



1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Child Care and Development
3 Block Grant Program; amending s. 39.201, F.S.;
4 providing an exception from a prohibition against the
5 use of information in the Department of Children and
6 Families central abuse hotline for employment
7 screening of certain child care personnel; amending s.
8 39.202, F.S.; expanding the list of entities that have
9 access to child abuse records for purposes of
10 approving providers of school readiness services;
11 amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the definition of
12 the term "screening" for purposes of child care
13 licensing requirements; amending s. 402.3025, F.S.;
14 conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 402.3057,
15 F.S., relating to persons not required to be
16 refingerprinted or rescreened; amending s. 402.306,
17 F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and
18 Families and local licensing agencies to
19 electronically post certain information relating to
20 child care and school readiness providers; amending s.
21 402.311, F.S.; requiring school readiness program
22 providers to provide the department or local licensing
23 agencies with access to facilities, personnel, and
24 records for inspection purposes; amending s. 402.319,
25 F.S.; requiring certain child care providers to submit
26 an affidavit of compliance with certain mandatory



27 reporting requirements; amending s. 435.07, F.S.;

28 providing criteria for disqualification from

29 employment with a school readiness program provider;

30 amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the duties of the

31 Office of Early Learning of the Department of

32 Education; requiring the office to coordinate with the

33 Department of Children and Families and local

34 licensing agencies for inspections of school readiness

35 program providers; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising

36 provisions relating to determination of child

37 eligibility for school readiness programs; revising

38 requirements for determining parent copayments for

39 participation in the program; amending s. 1002.87,

40 F.S.; revising school readiness program eligibility

41 requirements; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.; revising

42 requirements for school readiness program providers;

43 amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; providing for additional

44 uses of funds for school readiness programs; providing

45 an effective date.

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

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49 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 39.201, Florida

50 Statutes, is amended to read:

51 39.201 Mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or

52 neglect; mandatory reports of death; central abuse hotline.—



53 (6) Information in the central abuse hotline may not be
 54 used for employment screening, except as provided in s.
 55 39.202(2)(a) and (h) or s. 402.302(15). Information in the
 56 central abuse hotline and the department's automated abuse
 57 information system may be used by the department, its authorized
 58 agents or contract providers, the Department of Health, or
 59 county agencies as part of the licensure or registration process
 60 pursuant to ss. 402.301-402.319 and ss. 409.175-409.176.

61 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 62 39.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of
 64 child abuse or neglect.—

65 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such
 66 records, excluding the name of the reporter which shall be
 67 released only as provided in subsection (5), shall be granted
 68 only to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

69 (a) Employees, authorized agents, or contract providers of
 70 the department, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons
 71 with Disabilities, the Office of Early Learning, or county
 72 agencies responsible for carrying out:

- 73 1. Child or adult protective investigations;
- 74 2. Ongoing child or adult protective services;
- 75 3. Early intervention and prevention services;
- 76 4. Healthy Start services;
- 77 5. Licensure or approval of adoptive homes, foster homes,
 78 child care facilities, facilities licensed under chapter 393, ~~or~~



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79 family day care homes, ~~or informal child care~~ providers who
80 receive school readiness funding under part VI of chapter 1002,
81 or other homes used to provide for the care and welfare of
82 children; or

83 6. Services for victims of domestic violence when provided
84 by certified domestic violence centers working at the
85 department's request as case consultants or with shared clients.
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87 Also, employees or agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice
88 responsible for the provision of services to children, pursuant
89 to chapters 984 and 985.

90 Section 3. Subsection (15) of section 402.302, Florida
91 Statutes, is amended to read:

92 402.302 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

93 (15) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background
94 of child care personnel, in accordance with state and federal
95 law, and volunteers and includes, but is not limited to: 7

96 (a) Employment history checks, including documented
97 attempts to contact each employer that employed the applicant
98 within the preceding 5 years and documentation of the findings.

