not take a report or call of known or
266 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect when the report
267 or call is related to abuse, abandonment, or neglect that
268 occurred out of state and the alleged perpetrator and alleged
269 victim do not live in this state. The central abuse hotline must
270 instead transfer the information in the report or call to the
271 appropriate state or country.

272 2. If the alleged victim is currently being evaluated in a
273 medical facility in this state, the central abuse hotline must
274 accept the report or call for investigation and must transfer
275 the information in the report or call to the appropriate state
276 or country.

277 (b) Reports received from emergency room physicians.—The
278 department must initiate an investigation when it receives a
279 report from an emergency room physician.

280 (c) Abuse involving impregnation of a child.—A report must
281 be immediately electronically transferred to the appropriate
282 county sheriff's office or other appropriate law enforcement
283 agency by the central abuse hotline if the report is of an
284 instance of known or suspected child abuse involving
285 impregnation of a child 15 years of age or younger by a person
286 21 years of age or older under s. 827.04(3). If the report is of
287 known or suspected child abuse under s. 827.04(3), subsection
288 (1) does not apply to health care professionals or other
289 professionals who provide medical or counseling services to

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290 pregnant children when such reporting would interfere with the
291 provision of such medical or counseling services.

292 (d) Institutional child abuse or neglect.—Reports
293 involving known or suspected institutional child abuse or
294 neglect must be made and received in the same manner as all
295 other reports made under this section.

296 (e) Surrendered newborn infants.—

297 1. The central abuse hotline must receive reports
298 involving surrendered newborn infants as described in s. 383.50.

299 2.a. A report may not be considered a report of child
300 abuse, abandonment, or neglect solely because the infant has
301 been left at a hospital, emergency medical services station, or
302 fire station under s. 383.50.

303 b. If the report involving a surrendered newborn infant
304 does not include indications of child abuse, abandonment, or
305 neglect other than that necessarily entailed in the infant
306 having been left at a hospital, emergency medical services
307 station, or fire station, the central abuse hotline must provide
308 to the person making the report the name of an eligible licensed
309 child-placing agency that is required to accept physical custody
310 of and to place surrendered newborn infants. The department
311 shall provide names of eligible licensed child-placing agencies
312 on a rotating basis.

313 3. If the report includes indications of child abuse,
314 abandonment, or neglect beyond that necessarily entailed in the

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315 infant having been left at a hospital, emergency medical
316 services station, or fire station, the report must be considered
317 as a report of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and,
318 notwithstanding chapter 383, is subject to s. 39.395 and all
319 other relevant provisions of this chapter.

320 (4) REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, OR NEGLECT BY A
321 PARENT, LEGAL CUSTODIAN, CAREGIVER, OR OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE
322 FOR A CHILD'S WELFARE.-

323 (a)1. Upon receiving a report made to the central abuse
324 hotline, the department shall determine if the received report
325 meets the statutory criteria for child abuse, abandonment, or
326 neglect.

327 2. Any report meeting the statutory criteria for child
328 abuse, abandonment, or neglect must be accepted for a child
329 protective investigation pursuant to part III of this chapter.

330 (b)1. Any call received from a parent or legal custodian
331 seeking assistance for himself or herself which does not meet
332 the criteria for being a report of child abuse, abandonment, or
333 neglect may be accepted by the central abuse hotline for
334 response to ameliorate a potential future risk of harm to a
335 child.

336 2. The department must refer the parent or legal custodian
337 for appropriate voluntary community services if it is determined
338 by the department that a need for community services exists.

339 (5) REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD OR JUVENILE SEXUAL

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340 ABUSE; REPORTS OF A CHILD WHO HAS EXHIBITED INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL
341 BEHAVIOR.—

342 (a)1. Sexual abuse of a child or juvenile sexual abuse
343 must be reported immediately to the central abuse hotline,
344 including any alleged incident involving a child who is in the
345 custody of or under the protective supervision of the
346 department. Such reports may be made in writing, through the
347 statewide toll-free telephone number, or through electronic
348 reporting.

349 2. Within 48 hours after the central abuse hotline
350 receives a report under subparagraph 1., the department shall
351 conduct an assessment, assist the family in receiving
352 appropriate services under s. 39.307, and send a written report
353 of the allegation to the appropriate county sheriff's office.

354 (b) Reports involving a child who has exhibited
355 inappropriate sexual behavior must be made and received by the
356 central abuse hotline. Within 48 hours after receiving a report
357 under this paragraph, the department shall conduct an
358 assessment, assist the family in receiving appropriate services
359 under s. 39.307, and send a written report of the allegation to
360 the appropriate county sheriff's office.

361 (c) The services identified in the assessment conducted
362 under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) must be provided in the
363 least restrictive environment possible and must include, but are
364 not limited to, child advocacy center services under s. 39.3035

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365 and sexual abuse treatment programs developed and coordinated by
366 the Children's Medical Services Program in the Department of
367 Health under s. 39.303.

368 (d) The department shall ensure that the facts and results
369 of any investigation of sexual abuse of a child or juvenile
370 sexual abuse involving a child in the custody of or under the
371 protective supervision of the department are made known to the
372 court at the next hearing and are included in the next report to
373 the court concerning the child.

374 (e)1. In addition to conducting an assessment and
375 assisting the family in receiving appropriate services, the
376 department shall conduct a child protective investigation under
377 part III of this chapter if the incident leading to a report
378 occurs on school premises, on school transportation, at a
379 school-sponsored off-campus event, at a public or private school
380 readiness or prekindergarten program, at a public K-12 school,
381 at a private school, at a Florida College System institution, at
382 a state university, or at any other school. The child protective
383 investigation must include an interview with the child's parent
384 or legal custodian.

385 2. The department shall orally notify the Department of
386 Education; the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over
387 the municipality or county in which the school, program,
388 institution, or university is located; and, as appropriate, the
389 superintendent of the school district in which the school is

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390 located, the administrative officer of the private school, or
391 the owner of the private school readiness or prekindergarten
392 program provider.

393 3. The department shall make a full written report to the
394 law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the municipality
395 or county in which the school, program, institution, or
396 university is located within 3 business days after making the
397 oral report. Whenever possible, any criminal investigation must
398 be coordinated with the department's child protective
399 investigation. Any interested person who has information
400 regarding sexual abuse of a child or juvenile sexual abuse may
401 forward a statement to the department.

402 (6) MANDATORY REPORTS OF A CHILD DEATH.—Any person
403 required to report or investigate cases of suspected child
404 abuse, abandonment, or neglect who has reasonable cause to
405 suspect that a child died as a result of child abuse,
406 abandonment, or neglect shall report his or her suspicion to the
407 appropriate medical examiner. The medical examiner shall accept
408 the report for investigation and report his or her findings, in
409 writing, to the local law enforcement agency, the appropriate
410 state attorney, and the department. Autopsy reports maintained
411 by the medical examiner are not subject to the confidentiality
412 requirements under s. 39.202.

413 Section 4. Effective October 1, 2021, subsection (11) of
414 section 39.2015, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection

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415 (12), present subsections (3), (7), and (11) of that section are
416 amended, and a new subsection (11) is added to that section, to
417 read:

418 39.2015 Critical incident rapid response team; sexual
419 abuse report investigations.—

420 (3) Each investigation shall be conducted by a multiagency
421 team of at least five professionals with expertise in child
422 protection, child welfare, and organizational management. The
423 team may consist of employees of the department, community-based
424 care lead agencies, Children's Medical Services, and community-
425 based care provider organizations; faculty from the institute
426 consisting of public and private universities offering degrees
427 in social work established pursuant to s. 1004.615; or any other
428 person with the required expertise. The team shall include, at a
429 minimum, a Child Protection Team medical director, a
430 representative from a child advocacy center under s. 39.3035 who
431 has specialized training in sexual abuse of a child if sexual
432 abuse of the child who is the subject of the report is alleged,
433 or a combination of such specialists if deemed appropriate. The
434 majority of the team must reside in judicial circuits outside
435 the location of the incident. The secretary shall appoint a team
436 leader for each group assigned to an investigation.

437 (7) The secretary shall develop cooperative agreements
438 with other entities and organizations as necessary to facilitate
439 the work required under this section ~~of the team.~~

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440 (11) The department shall conduct investigations of
441 reports of sexual abuse of children in out-of-home care. The
442 purpose of such investigations is to identify root causes and to
443 rapidly determine the need to change policies and practices
444 related to preventing and addressing sexual abuse of children in
445 out-of-home care.

446 (a) At a minimum, the department shall investigate a
447 verified report of sexual abuse of a child in out-of-home care
448 under this subsection if the child was the subject of a verified
449 report of abuse or neglect during the previous 6 months. The
450 investigation must be initiated as soon as possible, but not
451 later than 2 business days after a determination of verified
452 findings of sexual abuse or immediately if a case has been open
453 for 45 days. One investigation shall be initiated for an
454 allegation of sexual abuse that is based on the same act,
455 criminal episode, or transaction regardless of the number of
456 reports that are made about the allegations to the central abuse
457 hotline.

458 (b) Each investigation must be conducted by, at a minimum,
459 a trained department employee and one or more professionals who
460 are employees of other organizations and who are involved in
461 conducting critical incident rapid response investigations. The
462 investigation, or any part thereof, may be conducted remotely.
463 Subsections (5), (6), (8), and (10) apply to investigations
464 conducted under this subsection. The secretary, in consultation

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465 with the institute established under s. 1004.615, shall develop
466 any necessary guidelines specific to such investigations.

467 (c) A preliminary report on each case must be provided to
468 the secretary no later than 45 days after the investigation
469 begins.

470 (12) ~~(11)~~ The secretary shall appoint an advisory committee
471 made up of experts in child protection and child welfare,
472 including, but not limited to, the Statewide Medical Director
473 for Child Protection under the Department of Health, a
474 representative from the institute established under ~~pursuant to~~
475 s. 1004.615, an expert in organizational management, and an
476 attorney with experience in child welfare, to conduct an
477 independent review of investigative reports from the critical
478 incident rapid response teams and sexual abuse report
479 investigations and to make recommendations to improve policies
480 and practices related to child protection and child welfare
481 services. The advisory committee shall meet at least once each
482 quarter to review the critical incident rapid response teams'
483 reports and sexual abuse report investigations and shall submit
484 quarterly reports to the secretary which include findings and
485 recommendations. The secretary shall submit each report to the
486 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
487 House of Representatives.

488 Section 5. Subsections (7) through (9) of section 39.202,
489 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) through

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490 (10), respectively, paragraphs (a) and (h) of subsection (2) are
491 amended, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to
492 read:

493 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of
494 child abuse or neglect; exception.—

495 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such
496 records, excluding the name of, or other identifying information
497 with respect to, the reporter which shall be released only as
498 provided in subsection (5), shall be granted only to the
499 following persons, officials, and agencies:

500 (a) Employees, authorized agents, or contract providers of
501 the department, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons
502 with Disabilities, the Agency for Health Care Administration,
503 the office of Early Learning, or county agencies responsible for
504 carrying out:

- 505 1. Child or adult protective investigations;
- 506 2. Ongoing child or adult protective services;
- 507 3. Early intervention and prevention services;
- 508 4. Healthy Start services;
- 509 5. Licensure or approval of adoptive homes, foster homes,
510 child care facilities, facilities licensed under chapters 393
511 and 394 ~~chapter 393~~, family day care homes, providers who
512 receive school readiness funding under part VI of chapter 1002,
513 or other homes used to provide for the care and welfare of
514 children;

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515 6. Employment screening for caregivers in residential
516 group homes and facilities licensed under chapters 393, 394, and
517 409; or

518 7. Services for victims of domestic violence when provided
519 by certified domestic violence centers working at the
520 department's request as case consultants or with shared clients.

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522 Also, employees or agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice
523 responsible for the provision of services to children, pursuant
524 to chapters 984 and 985.

525 (h) Any appropriate official of the department, the Agency
526 for Health Care Administration, or the Agency for Persons with
527 Disabilities who is responsible for:

528 1. Administration or supervision of the department's
529 program for the prevention, investigation, or treatment of child
530 abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or abuse, neglect, or
531 exploitation of a vulnerable adult, when carrying out his or her
532 official function;

533 2. Taking appropriate administrative action concerning an
534 employee of the department or the agency who is alleged to have
535 perpetrated child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or abuse,
536 neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult; or

537 3. Employing and continuing employment of personnel of the
538 department or the agency.

539 (7) Custodians of records made confidential and exempt

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540 under this section must grant access to such records within 7
541 business days after such records are requested by a legislative
542 committee under s. 11.143, if requested within that timeframe.

543 Section 6. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section
544 39.205, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (11) is
545 added to that section, to read:

546 39.205 Penalties relating to reporting of child abuse,
547 abandonment, or neglect.—

548 (1) A person who ~~is required to report known or suspected~~
549 ~~child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and who~~ knowingly and
550 willfully fails to report to the central abuse hotline known or
551 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect ~~do so~~, or who
552 knowingly and willfully prevents another person from doing so,
553 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
554 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A judge subject to
555 discipline pursuant to s. 12, Art. V of the State Florida
556 Constitution may shall not be subject to criminal prosecution
557 when the information was received in the course of official
558 duties.

559 (3) Any Florida College System institution, state
560 university, or nonpublic college, university, or school, as
561 defined in s. 1000.21 or s. 1005.02, whose administrators
562 ~~knowingly and willfully~~, upon receiving information from
563 faculty, staff, or other institution employees, knowingly and
564 willfully fail to report to the central abuse hotline known or

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565 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect committed on the
566 property of the university, college, or school, or during an
567 event or function sponsored by the university, college, or
568 school, or who knowingly and willfully prevent another person
569 from doing so, shall be subject to fines of \$1 million for each
570 such failure.

571 (a) A Florida College System institution subject to a fine
572 shall be assessed by the State Board of Education.

573 (b) A state university subject to a fine shall be assessed
574 by the Board of Governors.

575 (c) A nonpublic college, university, or school subject to
576 a fine shall be assessed by the Commission for Independent
577 Education.

578 (4) Any Florida College System institution, state
579 university, or nonpublic college, university, or school, as
580 defined in s. 1000.21 or s. 1005.02, whose law enforcement
581 agency fails to report to the central abuse hotline known or
582 suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect committed on the
583 property of the university, college, or school, or during an
584 event or function sponsored by the university, college, or
585 school, shall be subject to fines of \$1 million for each such
586 failure, assessed in the same manner as specified in subsection
587 (3).

