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Representative Weinberger offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 93-294 and insert:

**Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 39.905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

39.905 Domestic violence centers.—

(1) Domestic violence centers certified under this part must:

(h) Demonstrate local need and ability to sustain operations through a history of 18 consecutive months' operation as a domestic violence center, including 12 months' operation of an emergency shelter as provided in paragraph (c), and a

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14 business plan which addresses future operations and funding of  
15 future operations. The department may waive this requirement if  
16 there is an emergency need for a new domestic violence center to  
17 provide services in an area and no other viable options exist to  
18 ensure continuity of services. If there is an emergency need,  
19 the department may issue a provisional certificate to the  
20 domestic violence center as long as the center meets all other  
21 criteria in this subsection. The department may adopt rules to  
22 provide minimum standards for a provisional certificate,  
23 including increased monitoring and site visits and the time  
24 period such certificate is valid.

25 **Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 402.305, Florida**  
26 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

27 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

28 (2) PERSONNEL.—Minimum standards for child care personnel  
29 shall include minimum requirements as to:

30 (a) Good moral character based upon screening as defined  
31 in s. 402.302(15). This screening shall be conducted as provided  
32 in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for screening set  
33 forth in that chapter, and include employment history checks, a  
34 search of criminal history records, sexual predator and sexual  
35 offender registries, and child abuse and neglect registry of any  
36 state in which the current or prospective child care personnel  
37 resided during the preceding 5 years.

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38 (b) Fingerprint submission for child care personnel, which  
39 shall comply with s. 435.12.

40 ~~(c) The department may grant exemptions from~~  
41 ~~disqualification from working with children or the~~  
42 ~~developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07.~~

43 (c) ~~(d)~~ Minimum age requirements. Such minimum standards  
44 shall prohibit a person under the age of 21 from being the  
45 operator of a child care facility and a person under the age of  
46 16 from being employed at such facility unless such person is  
47 under direct supervision and is not counted for the purposes of  
48 computing the personnel-to-child ratio.

49 (d) ~~(e)~~ Minimum training requirements for child care  
50 personnel.

51 1. Such minimum standards for training shall ensure that  
52 all child care personnel take an approved 40-clock-hour  
53 introductory course in child care, which course covers at least  
54 the following topic areas:

55 a. State and local rules and regulations which govern  
56 child care.

57 b. Health, safety, and nutrition.

58 c. Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.

59 d. Child development, including typical and atypical  
60 language, cognitive, motor, social, and self-help skills  
61 development.

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62 e. Observation of developmental behaviors, including using  
63 a checklist or other similar observation tools and techniques to  
64 determine the child's developmental age level.

65 f. Specialized areas, including computer technology for  
66 professional and classroom use and early literacy and language  
67 development of children from birth to 5 years of age, as  
68 determined by the department, for owner-operators and child care  
69 personnel of a child care facility.

70 g. Developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum  
71 disorder and Down syndrome, and early identification, use of  
72 available state and local resources, classroom integration, and  
73 positive behavioral supports for children with developmental  
74 disabilities.

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76 Within 90 days after employment, child care personnel shall  
77 begin training to meet the training requirements. Child care  
78 personnel shall successfully complete such training within 1  
79 year after the date on which the training began, as evidenced by  
80 passage of a competency examination. Successful completion of  
81 the 40-clock-hour introductory course shall articulate into  
82 community college credit in early childhood education, pursuant  
83 to ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25. Exemption from all or a portion of  
84 the required training shall be granted to child care personnel  
85 based upon educational credentials or passage of competency  
86 examinations. Child care personnel possessing a 2-year degree or

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87 higher that includes 6 college credit hours in early childhood  
88 development or child growth and development, or a child  
89 development associate credential or an equivalent state-approved  
90 child development associate credential, or a child development  
91 associate waiver certificate shall be automatically exempted  
92 from the training requirements in sub-subparagraphs b., d., and  
93 e.

94 2. The introductory course in child care shall stress, to  
95 the extent possible, an interdisciplinary approach to the study  
96 of children.

