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The Committee on Health Policy (Albritton) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (37) of section 39.01, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the  
context otherwise requires:

(37) "Institutional child abuse or neglect" means  
situations of known or suspected child abuse or neglect in which



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11 the person allegedly perpetrating the child abuse or neglect is  
12 an employee of a public or private school, public or private day  
13 care center, residential home, institution, facility, or agency  
14 or any other person at such institution responsible for the  
15 child's care as defined in this section ~~subsection (54)~~.

16 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
17 39.4015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 39.4015 Family finding.—

19 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

20 ~~(d) "Fictive kin" means an individual who is unrelated to~~  
21 ~~the child by either birth or marriage, but has such a close~~  
22 ~~emotional relationship with the child that he or she may be~~  
23 ~~considered part of the family.~~

24 Section 3. Paragraph (h) of subsection (8) of section  
25 39.402, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26 39.402 Placement in a shelter.—

27 (8)

28 (h) The order for placement of a child in shelter care must  
29 identify the parties present at the hearing and must contain  
30 written findings:

31 1. That placement in shelter care is necessary based on the  
32 criteria in subsections (1) and (2).

33 2. That placement in shelter care is in the best interest  
34 of the child.

35 3. That continuation of the child in the home is contrary  
36 to the welfare of the child because the home situation presents  
37 a substantial and immediate danger to the child's physical,  
38 mental, or emotional health or safety which cannot be mitigated  
39 by the provision of preventive services.



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40           4. That based upon the allegations of the petition for  
41 placement in shelter care, there is probable cause to believe  
42 that the child is dependent or that the court needs additional  
43 time, which may not exceed 72 hours, in which to obtain and  
44 review documents pertaining to the family in order to  
45 appropriately determine the risk to the child.

46           5. That the department has made reasonable efforts to  
47 prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the  
48 home. A finding of reasonable effort by the department to  
49 prevent or eliminate the need for removal may be made and the  
50 department is deemed to have made reasonable efforts to prevent  
51 or eliminate the need for removal if:

52           a. The first contact of the department with the family  
53 occurs during an emergency;

54           b. The appraisal of the home situation by the department  
55 indicates that the home situation presents a substantial and  
56 immediate danger to the child's physical, mental, or emotional  
57 health or safety which cannot be mitigated by the provision of  
58 preventive services;

59           c. The child cannot safely remain at home, either because  
60 there are no preventive services that can ensure the health and  
61 safety of the child or because, even with appropriate and  
62 available services being provided, the health and safety of the  
63 child cannot be ensured; or

64           d. The parent or legal custodian is alleged to have  
65 committed any of the acts listed as grounds for expedited  
66 termination of parental rights in s. 39.806(1)(f)-(i).

67           6. That the department has made reasonable efforts to keep  
68 siblings together if they are removed and placed in out-of-home



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69 care unless such placement is not in the best interest of each  
70 child. It is preferred that siblings be kept together in a  
71 foster home, if available. Other reasonable efforts shall  
72 include short-term placement in a group home with the ability to  
73 accommodate sibling groups if such a placement is available. The  
74 department shall report to the court its efforts to place  
75 siblings together unless the court finds that such placement is  
76 not in the best interest of a child or his or her sibling.

77 7. That the court notified the parents, relatives that are  
78 providing out-of-home care for the child, or legal custodians of  
79 the time, date, and location of the next dependency hearing and  
80 of the importance of the active participation of the parents,  
81 relatives that are providing out-of-home care for the child, or  
82 legal custodians in all proceedings and hearings.

83 8. That the court notified the parents or legal custodians  
84 of their right to counsel to represent them at the shelter  
85 hearing and at each subsequent hearing or proceeding, and the  
86 right of the parents to appointed counsel, pursuant to the  
87 procedures set forth in s. 39.013.

88 9. That the court notified relatives who are providing out-  
89 of-home care for a child as a result of the shelter petition  
90 being granted that they have the right to attend all subsequent  
91 hearings, to submit reports to the court, and to speak to the  
92 court regarding the child, if they so desire.

93 10. That the department has placement and care  
94 responsibility for any child who is not placed in the care of a  
95 parent at the conclusion of the shelter hearing.