588 (11) This section may not be construed to remove or reduce
589 the requirement of any person, including, but not limited to,

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590 any employee of a school readiness program provider determined
591 to be eligible under s. 1002.88; a private prekindergarten
592 provider or a public school prekindergarten provider, as those
593 terms are defined in s. 1002.51; a public K-12 school as
594 described in s. 1000.04; a private school as defined in s.
595 1002.01; a Florida College System institution or a state
596 university, as those terms are defined in s. 1000.21; a college
597 as defined in s. 1005.02; or a school as defined in s. 1005.02,
598 to directly report a known or suspected case of child abuse,
599 abandonment, or neglect or the sexual abuse of a child to the
600 department's central abuse hotline. A person required to report
601 to the central abuse hotline is not relieved of such obligation
602 by notifying his or her supervisor.

603 Section 7. Section 39.208, Florida Statutes, is created to
604 read:

605 39.208 Cross-reporting child abuse, abandonment, or
606 neglect and animal cruelty.-

607 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-

608 (a) The Legislature recognizes that animal cruelty of any
609 kind is a type of interpersonal violence that often co-occurs
610 with child abuse and other forms of family violence, including
611 elder abuse and domestic violence. Early identification of
612 animal cruelty is an important tool in safeguarding children
613 from abuse, abandonment, and neglect; providing needed support
614 to families; and protecting animals.

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615 (b) The Legislature finds that education and training for
616 child protective investigators and animal control officers
617 should include information on the link between the welfare of
618 animals in the family and child safety and protection.

619 (c) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to
620 require reporting and cross-reporting protocols and
621 collaborative training between child protective investigators
622 and animal control officers to help protect the safety and well-
623 being of children, their families, and their animals.

624 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILD PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATORS.-

625 (a) Any person who is required to investigate child abuse,
626 abandonment, or neglect under this chapter and who, while acting
627 in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of
628 employment, knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that animal
629 cruelty, as those terms are defined in s. 828.27(1)(a) and (d),
630 respectively, has occurred at the same address shall report such
631 knowledge or suspicion within 72 hours after the child
632 protective investigator becomes aware of the known or suspected
633 animal cruelty to his or her supervisor who shall submit the
634 report to a local animal control agency. The report must include
635 all of the following information:

636 1. A description of the animal and of the known or
637 suspected animal cruelty.

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638 2. The name and address of the animal's owner or keeper,
639 if that information is available to the child protective
640 investigator.

641 3. Any other information available to the child protective
642 investigator which might assist an animal control officer, as
643 defined in s. 828.27(1)(b), or law enforcement officer in
644 establishing the cause of the animal cruelty and the manner in
645 which it occurred.

646 (b) A child protective investigator who makes a report
647 under this section is presumed to have acted in good faith. An
648 investigator acting in good faith who makes a report under this
649 section or who cooperates in an investigation of known or
650 suspected animal cruelty is immune from any civil or criminal
651 liability or administrative penalty or sanction that might
652 otherwise be incurred in connection with making the report or
653 otherwise cooperating.

654 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.—Any
655 person who is required to investigate animal cruelty under
656 chapter 828 and who, while acting in his or her professional
657 capacity or within the scope of employment, knows or has
658 reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused, abandoned,
659 or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other
660 person responsible for the child's welfare or that a child is in
661 need of supervision and care and does not have a parent, a legal
662 custodian, or a responsible adult relative immediately known and

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663 available to provide supervision and care to that child shall
664 immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the
665 department's central abuse hotline.

666 (4) PENALTIES.—

667 (a) A child protective investigator who is required to
668 report known or suspected animal cruelty under subsection (2)
669 and who knowingly and willfully fails to do so commits a
670 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
671 775.082 or s. 775.083.

672 (b) An animal control officer, as defined in s.
673 828.27(1)(b), who is required to report known or suspected
674 abuse, abandonment, or neglect of a child under subsection (3)
675 and who knowingly and willfully fails to report an incident of
676 known or suspected abuse, abandonment, or neglect, as required
677 by s. 39.201 is subject to the penalties under s. 39.205.

678 (5) TRAINING.—The department, in consultation with animal
679 welfare associations, shall develop or adapt and use already
680 available training materials in a 1-hour training course for all
681 child protective investigators and animal control officers on
682 the accurate and timely identification and reporting of child
683 abuse, abandonment, or neglect or animal cruelty and the
684 interconnectedness of such abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The
685 department shall incorporate into the required training for
686 child protective investigators information on the identification
687 of harm to and neglect of animals and the relationship of such

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688 activities to child welfare case practice. The 1-hour training
689 course developed for animal control officers must include a
690 component that advises such officers of the mandatory duty to
691 report any known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or
692 neglect under this section and s. 39.201 and the criminal
693 penalties associated with a violation of failing to report known
694 or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect which is
695 punishable as provided under s. 39.205.

696 (6) RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules to
697 implement this section.

698 Section 8. Subsection (6) and paragraph (a) of subsection
699 (9) of section 39.301, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
700 subsection (24) is added to that section, to read:

701 39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.—

702 (6) Upon commencing an investigation under this part, if a
703 report was received from a reporter under s. 39.201(1)(a)2. ~~s.~~
704 ~~39.201(1)(b)~~, the protective investigator must provide his or
705 her contact information to the reporter within 24 hours after
706 being assigned to the investigation. The investigator must also
707 advise the reporter that he or she may provide a written summary
708 of the report made to the central abuse hotline to the
709 investigator which shall become a part of the electronic child
710 welfare case file.

711 (9) (a) For each report received from the central abuse
712 hotline and accepted for investigation, the department or the

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713 sheriff providing child protective investigative services under
714 s. 39.3065, shall perform the following child protective
715 investigation activities to determine child safety:

716 1. Conduct a review of all relevant, available information
717 specific to the child and family and alleged maltreatment;
718 family child welfare history; local, state, and federal criminal
719 records checks; and requests for law enforcement assistance
720 provided by the abuse hotline. Based on a review of available
721 information, including the allegations in the current report, a
722 determination shall be made as to whether immediate consultation
723 should occur with law enforcement, the Child Protection Team, a
724 domestic violence shelter or advocate, or a substance abuse or
725 mental health professional. Such consultations should include
726 discussion as to whether a joint response is necessary and
727 feasible. A determination shall be made as to whether the person
728 making the report should be contacted before the face-to-face
729 interviews with the child and family members.

730 2. Conduct face-to-face interviews with the child; other
731 siblings, if any; and the parents, legal custodians, or
732 caregivers.

733 3. Assess the child's residence, including a determination
734 of the composition of the family and household, including the
735 name, address, date of birth, social security number, sex, and
736 race of each child named in the report; any siblings or other
737 children in the same household or in the care of the same

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738 adults; the parents, legal custodians, or caregivers; and any
739 other adults in the same household.

740 4. Determine whether there is any indication that any
741 child in the family or household has been abused, abandoned, or
742 neglected; the nature and extent of present or prior injuries,
743 abuse, or neglect, and any evidence thereof; and a determination
744 as to the person or persons apparently responsible for the
745 abuse, abandonment, or neglect, including the name, address,
746 date of birth, social security number, sex, and race of each
747 such person.

748 5. Complete assessment of immediate child safety for each
749 child based on available records, interviews, and observations
750 with all persons named in subparagraph 2. and appropriate
751 collateral contacts, which may include other professionals, and
752 continually assess the child's safety throughout the
753 investigation. The department's child protection investigators
754 are hereby designated a criminal justice agency for the purpose
755 of accessing criminal justice information to be used for
756 enforcing this state's laws concerning the crimes of child
757 abuse, abandonment, and neglect. This information shall be used
758 solely for purposes supporting the detection, apprehension,
759 prosecution, pretrial release, posttrial release, or
760 rehabilitation of criminal offenders or persons accused of the
761 crimes of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and may not be
762 further disseminated or used for any other purpose.

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763 6. Document the present and impending dangers to each
764 child based on the identification of inadequate protective
765 capacity through utilization of a standardized safety assessment
766 instrument. If present or impending danger is identified, the
767 child protective investigator must implement a safety plan or
768 take the child into custody. If present danger is identified and
769 the child is not removed, the child protective investigator
770 shall create and implement a safety plan before leaving the home
771 or the location where there is present danger. If impending
772 danger is identified, the child protective investigator shall
773 create and implement a safety plan as soon as necessary to
774 protect the safety of the child. The child protective
775 investigator may modify the safety plan if he or she identifies
776 additional impending danger.

777 a. If the child protective investigator implements a
778 safety plan, the plan must be specific, sufficient, feasible,
779 and sustainable in response to the realities of the present or
780 impending danger. A safety plan may be an in-home plan or an
781 out-of-home plan, or a combination of both. A safety plan may
782 include tasks or responsibilities for a parent, caregiver, or
783 legal custodian. However, a safety plan may not rely on
784 promissory commitments by the parent, caregiver, or legal
785 custodian who is currently not able to protect the child or on
786 services that are not available or will not result in the safety
787 of the child. A safety plan may not be implemented if for any

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788 | reason the parents, guardian, or legal custodian lacks the
789 | capacity or ability to comply with the plan. If the department
790 | is not able to develop a plan that is specific, sufficient,
791 | feasible, and sustainable, the department shall file a shelter
792 | petition. A child protective investigator shall implement
793 | separate safety plans for the perpetrator of domestic violence,
794 | if the investigator, using reasonable efforts, can locate the
795 | perpetrator to implement a safety plan, and for the parent who
796 | is a victim of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28.
797 | Reasonable efforts to locate a perpetrator include, but are not
798 | limited to, a diligent search pursuant to the same requirements
799 | as in s. 39.503. If the perpetrator of domestic violence is not
800 | the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of any child in the
801 | home and if the department does not intend to file a shelter
802 | petition or dependency petition that will assert allegations
803 | against the perpetrator as a parent of a child in the home, the
804 | child protective investigator shall seek issuance of an
805 | injunction authorized by s. 39.504 to implement a safety plan
806 | for the perpetrator and impose any other conditions to protect
807 | the child. The safety plan for the parent who is a victim of
808 | domestic violence may not be shared with the perpetrator. If any
809 | party to a safety plan fails to comply with the safety plan
810 | resulting in the child being unsafe, the department shall file a
811 | shelter petition.

812 | b. The child protective investigator shall collaborate

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813 with the community-based care lead agency in the development of
814 the safety plan as necessary to ensure that the safety plan is
815 specific, sufficient, feasible, and sustainable. The child
816 protective investigator shall identify services necessary for
817 the successful implementation of the safety plan. The child
818 protective investigator and the community-based care lead agency
819 shall mobilize service resources to assist all parties in
820 complying with the safety plan. The community-based care lead
821 agency shall prioritize safety plan services to families who
822 have multiple risk factors, including, but not limited to, two
823 or more of the following:

- 824 (I) The parent or legal custodian is of young age;
- 825 (II) The parent or legal custodian, or an adult currently
826 living in or frequently visiting the home, has a history of
827 substance abuse, mental illness, or domestic violence;
- 828 (III) The parent or legal custodian, or an adult currently
829 living in or frequently visiting the home, has been previously
830 found to have physically or sexually abused a child;
- 831 (IV) The parent or legal custodian, or an adult currently
832 living in or frequently visiting the home, has been the subject
833 of multiple allegations by reputable reports of abuse or
834 neglect;
- 835 (V) The child is physically or developmentally disabled;
836 or
- 837 (VI) The child is 3 years of age or younger.

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838 c. The child protective investigator shall monitor the
839 implementation of the plan to ensure the child's safety until
840 the case is transferred to the lead agency at which time the
841 lead agency shall monitor the implementation.

842 d. The department may file a petition for shelter or
843 dependency without a new child protective investigation or the
844 concurrence of the child protective investigator if the child is
845 unsafe but for the use of a safety plan and the parent or
846 caregiver has not sufficiently increased protective capacities
847 within 90 days after the transfer of the safety plan to the lead
848 agency.

849 (24) At the beginning of and throughout an investigation
850 of an allegation of sexual abuse of a child placed in out-of-
851 home care, the child protective investigator must assess and
852 take appropriate protective actions to address the safety of
853 other children in the out-of-home placement, or who are
854 accessible to the alleged perpetrator, who are not the subject
855 of the allegation.

856 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 39.302,
857 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

858 39.302 Protective investigations of institutional child
859 abuse, abandonment, or neglect.—

860 (1) The department shall conduct a child protective
861 investigation of each report of institutional child abuse,
862 abandonment, or neglect. Upon receipt of a report that alleges

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863 that an employee or agent of the department, or any other entity
864 or person covered by s. 39.01(37) or (54), acting in an official
865 capacity, has committed an act of child abuse, abandonment, or
866 neglect, the department shall initiate a child protective
867 investigation within the timeframe established under s.
868 39.101(2) ~~s. 39.201(5)~~ and notify the appropriate state
869 attorney, law enforcement agency, and licensing agency, which
870 shall immediately conduct a joint investigation, unless
871 independent investigations are more feasible. When conducting
872 investigations or having face-to-face interviews with the child,
873 investigation visits shall be unannounced unless it is
874 determined by the department or its agent that unannounced
875 visits threaten the safety of the child. If a facility is exempt
876 from licensing, the department shall inform the owner or
877 operator of the facility of the report. Each agency conducting a
878 joint investigation is entitled to full access to the
879 information gathered by the department in the course of the
880 investigation. A protective investigation must include an
881 interview with the child's parent or legal guardian. The
882 department shall make a full written report to the state
883 attorney within 3 business ~~working~~ days after making the oral
884 report. A criminal investigation shall be coordinated, whenever
885 possible, with the child protective investigation of the
886 department. Any interested person who has information regarding
887 the offenses described in this subsection may forward a

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888 statement to the state attorney as to whether prosecution is
889 warranted and appropriate. Within 15 days after the completion
890 of the investigation, the state attorney shall report the
891 findings to the department and shall include in the report a
892 determination of whether or not prosecution is justified and
893 appropriate in view of the circumstances of the specific case.

894 (2) (a) If in the course of the child protective
895 investigation, the department finds that a subject of a report,
896 by continued contact with children in care, constitutes a
897 threatened harm to the physical health, mental health, or
898 welfare of the children, the department may restrict a subject's
899 access to the children pending the outcome of the investigation.
900 The department or its agent shall employ the least restrictive
901 means necessary to safeguard the physical health, mental health,
902 and welfare of the children in care. This authority shall apply
903 only to child protective investigations in which there is some
904 evidence that child abuse, abandonment, or neglect has occurred.
905 A subject of a report whose access to children in care has been
906 restricted is entitled to petition the circuit court for
907 judicial review. The court shall enter written findings of fact
908 based upon the preponderance of evidence that child abuse,
909 abandonment, or neglect did occur and that the department's
910 restrictive action against a subject of the report was justified
911 in order to safeguard the physical health, mental health, and
912 welfare of the children in care. The restrictive action of the

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913 department shall be effective for no more than 90 days without a
914 judicial finding supporting the actions of the department.