97 3. The introductory course shall cover recognition and  
98 prevention of shaken baby syndrome; prevention of sudden infant  
99 death syndrome; recognition and care of infants and toddlers  
100 with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum  
101 disorder and Down syndrome; and early childhood brain  
102 development within the topic areas identified in this paragraph.

103 4. On an annual basis in order to further their child care  
104 skills and, if appropriate, administrative skills, child care  
105 personnel who have fulfilled the requirements for the child care  
106 training shall be required to take an additional 1 continuing  
107 education unit of approved inservice training, or 10 clock hours  
108 of equivalent training, as determined by the department.

109 5. Child care personnel shall be required to complete 0.5  
110 continuing education unit of approved training or 5 clock hours  
111 of equivalent training, as determined by the department, in

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112 early literacy and language development of children from birth  
113 to 5 years of age one time. The year that this training is  
114 completed, it shall fulfill the 0.5 continuing education unit or  
115 5 clock hours of the annual training required in subparagraph 4.

116 6. Procedures for ensuring the training of qualified child  
117 care professionals to provide training of child care personnel,  
118 including onsite training, shall be included in the minimum  
119 standards. It is recommended that the state community child care  
120 coordination agencies (central agencies) be contracted by the  
121 department to coordinate such training when possible. Other  
122 district educational resources, such as community colleges and  
123 career programs, can be designated in such areas where central  
124 agencies may not exist or are determined not to have the  
125 capability to meet the coordination requirements set forth by  
126 the department.

127 7. Training requirements shall not apply to certain  
128 occasional or part-time support staff, including, but not  
129 limited to, swimming instructors, piano teachers, dance  
130 instructors, and gymnastics instructors.

131 8. The child care operator shall be required to take basic  
132 training in serving children with disabilities within 5 years  
133 after employment, either as a part of the introductory training  
134 or the annual 8 hours of inservice training.

135 (e)~~(f)~~ Periodic health examinations.

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136 ~~(f)-(g)~~ A credential for child care facility directors. The  
137 credential shall be a required minimum standard for licensing.  
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139 The department may grant limited exemptions to the minimum  
140 standards provided in this subsection which authorize a person  
141 to work in a specified role or with a specified population.

142 **Section 4. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 402.402,**  
143 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),**  
144 **respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section,**  
145 **to read:**

146 402.402 Child protection and child welfare personnel;  
147 attorneys employed by the department.—

148 (4) RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.—Subject to appropriation, the  
149 department shall develop and implement a child protective  
150 investigator and case manager recruitment program for the  
151 purpose of recruiting individuals who have previously held  
152 public safety and service positions, such as former law  
153 enforcement officers, first responders, military servicemembers,  
154 teachers, health care practitioners, and emergency management  
155 professionals. This recruitment program must focus on the  
156 education and recruitment of individuals who have held positions  
157 of public trust and who wish to further serve their communities  
158 as child welfare personnel.

159 (a) The department, in collaboration with community-based  
160 care lead agencies, shall:

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161 1. Develop information pertaining to employment  
162 opportunities, application procedures, and training requirements  
163 for employment within the child welfare system and distribute  
164 such information to individuals who have previously held public  
165 safety and service positions.

166 2. Develop and implement an employment referral system  
167 with lead agencies for the case management population.

168 3. Collect the following information quarterly:

169 a. The total number of individuals who sought information  
170 from the program; were hired by the department as child  
171 protective investigators; were referred by the program to a lead  
172 agency for case management positions; and, based upon a referral  
173 by the program, were hired by the lead agency or contractor as a  
174 case manager.

175 b. The overall turnover rate for child protective  
176 investigators and case managers compared to the turnover rate  
177 for child protective investigators and case managers hired based  
178 upon this program.

179 (b) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
180 subsection.

