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Amendment No. CHAMBER ACTION Senate House Representative Pafford offered the following: Amendment (with title amendment) Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Effective September 1, 2015, present subsections (13) and (18) of section 402.302, Florida Statutes, are amended, and new subsections (18), (19), and (20) are added to that section, to read: 402.302 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: (13) "Operator" means any onsite person ultimately responsible for the overall operation of a child care facility, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp, regardless of whether or not he or she is the owner or administrator of such facility. "Summer camp personnel" means owners, operators, (18) employees, and volunteers working in summer day camps or summer 24-hour camps providing care for children. 297661 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2013 1:55:44 PM Page 1 of 17

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17	Amendment No. (19) "Summer day camp" means recreational, educational,
18	and other enrichment programs operated during summer vacations
19	for children who are 5 years of age or older on or before
20	September 1.
21	(20) "Summer 24-hour camp" means recreational,
22	educational, and other enrichment programs that are not
23	exclusively educational and that are operated on a 24-hour basis
24	during summer vacations for children who are 5 years of age or
25	older on or before September 1.
26	(21) (18) "Weekend child care" means child care provided
27	between the hours of 6 p.m. on Friday and 6 a.m. on Monday.
28	Section 2. Effective September 1, 2015, section 402.31315,
29	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
30	402.31315 Registration of summer camps
31	(1) The purpose of this section is to protect all children
32	in the state who attend summer day camps or summer 24-hour camps
33	by establishing registration and screening requirements for such
34	camps and providing procedures to determine adherence to these
35	requirements.
36	(a) All owners, operators, employees, and volunteers who
37	have any contact with children in a summer day camp or summer
38	24-hour camp are "summer camp personnel" as defined in s.
39	402.302. All such persons must be screened using the level 2
40	screening standards in chapter 435. A volunteer who assists on
41	an intermittent basis for less than 10 hours per month does not
42	require screening if a person who meets the screening
43	requirement of this section is always present and has the
44	volunteer in his or her line of sight.
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45	Amendment No. (b) "Registration" means a document issued by the
46	department certifying that an applicant meets the requirements
47	of this section to operate a summer day camp or summer 24-hour
48	camp. A registration under this section is issued to a summer
49	day camp or summer 24-hour camp and is not a professional
50	license of any person. Issuance of a registration under this
51	section does not grant a property right to the registrant. A
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	registration under this section is a public trust and a
53	privilege and is not an entitlement. In an administrative
54	proceeding, the department must produce competent substantial
55	evidence to support its stated reasons for denying a
56	registration or for sanctioning an existing registration.
57	(2) An application for registration shall be made on forms
58	provided, and in the manner prescribed, by the department. The
59	department shall determine the good moral character of the
60	applicant based on the screening requirements provided in s.
61	402.302(15).
62	(3)(a) Failure on the part of an owner or operator of a
63	summer day camp or summer 24-hour camp, after written
64	notification, to dismiss personnel who have been found not to be
65	in compliance with the requirements for good moral character
66	results in automatic denial and revocation of registration in
67	addition to any other remedies provided in this section which
68	may be pursued by the department. Such failure, after written
69	notification, also constitutes an immediate serious danger to
70	the public health, safety, or welfare and supports an emergency
71	suspension, restriction, or limitation of an existing
72	registration under s. 120.60(6).
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73	(b) The department may adopt rules relating to the
74	registration and screening requirements for summer day camps and
75	summer 24-hour camps.
76	(c) The department shall have access to the personnel
77	records of summer day camps and summer 24-hour camps to ensure
78	compliance with registration and screening requirements.
79	(d) The department shall establish a protocol to avoid
80	duplication of background screening requests.
81	(4) If the department finds that a person or entity, after
82	written notification of the registration requirement, continues
83	to operate a summer day camp or summer 24-hour camp without a
84	registration, the department shall notify the appropriate state
85	attorney of the violation of s. 402.319.
86	(5) Sections 402.311, 402.312, and 402.3125 apply to
87	summer day camps and summer 24-hour camps.
88	Section 3. Effective September 1, 2015, section 402.318,
89	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
90	402.318 AdvertisementA person, as defined in s. 1.01(3),
91	may not advertise a child care facility, family day care home,
92	or large family child care home, summer day camp, or summer 24-
93	hour camp without including within such advertisement the state
94	or local agency license number or registration number of such
95	facility <u>,</u> or home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp.
96	Violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree,
97	punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
98	Section 4. Effective September 1, 2015, section 402.319,
99	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
100	402.319 Penalties
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(1) It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person knowingly to:

104 Fail, by false statement, misrepresentation, (a) 105 impersonation, or other fraudulent means, to disclose in any 106 application for voluntary or paid employment or licensure regulated under ss. 402.301-402.318 all information required 107 108 under those sections or a material fact used in making a determination as to such person's qualifications to be child 109 110 care personnel, as defined in s. 402.302, in a child care facility, family day care home, summer day camp, summer 24-hour 111 112 camp, or other child care program.

