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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services  
(Grall) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 91 - 339

and insert:

Section 1. Section 39.3011, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

39.3011 Protective investigations involving military  
families.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "Family Advocacy  
Program" means the program established by the United States



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Department of Defense to address child abuse, abandonment, and neglect in military families.

(2) The department shall enter into an agreement for child protective investigations involving military families with the Family Advocacy Program, or any successor program, of each United States military installation located in this state. Such agreement must include procedures for all of the following:

(a) Identifying the military personnel alleged to have committed the child abuse, neglect, or domestic abuse.

(b) Notifying and sharing information with the military installation when a child protective investigation implicating military personnel has been initiated.

(c) Maintaining confidentiality as required under state and federal law.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 39.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.401 Taking a child alleged to be dependent into custody; law enforcement officers and authorized agents of the department.—

(1) A child may only be taken into custody:

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this part, based upon sworn testimony, either before or after a petition is filed; or

(b) By a law enforcement officer, or an authorized agent of the department, if the officer or authorized agent has probable cause to support a finding that the:

1. ~~That the~~ Child has been abused, neglected, or abandoned, or is suffering from or is in imminent danger of illness or injury as a result of abuse, neglect, or abandonment;

2. Child is the subject of a court order to take the child



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into the custody of the department;

~~3.2. That the~~ Parent or legal custodian of the child has materially violated a condition of placement imposed by the court; or

~~4.3. That the~~ Child has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide supervision and care.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 45

and insert:

An act relating to child welfare; creating s. 39.3011, F.S.; defining the term "Family Advocacy Program"; requiring the Department of Children and Families to enter into agreements with certain military installations for child protective investigations involving military families; providing requirements for such agreements; amending s. 39.401, F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement officer or an authorized agent of the department to take a child into custody who is the subject of a specified court order; amending s.