915 (b) During an investigation, the alleged perpetrator may
916 be represented by an attorney, at his or her own expense, or may
917 be accompanied by another person, if the attorney or the other
918 person executes an affidavit of understanding with the
919 department and agrees to comply with the confidentiality
920 requirements under s. 39.202. The absence of an attorney or
921 accompanying person does not prevent the department from
922 proceeding with other aspects of the investigation, including
923 interviews with other persons. In institutional child abuse,
924 abandonment, or neglect cases when the institution is not
925 operational and the child cannot otherwise be located, the
926 investigation must commence immediately upon the institution
927 resuming operation. If requested by a state attorney or local
928 law enforcement agency, the department shall furnish all
929 investigative reports to such state attorney or agency.

930 (c) ~~(b)~~ Upon completion of the department's child
931 protective investigation, the department may make application to
932 the circuit court for continued restrictive action against any
933 person necessary to safeguard the physical health, mental
934 health, and welfare of the children in care.

935 Section 10. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
936 39.3035, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2),
937 (3), and (4), respectively, present subsection (3) is amended,

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938 and a new subsection (1) is added to that section, to read:

939 39.3035 Child advocacy centers; standards; state funding.—

940 (1) Child advocacy centers are facilities that offer
941 multidisciplinary services in a community-based, child-focused
942 environment to children who are alleged to be victims of child
943 abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The children served by such
944 centers may have experienced a variety of types of child abuse,
945 abandonment, or neglect, including, but not limited to, sexual
946 abuse or severe physical abuse. The centers bring together,
947 often in one location, child protective investigators, law
948 enforcement officers, prosecutors, health care professionals,
949 and mental health professionals to provide a coordinated,
950 comprehensive response to victims and their caregivers.

951 (4)-(3) A child advocacy center within this state may not
952 receive the funds generated pursuant to s. 938.10, state or
953 federal funds administered by a state agency, or any other funds
954 appropriated by the Legislature unless all of the standards of
955 subsection (2) ~~(1)~~ are met and the screening requirement of
956 subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ is met. The Florida Network of Children's
957 Advocacy Centers, Inc., shall be responsible for tracking and
958 documenting compliance with subsections (2) and (3) ~~(1)~~ and ~~(2)~~
959 for any of the funds it administers to member child advocacy
960 centers.

961 (a) Funds for the specific purpose of funding children's
962 advocacy centers shall be appropriated to the Department of

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963 Children and Families from funds collected from the additional
964 court cost imposed in cases of certain crimes against minors
965 under s. 938.10. Funds shall be disbursed to the Florida Network
966 of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., as established under this
967 section, for the purpose of providing community-based services
968 that augment, but do not duplicate, services provided by state
969 agencies.

970 (b) The board of directors of the Florida Network of
971 Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., shall retain 10 percent of
972 all revenues collected to be used to match local contributions,
973 at a rate not to exceed an equal match, in communities
974 establishing children's advocacy centers. The board of directors
975 may use up to 5 percent of the remaining funds to support the
976 activities of the network office and must develop funding
977 criteria and an allocation methodology that ensures an equitable
978 distribution of remaining funds among network participants. The
979 criteria and methodologies must take into account factors that
980 include, but need not be limited to, the center's accreditation
981 status with respect to the National Children's Alliance, the
982 number of clients served, and the population of the area being
983 served by the children's advocacy center.

984 (c) At the end of each fiscal year, each children's
985 advocacy center receiving revenue as provided in this section
986 must provide a report to the board of directors of the Florida
987 Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., which reflects

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988 center expenditures, all sources of revenue received, and
989 outputs that have been standardized and agreed upon by network
990 members and the board of directors, such as the number of
991 clients served, client demographic information, and number and
992 types of services provided. The Florida Network of Children's
993 Advocacy Centers, Inc., must compile reports from the centers
994 and provide a report to the President of the Senate and the
995 Speaker of the House of Representatives in August of each year.

996 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 39.4015, Florida
997 Statutes, is amended to read:

998 39.4015 Family finding.—

999 (3) FAMILY-FINDING PROGRAM.—~~Subject to available~~
1000 ~~resources,~~ The department, in collaboration with sheriffs'
1001 offices that conduct child protective investigations and
1002 community-based care lead agencies, shall ~~may~~ develop a formal
1003 family-finding program to be implemented by child protective
1004 investigators and community-based care lead agencies ~~as~~
1005 ~~resources permit.~~

1006 (a) Family-finding efforts shall ~~Family finding may~~ begin
1007 as soon as a child is taken into custody of the department,
1008 pursuant to s. 39.401, and throughout the duration of the case
1009 as necessary, finding and engaging with as many family members
1010 and fictive kin as possible for each child who may help with
1011 care or support for the child. The department or community-based
1012 care lead agency must specifically document strategies taken to

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1013 locate and engage relatives and fictive kin. Strategies of
1014 engagement may include, but are not limited to, asking the
1015 relatives and fictive kin to:

- 1016 1. Participate in a family group decisionmaking
1017 conference, family team conferencing, or other family meetings
1018 aimed at developing or supporting the family service plan;
- 1019 2. Attend visitations with the child;
- 1020 3. Assist in transportation of the child;
- 1021 4. Provide respite or child care services; or
- 1022 5. Provide actual kinship care.

1023 (b) The family-finding ~~family finding~~ program shall
1024 provide the department and the community-based care lead
1025 agencies with best practices for identifying family and fictive
1026 kin. The family-finding ~~family finding~~ program must use diligent
1027 efforts in family finding and, must continue those efforts until
1028 multiple relatives and fictive kin are identified, ~~and must go~~
1029 ~~beyond basic searching tools by exploring alternative tools and~~
1030 ~~methodologies.~~ Family-finding ~~Family finding~~ efforts by the
1031 department and the community-based care lead agency may include,
1032 but are not limited to:

- 1033 1. Searching for and locating adult relatives and fictive
1034 kin.
- 1035 2. Identifying and building positive connections between
1036 the child and the child's relatives and fictive kin.

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1037 3. Supporting the engagement of relatives and fictive kin
1038 in social service planning and delivery of services and creating
1039 a network of extended family support to assist in remedying the
1040 concerns that led to the child becoming involved with the child
1041 welfare system, when appropriate.

1042 4. Maintaining family connections, when possible.

1043 5. Keeping siblings together in care, when in the best
1044 interest of each child and when possible.

1045 (c) To be compliant with this section, family-finding
1046 efforts must go beyond basic searching tools by exploring
1047 alternative tools and methodologies. A basic computer search
1048 using the Internet or attempts to contact known relatives at a
1049 last known address or telephone number do not constitute
1050 effective family finding.

1051 Section 12. Section 39.4085, Florida Statutes, is amended
1052 to read:

1053 39.4085 ~~Legislative findings and declaration of intent for~~
1054 Goals for dependent children; responsibilities; education.-

1055 (1) The Legislature finds ~~and declares~~ that the design and
1056 delivery of child welfare services should be directed by the
1057 principle that the health and safety of children, including the
1058 freedom from abuse, abandonment, or neglect, is ~~should be~~ of
1059 paramount concern and, therefore, establishes the following
1060 goals for children in shelter or foster care:

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1061 (a)~~(1)~~ To receive a copy of this act and have it fully
1062 explained to them when they are placed in the custody of the
1063 department.

1064 (b)~~(2)~~ To enjoy individual dignity, liberty, pursuit of
1065 happiness, and the protection of their civil and legal rights as
1066 persons in the custody of the state.

1067 (c)~~(3)~~ To have their privacy protected, have their
1068 personal belongings secure and transported with them, and,
1069 unless otherwise ordered by the court, have uncensored
1070 communication, including receiving and sending unopened
1071 communications and having access to a telephone.

1072 (d)~~(4)~~ To have personnel providing services who are
1073 sufficiently qualified and experienced to assess the risk
1074 children face before ~~prior to~~ removal from their homes and to
1075 meet the needs of the children once they are in the custody of
1076 the department.

1077 (e)~~(5)~~ To remain in the custody of their parents or legal
1078 custodians unless and until there has been a determination by a
1079 qualified person exercising competent professional judgment that
1080 removal is necessary to protect their physical, mental, or
1081 emotional health or safety.

1082 (f)~~(6)~~ To have a full risk, health, educational, medical,
1083 and psychological screening and, if needed, assessment and
1084 testing upon adjudication into foster care; and to have their

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1085 | photograph and fingerprints included in their case management
1086 | file.

1087 | ~~(g)(7)~~ To be referred to and receive services, including
1088 | necessary medical, emotional, psychological, psychiatric, and
1089 | educational evaluations and treatment, as soon as practicable
1090 | after identification of the need for such services by the
1091 | screening and assessment process.

1092 | ~~(h)(8)~~ To be placed in a home with no more than one other
1093 | child, unless they are part of a sibling group.

1094 | ~~(i)(9)~~ To be placed away from other children known to pose
1095 | a threat of harm to them, either because of their own risk
1096 | factors or those of the other child.

1097 | ~~(j)(10)~~ To be placed in a home where the shelter or foster
1098 | caregiver is aware of and understands the child's history,
1099 | needs, and risk factors.

1100 | ~~(k)(11)~~ To be the subject of a plan developed by the
1101 | counselor and the shelter or foster caregiver to deal with
1102 | identified behaviors that may present a risk to the child or
1103 | others.

1104 | ~~(l)(12)~~ To be involved and incorporated, if ~~where~~
1105 | appropriate, in the development of the case plan, to have a case
1106 | plan which will address their specific needs, and to object to
1107 | any of the provisions of the case plan.

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1108 (m) ~~(13)~~ To receive meaningful case management and planning
1109 that will quickly return the child to his or her family or move
1110 the child on to other forms of permanency.

1111 (n) ~~(14)~~ To receive regular communication with a case
1112 manager ~~caseworker~~, at least once a month, which shall include
1113 meeting with the child alone and conferring with the shelter or
1114 foster caregiver.

1115 (o) ~~(15)~~ To enjoy regular visitation, at least once a week,
1116 with their siblings unless the court orders otherwise.

1117 (p) ~~(16)~~ To enjoy regular visitation with their parents, at
1118 least once a month, unless the court orders otherwise.

1119 (q) ~~(17)~~ To receive a free and appropriate education;
1120 minimal disruption to their education and retention in their
1121 home school, if appropriate; referral to the child study team;
1122 all special educational services, including, if ~~where~~
1123 appropriate, the appointment of a parent surrogate; and the
1124 sharing of all necessary information between the school board
1125 and the department, including information on attendance and
1126 educational progress.

1127 (r) ~~(18)~~ To be able to raise grievances with the department
1128 over the care they are receiving from their caregivers, case
1129 managers ~~caseworkers~~, or other service providers.

1130 (s) ~~(19)~~ To be heard by the court, if appropriate, at all
1131 review hearings.

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1132 ~~(t) (20)~~ To have a guardian ad litem appointed to
1133 represent, within reason, their best interests and, if ~~where~~
1134 appropriate, an attorney ad litem appointed to represent their
1135 legal interests; the guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem
1136 shall have immediate and unlimited access to the children they
1137 represent.

1138 ~~(u) (21)~~ To have all their records available for review by
1139 their guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem if they deem such
1140 review necessary.

1141 ~~(v) (22)~~ To organize as a group for purposes of ensuring
1142 that they receive the services and living conditions to which
1143 they are entitled and to provide support for one another while
1144 in the custody of the department.

1145 ~~(w) (23)~~ To be afforded prompt access to all available
1146 state and federal programs, including, but not limited to: Early
1147 Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Testing (EPSDT) services,
1148 developmental services programs, Medicare and supplemental
1149 security income, Children's Medical Services, and programs for
1150 severely emotionally disturbed children.

1151
1152 ~~The provisions of This subsection establishes section establish~~
1153 ~~goals and not rights. Nothing in This subsection does not~~
1154 ~~require section shall be interpreted as requiring~~ the delivery
1155 of any particular service or level of service in excess of
1156 existing appropriations. A ~~No~~ person does not ~~shall~~ have a cause

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1157 of action against the state or any of its subdivisions,
1158 agencies, contractors, subcontractors, or agents, based upon the
1159 adoption of or failure to provide adequate funding for the
1160 achievement of these goals by the Legislature. This subsection
1161 does not ~~Nothing herein shall~~ require the expenditure of funds
1162 to meet the goals established in this subsection ~~herein~~ except
1163 those funds specifically appropriated for such purpose.

1164 (2) The department shall operate with the understanding
1165 that the rights of children in shelter or foster care are
1166 critical to their safety, permanency, and well-being. The
1167 department shall work with all stakeholders to help such
1168 children become knowledgeable about their rights.

1169 (3) (a) The case manager or other staff shall provide
1170 verbal and written instructions to a child entering shelter or
1171 foster care to educate the child on identifying and reporting
1172 abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The verbal and written
1173 instructions must use words and phrasing that each child can
1174 understand and must occur in a manner that is most effective for
1175 each child. The written instructions are only required if the
1176 child is of a sufficient age and understanding to receive such
1177 instructions. The case manager or other staff must give each
1178 child the opportunity to ask questions about his or her rights
1179 and how to identify and report abuse, abandonment, or neglect.
1180 The case manager or other staff shall document in court reports
1181 and case notes the date the information was provided to the

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1182 child. The case manager or other staff must review the
1183 information with the child every 6 months and upon every
1184 placement change until the child leaves shelter or foster care.

1185 (b) District school boards are authorized and encouraged
1186 to establish educational programs for students ages 5 through 18
1187 relating to identifying and reporting abuse, abandonment, or
1188 neglect and the effects of such abuse, abandonment, or neglect
1189 on a child. The district school boards may provide such programs
1190 in conjunction with the youth mental health awareness and
1191 assistance training program required under s. 1012.584, any
1192 other mental health education program offered by the school
1193 district, or any of the educational instruction required under
1194 s. 1003.42(2).

