Florida Senate - 2004

By Senator Villalobos

38-714A-04 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to persons appointed or employed to work with children; requiring that 3 4 each state or governmental subdivision search the records of sexual predators and sexual 5 6 offenders maintained by the Department of Law 7 Enforcement before appointing or employing a person to work or volunteer at a park, 8 9 playground, day care center, or other place 10 where children regularly congregate; authorizing use of the department's toll-free 11 12 telephone number or Internet site to conduct the search; providing an effective date. 13 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Search of registration information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders required prior 18 19 to appointment or employment. -- A state agency or governmental 20 subdivision, prior to making any decision to appoint or employ 21 a person to work, whether for compensation or as a volunteer, 22 at any park, playground, day care center, or other place where children regularly congregate, must conduct a search of that 23 person's name or other identifying information against the 24 25 registration information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement 26 under section 943.043, Florida Statutes. The agency or 27 2.8 governmental subdivision may conduct the search using the 29 toll-free telephone number or the Internet site maintained by 30 the Department of Law Enforcement. 31

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1	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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5	SENATE SUMMARY
6	Prohibits a state or governmental subdivision from
7	appointing or employing a person to work or volunteer at a park, playground, day care center, or other place where children regularly congregate unless the agency or subdivision has first searched the records of sexual
8	subdivision has first searched the records of sexual predators and sexual offenders maintained by the
9	predators and sexual offenders maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement.
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