99 (b) A search of the criminal history records, sexual
100 predator and sexual offender registry, and child abuse and
101 neglect registry of any state in which the applicant resided
102 during the preceding 5 years.

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104 An applicant must submit a full set of fingerprints to the



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105 department or to a vendor, entity, or agency authorized by s.
106 943.053(13). The department, vendor, entity, or agency shall
107 forward the fingerprints to ~~local criminal records checks~~
108 ~~through local law enforcement agencies, fingerprinting for all~~
109 ~~purposes and checks in this subsection, statewide criminal~~
110 ~~records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement~~ for
111 state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall
112 forward the fingerprints to ~~federal criminal records checks~~
113 ~~through the Federal Bureau of Investigation~~ for national
114 processing. Fingerprint submission must comply with s. 435.12.

115 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
116 402.3025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

117 402.3025 Public and nonpublic schools.—For the purposes of
118 ss. 402.301-402.319, the following shall apply:

119 (2) NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.—

120 (c) Programs for children who are at least 3 years of age,
121 but under 5 years of age, shall not be deemed to be child care
122 and shall not be subject to the provisions of ss. 402.301-
123 402.319 relating to child care facilities, provided the programs
124 in the schools are operated and staffed directly by the schools,
125 provided a majority of the children enrolled in the schools are
126 5 years of age or older, and provided there is compliance with
127 the screening requirements for personnel pursuant to s. 402.305
128 ~~or s. 402.3057~~. A nonpublic school may designate certain
129 programs as child care, in which case these programs shall be
130 subject to the provisions of ss. 402.301-402.319.



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131 Section 5. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is
132 repealed.

133 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 402.306, Florida
134 Statutes, is amended to read:

135 402.306 Designation of licensing agency; dissemination by
136 the department and local licensing agency of information on
137 child care.—

138 (3) The department and local licensing agencies, or the
139 designees thereof, shall be responsible for coordination and
140 dissemination of information on child care to the community and
141 shall make available through electronic means ~~upon request~~ all
142 licensing standards and procedures, health and safety standards
143 for school readiness providers, monitoring and inspection
144 reports, and ~~in addition to~~ the names and addresses of licensed
145 child care facilities, school readiness program providers, and,
146 where applicable pursuant to s. 402.313, licensed or registered
147 family day care homes. This information shall also include the
148 number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of
149 substantiated child abuse that have occurred in child care
150 settings each year; research and best practices in child
151 development; and resources regarding social-emotional
152 development, parent and family engagement, healthy eating, and
153 physical activity.

154 Section 7. Section 402.311, Florida Statutes, is amended
155 to read:

156 402.311 Inspection.—



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157 (1) A licensed child care facility shall accord to the
158 department or the local licensing agency, whichever is
159 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to
160 facilities and personnel and to those records required in s.
161 402.305, at reasonable times during regular business hours, to
162 ensure compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 402.301-402.319.
163 The right of entry and inspection shall also extend to any
164 premises which the department or local licensing agency has
165 reason to believe are being operated or maintained as a child
166 care facility without a license, but no such entry or inspection
167 of any premises shall be made without the permission of the
168 person in charge thereof unless a warrant is first obtained from
169 the circuit court authorizing such entry or inspection ~~same~~. Any
170 application for a license or renewal made pursuant to this act
171 or the advertisement to the public for the provision of child
172 care as defined in s. 402.302 shall constitute permission for
173 any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is
174 sought in order to facilitate verification of the information
175 submitted on or in connection with the application. In the event
176 a licensed facility refuses permission for entry or inspection
177 to the department or local licensing agency, a warrant shall be
178 obtained from the circuit court authorizing entry or inspection
179 before ~~same prior to~~ such entry or inspection. The department or
180 local licensing agency may institute disciplinary proceedings
181 pursuant to s. 402.310~~7~~ for such refusal.