1195 Section 13. Paragraphs (c), (k), and (l) of subsection (1)
1196 of section 39.4087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1197 39.4087 Department goals and requirements relating to
1198 caregivers; dispute resolution.-

1199 (1) To provide the best care to children, the Legislature
1200 establishes as goals for the department to treat foster parents,
1201 kinship caregivers, and nonrelative caregivers with dignity,
1202 respect, and trust while ensuring delivery of child welfare
1203 services is focused on the best interest of the child. To that
1204 end, regarding foster parents, kinship caregivers, and
1205 nonrelative caregivers caring for dependent children in their
1206 home, to the extent not otherwise prohibited by state or federal

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1207 law and to the extent of current resources, the department will
1208 strive to:

1209 (c)1. Fully disclose all relevant information regarding
1210 the child and the background of his or her biological family. A
1211 ~~caregiver must maintain the confidentiality of any information~~
1212 ~~as required by law.~~ Such disclosure includes, but is not limited
1213 to:

1214 ~~a.1.~~ Any issues relative to the child that may jeopardize
1215 the health and safety of the caregiver or other individuals
1216 residing in the household or alter the manner in which the
1217 caregiver would normally provide care.

1218 ~~b.2.~~ Any delinquency or criminal record of the child,
1219 including, but not limited to, any pending petitions or
1220 adjudications of delinquency when the conduct constituting the
1221 delinquent act, if committed by an adult, would constitute
1222 murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, rape,
1223 robbery, or kidnapping.

1224 ~~c.3.~~ Information about any physical or sexual abuse the
1225 child has experienced.

1226 ~~d.4.~~ Any behavioral issues that may affect the care and
1227 supervision of the child.

1228 ~~e.5.~~ With parental consent to the extent required by law,
1229 any known health history and medical, psychological, or
1230 behavioral ~~mental~~ health issues or needs of the child,
1231 including, but not limited to, current infectious diseases the

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1232 child has or any episodes of hospitalization due to mental or
1233 physical illness.

1234 2. A caregiver must maintain the confidentiality of any
1235 information provided under this paragraph as required by law.

1236 (k) Give at least 7 days' notice to a caregiver, to the
1237 extent possible, of any meeting or court hearing related to a
1238 child in his or her care. The notice must ~~shall~~ include, at
1239 minimum, but is not limited to, the name of the judge or hearing
1240 officer, the docket number, and the purpose and location of the
1241 hearing or meeting. If the department is providing such
1242 information to a child's biological parent, the department shall
1243 provide notice to the caregiver at the same time as the
1244 biological parent.

1245 (l) ~~If the caregiver agrees,~~ Consider the caregiver as a
1246 placement option for a child if such child, who was formerly
1247 placed with the caregiver, reenters out-of-home care and the
1248 caregiver agrees to the child being placed with the caregiver
1249 upon reentry and reenters out-of-home care.

1250 Section 14. Section 39.4092, Florida Statutes, is created
1251 to read:

1252 39.4092 Multidisciplinary legal representation model
1253 program for parents of children in the dependency system.-

1254 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.-

1255 (a) The Legislature finds that the use of a specialized
1256 team that includes an attorney, a social worker, and a parent-

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1257 peer specialist, also known as a multidisciplinary legal
1258 representation model program, in dependency judicial matters is
1259 effective in reducing safety risks to children and providing
1260 families with better outcomes, such as significantly reducing
1261 the time the children spend in out-of-home care and achieving
1262 permanency more quickly.

1263 (b) The Legislature finds that parents in dependency court
1264 often suffer from multiple challenges, such as mental illness,
1265 substance use disorder, domestic violence or other trauma,
1266 unstable housing, or unemployment. These challenges are often a
1267 contributing factor to children experiencing instability or
1268 safety risks. While these challenges may result in legal
1269 involvement or require legal representation, addressing the
1270 underlying challenges in a manner that achieves stability often
1271 falls within the core functions of the practice of social work.

1272 (c) The Legislature also finds that social work
1273 professionals have a unique skill set, including client
1274 assessment and clinical knowledge of family dynamics. This
1275 unique skill set allows these professionals to interact and
1276 engage with families in meaningful and unique ways that are
1277 distinct from the ways in which the families interact with
1278 attorneys or other professional staff involved in dependency
1279 matters. Additionally, social work professionals are skilled at
1280 quickly connecting families facing crisis to resources that can
1281 address the specific underlying challenges.

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1282 (d) The Legislature finds that there is a great benefit to
1283 using parent-peer specialists in the dependency system, which
1284 allows parents who have successfully navigated the dependency
1285 system and have been successfully reunified with their children
1286 to be paired with parents whose children are currently involved
1287 in the dependency system. By working with someone who has
1288 personally lived the experience of overcoming great personal
1289 crisis, parents currently involved in the dependency system have
1290 a greater ability to address the underlying challenges that
1291 resulted in the instability and safety risk to their children,
1292 to provide a safe and stable home environment, and to be
1293 successfully reunified.

1294 (e) The Legislature further finds that current federal law
1295 authorizes the reimbursement of a portion of the cost of
1296 attorneys for parents and children in eligible cases, whereas
1297 such funds were formerly restricted to foster care
1298 administrative costs.

1299 (f) The Legislature finds it is necessary to encourage and
1300 facilitate the use of a multidisciplinary legal representation
1301 model for parents and their children in order to improve
1302 outcomes for those families involved in the dependency system
1303 and to provide the families who find themselves in a crisis with
1304 the best opportunity to be successful in creating safe and
1305 stable homes for their children.

1306 (2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Each office of criminal conflict and

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1307 civil regional counsel established under s. 27.511 may establish
1308 a multidisciplinary legal representation model program to serve
1309 families in the dependency system.

1310 (3) DUTIES.—

1311 (a) The department shall collaborate with the office of
1312 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel to determine and
1313 execute any necessary documentation for approval of federal
1314 Title IV-E matching funding. The department shall submit such
1315 documentation as promptly as possible upon the establishment of
1316 a multidisciplinary legal representation model program and shall
1317 execute the necessary agreements to ensure the program accesses
1318 available federal matching funding for the program in order to
1319 help eligible families involved in the dependency system.

1320 (b) An office of criminal conflict and civil regional
1321 counsel that establishes a multidisciplinary legal
1322 representation model program must, at a minimum:

1323 1. Use a team that consists of an attorney, a forensic
1324 social worker, and a parent-peer specialist. For purposes of
1325 this section, the term "parent-peer specialist" means a person
1326 who has:

1327 a. Previously had his or her child removed from his or her
1328 care and placed in out-of-home care.

1329 b. Been successfully reunified with the child for more
1330 than 2 years.

1331 c. Received specialized training to become a parent-peer

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1332 specialist.

1333 2. Comply with any necessary cost-sharing or other
1334 agreements to maximize financial resources and enable access to
1335 available federal Title IV-E matching funding.

1336 3. Provide specialized training and support for attorneys,
1337 forensic social workers, and parent-peer specialists involved in
1338 the model program.

1339 4. Collect uniform data on each child whose parent is
1340 served by the program and ensure that reporting of data is
1341 conducted through the child's unique identification number in
1342 the Florida Safe Families Network or any successor system, if
1343 applicable.

1344 5. Develop consistent operational program policies and
1345 procedures throughout each region that establishes the model
1346 program.

1347 6. Obtain agreements with universities relating to
1348 approved placements for social work students to ensure the
1349 placement of social workers in the program.

1350 7. Execute conflict of interest agreements with each team
1351 member.

1352 (4) REPORTING.—

1353 (a) Beginning October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter
1354 through October 1, 2025, each office of criminal conflict and
1355 civil regional counsel that establishes a multidisciplinary
1356 legal representation model program must submit an annual report

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1357 to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
1358 Accountability. The annual report must use the uniform data
1359 collected on each unique child whose parents are served by the
1360 program and must detail, at a minimum, all of the following:

1361 1. Reasons the family became involved in the dependency
1362 system.

1363 2. Length of time it takes to achieve a permanency goal
1364 for children whose parents are served by the program.

1365 3. Frequency of each type of permanency goal achieved by
1366 children whose parents are served by the program.

1367 4. Rate of subsequent abuse or neglect which results in
1368 the removal of children whose parents are served by the program.

1369 5. Any other relevant factors that tend to show the impact
1370 of the use of such multidisciplinary legal representation model
1371 programs on the outcomes for children in the dependency system.

1372 Each region that has established a model program must agree on
1373 the additional factors and how to collect data on such
1374 additional factors for the annual report.

1375 (b) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
1376 Accountability shall compile the results of the reports required
1377 under paragraph (a) and conduct an analysis comparing the
1378 reported outcomes from the multidisciplinary legal
1379 representation model program to known outcomes of children in
1380 the dependency system whose parents are not served by a
1381 multidisciplinary legal representation model program. Each

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1382 office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall
1383 provide any additional information or data requested by the
1384 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
1385 for its analysis. By December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter
1386 through December 1, 2025, the Office of Program Policy Analysis
1387 and Government Accountability must submit its analysis in a
1388 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
1389 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1390 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
1391 39.5086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1392 39.5086 Kinship navigator programs.—

1393 (2) PURPOSE AND SERVICES.—

1394 (b) ~~Subject to available resources,~~ Each community-based
1395 care lead agency shall ~~may~~ establish a kinship navigator program
1396 that:

1397 1. Coordinates with other state or local agencies that
1398 promote service coordination or provide information and referral
1399 services, including any entities that participate in the Florida
1400 211 Network, to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services
1401 to kinship care families;

1402 2. Is planned and operated in consultation with kinship
1403 caregivers and organizations representing them, youth raised by
1404 kinship caregivers, relevant governmental agencies, and relevant
1405 community-based or faith-based organizations;

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- 1406 3. Has a toll-free telephone hotline to provide
1407 information to link kinship caregivers, kinship support group
1408 facilitators, and kinship service providers to:
- 1409 a. One another;
 - 1410 b. Eligibility and enrollment information for federal,
1411 state, and local benefits;
 - 1412 c. Relevant training to assist kinship caregivers in
1413 caregiving and in obtaining benefits and services; and
 - 1414 d. Relevant knowledge related to legal options available
1415 for child custody, other legal assistance, and help in obtaining
1416 legal services.
- 1417 4. Provides outreach to kinship care families, including
1418 by establishing, distributing, and updating a kinship care
1419 website, or other relevant guides or outreach materials; and
- 1420 5. Promotes partnerships between public and private
1421 agencies, including schools, community-based or faith-based
1422 organizations, and relevant governmental agencies, to increase
1423 their knowledge of the needs of kinship care families to promote
1424 better services for those families.

1425 Section 16. Subsection (15) of section 39.6225, Florida
1426 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (13), and present
1427 subsections (13) and (14) are amended to read:

1428 39.6225 Guardianship Assistance Program.—

1429 ~~(13) The Florida Institute for Child Welfare shall~~
1430 ~~evaluate the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance~~

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1431 ~~Program. This evaluation shall be designed to determine the~~
1432 ~~impact of implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program,~~
1433 ~~identify any barriers that may prevent eligible caregivers from~~
1434 ~~participating in the program, and identify recommendations~~
1435 ~~regarding enhancements to the state's system of supporting~~
1436 ~~kinship caregivers. The institute shall submit the report to the~~
1437 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the~~
1438 ~~House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2021. At a~~
1439 ~~minimum, the evaluation shall include:~~

1440 ~~(a) Information about the perspectives and experiences of~~
1441 ~~program participants, individuals who applied for licensure as~~
1442 ~~child-specific foster homes or program participation but were~~
1443 ~~determined to be ineligible, and individuals who were likely~~
1444 ~~eligible for licensure as a child-specific foster home or for~~
1445 ~~the program but declined to apply. The institute shall collect~~
1446 ~~this information through methodologies including, but not~~
1447 ~~limited to, surveys and focus groups.~~

1448 ~~(b) An assessment of any communications procedures and~~
1449 ~~print and electronic materials developed to publicize the~~
1450 ~~program and recommendations for improving these materials. If~~
1451 ~~possible, individuals with expertise in marketing and~~
1452 ~~communications shall contribute to this assessment.~~

1453 ~~(c) An analysis of the program's impact on caregivers and~~
1454 ~~children, including any differences in impact on children placed~~
1455 ~~with caregivers who were licensed and those who were not.~~

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1456 ~~(d) Recommendations for maximizing participation by~~
1457 ~~eligible caregivers and improving the support available to~~
1458 ~~kinship caregivers.~~

1459 ~~(14) The program shall take effect July 1, 2019.~~

1460 Section 17. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (3) and
1461 paragraph (u) is added to subsection (5) of section 394.9082,
1462 Florida Statutes, to read:

1463 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

1464 (3) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall:

1465 (m) Collect and publish, and update annually, all of the
1466 following information on its website for each managing entity:

1467 1. All compensation earned or awarded, whether paid or
1468 accrued, regardless of contingency, by position, for any
1469 employee, and any other person compensated through a contract
1470 for services whose services include those commonly associated
1471 with a chief executive, chief administrator, or other chief
1472 officer of a business or corporation, who receives compensation
1473 from state-appropriated funds in excess of 150 percent of the
1474 annual salary paid to the secretary of the department. For
1475 purposes of this paragraph, the term "employee" has the same
1476 meaning as in s. 448.095(1).

1477 2. The most recent 3 years of the Return of Organization
1478 Exempt from Income Tax, Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and
1479 related documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service,
1480 auditor reports, and annual reports for each managing entity or

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1481 affiliated entity.

1482 (5) MANAGING ENTITY DUTIES.—A managing entity shall:

1483 (u) Include the statement "(managing entity name) is a
1484 managing entity contracted with the Department of Children and
1485 Families" on its website and, at a minimum, in its promotional
1486 literature, managing entity-created documents and forms provided
1487 to families served by the managing entity, business cards, and
1488 stationery letterhead.

1489 Section 18. Section 394.90825, Florida Statutes, is
1490 created to read:

1491 394.90825 Boards of behavioral health managing entities;
1492 conflicts of interest.—

1493 (1) As used in this section, the term:

1494 (a) "Activity" includes, but is not limited to, a contract
1495 for goods and services, a contract for the purchase of any real
1496 or tangible property, or an agreement to engage with the
1497 managing entity for the benefit of a third party in exchange for
1498 an interest in real or tangible property, a monetary benefit, or
1499 an in-kind contribution.

1500 (b) "Conflict of interest" means when a board member or an
1501 officer, or a relative of a board member or an officer, of the
1502 managing entity does any of the following:

1503 1. Enters into a contract or other transaction for goods
1504 or services with the managing entity.

1505 2. Holds a direct or indirect interest in a corporation,

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1506 limited liability corporation, partnership, limited liability
1507 partnership, or other business entity that conducts business
1508 with the managing entity or proposes to enter into a contract or
1509 other transaction with the managing entity. For purposes of this
1510 paragraph, the term "indirect interest" has the same meaning as
1511 in s. 112.312.