96 Section 4. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (g), (h), and (i)  
97 of subsection (6) of section 39.407, Florida Statutes, are



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98 amended to read:

99 39.407 Medical, psychiatric, and psychological examination  
100 and treatment of child; physical, mental, or substance abuse  
101 examination of person with or requesting child custody.—

102 (3) (a)1. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (b)1.  
103 or paragraph (e), before the department provides psychotropic  
104 medications to a child in its custody, the prescribing physician  
105 or the advanced practice registered nurse whose specialty is  
106 psychiatric nursing, as defined in chapter 394, and who is given  
107 prescribing authority pursuant to chapter 464 shall attempt to  
108 obtain express and informed consent, as defined in s.  
109 394.455(15) and as described in s. 394.459(3) (a), from the  
110 child's parent or legal guardian. The department must take steps  
111 necessary to facilitate the inclusion of the parent in the  
112 child's consultation with the physician or advanced practice  
113 registered nurse. However, if the parental rights of the parent  
114 have been terminated, the parent's location or identity is  
115 unknown or cannot reasonably be ascertained, or the parent  
116 declines to give express and informed consent, the department  
117 may, after consultation with the prescribing physician or  
118 advanced practice registered nurse, seek court authorization to  
119 provide the psychotropic medications to the child. Unless  
120 parental rights have been terminated and if it is possible to do  
121 so, the department shall continue to involve the parent in the  
122 decisionmaking process regarding the provision of psychotropic  
123 medications. If, at any time, a parent whose parental rights  
124 have not been terminated provides express and informed consent  
125 to the provision of a psychotropic medication, the requirements  
126 of this section that the department seek court authorization do



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127 not apply to that medication until such time as the parent no  
128 longer consents.

129         2. Any time the department seeks a medical evaluation to  
130 determine the need to initiate or continue a psychotropic  
131 medication for a child, the department must provide to the  
132 evaluating physician or advanced practice registered nurse all  
133 pertinent medical information known to the department concerning  
134 that child.

135         (b)1. If a child who is removed from the home under s.  
136 39.401 is receiving prescribed psychotropic medication at the  
137 time of removal and parental authorization to continue providing  
138 the medication cannot be obtained, the department may take  
139 possession of the remaining medication and may continue to  
140 provide the medication as prescribed until the shelter hearing,  
141 if it is determined that the medication is a current  
142 prescription for that child and the medication is in its  
143 original container.

144         2. If the department continues to provide the psychotropic  
145 medication to a child when parental authorization cannot be  
146 obtained, the department shall notify the parent or legal  
147 guardian as soon as possible that the medication is being  
148 provided to the child as provided in subparagraph 1. The child's  
149 official departmental record must include the reason parental  
150 authorization was not initially obtained and an explanation of  
151 why the medication is necessary for the child's well-being.

152         3. If the department is advised by a physician licensed  
153 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an advanced practice  
154 registered nurse whose specialty is psychiatric nursing, as  
155 defined in chapter 394, and who is given prescribing authority



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156 pursuant to chapter 464 that the child should continue the  
157 psychotropic medication and parental authorization has not been  
158 obtained, the department shall request court authorization at  
159 the shelter hearing to continue to provide the psychotropic  
160 medication and shall provide to the court any information in its  
161 possession in support of the request. Any authorization granted  
162 at the shelter hearing may extend only until the arraignment  
163 hearing on the petition for adjudication of dependency or 28  
164 days following the date of removal, whichever occurs sooner.

165 4. Before filing the dependency petition, the department  
166 shall ensure that the child is evaluated by a physician licensed  
167 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an advanced practice  
168 registered nurse whose specialty is psychiatric nursing, as  
169 defined in chapter 394, and who is given prescribing authority  
170 pursuant to chapter 464 to determine whether it is appropriate  
171 to continue the psychotropic medication. If, as a result of the  
172 evaluation, the department seeks court authorization to continue  
173 the psychotropic medication, a motion for such continued  
174 authorization shall be filed at the same time as the dependency  
175 petition, within 21 days after the shelter hearing.