182 (2) A school readiness program provider shall accord to



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183 the department or the local licensing agency, whichever is
184 applicable, the privilege of inspection, including access to
185 facilities, personnel, and records, to verify compliance with
186 the requirements of s. 1002.88. Entry, inspection, and issuance
187 of an inspection report by the department or the local licensing
188 agency to verify compliance with the requirements of s. 1002.88
189 is an exercise of a discretionary power to enforce compliance
190 with the laws duly enacted by a governmental body.

191 (3) The department's issuance, transmittal, or publication
192 of an inspection report resulting from an inspection under this
193 section does not constitute agency action subject to chapter
194 120.

195 Section 8. Subsection (3) is added to section 402.319,
196 Florida Statutes, to read:

197 402.319 Penalties.—

198 (3) Each child care facility, family day care home, and
199 large family child care home shall annually submit an affidavit
200 of compliance with s. 39.201.

201 Section 9. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
202 section 435.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

203 435.07 Exemptions from disqualification.—Unless otherwise
204 provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to
205 exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses
206 revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this
207 chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are
208 listed in this chapter or other laws.



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210 (c) Disqualification from employment under this chapter
211 may not be removed from, and an exemption may not be granted to,
212 any current or prospective child care personnel of a provider
213 receiving school readiness funding under part VI of chapter
214 1002, and such a person is disqualified from employment as child
215 care personnel with such providers, regardless of any prior
216 exemptions from disqualification, if the person has been
217 registered as a sex offender as described in 42 U.S.C. s.
218 9858f(c) (1) (C) or has been arrested for and is awaiting final
219 disposition of, has been convicted or found guilty of, or
220 entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of
221 adjudication, or has been adjudicated delinquent and the record
222 has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited
223 under any of the following provisions of state law or a similar
224 law of another jurisdiction:

225 1. A felony offense prohibited under any of the following
226 statutes:

227 a. Chapter 741, relating to domestic violence.

228 b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.

229 c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated
230 manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated
231 manslaughter of a child, or aggravated manslaughter of an
232 officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a
233 paramedic.

234 d. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.



- 235 | e. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
- 236 | f. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- 237 | g. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
- 238 | child.
- 239 | h. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
- 240 | enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
- 241 | concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
- 242 | custody proceedings.
- 243 | i. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
- 244 | enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
- 245 | concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
- 246 | dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse
- 247 | or neglect of a minor.
- 248 | j. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- 249 | k. Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
- 250 | solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
- 251 | authority.
- 252 | l. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
- 253 | with certain minors.
- 254 | m. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
- 255 | n. Section 806.01, relating to arson.
- 256 | o. Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- 257 | p. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
- 258 | child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- 259 | q. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
- 260 | delinquency or dependency of a child.



261 r. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
 262 child.

263 s. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.

264 t. Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
 265 juvenile justice programs.

266 2. A misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the
 267 following statutes:

268 a. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of
 269 the offense was a minor.

270 b. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
 271 child.

272 c. Chapter 847, relating to child pornography.

273 3. A criminal act committed in another state or under
 274 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an
 275 offense prohibited under any statute listed in subparagraph 1.
 276 or subparagraph 2.

277 Section 10. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section
 278 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (s)
 279 through (x) are added to that subsection, to read:

280 1002.82 Office of Early Learning; powers and duties.—

281 (2) The office shall:

282 (i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with local
 283 licensing agencies and ~~Develop, in coordination with~~ the Child
 284 Care Services Program Office of the Department of Children and
 285 Families for inspections of school readiness program providers
 286 to monitor and verify compliance with s. 1002.88 and the health



287 and safety checklist adopted by the office. The provider
288 contract of a school readiness program provider that refuses
289 permission for entry or inspection shall be terminated. The, and
290 adopt a health and safety checklist may to be completed by
291 license-exempt providers that does not exceed the requirements
292 of s. 402.305 and the Child Care and Development Fund pursuant
293 to 45 C.F.R. part 98.

294 (s) Develop and implement strategies to increase the
295 supply and improve the quality of child care services for
296 infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, children who
297 receive care during nontraditional hours, children in
298 underserved areas, and children in areas that have significant
299 concentrations of poverty and unemployment.

