

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
 2 Committee

3 Representative Borrero offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 39.523, Florida  
 8 Statutes, are amended to read:

9 39.523 Placement in out-of-home care.—

10 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

11 (a) The Legislature finds that it is a basic tenet of  
 12 child welfare practice and the law that a child be placed in the  
 13 least restrictive, most family-like setting available in close  
 14 proximity to the home of his or her parents which meets the  
 15 needs of the child, and that a child be placed in a permanent  
 16 home in a timely manner.

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17 (b) The Legislature ~~also~~ finds that there is an  
18 association between placements that do not meet the needs of the  
19 child and adverse outcomes for the child, that mismatching  
20 placements to children's needs has been identified as a factor  
21 that negatively impacts placement stability, and that  
22 identifying the right placement for each child requires  
23 effective assessment.

24 (c) The Legislature also finds that the timely  
25 identification of and therapeutic response to acute presentation  
26 of symptoms indicative of trauma can reduce adverse outcomes for  
27 a child, aid in the identification of services to enhance  
28 initial placement stability and of supports to caregivers, and  
29 reduce placement disruption.

30 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that whenever a  
31 child is unable to safely remain at home with a parent, the most  
32 appropriate available out-of-home placement shall be chosen  
33 after an assessment of the child's needs and the availability of  
34 caregivers qualified to meet the child's needs.

35 (2) ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT.—When any child is removed  
36 from a home and placed in out-of-home care, a comprehensive  
37 placement assessment process shall be completed in accordance  
38 with s. 39.4022 to determine the level of care needed by the  
39 child and match the child with the most appropriate placement.

40 (a) In accordance with rules adopted by the department,  
41 the department or community-based care lead agency ~~or~~

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42 ~~subcontracted agency with the responsibility for assessment and~~  
43 ~~placement must:~~

44 1. coordinate a multidisciplinary team staffing as  
45 established in s. 39.4022 with the necessary participants for  
46 the stated purpose of the staffing.

47 2. conduct a trauma screening as soon as practicable after  
48 the child's removal but no later than 21 days after the shelter  
49 hearing. If indicated as appropriate or necessary by the  
50 screening, the department or community-based care lead agency  
51 must, at a minimum:

52 a. promptly refer the child to appropriate trauma  
53 assessment, which must be completed within 30 days, and if  
54 appropriate, services and intervention as needed. To the extent  
55 possible, the trauma screening, assessment, and services and  
56 intervention shall be integrated into the child's overall  
57 behavioral health treatment planning and services.

58 b. in accordance with s. 409.1415(2)(b)3.f., provide information  
59 and support, which may include but need not be limited to,  
60 consultation, coaching, training, and referrals to services, to  
61 the caregiver of the child to help the caregiver respond to and  
62 care for the child in a trauma-informed and therapeutic manner.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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66 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

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Bill No. CS/HB 1007 (2023)

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67           Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
68   An act relating to children removed from caregivers; amending s.  
69   409.988, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent;  
70   requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the  
71   department and community-based care lead agencies to administer  
72   a trauma screening within a specified timeframe to certain  
73   children; requiring certain follow-up actions under certain  
74   circumstances; providing an effective date.  
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