1512 3. Knowingly obtains a direct or indirect personal,
1513 financial, professional, or other benefit as a result of the
1514 relationship of such board member or officer, or relative of the
1515 board member or officer, with the managing entity. For purposes
1516 of this paragraph, the term "benefit" does not include per diem
1517 and travel expenses paid or reimbursed to board members or
1518 officers of the managing entity in connection with their service
1519 on the board.

1520 (c) "Managing entity" has the same meaning as in s.
1521 394.9082.

1522 (d) "Relative" means a relative within the third degree of
1523 consanguinity by blood or marriage.

1524 (2) (a) For any activity that is presented to the board of
1525 a managing entity for its initial consideration and approval
1526 after July 1, 2021, or any activity that involves a contract
1527 that is being considered for renewal on or after July 1, 2021,
1528 but before January 1, 2022, a board member or an officer of a
1529 managing entity shall disclose to the board any activity that
1530 may reasonably be construed to be a conflict of interest before

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1531 such activity is initially considered and approved or a contract
1532 is renewed by the board. A rebuttable presumption of a conflict
1533 of interest exists if the activity was acted on by the board
1534 without prior notice as required under subsection (3).

1535 (b) For contracts with a managing entity which are in
1536 existence on July 1, 2021, and are not subject to renewal before
1537 January 1, 2022, a board member or an officer of the managing
1538 entity shall disclose to the board any activity that may
1539 reasonably be construed to be a conflict of interest under this
1540 section by December 31, 2021.

1541 (3) (a) If a board member or an officer of the managing
1542 entity, or a relative of a board member or an officer, proposes
1543 to engage in an activity as described in paragraph (2) (a), the
1544 proposed activity must be listed on the meeting agenda for the
1545 next general or special meeting of the board members, and copies
1546 of all contracts and transactional documents related to the
1547 proposed activity must be included in the agenda. The meeting
1548 agenda must clearly identify the existence of a potential
1549 conflict of interest for the proposed activity. Before a board
1550 member or an officer of the managing entity, or a relative of a
1551 board member or an officer, engages in the proposed activity,
1552 the activity and contract or other transactional documents must
1553 be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all other
1554 board members present.

1555 (b) If a board member or an officer of the managing entity

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1556 notifies the board of a potential conflict of interest with the
1557 board member or officer, or a relative of the board member or
1558 officer, under an existing contract as described in paragraph
1559 (2) (b), the board must notice the activity on a meeting agenda
1560 for the next general or special meeting of the board members,
1561 and copies of all contracts and transactional documents related
1562 to the activity must be attached. The meeting agenda must
1563 clearly identify the existence of a potential conflict of
1564 interest. The board must be given the opportunity to approve or
1565 disapprove the conflict of interest by a vote of two-thirds of
1566 all other board members present.

1567 (4) (a) If the board votes against the proposed activity
1568 under paragraph (3) (a), the board member or officer of the
1569 managing entity, or the relative of the board member or officer,
1570 must notify the board in writing of his or her intention, or his
1571 or her relative's intention, not to pursue the proposed
1572 activity, or the board member or officer shall withdraw from
1573 office before the next scheduled board meeting. If the board
1574 finds that a board member or officer has violated this
1575 paragraph, the board member or officer shall be removed from
1576 office before the next scheduled board meeting.

1577 (b) In the event that the board does not approve a
1578 conflict of interest as required under paragraph (3) (b), the
1579 parties to the activity may opt to cancel the activity or, in
1580 the alternative, the board member or officer of the managing

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1581 entity must resign from the board before the next scheduled
1582 board meeting. If the activity canceled is a contract, the
1583 managing entity is only liable for the reasonable value of the
1584 goods and services provided up to the time of cancellation and
1585 is not liable for any termination fee, liquidated damages, or
1586 other form of penalty for such cancellation.

1587 (5) A board member or an officer of the managing entity,
1588 or a relative of a board member or an officer, who is a party
1589 to, or has an interest in, an activity that is a possible
1590 conflict of interest may attend the meeting at which the
1591 activity is considered by the board and may make a presentation
1592 to the board regarding the activity. After the presentation, the
1593 board member or officer, or the relative of the board member or
1594 officer, must leave the meeting during the discussion of, and
1595 the vote on, the activity. A board member or an officer who is a
1596 party to, or has an interest in, the activity shall recuse
1597 himself or herself from the vote.

1598 (6) A contract entered into between a board member or an
1599 officer of the managing entity, or a relative of a board member
1600 or an officer, and the managing entity which has not been
1601 properly disclosed as a conflict of interest or potential
1602 conflict of interest under this section is voidable and
1603 terminates upon the filing of a written notice terminating the
1604 contract with the board of directors which contains the consent
1605 of at least 20 percent of the voting interests of the managing

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1606 entity.

1607 Section 19. Section 394.9086, Florida Statutes, is created
1608 to read:

1609 394.9086 Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.—

1610 (1) CREATION.—The Commission on Mental Health and
1611 Substance Abuse, a commission as defined in s. 20.03(10), is
1612 created adjunct to the department. The department shall provide
1613 administrative and staff support services relating to the
1614 functions of the commission.

1615 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the commission are to
1616 examine the current methods of providing mental health and
1617 substance abuse services in the state and to improve the
1618 effectiveness of current practices, procedures, programs, and
1619 initiatives in providing such services; identify any barriers or
1620 deficiencies in the delivery of such services; and recommend
1621 changes to existing laws, rules, and policies necessary to
1622 implement the commission's recommendations.

1623 (3) MEMBERSHIP; TERM LIMITS; MEETINGS.—

1624 (a) The commission shall be composed of 19 members as
1625 follows:

1626 1. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
1627 the Senate.

1628 2. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
1629 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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1630 3. The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
1631 designee.

1632 4. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
1633 Administration or his or her designee.

1634 5. A person living with a mental health disorder,
1635 appointed by the President of the Senate.

1636 6. A family member of a consumer of publicly funded mental
1637 health services, appointed by the President of the Senate.

1638 7. A representative of the Louis de la Parte Florida
1639 Mental Health Institute within the University of South Florida,
1640 appointed by the President of the Senate.

1641 8. A representative of a county school district, appointed
1642 by the President of the Senate.

1643 9. A representative of mental health courts, appointed by
1644 the Governor.

1645 10. A representative of a treatment facility, as defined
1646 in s. 394.455, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
1647 Representatives.

1648 11. A representative of a managing entity, as defined in
1649 s. 394.9082(2), appointed by the Speaker of the House of
1650 Representatives.

1651 12. A representative of a community substance abuse
1652 provider, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
1653 Representatives.

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1654 13. A psychiatrist licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
1655 459 practicing within the mental health delivery system,
1656 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1657 14. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490 practicing
1658 within the mental health delivery system, appointed by the
1659 Governor.

1660 15. A mental health professional licensed under chapter
1661 491, appointed by the Governor.

1662 16. An emergency room physician, appointed by the
1663 Governor.

1664 17. A representative from the field of law enforcement,
1665 appointed by the Governor.

1666 18. A representative from the criminal justice system,
1667 appointed by the Governor.

1668 19. A representative of a child welfare agency involved in
1669 the delivery of behavioral health services, appointed by the
1670 Governor.

1671 (b) The Governor shall appoint the chair from the members
1672 of the commission. Appointments to the commission must be made
1673 by August 1, 2021. Members shall be appointed to serve at the
1674 pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. A vacancy on
1675 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the
1676 original appointment.

1677 (c) The commission shall convene no later than September
1678 1, 2021. The commission shall meet quarterly or upon the call of

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1679 the chair. The commission shall hold its meetings via
1680 teleconference or other electronic means.

1681 (4) DUTIES.—

1682 (a) The duties of the Commission on Mental Health and
1683 Substance Abuse include the following:

1684 1. Conducting a review and evaluation of the management
1685 and functioning of the existing publicly supported mental health
1686 and substance abuse systems and services in the department, the
1687 Agency for Health Care Administration, and all other departments
1688 which administer mental health and substance abuse services.
1689 Such review shall include, at a minimum, a review of current
1690 goals and objectives, current planning, services strategies,
1691 coordination management, purchasing, contracting, financing,
1692 local government funding responsibility, and accountability
1693 mechanisms.

1694 2. Considering the unique needs of persons who are dually
1695 diagnosed.

1696 3. Addressing access to, financing of, and scope of
1697 responsibility in the delivery of emergency behavioral health
1698 care services.

1699 4. Addressing the quality and effectiveness of current
1700 mental health and substance abuse services delivery systems, and
1701 professional staffing and clinical structure of services, roles,
1702 and responsibilities of public and private providers, such as
1703 community mental health centers, community substance abuse

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1704 agencies, hospitals, including emergency services departments,
1705 law enforcement agencies, and the judicial system.

1706 5. Addressing priority population groups for publicly
1707 funded mental health and substance abuse services, identifying
1708 the comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services
1709 delivery systems, mental health and substance abuse needs
1710 assessment and planning activities, and local government funding
1711 responsibilities for mental health and substance abuse services.

1712 6. Reviewing the implementation of chapter 2020-107, Laws
1713 of Florida.

1714 7. Identifying any gaps in the provision of mental health
1715 and substance use disorder services.

1716 8. Providing recommendations on how behavioral health
1717 managing entities may fulfill their purpose of promoting service
1718 continuity.

1719 9. Making recommendations regarding the mission and
1720 objectives of state-supported mental health and substance abuse
1721 services and the planning, management, staffing, financing,
1722 contracting, coordination, and accountability mechanisms which
1723 will best foster the recommended mission and objectives.

1724 10. Evaluating and making recommendations regarding the
1725 establishment of a permanent, agency-level entity to manage
1726 mental health, substance abuse, and related services statewide.

1727 At a minimum, the evaluation must consider and describe the:

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1728 a. Specific duties and organizational structure proposed
1729 for the entity;

1730 b. Resource needs of the entity and possible sources of
1731 funding;

1732 c. Estimated impact on access to and quality of services;

1733 d. Impact on individuals with behavioral health needs and
1734 their families, both those currently served through the affected
1735 systems providing behavioral health services and those in need
1736 of services; and

1737 e. Relation to, integration with, and impact on providers,
1738 managing entities, communities, state agencies, and systems
1739 which provide mental health and substance abuse services in this
1740 state. Such recommendations must ensure that the ability of such
1741 other agencies and systems to carry out their missions and
1742 responsibilities is not impaired.

1743 (b) The commission may call upon appropriate departments
1744 and agencies of state government for such professional
1745 assistance as may be needed in the discharge of its duties, and
1746 such departments and agencies shall provide such assistance in a
1747 timely manner.

1748 (5) REPORTS.—By September 1, 2022, the commission shall
1749 submit an interim report to the President of the Senate, the
1750 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor
1751 containing its findings and recommendations on how to best
1752 provide and facilitate mental health and substance abuse

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1753 services in the state. The commission shall submit its final
1754 report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
1755 of Representatives, and the Governor by September 1, 2023.

1756 (6) REPEAL.—This section is repealed September 1, 2023,
1757 unless saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

1758 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 409.1415, Florida
1759 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), paragraphs (b) and
1760 (c) of subsection (2) are amended, and a new subsection (3) is
1761 added to that section, to read:

1762 409.1415 Parenting partnerships for children in out-of-
1763 home care; resources.—

1764 (2) PARENTING PARTNERSHIPS.—

1765 (b) To ensure that a child in out-of-home care receives
1766 support for healthy development which gives the child the best
1767 possible opportunity for success, caregivers, birth or legal
1768 parents, the department, and the community-based care lead
1769 agency shall work cooperatively in a respectful partnership by
1770 adhering to the following requirements:

1771 1. All members of the partnership must interact and
1772 communicate professionally with one another, must share all
1773 relevant information promptly, and must respect the
1774 confidentiality of all information related to the child and his
1775 or her family.

1776 2. The caregiver; the birth or legal parent; the child, if
1777 appropriate; the department; and the community-based care lead

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1778 agency must participate in developing a case plan for the child
1779 and the birth or legal parent. All members of the team must work
1780 together to implement the case plan. The caregiver must have the
1781 opportunity to participate in all team meetings or court
1782 hearings related to the child's care and future plans. The
1783 department and community-based care lead agency must support and
1784 facilitate caregiver participation through timely notification
1785 of such meetings and hearings and provide alternative methods
1786 for participation for a caregiver who cannot be physically
1787 present at a meeting or hearing.

1788 3. A caregiver must strive to provide, and the department
1789 and community-based care lead agency must support, excellent
1790 parenting, which includes:

1791 a. A loving commitment to the child and the child's safety
1792 and well-being.

1793 b. Appropriate supervision and positive methods of
1794 discipline.

1795 c. Encouragement of the child's strengths.

1796 d. Respect for the child's individuality and likes and
1797 dislikes.

1798 e. Providing opportunities to develop the child's
1799 interests and skills.

1800 f. Being aware of the impact of trauma on behavior.

1801 g. Facilitating equal participation of the child in family
1802 life.

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1803 h. Involving the child within his or her community.

1804 i. A commitment to enable the child to lead a normal life.

1805 4. A child in out-of-home care must be placed with a
1806 caregiver who has the ability to care for the child, is willing
1807 to accept responsibility for providing care, and is willing and
1808 able to learn about and be respectful of the child's culture,
1809 religion, and ethnicity; special physical or psychological
1810 needs; circumstances unique to the child; and family
1811 relationships. The department, the community-based care lead
1812 agency, and other agencies must provide a caregiver with all
1813 available information necessary to assist the caregiver in
1814 determining whether he or she is able to appropriately care for
1815 a particular child.

1816 5. A caregiver must have access to and take advantage of
1817 all training that he or she needs to improve his or her skills
1818 in parenting a child who has experienced trauma due to neglect,
1819 abuse, or separation from home; to meet the child's special
1820 needs; and to work effectively with child welfare agencies, the
1821 courts, the schools, and other community and governmental
1822 agencies.

1823 6. The department and community-based care lead agency
1824 must provide a caregiver with the services and support they need
1825 to enable them to provide quality care for the child pursuant to
1826 subsection (3).

1827 7. Once a caregiver accepts the responsibility of caring

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1828 for a child, the child may be removed from the home of the
1829 caregiver only if:

- 1830 a. The caregiver is clearly unable to safely or legally
1831 care for the child;
- 1832 b. The child and the birth or legal parent are reunified;
- 1833 c. The child is being placed in a legally permanent home
1834 in accordance with a case plan or court order; or
- 1835 d. The removal is demonstrably in the best interests of
1836 the child.

