

CS/SB 962 — Driver License Records

by Transportation Committee and Senator Storms

The bill will permit a specified number of Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) employees to access the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) database to conduct protective investigations under chapter 415, F.S., relating to adult protective services. Access to this system should assist investigators in the positive identification of victims and responsible persons who are subjects in investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation and provide quick access to the location of such persons, including vulnerable adults.

The bill will also permit, pursuant to an interagency agreement, a specified number of DCF employees to access the DHSMV database for use as verification of identity to expedite the determination of eligibility for public assistance and for use in public assistance fraud investigations. The effect of the proposed changes will lessen the time it takes to determine eligibility and reduce benefit errors as a result of incorrect or fraudulent applicant identification.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0