By Senator Gainer

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sheriffs providing child protective investigative services; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; requiring the Sheriff of Walton County to provide all child protective investigations in the county beginning with a specified fiscal year; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child protective investigative services; procedures; funding.—

(3) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the sheriffs of Pasco County, Manatee County, Broward County, and Pinellas County shall have the responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in their respective counties.

Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020, the Sheriff of Walton County shall provide all child protective investigations in his or her county. Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the Department of Children and Families is authorized to enter into grant agreements with sheriffs of other counties to perform child protective investigations in their respective counties.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.