

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to licensure of family foster homes;
 3 amending s. 409.175, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 4 Children and Families to adopt rules to streamline the
 5 licensure application process for licensed foster
 6 parents who relocate within this state; requiring such
 7 rules to include priority review of applications,
 8 expedited home studies and background checks, and
 9 recognition of prior foster parent training
 10 coursework; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 **Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section**
 15 **409.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

16 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential
 17 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public
 18 records exemption.—

19 (6)

20 (i) 1. Upon determination that the applicant meets the state
 21 minimum licensing requirements and has obtained a letter from a
 22 community-based care lead agency which indicates that the family
 23 foster home meets the criteria established by the lead agency,
 24 the department shall issue a license without charge to a
 25 specific person or agency at a specific location. A license may

26 | be issued if all the screening materials have been timely
27 | submitted; however, a license may not be issued or renewed if
28 | any person at the home or agency has failed the required
29 | screening. The license is nontransferable. A copy of the license
30 | shall be displayed in a conspicuous place. Except as provided in
31 | paragraph (k), the license is valid for 1 year from the date of
32 | issuance, unless the license is suspended or revoked by the
33 | department or is voluntarily surrendered by the licensee. The
34 | license is the property of the department.

35 | 2. The department shall adopt rules to streamline the
36 | licensure application process for a licensed foster parent who
37 | is in good standing and relocates within this state. These rules
38 | must include, but are not limited to, rules concerning priority
39 | review of applications, expedited home studies and background
40 | checks, and recognition of prior foster parent training
41 | coursework.

42 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.