

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to screening of direct service providers;
 3 amending s. 393.0655, F.S.; exempting staff and employees
 4 of licensed comprehensive transitional education programs
 5 for certain persons with developmental disabilities from
 6 additional background screening by district school boards
 7 under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of
 12 section 393.0655, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 13 paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is
 14 added to that subsection to read:

15 393.0655 Screening of direct service providers.--

16 (1) MINIMUM STANDARDS.--The agency shall require level 2
 17 employment screening pursuant to chapter 435 for direct service
 18 providers who are unrelated to their clients, including support
 19 coordinators, and managers and supervisors of residential
 20 facilities or comprehensive transitional education programs
 21 licensed under this chapter and any other person, including
 22 volunteers, who provide care or services, who have access to a
 23 client's living areas, or who have access to a client's funds or
 24 personal property. Background screening shall include employment
 25 history checks as provided in s. 435.03(1) and local criminal
 26 records checks through local law enforcement agencies.

27 (d) Professional staff and employees of a comprehensive
 28 transitional education program licensed under this chapter who

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29 are required to undergo level 2 background screening pursuant to
30 this section shall not be required to undergo an additional
31 background screening by a district school board. The person must
32 submit to the district school board proof of compliance with the
33 background screening requirements in s. 435.04 and proof that
34 his or her license or certificate is active and in good standing
35 if he or she is a licensee or a certificateholder.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.