By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Gainer

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sheriffs providing child protective investigative services; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; requiring the Walton County Sheriff to have the responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in Walton County beginning with a specified fiscal year; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child protective investigative services; procedures; funding.—

(3) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the sheriffs of Pasco County, Manatee County, Broward County, and Pinellas County have the responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in their respective counties. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Walton County Sheriff has the responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in Walton County. Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the Department of Children and Families is authorized to enter into grant agreements with sheriffs of other counties to perform child protective investigations in their respective counties.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.