(b) Operate or attempt to operate a child care facilitywithout having procured a license as required by this act.

(c) Operate or attempt to operate a family day care home without a license or without registering with the department, whichever is applicable.

118(d) Operate or attempt to operate a summer day camp or119summer 24-hour camp without registering with the department.

120 <u>(e) (d)</u> Operate or attempt to operate a child care 121 facility, or family day care home, summer day camp, or summer 122 <u>24-hour camp</u> under a license <u>or registration</u> that is suspended, 123 revoked, or terminated.

124 <u>(f)(e)</u> Misrepresent, by act or omission, a child care 125 facility<u>, or family day care home, summer day camp, or summer</u> 126 <u>24-hour camp</u> to be duly licensed <u>or registered</u> pursuant to this 127 act without being so licensed <u>or registered</u>.

128 (g) (f) Make any other misrepresentation, by act or

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Amendment No. 129 omission, regarding the licensure, registration, or operation of 130 a child care facility, or family day care home, summer day camp, 131 or summer 24-hour camp to a parent or guardian who has a child 132 placed in the facility or is inquiring as to placing a child in 133 the facility, or to a representative of the licensing authority, 134 or to a representative of a law enforcement agency, including, 135 but not limited to, any misrepresentation as to: 136 The number of children at the child care facility, or 1. 137 the family day care home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour 138 camp; 2. The part of the child care facility, or family day care 139 140 home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp designated for 141 child care or camp; 142 3. The qualifications or credentials of child care 143 personnel; 144 4. Whether a family day care home, or child care facility, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp complies with the 145 screening requirements of s. 402.305; or 146 147 5. Whether child care personnel have the training as required by s. 402.305. 148 149 If any child care personnel makes any (2) 150 misrepresentation in violation of this section to a parent or 151 guardian who has placed a child in the child care facility, or family day care home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp 152 and the parent or guardian relied upon the misrepresentation, 153 and the child suffers great bodily harm, permanent 154 155 disfigurement, permanent disability, or death as a result of an 156 intentional act or negligence by the child care personnel, then 297661 Approved For Filing: 4/1/2013 1:55:44 PM

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157 the child care personnel commits a felony of the second degree, 158 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 159 Section 5. Effective September 1, 2015, paragraphs (i),

(j), (l), and (m) of subsection (2), paragraph (d) of subsection (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), paragraphs (d) and (k) of subsection (6), paragraphs (a) through (c) of subsection (10), and subsection (12) of section 409.175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

165 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential 166 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public 167 records exemption.—

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

"Personnel" means all owners, operators, employees, 169 (i) 170 and volunteers working in a child-placing agency, family foster 171 home, or residential child-caring agency who may be employed by 172 or do volunteer work for a person, corporation, or agency that 173 holds a license as a child-placing agency or a residential child-caring agency, but the term does not include those who do 174 175 not work on the premises where child care is furnished and have no direct contact with a child or have no contact with a child 176 177 outside of the presence of the child's parent or guardian. For 178 purposes of screening, the term includes any member, over the 179 age of 12 years, of the family of the owner or operator or any person other than a client, over the age of 12 years, residing 180 with the owner or operator if the agency or family foster home 181 is located in or adjacent to the home of the owner or operator 182 183 or if the family member of, or person residing with, the owner 184 or operator has any direct contact with the children. Members of

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185 the family of the owner or operator, or persons residing with 186 the owner or operator, who are between the ages of 12 years and 187 18 years are not required to be fingerprinted τ but must be 188 screened for delinquency records. For purposes of screening, the 189 term also includes owners, operators, employees, and volunteers 190 working in summer day camps, or summer 24-hour camps providing 191 care for children. A volunteer who assists on an intermittent 192 basis for less than 10 hours per month shall not be included in the term "personnel" for the purposes of screening if a person 193 194 who meets the screening requirement of this section is always present and has the volunteer in his or her line of sight. 195

"Residential child-caring agency" means any person, 196 (i) 197 corporation, or agency, public or private, other than the 198 child's parent or legal quardian, that provides staffed 24-hour 199 care for children in facilities maintained for that purpose, 200 regardless of whether operated for profit or whether a fee is 201 charged. Such residential child-caring agencies include, but are 202 not limited to, maternity homes, runaway shelters, group homes 203 that are administered by an agency, emergency shelters that are 204 not in private residences, and wilderness camps. Residential 205 child-caring agencies do not include hospitals, boarding 206 schools, summer or recreation camps, nursing homes, or 207 facilities operated by a governmental agency for the training, 208 treatment, or secure care of delinquent youth, or facilities licensed under s. 393.067 or s. 394.875 or chapter 397. 209

210 (1) "Summer day camp" means recreational, educational, and 211 other enrichment programs operated during summer vacations for 212 children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1 and

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(m) "Summer 24-hour camp" means recreational, educational, and other enrichment programs operated on a 24-hour basis during summer vacation for children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1 and older, that are not exclusively educational.