181 **Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and paragraph**  
182 **(e) of subsection (14) of section 409.175, Florida Statutes, are**  
183 **amended to read:**

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184 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential  
185 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public  
186 records exemption.-

187 (5) The department shall adopt and amend rules for the  
188 levels of licensed care associated with the licensure of family  
189 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-  
190 placing agencies. The rules may include criteria to approve  
191 waivers to licensing requirements when applying for a child-  
192 specific license.

193 (b) The requirements for licensure and operation of family  
194 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-  
195 placing agencies shall include:

196 1. The operation, conduct, and maintenance of these homes  
197 and agencies and the responsibility which they assume for  
198 children served and the evidence of need for that service.

199 2. The provision of food, clothing, educational  
200 opportunities, services, equipment, and individual supplies to  
201 assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development  
202 of the children served.

203 3. The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general  
204 adequacy of the premises, including fire prevention and health  
205 standards, to provide for the physical comfort, care, and well-  
206 being of the children served.

207 4. The ratio of staff to children required to provide  
208 adequate care and supervision of the children served and, in the

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209 case of family foster homes, the maximum number of children in  
210 the home.

211 5. The good moral character based upon screening,  
212 education, training, and experience requirements for personnel  
213 and family foster homes.

214 ~~6. The department may grant exemptions from~~  
215 ~~disqualification from working with children or the~~  
216 ~~developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07.~~

217 ~~6.7.~~ The provision of preservice and inservice training  
218 for all foster parents and agency staff.

219 ~~7.8.~~ Satisfactory evidence of financial ability to provide  
220 care for the children in compliance with licensing requirements.

221 ~~8.9.~~ The maintenance by the agency of records pertaining  
222 to admission, progress, health, and discharge of children  
223 served, including written case plans and reports to the  
224 department.

225 ~~9.10.~~ The provision for parental involvement to encourage  
226 preservation and strengthening of a child's relationship with  
227 the family.

228 ~~10.11.~~ The transportation safety of children served.

229 ~~11.12.~~ The provisions for safeguarding the cultural,  
230 religious, and ethnic values of a child.

231 ~~12.13.~~ Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of  
232 children served.

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233 13.14. Requiring signs to be conspicuously placed on the  
234 premises of facilities maintained by child-caring agencies to  
235 warn children of the dangers of human trafficking and to  
236 encourage the reporting of individuals observed attempting to  
237 engage in human trafficking activity. The signs must advise  
238 children to report concerns to the local law enforcement agency  
239 or the Department of Law Enforcement, specifying the appropriate  
240 telephone numbers used for such reports. The department shall  
241 specify, at a minimum, the content of the signs by rule.

242  
243 The department may grant limited exemptions to the requirements  
244 provided in this paragraph which authorize a person to work in a  
245 specified role or with a specified population.

246 (14)

247 (e)1. In addition to any other preservice training  
248 required by law, foster parents, as a condition of licensure,  
249 and agency staff must successfully complete preservice training  
250 related to human trafficking which must be uniform statewide and  
251 must include, but need not be limited to:

252 a. Basic information on human trafficking, such as an  
253 understanding of relevant terminology, and the differences  
254 between sex trafficking and labor trafficking;

255 b. Factors and knowledge on identifying children at risk  
256 of human trafficking; and

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257 c. Steps that should be taken to prevent at-risk youths  
258 from becoming victims of human trafficking.

259 2. Foster parents, before licensure renewal, and agency  
260 staff, during each full year of employment, must complete  
261 inservice training related to human trafficking to satisfy the  
262 training requirement under subparagraph (5) (b) 6. ~~(5) (b) 7.~~

263 **Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section**  
264 **409.987, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

265 409.987 Lead agency procurement; boards; conflicts of  
266 interest.—

267 (4) In order to serve as a lead agency, an entity must:

268 (c) Demonstrate financial responsibility through an  
269 organized plan for regular fiscal audits and; the posting of a  
270 performance bond; ~~and the posting of a fidelity bond to cover~~  
271 ~~any costs associated with reprocurement and the assessed~~  
272 ~~penalties related to a failure to disclose a conflict of~~  
273 ~~interest under subsection (7).~~

