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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Book) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 23

insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (m) and (n) are added to subsection (34) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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



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11 (m) Violates s. 316.613 or s. 316.614, resulting in the  
12 death of a child or the injury of a child which requires  
13 treatment at a medical facility, if substantiated by a licensed  
14 physician's opinion that the violation exacerbated the child's  
15 injuries or resulted in the child's death.

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

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

20 39.303 Child Protection Teams and sexual abuse treatment  
21 programs; services; eligible cases.—

22 (4) The child abuse, abandonment, and neglect reports that  
23 must be referred by the department to Child Protection Teams of  
24 the Department of Health for an assessment and other appropriate  
25 available support services as set forth in subsection (3) must  
26 include cases involving:

27 (j) A child who was not properly restrained in a motor  
28 vehicle pursuant to s. 316.613 or s. 316.614, and the improper  
29 restraint exacerbated the child's injuries or resulted in the  
30 child's death.

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

34 (l) Reports from emergency room physicians.

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

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete line 2

39 and insert:



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40 An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01,  
41 F.S.; expanding the list of incidents that constitute  
42 harm to a child's health or welfare; amending s.  
43 39.303, F.S.; expanding the list of child abuse,  
44 abandonment, and neglect reports that the Department  
45 of Children and Families must refer to Child  
46 Protection Teams of the Department of Health; amending  
47 s. 39.407,