(d) This license requirement does not apply to boarding schools, recreation and summer camps, nursing homes, or hospitals, or to persons who care for children of friends or neighbors in their homes for periods not to exceed 90 days, or to persons who have received a child for adoption from a licensed child-placing agency.

225 (5) (a) The department shall adopt and amend licensing 226 rules for family foster homes, residential child-caring 227 agencies, and child-placing agencies. The department may grant 228 exemptions from disgualification from working with children or 229 the developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07. The 230 department may also adopt rules relating to the screening 231 requirements for summer day camps and summer 24-hour camps. The 232 requirements for licensure and operation of family foster homes, 233 residential child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies 234 shall include:

The operation, conduct, and maintenance of these homes
 and agencies and the responsibility which they assume for
 children served and the evidence of need for that service.

2. The provision of food, clothing, educational
opportunities, services, equipment, and individual supplies to
assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development

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3. The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises, including fire prevention and health standards, to provide for the physical comfort, care, and wellbeing of the children served.

4. The ratio of staff to children required to provide
adequate care and supervision of the children served and, in the
case of foster homes, the maximum number of children in the
home.

250 5. The good moral character based upon screening,
251 education, training, and experience requirements for personnel.

252 6. The department may grant exemptions from
253 disqualification from working with children or the
254 developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07.

255 <u>6.7.</u> The provision of preservice and inservice training
 256 for all foster parents and agency staff.

257 <u>7.8.</u> Satisfactory evidence of financial ability to provide
 258 care for the children in compliance with licensing requirements.

259 <u>8.9.</u> The maintenance by the agency of records pertaining 260 to admission, progress, health, and discharge of children 261 served, including written case plans and reports to the 262 department.

263 <u>9.10.</u> The provision for parental involvement to encourage 264 preservation and strengthening of a child's relationship with 265 the family.

266 <u>10.11.</u> The transportation safety of children served.
 267 <u>11.12.</u> The provisions for safeguarding the cultural,
 268 religious, and ethnic values of a child.

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269 <u>12.13.</u> Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of 270 children served.

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(d)1. The department may pursue other remedies provided in this section in addition to denial or revocation of a license for failure to comply with the screening requirements. The disciplinary actions determination to be made by the department and the procedure for hearing for applicants and licensees shall be in accordance with chapter 120.

278 2. When the department has reasonable cause to believe 279 that grounds for denial or termination of employment exist, it 280 shall notify, in writing, the applicant τ or licensee, or summer 281 or recreation camp, and the personnel affected, stating the 282 specific record which indicates noncompliance with the screening 283 requirements.

3. Procedures established for hearing under chapter 120 shall be available to the applicant, licensee, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp, and affected personnel, in order to present evidence relating either to the accuracy of the basis for exclusion or to the denial of an exemption from disqualification.

4. Refusal on the part of an applicant to dismiss personnel who have been found not to be in compliance with the requirements for good moral character <u>results</u> of personnel shall result in automatic denial or revocation of <u>a</u> license in addition to any other remedies provided in this section which may be pursued by the department.

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(k) The department may not license summer day camps or 297661

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297 summer 24-hour camps. However, the department shall have access 298 to the personnel records of such facilities to ensure compliance 299 with the screening requirements.

300 (10) (a) The department may institute injunctive 301 proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to:

302 1. Enforce the provisions of this section or any license 303 requirement, rule, or order issued or entered into pursuant 304 thereto; or

305 2. Terminate the operation of an agency in which any of 306 the following conditions exist:

307 a. The licensee has failed to take preventive or
 308 corrective measures in accordance with any order of the
 309 department to maintain conformity with licensing requirements.

310 b. There is a violation of any of the provisions of this 311 section, or of any licensing requirement promulgated pursuant to 312 this section, which violation threatens harm to any child or 313 which constitutes an emergency requiring immediate action.

314 3. Terminate the operation of a summer day camp or summer 315 24-hour camp providing care for children when such camp has 316 willfully and knowingly refused to comply with the screening 317 requirements for personnel or has refused to terminate the 318 employment of personnel found to be in noncompliance with the 319 requirements for good moral character as determined in paragraph 320 (5) (a).