1837 8. If a child must leave the caregiver's home for one of
1838 the reasons stated in subparagraph 7., and in the absence of an
1839 unforeseeable emergency, the transition must be accomplished
1840 according to a plan that involves cooperation and sharing of
1841 information among all persons involved, respects the child's
1842 developmental stage and psychological needs, ensures the child
1843 has all of his or her belongings, allows for a gradual
1844 transition from the caregiver's home, and, if possible, allows
1845 for continued contact with the caregiver after the child leaves.

1846 9. When the case plan for a child includes reunification,
1847 the caregiver, the department, and the community-based care lead
1848 agency must work together to assist the birth or legal parent in
1849 improving his or her ability to care for and protect the child
1850 and to provide continuity for the child.

1851 10. A caregiver must respect and support the child's ties
1852 to his or her birth or legal family, including parents,

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1853 | siblings, and extended family members, and must assist the child
1854 | in maintaining allowable visitation and other forms of
1855 | communication. The department and community-based care lead
1856 | agency must provide a caregiver with the information, guidance,
1857 | training, and support necessary for fulfilling this
1858 | responsibility.

1859 | 11. A caregiver must work in partnership with the
1860 | department and community-based care lead agency to obtain and
1861 | maintain records that are important to the child's well-being,
1862 | including, but not limited to, child resource records, medical
1863 | records, school records, photographs, and records of special
1864 | events and achievements.

1865 | 12. A caregiver must advocate for a child in his or her
1866 | care with the child welfare system, the court, and community
1867 | agencies, including schools, child care providers, health and
1868 | mental health providers, and employers. The department and
1869 | community-based care lead agency must support a caregiver in
1870 | advocating for a child and may not retaliate against the
1871 | caregiver as a result of this advocacy.

1872 | 13. A caregiver must be as fully involved in the child's
1873 | medical, psychological, and dental care as he or she would be
1874 | for his or her biological child. The department and community-
1875 | based care lead agency must support and facilitate such
1876 | participation. The caregiver, the department, and the community-
1877 | based care lead agency must share information with each other

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1878 | about the child's health and well-being.

1879 | 14. A caregiver must support a child's school success,
1880 | including, when possible, maintaining school stability by
1881 | participating in school activities and meetings. The department
1882 | and community-based care lead agency must facilitate this
1883 | participation and be informed of the child's progress and needs.

1884 | 15. A caregiver must ensure that a child in his or her
1885 | care who is between 13 and 17 years of age learns and masters
1886 | independent living skills. The department shall make available
1887 | training for caregivers developed in collaboration with the
1888 | Florida Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and the Quality
1889 | Parenting Initiative on the life skills necessary for children
1890 | in out-of-home care.

1891 | 16. The case manager and case manager supervisor must
1892 | mediate disagreements that occur between a caregiver and the
1893 | birth or legal parent.

1894 | (c) An employee of a residential group home must meet the
1895 | background screening requirements under s. 39.0138 and the level
1896 | 2 screening standards for screening under chapter 435. An
1897 | employee of a residential group home who works directly with a
1898 | child as a caregiver must meet, at a minimum, the same education
1899 | and, training, background, and other screening requirements as
1900 | caregivers in family foster homes licensed as level II under s.
1901 | 409.175(5).

1902 | (3) RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS.-

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1903 (a) Foster parents.—The department shall establish the
1904 Foster Information Center to connect current and former foster
1905 parents, known as foster parent advocates, to prospective and
1906 current foster parents in order to provide information and
1907 services, including, but not limited to:

1908 1. Navigating the application and approval process,
1909 including timelines for each; preparing for transitioning from
1910 approval for placement to accepting a child into the home; and
1911 learning about and connecting with any available resources in
1912 the prospective foster parent's community.

1913 2. Accessing available resources and services, including,
1914 but not limited to, those from the Florida Foster and Adoptive
1915 Parent Association, for any current foster parents who need
1916 additional assistance.

1917 3. Providing information specific to a foster parent's
1918 individual needs.

1919 4. Providing immediate assistance when needed.

1920 (b) Kinship caregivers.—

1921 1. A community-based care lead agency shall provide a
1922 caregiver with resources and supports that are available and
1923 discuss whether the caregiver meets any eligibility criteria for
1924 such resources and supports. If the caregiver is unable to
1925 access resources and supports beneficial to the well-being of
1926 the child, the community-based care lead agency or case
1927 management agency must assist the caregiver in initiating access

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1928 | to resources by:

1929 | a. Providing referrals to kinship navigation services, if
1930 | available.

1931 | b. Assisting with linkages to community resources and
1932 | completion of program applications.

1933 | c. Scheduling appointments.

1934 | d. Initiating contact with community service providers.

1935 | 2. The community-based care lead agency shall provide each
1936 | caregiver with a telephone number to call during normal business
1937 | hours whenever immediate assistance is needed and the child's
1938 | caseworker is unavailable. The telephone number must be staffed
1939 | and answered by individuals possessing the knowledge and
1940 | authority necessary to assist caregivers.

1941 | Section 21. Section 409.1453, Florida Statutes, is
1942 | repealed.

1943 | Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 409.175, Florida
1944 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1945 | 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
1946 | child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public
1947 | records exemption.—

1948 | (3)(a) The total number of children placed in a each
1949 | family foster home shall be based on the recommendation of the
1950 | department, or the community-based care lead agency where one is
1951 | providing foster care and related services, based on the needs
1952 | of each child in care, the ability of the foster family to meet

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1953 the individual needs of each child, including any adoptive or
1954 biological children or young adults remaining in foster care
1955 living in the home, the amount of safe physical plant space, the
1956 ratio of active and appropriate adult supervision, and the
1957 background, experience, and skill of the family foster parents.

1958 (b) The department must grant a capacity waiver before
1959 another child may be placed in the home if:

1960 1. The total number of dependent children in a family
1961 foster home is six or more; or will exceed five, including the
1962 family's own children,

1963 2. The total number of children in a family foster home,
1964 including both dependent children and the family's own children,
1965 is eight or more.

1966 (c) Before granting a capacity waiver, the department must
1967 conduct an assessment of each child to be placed in the home.
1968 ~~must be completed by a family services counselor and approved in~~
1969 ~~writing by the counselor's supervisor prior to placement of any~~
1970 ~~additional children in the home, except that, If the placement~~
1971 ~~involves a child whose sibling is already in the home or a child~~
1972 ~~who has been in placement in the home previously, the assessment~~
1973 ~~must be completed within 72 hours after placement. The~~
1974 ~~assessment must assess and document the mental, physical, and~~
1975 ~~psychosocial needs of the child and whether those needs will be~~
1976 ~~met by placement in the home and recommend the maximum number of~~
1977 ~~children in a family foster home that will allow the child's~~

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1978 | ~~needs to be met.~~

1979 | (d)~~(e)~~ For any licensed family foster home, the
1980 | appropriateness of the number of children in the home must be
1981 | reassessed annually as part of the relicensure process. For a
1982 | home with more than eight ~~five~~ children, including the family's
1983 | own children, if it is determined by the licensure study at the
1984 | time of relicensure that the total number of children in the
1985 | home is appropriate and that there have been no substantive
1986 | licensure violations and no indications of child maltreatment or
1987 | child-on-child sexual abuse within the past 12 months, the
1988 | relicensure of the home may ~~shall~~ not be denied based on the
1989 | total number of children in the home.

1990 | (e) The department may adopt rules to implement this
1991 | subsection.

1992 | Section 23. Section 409.1753, Florida Statutes, is
1993 | repealed.

1994 | Section 24. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section
1995 | 409.987, Florida Statutes, to read:

1996 | 409.987 Lead agency procurement; boards; conflicts of
1997 | interest.—

1998 | (6) In communities in which conditions make it not
1999 | feasible to competitively contract with a lead agency, the
2000 | department may collaborate with the local community alliance to
2001 | establish an alternative approach to providing community-based
2002 | child welfare services in the service area that would otherwise

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2003 | be served by a lead agency.

2004 | (a) The department and local community alliance shall
2005 | develop a plan that must detail how the community will continue
2006 | to implement community-based care through competitively
2007 | procuring either the specific components of foster care and
2008 | related services or comprehensive services for defined eligible
2009 | populations of children and families from qualified entities as
2010 | part of the community's efforts to develop the local capacity
2011 | for a community-based system of coordinated care. The plan must
2012 | ensure local control over the management and administration of
2013 | service provision. At a minimum, the plan must describe the
2014 | reasons for the department's inability to competitively contract
2015 | for lead agency services, the proposed alternative approach to
2016 | providing lead agency services, the entities that will be
2017 | involved in service provision, how local control will be
2018 | maintained, how services will be managed to ensure that federal
2019 | and state requirements are met and outcome goals under s.
2020 | 409.986 are achieved, and recommendations for increasing the
2021 | ability of the department to contract with a lead agency in that
2022 | area.

2023 | (b) The department shall submit the plan to the Governor,
2024 | the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2025 | Representatives before implementation. The department shall
2026 | submit quarterly updates about the plan's implementation to the
2027 | Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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2028 House of Representatives until 2 years after full implementation
2029 of the plan.

2030 (7) (a) As used in this subsection, the term:

2031 1. "Activity" includes, but is not limited to, a contract
2032 for goods and services, a contract for the purchase of any real
2033 or tangible property, or an agreement to engage with a lead
2034 agency for the benefit of a third party in exchange for an
2035 interest in real or tangible property, a monetary benefit, or an
2036 in-kind contribution.

2037 2. "Conflict of interest" means when a board member or an
2038 officer, or a relative of a board member or an officer, of a
2039 lead agency does any of the following:

2040 a. Enters into a contract or other transaction for goods
2041 or services with the lead agency.

2042 b. Holds a direct or indirect interest in a corporation,
2043 limited liability corporation, partnership, limited liability
2044 partnership, or other business entity that conducts business
2045 with the lead agency or proposes to enter into a contract or
2046 other transaction with the lead agency. For purposes of this
2047 paragraph, the term "indirect interest" has the same meaning as
2048 in s. 112.312.

2049 c. Knowingly obtains a direct or indirect personal,
2050 financial, professional, or other benefit as a result of the
2051 relationship of such board member or officer, or relative of the
2052 board member or officer, with the lead agency. For purposes of

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2053 this paragraph, the term "benefit" does not include per diem and
2054 travel expenses paid or reimbursed to board members or officers
2055 of the lead agency in connection with their service on the
2056 board.

2057 3. "Relative" means a relative within the third degree of
2058 consanguinity by blood or marriage.

2059 (b)1. For any activity that is presented to the board of a
2060 lead agency for its initial consideration and approval after
2061 July 1, 2021, or any activity that involves a contract that is
2062 being considered for renewal on or after July 1, 2021, but
2063 before January 1, 2022, a board member or an officer of a lead
2064 agency shall disclose to the board any activity that may
2065 reasonably be construed to be a conflict of interest before such
2066 activity is initially considered and approved or a contract is
2067 renewed by the board. A rebuttable presumption of a conflict of
2068 interest exists if the activity was acted on by the board
2069 without prior notice as required under paragraph (c).

2070 2. For contracts with a lead agency which are in existence
2071 on July 1, 2021, and are not subject to renewal before January
2072 1, 2022, a board member or an officer of the lead agency shall
2073 disclose to the board any activity that may reasonably be
2074 construed to be a conflict of interest under this section by
2075 December 31, 2021.

2076 (c)1. If a board member or an officer of a lead agency, or
2077 a relative of a board member or an officer, proposes to engage

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2078 in an activity as described in subparagraph (b)1., the proposed
2079 activity must be listed on the meeting agenda for the next
2080 general or special meeting of the board members, and copies of
2081 all contracts and transactional documents related to the
2082 proposed activity must be included in the agenda. The meeting
2083 agenda must clearly identify the existence of a potential
2084 conflict of interest for the proposed activity. Before a board
2085 member or an officer of the lead agency, or a relative of a
2086 board member or an officer, engages in the proposed activity,
2087 the activity and contract or other transactional documents must
2088 be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all other
2089 board members present.

2090 2. If a board member or an officer of the lead agency
2091 notifies the board of a potential conflict of interest with the
2092 board member or officer, or a relative of the board member or
2093 officer, under an existing contract as described in subparagraph
2094 (b)2., the board must notice the activity on a meeting agenda
2095 for the next general or special meeting of the board members,
2096 and copies of all contracts and transactional documents related
2097 to the activity must be attached. The meeting agenda must
2098 clearly identify the existence of a potential conflict of
2099 interest. The board must be given the opportunity to approve or
2100 disapprove the conflict of interest by a vote of two-thirds of
2101 all other board members present.

2102 (d)1. If the board votes against the proposed activity

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2103 under subparagraph (c)1., the board member or officer of the
2104 lead agency, or the relative of the board member or officer,
2105 must notify the board in writing of his or her intention, or his
2106 or her relative's intention, not to pursue the proposed
2107 activity, or the board member or officer shall withdraw from
2108 office before the next scheduled board meeting. If the board
2109 finds that a board member or officer has violated this
2110 paragraph, the board member or officer shall be removed from
2111 office before the next scheduled board meeting.

2112 2. In the event that the board does not approve a conflict
2113 of interest as required under subparagraph (c)2., the parties to
2114 the activity may opt to cancel the activity or, in the
2115 alternative, the board member or officer of the lead agency must
2116 resign from the board before the next scheduled board meeting.
2117 If the activity canceled is a contract, the lead agency is only
2118 liable for the reasonable value of the goods and services
2119 provided up to the time of cancellation and is not liable for
2120 any termination fee, liquidated damages, or other form of
2121 penalty for such cancellation.

2122 (e) A board member or an officer of a lead agency, or a
2123 relative of a board member or an officer, who is a party to, or
2124 has an interest in, an activity that is a possible conflict of
2125 interest may attend the meeting at which the activity is
2126 considered by the board and may make a presentation to the board
2127 regarding the activity. After the presentation, the board member

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2128 or officer, or the relative of the board member or officer, must
2129 leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the
2130 activity. A board member or an officer who is a party to, or has
2131 an interest in, the activity shall recuse himself or herself
2132 from the vote.

2133 (f) A contract entered into between a board member or an
2134 officer of a lead agency, or a relative of a board member or an
2135 officer, and the lead agency which has not been properly
2136 disclosed as a conflict of interest or potential conflict of
2137 interest under this section is voidable and terminates upon the
2138 filing of a written notice terminating the contract with the
2139 board of directors which contains the consent of at least 20
2140 percent of the voting interests of the lead agency.