300 (t) Establish preservice and inservice training
301 requirements that address, at a minimum, school readiness child
302 development standards, health and safety requirements, and
303 social-emotional behavior intervention models, which may include
304 positive behavior intervention and support models.

305 (u) Establish standards for emergency preparedness plans
306 for school readiness program providers.

307 (v) Establish group sizes.

308 (w) Establish staff-to-children ratios that do not exceed
309 the requirements of s. 402.302(8) or (11) or s. 402.305(4), as
310 applicable, for school readiness program providers.

311 (x) Establish eligibility criteria, including limitations
312 based on income and family assets, in accordance with s. 1002.87



313 and federal law.

314 Section 11. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 1002.84,
315 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316 1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers
317 and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

318 (7) Determine child eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.87 and
319 provider eligibility pursuant to s. 1002.88. ~~At a minimum,~~ Child
320 eligibility must be redetermined annually. ~~Redetermination must~~
321 ~~also be conducted twice per year for an additional 50 percent of~~
322 ~~a coalition's enrollment through a statistically valid random~~
323 ~~sampling.~~ A coalition must document the reason ~~why~~ a child is no
324 longer eligible for the school readiness program according to
325 the standard codes prescribed by the office.

326 (8) Establish a parent sliding fee scale that provides for
327 ~~requires~~ a parent copayment that is not a barrier to families
328 receiving ~~to participate in the~~ school readiness program
329 services. Providers are required to collect the parent's
330 copayment. A coalition may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the
331 copayment for an at-risk child or temporarily waive the
332 copayment for a child whose family's income is at or below the
333 federal poverty level and whose family experiences a natural
334 disaster or an event that limits the parent's ability to pay,
335 such as incarceration, placement in residential treatment, or
336 becoming homeless, or an emergency situation such as a household
337 fire or burglary, or while the parent is participating in
338 parenting classes. A parent may not transfer school readiness



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339 program services to another school readiness program provider
340 until the parent has submitted documentation from the current
341 school readiness program provider to the early learning
342 coalition stating that the parent has satisfactorily fulfilled
343 the copayment obligation.

344 Section 12. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (6) of section
345 1002.87, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

346 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and
347 enrollment.—

348 ~~(1) Effective August 1, 2013, or upon reevaluation of~~
349 ~~eligibility for children currently served, whichever is later,~~
350 Each early learning coalition shall give priority for
351 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

352 (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than
353 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is
354 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and
355 subject to the federal work requirements.

356 (b) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child
357 younger than 9 years of age.

358 (c) Priority shall be given next to a child from birth to
359 the beginning of the school year for which the child is eligible
360 for admission to kindergarten in a public school under s.

361 1003.21(1)(a)2. who is from a working family that is
362 economically disadvantaged, and may include such child's
363 eligible siblings, beginning with the school year in which the
364 sibling is eligible for admission to kindergarten in a public



365 school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2. until the beginning of the
366 school year in which the sibling is eligible to begin 6th grade,
367 provided that the first priority for funding an eligible sibling
368 is local revenues available to the coalition for funding direct
369 services. ~~However, a child eligible under this paragraph ceases~~
370 ~~to be eligible if his or her family income exceeds 200 percent~~
371 ~~of the federal poverty level.~~

372 (d) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent
373 who transitions from the work program into employment as
374 described in s. 445.032 from birth to the beginning of the
375 school year for which the child is eligible for admission to
376 kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

377 (e) Priority shall be given next to an at-risk child who
378 is at least 9 years of age but younger than 13 years of age. An
379 at-risk child whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness
380 program within an eligibility priority category listed in
381 paragraphs (a)-(c) shall be given priority over other children
382 who are eligible under this paragraph.