321 (b) If the department finds, within 30 days after written 322 notification by registered mail of the requirement for 323 licensure, that a person or agency continues to care for or to 324 place children without a license or, within 30 days after

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325 written notification by registered mail of the requirement for 326 screening of personnel and compliance with paragraph (5) (a) for 327 the hiring and continued employment of personnel, that a summer day camp or summer 24-hour camp continues to provide care for 328 329 children without complying, the department shall notify the 330 appropriate state attorney of the violation of law and, if 331 necessary, shall institute a civil suit to enjoin the person or 332 agency from continuing the placement or care of children or to 333 enjoin the summer day camp or summer 24-hour camp from continuing the care of children. 334

335 <u>(b)-(c)</u> Such injunctive relief may be temporary or 336 permanent.

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(12) (a) It is unlawful for $\underline{a} = \frac{any}{any}$ person or agency to:

338 1. Provide continuing full-time care for or to receive or 339 place a child apart from her or his parents in a residential 340 group care facility, family foster home, or adoptive home 341 without a valid license issued by the department if such license 342 is required by subsection (5); or

343 2. Make a willful or intentional misstatement on any 344 license application or other document required to be filed in 345 connection with an application for a license.

(b) It is unlawful for <u>a any</u> person, <u>or</u> agency, summer day
 camp, or summer 24-hour camp providing care for children to:

Willfully or intentionally fail to comply with the
 requirements for the screening of personnel or the dismissal of
 personnel found not to be in compliance with the requirements
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353 under this section for any purpose other than screening a person 354 for employment as specified in this section or to release such 355 information to any other person for any purpose other than 356 screening for employment as specified in this section.

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357 (C) It is unlawful for a any person $_{\tau}$ or agency, summer day 358 camp, or summer 24-hour camp providing care for children to use 359 information from the juvenile records of any person obtained 360 under this section for any purpose other than screening for employment as specified in this section or to release 361 362 information from such records to any other person for any purpose other than screening for employment as specified in this 363 364 section.

365 (d)1. A first violation of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b)
366 is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in
367 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

368 2. A second or subsequent violation of paragraph (a) or 369 paragraph (b) is a felony of the third degree, punishable as 370 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

371 3. A violation of paragraph (c) is a felony of the third 372 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 373 775.084.

374 Section 6. Subsection (8) is added to section 1012.467, 375 Florida Statutes, to read:

376 1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted 377 access to school grounds when students are present; background 378 screening requirements.-

379 <u>(8) (a) The Department of Education shall create a uniform,</u> 380 <u>statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional</u> 297661

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381	Amendment No. contractors signifying that a contractor has met the
382	requirements of this section. The school district shall issue an
383	identification badge to the contractor, which must bear a
384	photograph of the contractor. An identification badge shall be
385	issued if the contractor:
386	1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a
387	permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by
388	the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services;
389	2. Is 18 years of age or older; and
390	3. Meets the background screening requirements under this
391	section.
392	(b) The uniform, statewide identification badge shall be
393	recognized by all school districts and must be visible at all
394	times that a noninstructional contractor is on school grounds.
395	(c) The identification badge shall be valid for 5 years.
396	If a noninstructional contractor provides notification pursuant
397	to subsection (6), the contractor shall, within 48 hours, return
398	the identification badge to the school district that issued the
399	badge.
400	(d) The Department of Education shall determine a uniform
401	cost that a school district may charge a noninstructional
402	contractor for receipt of the identification badge, which shall
403	be borne by the recipient of the badge.
404	(e) This subsection does not apply to noninstructional
405	contractors who are exempt from background screening
406	requirements pursuant to s. 1012.468.
407	Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
408	act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2013.
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411	TITLE AMENDMENT
412	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
413	A bill to be entitled
414	An act relating to youth safety; amending s. 402.302,
415	F.S.; revising and providing definitions; creating s.
416	402.31315, F.S.; providing conditions for the
417	Department of Children and Families to sanction or
418	deny registration for a summer day camp or summer 24-
419	hour camp; providing procedure for registration of
420	such camps; requiring specified persons coming into
421	contact with children to undergo background screening;
422	authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing
423	for department access to camp personnel records;
424	providing applicability; amending s. 402.318, F.S.;
425	providing applicability of certain advertising
426	requirements to summer day camps and summer 24-hour
427	camps; amending s. 402.319, F.S.; providing criminal
428	penalties for operating a summer day camp or summer
429	24-hour camp without registering with the department;
430	amending s. 409.175, F.S.; revising definitions;
431	revising conditions under which the department may
432	institute injunctive proceedings; amending s.
433	1012.467, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education
434	to create a uniform, statewide identification badge to
435	be worn by noninstructional contractors signifying
436	that a contractor has met specified requirements;

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437	requiring school district issuance and recognition of
438	the identification badge; providing for validity
439	period of the identification badge; providing for a
440	uniform cost for receipt of the identification badge
441	to be borne by the contractor; providing an exception
442	for certain contractors; providing effective dates.