2141 Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 409.988, Florida
2142 Statutes, is amended to read:

2143 409.988 Lead agency duties; general provisions.—

2144 (1) DUTIES.—A lead agency:

2145 (a) Shall serve all children referred as a result of a
2146 report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment to the department's
2147 central abuse hotline, including, but not limited to, children
2148 who are the subject of verified reports and children who are not
2149 the subject of verified reports but who are at moderate to
2150 extremely high risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, as
2151 determined using the department's risk assessment instrument,
2152 regardless of the level of funding allocated to the lead agency

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2153 | by the state if all related funding is transferred. The lead
2154 | agency may also serve children who have not been the subject of
2155 | reports of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, but who are at risk
2156 | of abuse, neglect, or abandonment, to prevent their entry into
2157 | the child protection and child welfare system.

2158 | (b) Shall provide accurate and timely information
2159 | necessary for oversight by the department pursuant to the child
2160 | welfare results-oriented accountability system required by s.
2161 | 409.997.

2162 | (c) Shall follow the financial guidelines developed by the
2163 | department and provide for a regular independent auditing of its
2164 | financial activities. Such financial information shall be
2165 | provided to the community alliance established under s.
2166 | 20.19(5).

2167 | ~~(d) Shall post on its website the current budget for the~~
2168 | ~~lead agency, including the salaries, bonuses, and other~~
2169 | ~~compensation paid, by position, for the agency's chief executive~~
2170 | ~~officer, chief financial officer, and chief operating officer,~~
2171 | ~~or their equivalents.~~

2172 | (d)(e) Shall prepare all judicial reviews, case plans, and
2173 | other reports necessary for court hearings for dependent
2174 | children, except those related to the investigation of a
2175 | referral from the department's child abuse hotline, and shall
2176 | submit these documents timely to the department's attorneys for
2177 | review, any necessary revision, and filing with the court. The

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2178 | lead agency shall make the necessary staff available to
2179 | department attorneys for preparation for dependency proceedings,
2180 | and shall provide testimony and other evidence required for
2181 | dependency court proceedings in coordination with the
2182 | department's attorneys. This duty does not include the
2183 | preparation of legal pleadings or other legal documents, which
2184 | remain the responsibility of the department.

2185 | ~~(e)(f)~~ Shall ensure that all individuals providing care
2186 | for dependent children receive:

2187 | 1. Appropriate training and meet the minimum employment
2188 | standards established by the department. Appropriate training
2189 | shall include, but is not limited to, training on the
2190 | recognition of and responses to head trauma and brain injury in
2191 | a child under 6 years of age developed by the Child Protection
2192 | Team Program within the Department of Health.

2193 | 2. Contact information for the local mobile response team
2194 | established under s. 394.495.

2195 | ~~(f)(g)~~ Shall maintain eligibility to receive all available
2196 | federal child welfare funds.

2197 | (g) Shall adhere to all best child welfare practices under
2198 | ss. 39.4087, 39.523, 409.1415, and 409.145.

2199 | (h) Shall maintain written agreements with Healthy
2200 | Families Florida lead entities in its service area pursuant to
2201 | s. 409.153 to promote cooperative planning for the provision of
2202 | prevention and intervention services.

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2203 (i) Shall comply with federal and state statutory
2204 requirements and agency rules in the provision of contractual
2205 services.

2206 (j) May subcontract for the provision of services required
2207 by the contract with the lead agency and the department;
2208 however, the subcontracts must specify how the provider will
2209 contribute to the lead agency meeting the performance standards
2210 established pursuant to the child welfare results-oriented
2211 accountability system required by s. 409.997. The lead agency
2212 shall directly provide no more than 35 percent of all child
2213 welfare services provided unless it can demonstrate a need,
2214 within the lead agency's geographic service area, to exceed this
2215 threshold. The local community alliance in the geographic
2216 service area in which the lead agency is seeking to exceed the
2217 threshold shall review the lead agency's justification for need
2218 and recommend to the department whether the department should
2219 approve or deny the lead agency's request for an exemption from
2220 the services threshold. If there is not a community alliance
2221 operating in the geographic service area in which the lead
2222 agency is seeking to exceed the threshold, such review and
2223 recommendation shall be made by representatives of local
2224 stakeholders, including at least one representative from each of
2225 the following:

- 2226 1. The department.
- 2227 2. The county government.

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- 2228 3. The school district.
- 2229 4. The county United Way.
- 2230 5. The county sheriff's office.
- 2231 6. The circuit court corresponding to the county.
- 2232 7. The county children's board, if one exists.
- 2233 (k) Shall publish ~~post~~ on its website by the 15th day of
- 2234 each month at a minimum the data specified ~~information contained~~
- 2235 in subparagraphs 1.-5., calculated using a standard methodology
- 2236 determined by the department, ~~subparagraphs 1.-4.~~ for the
- 2237 preceding calendar month regarding its case management services.
- 2238 The following information shall be reported by each individual
- 2239 subcontracted case management provider, by the lead agency, if
- 2240 the lead agency provides case management services, and in total
- 2241 for all case management services subcontracted or directly
- 2242 provided by the lead agency:
- 2243 1. The average caseload of case managers, including only
- 2244 filled positions;
- 2245 2. The total number and percentage of case managers who
- 2246 have 25 or more cases on their caseloads;
- 2247 ~~3.2.~~ The turnover rate for case managers and case
- 2248 management supervisors for the previous 12 months;
- 2249 ~~4.3.~~ The percentage of required home visits completed; and
- 2250 ~~5.4.~~ Performance on outcome measures required pursuant to
- 2251 s. 409.997 for the previous 12 months.
- 2252 (l) Shall identify an employee to serve as a liaison with

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2253 the community alliance and community-based and faith-based
2254 organizations interested in collaborating with the lead agency
2255 or offering services or other assistance on a volunteer basis to
2256 the children and families served by the lead agency. The lead
2257 agency shall ensure that appropriate lead agency staff and
2258 subcontractors, including, but not limited to, case managers,
2259 are informed of the specific services or assistance available
2260 from community-based and faith-based organizations.

2261 (m) Shall include the statement "(community-based care
2262 lead agency name) is a community-based care lead agency
2263 contracted with the Department of Children and Families" on its
2264 website and, at a minimum, in its promotional literature, lead
2265 agency-created documents and forms provided to families served
2266 by the lead agency, business cards, and stationery letterhead.

2267 Section 26. Subsection (7) of section 409.990, Florida
2268 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection
2269 (7) is added to that section to read:

2270 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established
2271 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a
2272 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or
2273 applicable federal funding sources.

2274 (7) If subcontracted service providers must provide
2275 services that are beyond the contract limits due to increased
2276 client need or caseload, the lead agencies shall fund the cost
2277 of increased care.

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2278 Section 27. Subsections (3) through (25) of section
2279 409.996, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5)
2280 through (27), respectively, subsections (1) and (2) and
2281 paragraph (d) of present subsection (25) are amended, and new
2282 subsections (3) and (4) are added to that section, to read:

2283 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and
2284 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,
2285 administration, or management of care for children in the child
2286 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department
2287 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services
2288 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are
2289 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state
2290 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and
2291 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.
2292 20.19(1).

2293 (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead
2294 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies
2295 established in s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must do
2296 all of the following:

2297 (a) Provide for the services needed to accomplish the
2298 duties established in s. 409.988. ~~and~~

2299 (b) Require the lead agency to provide information to the
2300 department which specifies how the lead agency will adhere to
2301 all best child welfare practices under ss. 39.4087, 39.523,
2302 409.1415, and 409.145.

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2303 (c) Provide information to the department which is
2304 necessary to meet the requirements for a quality assurance
2305 program under subsection (21) ~~(19)~~ and the child welfare
2306 results-oriented accountability system under s. 409.997.

2307 (d) ~~(b)~~ Provide for tiered interventions and graduated
2308 penalties for failure to comply with contract terms or in the
2309 event of performance deficiencies. Such interventions and
2310 penalties shall include, but are not limited to:

- 2311 1. Enhanced monitoring and reporting.
- 2312 2. Corrective action plans.
- 2313 3. Requirements to accept technical assistance and
2314 consultation from the department under subsection (6) ~~(4)~~.
- 2315 4. Financial penalties, which shall require a lead agency
2316 to reallocate funds from administrative costs to direct care for
2317 children.
- 2318 5. Early termination of contracts, as provided in s.
2319 402.1705(3) (f).

2320 (e) ~~(e)~~ Ensure that the lead agency shall furnish current
2321 and accurate information on its activities in all cases in
2322 client case records in the state's statewide automated child
2323 welfare information system.

2324 (f) ~~(d)~~ Specify the procedures to be used by the parties to
2325 resolve differences in interpreting the contract or to resolve
2326 disputes as to the adequacy of the parties' compliance with
2327 their respective obligations under the contract.

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2328 (2) The department must adopt written policies and
2329 procedures for monitoring the contract for delivery of services
2330 by lead agencies which must be published ~~posted~~ on the
2331 department's website. These policies and procedures must, at a
2332 minimum, address the evaluation of fiscal accountability and
2333 program operations, including provider achievement of
2334 performance standards, provider monitoring of subcontractors,
2335 and timely followup of corrective actions for significant
2336 monitoring findings related to providers and subcontractors.
2337 These policies and procedures must also include provisions for
2338 reducing the duplication of the department's program monitoring
2339 activities both internally and with other agencies, to the
2340 extent possible. The department's written procedures must ensure
2341 that the written findings, conclusions, and recommendations from
2342 monitoring the contract for services of lead agencies are
2343 communicated to the director of the provider agency and the
2344 community alliance as expeditiously as possible.

2345 (3) The department shall annually conduct a comprehensive,
2346 multiyear review of the revenues, expenditures, and financial
2347 position of all community-based care lead agencies which must
2348 cover the most recent 2 consecutive fiscal years. The review
2349 must include a comprehensive system-of-care analysis. All
2350 community-based care lead agencies must develop and maintain a
2351 plan to achieve financial viability. The department's review and
2352 the agency's plan shall be submitted to the Governor, the

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2353 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2354 Representatives by November 1 of each year.

2355 (4) (a) The department shall collect and publish on its
2356 website, and annually update, all of the following information
2357 for each lead agency under contract with the department:

2358 1. All compensation earned or awarded, whether paid or
2359 accrued, regardless of contingency, by position, for any
2360 employee, and any other person who is compensated through a
2361 contract for services whose services include those commonly
2362 associated with a chief executive, chief administrator, or other
2363 chief officer of a business or corporation, who receives
2364 compensation from state-appropriated funds in excess of 150
2365 percent of the annual salary paid to the secretary of the
2366 department. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "employee"
2367 has the same meaning as in s. 448.095.

2368 2. All findings of the review under subsection (3).

2369 (b) The department shall collect and publish on its
2370 website, and update monthly, the information required under s.
2371 409.988 (1) (k) .

2372 (27)-(25) Subject to an appropriation, for the 2020-2021
2373 and 2021-2022 fiscal years, the department shall implement a
2374 pilot project in the Sixth and Thirteenth Judicial Circuits,
2375 respectively, aimed at improving child welfare outcomes.

2376 (d) The department shall include the results of the pilot
2377 projects in the report required in subsection (26) -(24) of this

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2378 section. The report must include the department's findings and
2379 recommendations relating to the pilot projects.

2380 Section 28. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
2381 828.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2382 828.27 Local animal control or cruelty ordinances;
2383 penalty.—

2384 (4)(a)1. County-employed animal control officers must, and
2385 municipally-employed ~~municipally-employed~~ animal control
2386 officers may, successfully complete a 40-hour minimum standards
2387 training course. Such course must include, but is not limited
2388 to, training for: animal cruelty investigations, search and
2389 seizure, animal handling, courtroom demeanor, and civil
2390 citations. The course curriculum must be approved by the Florida
2391 Animal Control Association. An animal control officer who
2392 successfully completes such course shall be issued a certificate
2393 indicating that he or she has received a passing grade.

2394 2. County-employed and municipally-employed animal control
2395 officers must successfully complete the 1-hour training course
2396 developed by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to
2397 s. 39.208(5). Animal control officers must be provided with
2398 opportunities to attend the training during their normal work
2399 hours.

2400 3.2. Any animal control officer who is authorized before
2401 January 1, 1990, by a county or municipality to issue citations

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2402 is not required to complete the minimum standards training
2403 course.

2404 ~~4.3.~~ In order to maintain valid certification, every 2
2405 years each certified animal control officer must complete 4
2406 hours of postcertification continuing education training. Such
2407 training may include, but is not limited to, training for:
2408 animal cruelty investigations, search and seizure, animal
2409 handling, courtroom demeanor, and civil citations.

2410 Section 29. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of s.
2411 1012.795, Florida Statutes, to read:

2412 1012.795 Education Practices Commission; authority to
2413 discipline.—

2414 (6)

2415 (c) If the Department of Education determines that any
2416 instructional personnel or school administrator, as defined in
2417 s. 1012.01(2) or (3), respectively, has knowingly failed to
2418 report known or suspected child abuse as required under s.
2419 39.201, and the Education Practices Commission has issued a
2420 final order for a previous instance of failure to report by the
2421 individual, the Education Practices Commission shall, at a
2422 minimum, suspend the educator certificate of the instructional
2423 personnel or school administrator for a period of at least 1
2424 year.

2425 Section 30. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
2426 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2427 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
2428 public records.—

2429 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

2430 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

2431 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which
2432 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing
2433 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot
2434 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood
2435 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive
2436 property information that may reveal the home address.

2437 b. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,
2438 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone
2439 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal
2440 communications devices.

2441 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
2442 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement
2443 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by
2444 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and
2445 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of
2446 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of
2447 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal
2448 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties
2449 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and
2450 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments
2451 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and

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2452 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home
2453 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
2454 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
2455 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
2456 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
2457 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2458 Constitution.

2459 b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2460 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
2461 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties
2462 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation
2463 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal
2464 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the
2465 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
2466 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
2467 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
2468 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
2469 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2470 Constitution.

2471 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2472 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
2473 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of
2474 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation
2475 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state
2476 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,

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2477 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
2478 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
2479 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2480 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
2481 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2482 d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2483 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in
2484 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone
2485 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment
2486 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names
2487 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2488 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
2489 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2490 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
2491 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,
2492 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and
2493 county court judges; the names, home addresses, telephone
2494 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses
2495 and children of current or former justices and judges; and the
2496 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
2497 by the children of current or former justices and judges are
2498 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2499 Constitution.