274 **Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section**  
275 **409.993, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c),**  
276 **paragraph (a) is amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to**  
277 **that subsection, to read:**

278 409.993 Lead agencies and subcontractor liability.—

279 (3) SUBCONTRACTOR LIABILITY.—

280 (a) A subcontractor of an eligible community-based care  
281 lead agency that is a direct provider of foster care and related

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282 services to children and families, and its employees or  
283 officers, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) ~~(b)~~,  
284 must, as a part of its contract, obtain a minimum of \$1 million  
285 per occurrence with a policy period aggregate limit of \$3  
286 million in general liability insurance coverage. The  
287 subcontractor of a lead agency must also require that staff who  
288 transport client children and families in their personal  
289 automobiles in order to carry out their job responsibilities  
290 obtain minimum bodily injury liability insurance in the amount  
291 of \$100,000 per person in any one automobile accident, and  
292 subject to such limits for each person, \$300,000 for all damages  
293 resulting from any one automobile accident, on their personal  
294 automobiles. In lieu of personal motor vehicle insurance, the  
295 subcontractor's casualty, liability, or motor vehicle insurance  
296 carrier may provide nonowned automobile liability coverage. This  
297 insurance provides liability insurance for automobiles that the  
298 subcontractor uses in connection with the subcontractor's  
299 business but does not own, lease, rent, or borrow. This coverage  
300 includes automobiles owned by the employees of the subcontractor  
301 or a member of the employee's household but only while the  
302 automobiles are used in connection with the subcontractor's  
303 business. The nonowned automobile coverage for the subcontractor  
304 applies as excess coverage over any other collectible insurance.  
305 The personal automobile policy for the employee of the  
306 subcontractor shall be primary insurance, and the nonowned

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307 automobile coverage of the subcontractor acts as excess  
308 insurance to the primary insurance. The subcontractor shall  
309 provide a minimum limit of \$1 million in nonowned automobile  
310 coverage. In a tort action brought against such subcontractor or  
311 employee, net economic damages shall be limited to \$2 million  
312 per liability claim and \$200,000 per automobile claim,  
313 including, but not limited to, past and future medical expenses,  
314 wage loss, and loss of earning capacity, offset by any  
315 collateral source payment paid or payable. In a tort action  
316 brought against such subcontractor, noneconomic damages shall be  
317 limited to \$400,000 per claim. A claims bill may be brought on  
318 behalf of a claimant pursuant to s. 768.28 for any amount  
319 exceeding the limits specified in this paragraph. Any offset of  
320 collateral source payments made as of the date of the settlement  
321 or judgment shall be in accordance with s. 768.76.

322 (b) A subcontractor of a lead agency that is a direct  
323 provider of foster care and related services is not liable for  
324 the acts or omissions of the lead agency, the department, or the  
325 officers, agents, or employees thereof. The limitation on  
326 liability established in this paragraph applies to contracts  
327 entered into or renewed after July 1, 2025.

328 **Section 8. Subsection (27) is added to section 409.996,**  
329 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

330 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and  
331 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,

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332 administration, or management of care for children in the child  
333 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department  
334 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services  
335 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are  
336 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state  
337 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and  
338 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.  
339 20.19(1).

340 (27) (a) Subject to appropriation, beginning July 1, 2025,  
341 the department shall develop a 4-year pilot program of treatment  
342 foster care or a substantially similar evidence-based program of  
343 professional foster care. The department shall implement the  
344 pilot program by January 1, 2026.

345 (b) The department shall implement and operate the pilot  
346 program and coordinate with community-based care lead agencies  
347 to develop a process for the placement of children in treatment  
348 foster care homes and deliver payment to the licensed providers  
349 operating the pilot treatment foster care homes.

350 (c) Community-based care lead agencies shall work with the  
351 department to recruit individuals and families as licensed  
352 providers and identify potential eligible children for placement  
353 in the pilot treatment foster care homes.