176 (c) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (e), the  
177 department must file a motion seeking the court's authorization  
178 to initially provide or continue to provide psychotropic  
179 medication to a child in its legal custody. The motion must be  
180 supported by a written report prepared by the department which  
181 describes the efforts made to enable the prescribing physician  
182 or advanced practice registered nurse whose specialty is  
183 psychiatric nursing, as defined in chapter 394, and who is given  
184 prescribing authority pursuant to chapter 464 to obtain express



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185 and informed consent for providing the medication to the child  
186 and other treatments considered or recommended for the child. In  
187 addition, the motion must be supported by the prescribing  
188 physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's signed  
189 medical report providing:

190 1. The name of the child, the name and range of the dosage  
191 of the psychotropic medication, and that there is a need to  
192 prescribe psychotropic medication to the child based upon a  
193 diagnosed condition for which such medication is being  
194 prescribed.

195 2. A statement indicating that the physician has reviewed  
196 all medical information concerning the child which has been  
197 provided.

198 3. A statement indicating that the psychotropic medication,  
199 at its prescribed dosage, is appropriate for treating the  
200 child's diagnosed medical condition, as well as the behaviors  
201 and symptoms the medication, at its prescribed dosage, is  
202 expected to address.

203 4. An explanation of the nature and purpose of the  
204 treatment; the recognized side effects, risks, and  
205 contraindications of the medication; drug-interaction  
206 precautions; the possible effects of stopping the medication;  
207 and how the treatment will be monitored, followed by a statement  
208 indicating that this explanation was provided to the child if  
209 age appropriate and to the child's caregiver.

210 5. Documentation addressing whether the psychotropic  
211 medication will replace or supplement any other currently  
212 prescribed medications or treatments; the length of time the  
213 child is expected to be taking the medication; and any





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214 additional medical, mental health, behavioral, counseling, or  
215 other services that the prescribing physician or advanced  
216 practice registered nurse recommends.

217 (d)1. The department must notify all parties of the  
218 proposed action taken under paragraph (c) in writing or by  
219 whatever other method best ensures that all parties receive  
220 notification of the proposed action within 48 hours after the  
221 motion is filed. If any party objects to the department's  
222 motion, that party shall file the objection within 2 working  
223 days after being notified of the department's motion. If any  
224 party files an objection to the authorization of the proposed  
225 psychotropic medication, the court shall hold a hearing as soon  
226 as possible before authorizing the department to initially  
227 provide or to continue providing psychotropic medication to a  
228 child in the legal custody of the department. At such hearing  
229 and notwithstanding s. 90.803, the medical report described in  
230 paragraph (c) is admissible in evidence. The prescribing  
231 physician or advanced practice registered nurse whose specialty  
232 is psychiatric nursing, as defined in chapter 394, and who is  
233 given prescribing authority pursuant to chapter 464 need not  
234 attend the hearing or testify unless the court specifically  
235 orders such attendance or testimony, or a party subpoenas the  
236 physician or advanced practice registered nurse to attend the  
237 hearing or provide testimony. If, after considering any  
238 testimony received, the court finds that the department's motion  
239 and the physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's  
240 medical report meet the requirements of this subsection and that  
241 it is in the child's best interests, the court may order that  
242 the department provide or continue to provide the psychotropic



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243 medication to the child without additional testimony or  
244 evidence. At any hearing held under this paragraph, the court  
245 shall further inquire of the department as to whether additional  
246 medical, mental health, behavioral, counseling, or other  
247 services are being provided to the child by the department which  
248 the prescribing physician or advanced practice registered nurse  
249 considers to be necessary or beneficial in treating the child's  
250 medical condition and which the physician or advanced practice  
251 registered nurse recommends or expects to provide to the child  
252 in concert with the medication. The court may order additional  
253 medical consultation, including consultation with the MedConsult  
254 line at the University of Florida, if available, or require the  
255 department to obtain a second opinion within a reasonable  
256 timeframe as established by the court, not to exceed 21 calendar  
257 days, after such order based upon consideration of the best  
258 interests of the child. The department must make a referral for  
259 an appointment for a second opinion with a physician within 1  
260 working day. The court may not order the discontinuation of  
261 prescribed psychotropic medication if such order is contrary to  
262 the decision of the prescribing physician or advanced practice  
263 registered nurse unless the court first obtains an opinion from  
264 a licensed psychiatrist, if available, or, if not available, a  
265 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, stating  
266 that more likely than not, discontinuing the medication would  
267 not cause significant harm to the child. If, however, the  
268 prescribing psychiatrist specializes in mental health care for  
269 children and adolescents, the court may not order the  
270 discontinuation of prescribed psychotropic medication unless the  
271 required opinion is also from a psychiatrist who specializes in