383 (f) Priority shall be given next to a child who is younger
384 than 13 years of age from a working family that is economically
385 disadvantaged. A child who is eligible under this paragraph
386 whose sibling is enrolled in the school readiness program under
387 paragraph (c) shall be given priority over other children who
388 are eligible under this paragraph. ~~However, a child eligible~~
389 ~~under this paragraph ceases to be eligible if his or her family~~
390 ~~income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty level.~~



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391 (g) Priority shall be given next to a child of a parent
392 who transitions from the work program into employment as
393 described in s. 445.032 who is younger than 13 years of age.

394 (h) Priority shall be given next to a child who has
395 special needs, has been determined eligible as a student with a
396 disability, has a current individual education plan with a
397 Florida school district, and is not younger than 3 years of age.
398 A special needs child eligible under this paragraph remains
399 eligible until the child is eligible for admission to
400 kindergarten in a public school under s. 1003.21(1)(a)2.

401 (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(d), priority shall be
402 given last to a child who otherwise meets one of the eligibility
403 criteria in paragraphs (a)-(d) but who is also enrolled
404 concurrently in the federal Head Start Program and the Voluntary
405 Prekindergarten Education Program.

406 (4) The parent of a child enrolled in the school readiness
407 program must notify the coalition or its designee within 10 days
408 after any change in employment status, income, or family size or
409 failure to maintain attendance at a job training or educational
410 program in accordance with program requirements. ~~Upon~~
411 ~~notification by the parent, the child's eligibility must be~~
412 ~~reevaluated.~~

413 (5) A child whose eligibility priority category requires
414 the child to be from a working family ceases to be eligible for
415 the school readiness program if a parent with whom the child
416 resides does not reestablish employment or resume attendance at



417 | a job training or educational program within 90 ~~60~~ days after
 418 | becoming unemployed or ceasing to attend a job training or
 419 | educational program.

420 | (6) Eligibility for each child must be reevaluated
 421 | annually. Upon reevaluation, a child may not continue to receive
 422 | school readiness program services if he or she has ceased to be
 423 | eligible under this section. A child who is ineligible due to a
 424 | parent's job loss or cessation of education or job training
 425 | shall continue to receive school readiness program services for
 426 | at least 3 months to enable the parent to obtain employment.

427 | Section 13. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)
 428 | of section 1002.88, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

429 | 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;
 430 | eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

431 | (1) To be eligible to deliver the school readiness
 432 | program, a school readiness program provider must:

433 | (c) Provide basic health and safety of its premises and
 434 | facilities and compliance with requirements for age-appropriate
 435 | immunizations of children enrolled in the school readiness
 436 | program.

437 | 1. For a provider that is licensed ~~child care facility, a~~
 438 | ~~large family child care home, or a licensed family day care~~
 439 | ~~home,~~ compliance with s. 402.305, s. 402.3131, or s. 402.313 and
 440 | this subsection, as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies
 441 | this requirement.

442 | 2. For a provider that is a registered family day care



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443 home or is not subject to licensure or registration by the
444 Department of Children and Families, compliance with this
445 subsection, as verified pursuant to s. 402.311, satisfies this
446 requirement. Upon verification pursuant to s. 402.311, the
447 provider ~~For a public or nonpublic school, compliance with s.~~
448 ~~402.3025 or s. 1003.22 satisfies this requirement. A faith-based~~
449 ~~child care provider, an informal child care provider, or a~~
450 ~~nonpublic school, exempt from licensure under s. 402.316 or s.~~
451 ~~402.3025,~~ shall annually post ~~complete~~ the health and safety
452 checklist adopted by the office, ~~post the checklist~~ prominently
453 on its premises in plain sight for visitors and parents, ~~and~~
454 shall annually submit the checklist ~~it annually~~ to its local
455 early learning coalition.

