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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to faith-based content in batterers'
3 intervention programs; amending s. 741.325, F.S.;
4 specifying that batterers' intervention programs may
5 include faith-based content; directing the Department
6 of Children and Families to amend a specified rule to
7 conform; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
12 741.325, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 741.325 Requirements for batterers' intervention programs.—

14 (1) A batterers' intervention program must meet the
15 following requirements:

16 (d) The program content shall be based on a cognitive
17 behavioral therapy model or psychoeducational model that
18 addresses tactics of power and control by one person over
19 another. Program content may include faith-based components.

20 Section 2. The Department of Children and Families shall
21 repeal rule 65H-2.017(2)(e), Florida Administrative Code, to
22 conform to this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.