2500 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2501 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant

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2502 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide
2503 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
2504 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
2505 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,
2506 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant
2507 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools
2508 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or
2509 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide
2510 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from
2511 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2512 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
2513 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
2514 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
2515 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
2516 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
2517 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
2518 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
2519 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
2520 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
2521 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day
2522 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,
2523 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,
2524 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative
2525 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are
2526 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

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2528 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2529 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor
2530 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,
2531 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency
2532 or water management district whose duties include hiring and
2533 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or
2534 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,
2535 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
2536 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
2537 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2538 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
2539 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2540 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2541 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;
2542 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2543 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such
2544 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
2545 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
2546 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2547 Constitution.

2548 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
2549 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
2550 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home
2551 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of

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2552 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the
2553 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
2554 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
2555 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2556 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2557 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation
2558 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention
2559 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile
2560 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention
2561 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,
2562 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,
2563 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor
2564 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior
2565 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation
2566 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of
2567 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
2568 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children
2569 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and
2570 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel
2571 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2572 Constitution.

2573 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2574 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
2575 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
2576 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the

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2577 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
2578 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
2579 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal
2580 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal
2581 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations
2582 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
2583 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,
2584 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant
2585 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.
2586 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2587 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2588 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors
2589 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the
2590 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
2591 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current
2592 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and
2593 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2594 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors
2595 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2596 Constitution.

2597 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
2598 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
2599 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
2600 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names
2601 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

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2602 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
2603 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2604 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2605 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department
2606 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination
2607 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability
2608 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed
2609 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health
2610 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the
2611 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone
2612 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses
2613 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of
2614 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such
2615 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
2616 the State Constitution.

2617 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2618 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner
2619 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former
2620 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties
2621 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to
2622 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,
2623 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
2624 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;
2625 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
2626 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are

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2627 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2628 Constitution.

2629 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2630 and photographs of current or former emergency medical
2631 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the
2632 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
2633 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
2634 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and
2635 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2636 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are
2637 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2638 Constitution.

2639 r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2640 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an
2641 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit
2642 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,
2643 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that
2644 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;
2645 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2646 and places of employment of spouses and children of such
2647 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
2648 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
2649 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2650 Constitution.

2651 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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2652 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
2653 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction
2654 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,
2655 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
2656 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
2657 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
2658 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
2659 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this
2660 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means
2661 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed
2662 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,
2663 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed
2664 service component described in s. 397.311(26).

2665 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
2666 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
2667 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center
2668 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) ~~s. 39.3035(1)~~ and
2669 fulfills the screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3) ~~s.~~
2670 ~~39.3035(2)~~, and the members of a Child Protection Team as
2671 described in s. 39.303 whose duties include supporting the
2672 investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment,
2673 child neglect, and child exploitation or to provide services as
2674 part of a multidisciplinary case review team; the names, home
2675 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
2676 places of employment of the spouses and children of such

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2677 personnel and members; and the names and locations of schools
2678 and day care facilities attended by the children of such
2679 personnel and members are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),
2680 Art. I of the State Constitution.

2681 3. An agency that is the custodian of the information
2682 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the
2683 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in
2684 subparagraph 2. shall maintain the exempt status of that
2685 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other
2686 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a
2687 written request for maintenance of the exemption to the
2688 custodial agency.

2689 4. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other
2690 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request
2691 for the release of his or her exempt information to the
2692 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must
2693 specify the information to be released and the party that is
2694 authorized to receive the information. Upon receipt of the
2695 written request, the custodial agency shall release the
2696 specified information to the party authorized to receive such
2697 information.

2698 5. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information
2699 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the
2700 exemption.

2701 6. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset

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2702 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
2703 on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
2704 through reenactment by the Legislature.

2705 Section 31. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
2706 934.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2707 934.03 Interception and disclosure of wire, oral, or
2708 electronic communications prohibited.—

2709 (2)

2710 (g) It is lawful under this section and ss. 934.04-934.09
2711 for an employee of:

2712 1. An ambulance service licensed pursuant to s. 401.25, a
2713 fire station employing firefighters as defined by s. 633.102, a
2714 public utility, a law enforcement agency as defined by s.
2715 934.02(10), or any other entity with published emergency
2716 telephone numbers;

2717 2. An agency operating an emergency telephone number "911"
2718 system established pursuant to s. 365.171; or

2719 3. The central abuse hotline operated under s. 39.101
2720 ~~pursuant to s. 39.201~~

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2722 to intercept and record incoming wire communications; however,
2723 such employee may intercept and record incoming wire
2724 communications on designated "911" telephone numbers and
2725 published nonemergency telephone numbers staffed by trained
2726 dispatchers at public safety answering points only. It is also

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2727 lawful for such employee to intercept and record outgoing wire
 2728 communications to the numbers from which such incoming wire
 2729 communications were placed when necessary to obtain information
 2730 required to provide the emergency services being requested. For
 2731 the purpose of this paragraph, the term "public utility" has the
 2732 same meaning as provided in s. 366.02 and includes a person,
 2733 partnership, association, or corporation now or hereafter owning
 2734 or operating equipment or facilities in the state for conveying
 2735 or transmitting messages or communications by telephone or
 2736 telegraph to the public for compensation.

2737 Section 32. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
 2738 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to child welfare; providing a

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directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating s.

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39.101, F.S.; transferring existing provisions

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relating to the central abuse hotline of the

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Department of Children and Families; providing

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additional requirements relating to the central abuse

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hotline; revising requirements for certain statistical

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reports that the department is required to collect and

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2752 analyze; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; revising reporting
2753 requirements for the central abuse hotline; requiring
2754 animal control officers and certain agents to provide
2755 their names to central abuse hotline counselors;
2756 requiring such counselors to advise reporters of
2757 certain information; requiring such counselors to
2758 receive specified periodic training; revising
2759 requirements relating to reports of abuse involving
2760 impregnation of children; providing requirements for
2761 reports of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect by a
2762 parent or legal custodian, child-on-child sexual
2763 abuse, juvenile sexual abuse, and children who exhibit
2764 inappropriate sexual behavior; amending s. 39.2015,
2765 F.S.; revising membership of multiagency teams;
2766 requiring the department to conduct investigations of
2767 reports of sexual abuse of children in out-of-home
2768 care under certain circumstances; providing
2769 requirements for such investigations; requiring the
2770 Secretary of Children and Families to create
2771 guidelines for such investigations; requiring a report
2772 to the secretary within a specified time; requiring
2773 the advisory committee to review the reports and
2774 investigations; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; expanding
2775 the list of entities that have access to child abuse
2776 or neglect records; requiring access to certain

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2777 confidential and exempt records by legislative
2778 committees, upon request, within a specified
2779 timeframe; amending s. 39.205, F.S.; providing
2780 construction; specifying that certain persons are not
2781 relieved from the duty to report to the central abuse
2782 hotline by notifying their supervisors; creating s.
2783 39.208, F.S.; providing legislative findings and
2784 intent; providing responsibilities for child
2785 protective investigators relating to animal cruelty;
2786 providing criminal, civil, and administrative immunity
2787 to child protective investigators who report known or
2788 suspected animal cruelty; providing responsibilities
2789 for animal control officers relating to child abuse,
2790 abandonment, and neglect; providing criminal
2791 penalties; requiring the department to develop
2792 training which relates to child abuse, abandonment,
2793 and neglect and animal cruelty; providing requirements
2794 for such training; requiring the department to adopt
2795 rules; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; conforming a cross-
2796 reference; requiring the department to continually
2797 assess child safety throughout a protective
2798 investigation; requiring a child protective
2799 investigator to take specified actions in certain
2800 protective investigations involving sexual abuse;
2801 amending s. 39.302, F.S.; conforming a cross-

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2802 reference; authorizing certain persons to be
2803 represented by an attorney or accompanied by another
2804 person under certain circumstances during protective
2805 investigations of institutional child abuse,
2806 abandonment, or neglect; providing requirements
2807 relating to such investigations; amending s. 39.3035,
2808 F.S.; providing a description of child advocacy
2809 centers; conforming cross-references; amending s.
2810 39.4015, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the
2811 department to develop a family-finding program;
2812 removing the limitation that the development of
2813 family-finding programs is subject to available
2814 resources; requiring, rather than authorizing, that
2815 family-finding efforts begin as soon as a child is
2816 taken into the custody of the department; making
2817 technical changes; amending s. 39.4085, F.S.; revising
2818 legislative intent; specifying goals of children in
2819 shelter or foster care; providing responsibilities of
2820 the Department of Children and Families, case
2821 managers, and other staff; authorizing district school
2822 boards to establish specified educational programs for
2823 certain students and provide such programs in
2824 conjunction with other specified programs; amending s.
2825 39.4087, F.S.; requiring the department to provide
2826 certain information to, and training for, caregivers

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2827 of children in foster care; expanding certain
2828 information that is required to be fully disclosed to
2829 a caregiver; requiring a caregiver to maintain the
2830 confidentiality of certain information; making
2831 technical changes; creating s. 39.4092, F.S.;

2832 providing legislative findings; authorizing offices of
2833 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel to
2834 establish a multidisciplinary legal representation
2835 model program to serve families in the dependency
2836 system; requiring the department to collaborate with
2837 the office of criminal conflict and civil regional
2838 counsel regarding documentation for federal matching
2839 funding; requiring the department to submit such
2840 documentation upon the establishment of a model
2841 program; specifying program requirements; defining the
2842 term "parent-peer specialist"; requiring each office
2843 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel that
2844 establishes a model program to submit an annual report
2845 by a specified date to the Office of Program Policy
2846 Analysis and Government Accountability; specifying
2847 report requirements; requiring the Office of Program
2848 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to
2849 compile the results of the reports, conduct an
2850 analysis, and annually submit the analysis to the
2851 Governor and Legislature by a specified date;

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2852 requiring offices of criminal conflict and civil
2853 regional counsel to provide additional information or
2854 data upon request; amending s. 39.5086, F.S.; removing
2855 the limitation that the development of kinship
2856 navigator programs is subject to available resources;
2857 requiring, rather than authorizing, each community-
2858 based care lead agency to establish a kinship
2859 navigator program; amending s. 39.6225, F.S.; deleting
2860 obsolete provisions; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.;
2861 requiring the department to collect and publish, and
2862 update annually, specified information on its website
2863 for each managing entity under contract with the
2864 department; defining the term "employee"; requiring
2865 managing entities to include a specified statement on
2866 their websites and in certain documents and materials;
2867 creating s. 394.90825, F.S.; providing definitions;
2868 requiring a board member or an officer of a managing
2869 entity to disclose specified activity that may
2870 reasonably be construed to be a conflict of interest;
2871 creating a rebuttable presumption of a conflict of
2872 interest if the activity was acted on by the board
2873 without prior notice; establishing a process for the
2874 managing entity's board of directors to address the
2875 activity within certain timelines; providing for
2876 certain consequences for failure to obtain a board's

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2877 approval or failure to properly disclose a contract as
2878 a conflict of interest; creating s. 394.9086, F.S.;;
2879 creating the Commission on Mental Health and Substance
2880 Abuse adjunct to the department; requiring the
2881 department to provide administrative and staff support
2882 services to the commission; providing purposes of the
2883 commission; providing for membership, term limits,
2884 meetings, and duties of the commission; requiring the
2885 commission to submit reports of its findings and
2886 recommendations to the Legislature and Governor by
2887 specified dates; providing for future repeal unless
2888 saved by the Legislature through reenactment; amending
2889 s. 409.1415, F.S.; requiring the department to make
2890 available specified training for caregivers of
2891 children in out-of-home care; requiring the department
2892 to establish the Foster Information Center for
2893 specified purposes; requiring community-based care
2894 lead agencies to provide certain resources, supports,
2895 and assistance to kinship caregivers; requiring
2896 community-based care lead agencies to provide
2897 caregivers with a certain telephone number; repealing
2898 s. 409.1453, F.S., relating to the design and
2899 dissemination of training for foster care caregivers;
2900 amending s. 409.175, F.S.; requiring the department to
2901 conduct certain assessments and grant a capacity

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2902 waiver under certain conditions; authorizing the
2903 department to adopt rules; repealing s. 409.1753,
2904 F.S.; relating to duties of the department relating to
2905 foster care; amending s. 409.987, F.S.; requiring the
2906 department to develop an alternative plan for
2907 providing community-based child welfare services under
2908 certain circumstances; providing requirements for the
2909 plan; requiring the department to submit the plan and
2910 certain quarterly updates to the Governor and
2911 Legislature; providing definitions; requiring a board
2912 member or an officer of a lead agency to disclose
2913 specified activity that may reasonably be construed to
2914 be a conflict of interest; creating a rebuttable
2915 presumption of a conflict of interest if the activity
2916 was acted on by the board without prior notice;
2917 establishing a process for the lead agency's board of
2918 directors to address the activity within certain
2919 timelines; providing for certain consequences for
2920 failure to obtain a board's approval or failure to
2921 properly disclose a contract as a conflict of
2922 interest; amending s. 409.988, F.S.; deleting a
2923 requirement that lead agencies publish their current
2924 budgets on their websites; specifying additional data
2925 lead agencies must publish on their websites;
2926 requiring the department to determine a standard

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2927 methodology for use in calculating specified data;
2928 requiring lead agencies to adhere to specified best
2929 child welfare practices; requiring lead agencies to
2930 include a specified statement on their websites and in
2931 certain documents and materials; amending s. 409.990,
2932 F.S.; requiring lead agencies to fund the cost of
2933 increased care under certain circumstances; amending
2934 s. 409.996, F.S.; requiring contracts between the
2935 department and community-based care lead agencies to
2936 provide specified information to the department;
2937 requiring the department to annually conduct a
2938 specified review of community-based care lead
2939 agencies; requiring such agencies to develop and
2940 maintain a specified plan; requiring the department to
2941 collect and publish on its website specified
2942 information relating to lead agencies under contract
2943 with the department; amending s. 828.27, F.S.;

2944 requiring county and municipal animal control officers
2945 to complete specified training; requiring that animal
2946 control officers be provided with opportunities to
2947 attend such training during normal work hours;
2948 amending s. 1012.795, F.S.; requiring the Education
2949 Practices Commission to suspend the educator
2950 certificate of instructional personnel and school
2951 administrators for failing to report known or

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2952 | suspected child abuse under certain circumstances;
2953 | amending ss. 119.071 and 934.03, F.S.; conforming
2954 | cross-references; providing effective dates.

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