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Senator Sobel moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 840 - 875

and insert:

procedures. The department shall ensure that each team member receives training on the guidelines before conducting an investigation.

(11) The secretary shall appoint an advisory committee made up of experts in child protection and child welfare, including the Statewide Medical Director for Child Protection under the Department of Health, a representative from the institute



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12 established pursuant to s. 1004.615, an expert in organizational
13 management, and an attorney with experience in child welfare, to
14 conduct an independent review of investigative reports from the
15 critical incident rapid response teams and to make
16 recommendations to improve policies and practices related to
17 child protection and child welfare services. By October 1 of
18 each year, the advisory committee shall submit a report to the
19 secretary which includes findings and recommendations. The
20 secretary shall submit the report to the Governor, the President
21 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 Section 7. Section 39.2022, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 39.2022 Public disclosure of reported child deaths.-

25 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide prompt
26 disclosure of the basic facts of all deaths of children from
27 birth through 18 years of age which occur in this state and
28 which are reported to the department's central abuse hotline.
29 Disclosure shall be posted on the department's public website.
30 This section does not limit the public access to records under
31 any other provision of law.

32 (2) Notwithstanding s. 39.202, if a child death is reported
33 to the central abuse hotline, the department shall post on its
34 website all of the following:

35 (a) The date of the child's death.

36 (b) Any allegations of the cause of death or the
37 preliminary cause of death, and the verified cause of death, if
38 known.

39 (c) The county where the child resided.

40 (d) The name of the community-based care lead agency, case



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41 management agency, or out-of-home licensing agency involved with
42 the child, family, or licensed caregiver, if applicable.

43 (e) Whether the child has been the subject of any prior
44 verified reports to the department's central abuse hotline.

45 (f) Whether the child was younger than 5 years of age at
46 the time of his or her death.