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## CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 3/13/2008

The Committee on Governmental Operations (Lawson) recommended the following amendment:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendments)

Delete line(s) 802-817

and insert:

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Section 24. Section 1006.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.061 Child abuse, abandonment, and neglect policy. -- Each district school board, charter school, private school participating in a state school choice scholarship program, and private provider participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program shall:

(1) Post in a prominent place in each school a notice that, pursuant to chapter 39, all employees and agents of the 16

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district school board, charter school, private school, or private provider have an affirmative duty to report all actual or suspected cases of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; have immunity from liability if they report such cases in good faith; and have a duty to comply with child protective investigations and all other provisions of law relating to child abuse, abandonment, and neglect. The notice shall also include the statewide toll-free telephone number of the central abuse hotline.

(2) Post in a prominent place at each school site and on each school website, the policies and procedures for reporting suspected or actual misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators, as defined in s. 1012.01, which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student, the contact person to whom the report should be made, and the penalties imposed on employees or agents for failing to report suspected or actual child abuse or misconduct by instructional personnel or school administrators which affects the health, safety, or welfare of a student.

(3) Require the person in charge of the school district, charter school, private school, or private provider district school superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, at the request of the Department of Children and Family Services, to act as a liaison to the Department of Children and Family Services and the child protection team, as defined in s. 39.01, when in a case of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect or an unlawful sexual offense involving a child the case is referred to such a team; except that this

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does not relieve or restrict the Department of Children and Family Services from discharging its duty and responsibility under the law to investigate and report every suspected or actual case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect or unlawful sexual offense involving a child.

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===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T ===== And the directory clause is amended as follows:

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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(s) 68-71

and insert:

requiring the school board, charter school, private school participating in a state school choice scholarship program, and private provider participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to post its policies relating to misconduct by personnel; requiring the head of such entities to act as a liaison in suspected cases of child abuse;