

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Bradley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 147 and 148 insert:

Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (1) of section 39.201, Florida Statutes, to read:

39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.-

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(h) An officer or employee of a law enforcement agency is not required to provide notice to the department of reasonable cause to suspect child abuse by an adult other than a parent,



legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare when the incident under investigation by the law enforcement agency was reported to law enforcement by the Central Abuse Hotline through the electronic transfer of the report or call. The department's Central Abuse Hotline is not required to electronically transfer calls and reports received pursuant to paragraph (2)(b) to the county sheriff's office if the matter was initially reported to the department by the county sheriff's office or another law enforcement agency. This paragraph applies only when the information related to the alleged child abuse has been provided to the officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or Central Abuse Hotline employee in the course of carrying out his or her official duties.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 16

and insert:

for specified violations; providing for fines; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; limiting the duty of an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency to provide notice to the Department of Children and Families of reasonable cause to suspect child abuse under certain circumstances; limiting the duty of the Central Abuse Hotline to electronically transfer certain calls and reports to the county sheriff's office under certain circumstances; providing applicability;