354 (d) Participation in the pilot program is limited to  
355 children who:

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356 1. Are entering or continuing in foster care with high  
357 resource indicators, as determined by the department. These high  
358 resource indicators may include, but are not limited to, the  
359 potential for frequent placement change due to current or past  
360 behavior or Department of Juvenile Justice involvement; or

361 2. Are dependent and will require continued placement in  
362 foster care when the children are discharged from inpatient  
363 residential treatment.

364 (e) The department shall identify two judicial circuits  
365 within which the pilot program will be implemented. The  
366 department shall use relevant removal and placement data to  
367 identify areas with the greatest need for such a program.

368 (f) The department shall arrange for an independent  
369 evaluation of the pilot program to determine whether:

370 1. The pilot program is maintaining children in the least  
371 restrictive and most appropriate family-like setting near the  
372 child's home while he or she is in department care.

373 2. There is a long-term cost benefit associated with  
374 continuation and expansion of a treatment or professional foster  
375 care program.

376 (g) The department shall establish standards for the pilot  
377 program. Those standards must, at a minimum, ensure:

378 1. That placement of a child in a treatment foster care  
379 home is a temporary holistic treatment option and may not exceed  
380 9 months. A one-time 3-month extension may be granted if the

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381 department determines that the child is not ready for discharge  
382 from a treatment foster care home at 9 months.

383 2. Development and implementation of specialized training  
384 for treatment foster parents in care coordination, de-  
385 escalation, crisis management, and other identified relevant  
386 skills needed to care for children with high behavioral health  
387 needs that cannot be or have not been met in traditional foster  
388 care placements.

389 3. No more than two eligible children are placed at any  
390 time in a treatment foster care home.

391 4. At least one foster parent with specialized training is  
392 available and dedicated to the care and treatment of placed  
393 children.

394 5. A 24 hour on-call crisis person is available to provide  
395 in-home crisis intervention and placement stabilization  
396 services.

397 (h) By January 1, 2030, the department shall submit to the  
398 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
399 House of Representatives a final report that includes the  
400 independent evaluation, the department's findings and  
401 evaluation, recommendations as to whether the pilot program  
402 should be continued and expanded statewide and, if so, fiscal  
403 and policy recommendations to ensure effective expansion and  
404 continued operation of the program.

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405           **Section 9. Subsection (11) is added to section 1004.615,**  
406 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

407           1004.615 Florida Institute for Child Welfare.—

408           (11) An incentive provided to state employees for  
409 participating in the institute's research or evaluation as  
410 required by the institute's statutory mission under this section  
411 may not be considered a violation of s. 112.313 or require  
412 reporting under s. 112.3148.

413           **Section 10. Section 402.30501, Florida Statutes, is**  
414 **amended to read:**

415           402.30501 Modification of introductory child care course  
416 for community college credit authorized.—The Department of  
417 Children and Families may modify the 40-clock-hour introductory  
418 course in child care under s. 402.305 or s. 402.3131 to meet the  
419 requirements of articulating the course to community college  
420 credit. Any modification must continue to provide that the  
421 course satisfies the requirements of s. 402.305(2)(d) ~~s.~~  
422 ~~402.305(2)(e)~~.

423           **Section 11. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1002.57,**  
424 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

425           1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.—

426           (3) The prekindergarten director credential must meet or  
427 exceed the requirements of the Department of Children and  
428 Families for the child care facility director credential under  
429 s. 402.305(2)(f) ~~s. 402.305(2)(g)~~, and successful completion of

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430 the prekindergarten director credential satisfies these  
431 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

432 (4) The department shall, to the maximum extent  
433 practicable, award credit to a person who successfully completes  
434 the child care facility director credential under s.  
435 402.305(2)(f) ~~s. 402.305(2)(g)~~ for those requirements of the  
436 prekindergarten director credential which are duplicative of  
437 requirements for the child care facility director credential.