456 (d) Provide an appropriate group size and staff-to-
457 children ratio, ~~pursuant to s. 402.305(4) or s. 402.302(8) or~~
458 ~~(11), as applicable, and as verified pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

459 (e) Employ child care personnel, as defined in s.
460 402.302(3), who have satisfied the screening requirements of
461 chapter 402 and fulfilled the training requirements of the
462 office ~~Provide a healthy and safe environment pursuant to s.~~
463 ~~402.305(5), (6), and (7), as applicable, and as verified~~
464 ~~pursuant to s. 402.311.~~

465 Section 14. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 1002.89,
466 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

467 1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

468 (6) Costs shall be kept to the minimum necessary for the



469 efficient and effective administration of the school readiness
470 program with the highest priority of expenditure being direct
471 services for eligible children. However, no more than 5 percent
472 of the funds described in subsection (5) may be used for
473 administrative costs and no more than 22 percent of the funds
474 described in subsection (5) may be used in any fiscal year for
475 any combination of administrative costs, quality activities, and
476 nondirect services as follows:

477 (a) Administrative costs as described in 45 C.F.R. s.
478 98.52, which shall include monitoring providers using the
479 standard methodology adopted under s. 1002.82 to improve
480 compliance with state and federal regulations and law pursuant
481 to the requirements of the statewide provider contract adopted
482 under s. 1002.82(2)(m).

483 (b) Activities to improve the quality of child care as
484 described in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.51, which shall be limited to the
485 following:

486 1. Developing, establishing, expanding, operating, and
487 coordinating resource and referral programs specifically related
488 to the provision of comprehensive consumer education to parents
489 and the public to promote informed child care choices specified
490 in 45 C.F.R. s. 98.33 ~~regarding participation in the school~~
491 ~~readiness program and parental choice.~~

492 2. Awarding grants and providing financial support to
493 school readiness program providers and their staff to assist
494 them in meeting applicable state requirements for child care



495 performance standards, implementing developmentally appropriate
496 curricula and related classroom resources that support
497 curricula, providing literacy supports, and providing continued
498 professional development and training. Any grants awarded
499 pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with ~~the requirements~~
500 ~~of~~ ss. 215.971 and 287.058.

501 3. Providing training, ~~and~~ technical assistance, and
502 financial support to ~~for~~ school readiness program providers,
503 staff, and parents on standards, child screenings, child
504 assessments, child development research and best practices,
505 developmentally appropriate curricula, character development,
506 teacher-child interactions, age-appropriate discipline
507 practices, health and safety, nutrition, first aid,
508 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the recognition of communicable
509 diseases, and child abuse detection, and prevention, and
510 reporting.

511 4. Providing, from among the funds provided for the
512 activities described in subparagraphs 1.-3., adequate funding
513 for infants and toddlers as necessary to meet federal
514 requirements related to expenditures for quality activities for
515 infant and toddler care.

516 5. Improving the monitoring of compliance with, and
517 enforcement of, applicable state and local requirements as
518 described in and limited by 45 C.F.R. s. 98.40.

519 6. Responding to Warm-Line requests by providers and
520 parents ~~related to school readiness program children~~, including



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521 providing developmental and health screenings to school
522 readiness program children.

523 (c) Nondirect services as described in applicable Office
524 of Management and Budget instructions are those services not
525 defined as administrative, direct, or quality services that are
526 required to administer the school readiness program. Such
527 services include, but are not limited to:

- 528 1. Assisting families to complete the required application
529 and eligibility documentation.
- 530 2. Determining child and family eligibility.
- 531 3. Recruiting eligible child care providers.
- 532 4. Processing and tracking attendance records.
- 533 5. Developing and maintaining a statewide child care
534 information system.

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536 As used in this paragraph, the term "nondirect services" does
537 not include payments to school readiness program providers for
538 direct services provided to children who are eligible under s.
539 1002.87, administrative costs as described in paragraph (a), or
540 quality activities as described in paragraph (b).

541 (7) Funds appropriated for the school readiness program
542 may not be expended for the purchase or improvement of land; for
543 the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any
544 building or facility; or for the purchase of buses. However,
545 funds may be expended for minor remodeling and upgrading of
546 child care facilities which is necessary for the administration



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547 | of the program and to ensure that providers meet state and local
548 | child care standards, including applicable health and safety
549 | requirements.

550 | Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.