438 **Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 1002.59, Florida**  
439 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

440 1002.59 Emergent literacy and performance standards  
441 training courses.—

442 (1) The department, in collaboration with the Just Read,  
443 Florida! Office, shall adopt minimum standards for courses in  
444 emergent literacy for prekindergarten instructors. Each course  
445 must consist of 5 clock hours and provide instruction in  
446 strategies and techniques to address the age-appropriate  
447 progress of prekindergarten students in developing emergent  
448 literacy skills, including oral communication, knowledge of  
449 print and letters, phonological and phonemic awareness,  
450 vocabulary and comprehension development, and foundational  
451 background knowledge designed to correlate with the content that  
452 students will encounter in grades K-12, consistent with the  
453 evidence-based content and strategies grounded in the science of  
454 reading identified pursuant to s. 1001.215(7). The course

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455 standards must be reviewed as part of any review of subject  
456 coverage or endorsement requirements in the elementary, reading,  
457 and exceptional student educational areas conducted pursuant to  
458 s. 1012.586. Each course must also provide resources containing  
459 strategies that allow students with disabilities and other  
460 special needs to derive maximum benefit from the Voluntary  
461 Prekindergarten Education Program. Successful completion of an  
462 emergent literacy training course approved under this section  
463 satisfies requirements for approved training in early literacy  
464 and language development under ss. 402.305(2)(d)5. ~~ss.~~  
465 ~~402.305(2)(e)5.,~~ 402.313(6), and 402.3131(5).

466 **Section 13.** (1) Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
467 the Department of Children and Families shall convene a case  
468 management workforce workgroup by July 1, 2025. The workgroup  
469 shall be composed of persons with subject matter expertise in  
470 case management and child welfare policy.

471 (2) The department shall ensure the workgroup has at least  
472 two representatives with subject matter expertise in case  
473 management from each of the following:

474 (a) The Department of Children and Families.

475 (b) Community-based care lead agencies.

476 (c) Contracted case management organizations.

477 (3) In collaboration with the Florida Institute for Child  
478 Welfare, the workgroup shall do all of the following:

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479 (a) Review and analyze existing statutes, rules, operating  
480 procedures, and federal requirements relating to the provision  
481 of case management.

482 (b) Review and analyze legislative changes relating to  
483 case management processes during the preceding 10 years and the  
484 impact that those changes have had on workload and workforce.

485 (c) Gather statewide data to assess all of the following:

486 1. Compliance with statutory requirements.

487 2. Variations in case management practices.

488 3. Current workforce capacity.

489 4. Barriers to successful implementation of any statutes,  
490 rules, and operating procedures.

491 (d) Solicit insight from stakeholders, including frontline  
492 workers, supervisors, and administrators, regarding challenges  
493 and potential solutions.

494 (e) Analyze findings of the work conducted under  
495 paragraphs (a)-(d) to do all of the following:

496 1. Identify any needed statutory changes.

497 2. Evaluate whether the current structure, processes, and  
498 requirements of the statutes, rules, and operating procedures  
499 are duplicative or unworkable.

500 3. Evaluate how well case managers are implementing  
501 policy.

502 (f) Develop clear and actionable recommendations to  
503 streamline, clarify, standardize, and implement case management

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504 processes and practices that address workforce retention and  
505 allow for local community innovation.

506 (4) The workgroup shall meet as often as necessary to  
507 carry out these duties and responsibilities and shall operate  
508 until December 1, 2025, at which time it shall submit to the  
509 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
510 House of Representatives a report that summarizes its work,  
511 describes and details its analysis of data, and recommends clear  
512 actionable policy.

513 **Section 14.** Effective upon this act becoming law, the  
514 Department of Children and Families shall contract for a  
515 detailed study of bed capacity for residential treatment  
516 services and a gap analysis of nonresidential treatment services  
517 for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation identified  
518 by the child welfare systems of care and those not involved in  
519 the child welfare systems of care. The study must include  
520 analyses of current capacity, current and projected future  
521 demand, and the state's current and projected future ability to  
522 meet that demand. The study must be completed by December 31,  
523 2025, and must, at a minimum, include all of the following:

524 (1) By department region, the current number of  
525 residential treatment beds in safe homes for treatment of child  
526 victims of commercial sexual exploitation, the number of  
527 individuals admitted and discharged annually, the types and  
528 frequency of diagnoses, and the lengths of stays.

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529 (2) By department region, the current number of  
530 specialized safe therapeutic foster home placements for child  
531 victims of commercial sexual exploitation, the number of  
532 placements annually, and the lengths of stays.

533 (3) By department region, an analysis of nonresidential  
534 treatment services for child victims of commercial sexual  
535 exploitation and the utilization of such services.

536 (4) Policy recommendations for ensuring sufficient bed  
537 capacity for residential treatment beds, ensuring specialized  
538 safe therapeutic foster home placements, and enhancing services  
539 for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation which could  
540 prevent the need for residential treatment beds.

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544 Remove lines 7-52 and insert:  
545 specified format; amending s. 39.905, F.S.;

546 authorizing the department to waive a specified  
547 requirement if there is an emergency need for a new  
548 domestic violence center; authorizing the department  
549 to issue a provisional certificate under certain  
550 circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt  
551 rules; amending ss. 402.305 and 409.175, F.S.;

552 removing authority for the department to grant  
553 exemptions from working with children or the

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554 developmentally disabled; authorizing the department  
555 to grant limited exemptions to certain minimum  
556 standards and requirements, respectively; amending s.  
557 402.402, F.S.; subject to an appropriation, requiring  
558 the department to develop a child protective  
559 investigator and case manager recruitment program for  
560 a specified purpose; specifying requirements for the  
561 program; specifying duties of the department under the  
562 program, to be completed in collaboration with  
563 community-based care lead agencies; authorizing the  
564 department to adopt rules to implement the program;  
565 amending s. 409.987, F.S.; removing the requirement  
566 that an entity post a specified fidelity bond in order  
567 to serve as a lead agency; amending s. 409.993, F.S.;  
568 providing immunity from liability for subcontractors  
569 of lead agencies for certain acts or omissions;  
570 providing applicability; amending s. 409.996, F.S.;  
571 subject to an appropriation and beginning on a  
572 specified date, requiring the department to develop a  
573 4-year pilot program for treatment foster care;  
574 requiring the department to implement the pilot  
575 program by a specified date; requiring the department  
576 to coordinate with community-based care lead agencies  
577 to develop a specified process; requiring community-  
578 based care lead agencies to recruit individuals and

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579 families for a certain purpose; limiting participation  
580 in the pilot program to children meeting specified  
581 criteria; requiring the department to identify two  
582 judicial circuits determined to have the greatest need  
583 for implementation of such pilot program; requiring  
584 the department to arrange for an independent  
585 evaluation of the pilot program to make specified  
586 determinations; requiring the department to establish  
587 certain minimum standards for the pilot program;  
588 requiring the department, by a specified date, to  
589 submit to the Governor and the Legislature a final  
590 report which includes specified evaluations, findings,  
591 and recommendations; amending s. 1004.615, F.S.;  
592 specifying that incentives provided to state employees  
593 for participating in research or evaluation with the  
594 Florida Institute for Child Welfare do not violate  
595 certain laws or require certain reporting; amending  
596 ss. 402.30501, 1002.57, and 1002.59, F.S.; conforming  
597 cross-references; requiring the department to convene  
598 a case management workforce workgroup by a specified  
599 date; providing for membership of the workgroup;  
600 specifying duties of the workgroup, to be completed in  
601 collaboration with the Florida Institute for Child  
602 Welfare; providing for meetings of the workgroup;  
603 providing for the operation of the workgroup until a

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604 specified date; requiring the workgroup to submit a  
605 report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
606 specified date; providing requirements for the report;  
607 requiring the department to contract for a detailed  
608 study of certain services for child victims of  
609 commercial sexual exploitation; requiring that the  
610 study be completed by a specified date; providing  
611 requirements for the study;

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