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272 mental health care for children and adolescents. The court may  
273 also order the discontinuation of prescribed psychotropic  
274 medication if a child's treating physician, licensed under  
275 chapter 458 or chapter 459, states that continuing the  
276 prescribed psychotropic medication would cause significant harm  
277 to the child due to a diagnosed nonpsychiatric medical  
278 condition.

279 2. The burden of proof at any hearing held under this  
280 paragraph shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

281 (e)1. If the child's prescribing physician or advanced  
282 practice registered nurse whose specialty is psychiatric  
283 nursing, as defined in chapter 394, and who is given prescribing  
284 authority pursuant to chapter 464 certifies in the signed  
285 medical report required in paragraph (c) that delay in providing  
286 a prescribed psychotropic medication would more likely than not  
287 cause significant harm to the child, the medication may be  
288 provided in advance of the issuance of a court order. In such  
289 event, the medical report must provide the specific reasons why  
290 the child may experience significant harm and the nature and the  
291 extent of the potential harm. The department must submit a  
292 motion seeking continuation of the medication and the  
293 physician's medical report to the court, the child's guardian ad  
294 litem, and all other parties within 3 working days after the  
295 department commences providing the medication to the child. The  
296 department shall seek the order at the next regularly scheduled  
297 court hearing required under this chapter, or within 30 days  
298 after the date of the prescription, whichever occurs sooner. If  
299 any party objects to the department's motion, the court shall  
300 hold a hearing within 7 days.



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301           2. Psychotropic medications may be administered in advance  
302 of a court order in hospitals, crisis stabilization units, and  
303 in statewide inpatient psychiatric programs. Within 3 working  
304 days after the medication is begun, the department must seek  
305 court authorization as described in paragraph (c).

306           (f)1. The department shall fully inform the court of the  
307 child's medical and behavioral status as part of the social  
308 services report prepared for each judicial review hearing held  
309 for a child for whom psychotropic medication has been prescribed  
310 or provided under this subsection. As a part of the information  
311 provided to the court, the department shall furnish copies of  
312 all pertinent medical records concerning the child which have  
313 been generated since the previous hearing. On its own motion or  
314 on good cause shown by any party, including any guardian ad  
315 litem, attorney, or attorney ad litem who has been appointed to  
316 represent the child or the child's interests, the court may  
317 review the status more frequently than required in this  
318 subsection.

319           2. The court may, in the best interests of the child, order  
320 the department to obtain a medical opinion addressing whether  
321 the continued use of the medication under the circumstances is  
322 safe and medically appropriate.

323           (g) The department shall adopt rules to ensure that  
324 children receive timely access to clinically appropriate  
325 psychotropic medications. These rules must include, but need not  
326 be limited to, the process for determining which adjunctive  
327 services are needed, the uniform process for facilitating the  
328 prescribing physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's  
329 ability to obtain the express and informed consent of a child's



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330 parent or guardian, the procedures for obtaining court  
331 authorization for the provision of a psychotropic medication,  
332 the frequency of medical monitoring and reporting on the status  
333 of the child to the court, how the child's parents will be  
334 involved in the treatment-planning process if their parental  
335 rights have not been terminated, and how caretakers are to be  
336 provided information contained in the physician's or advanced  
337 practice registered nurse's signed medical report. The rules  
338 must also include uniform forms to be used in requesting court  
339 authorization for the use of a psychotropic medication and  
340 provide for the integration of each child's treatment plan and  
341 case plan. The department must begin the formal rulemaking  
342 process within 90 days after the effective date of this act.

343 (6) Children who are in the legal custody of the department  
344 may be placed by the department, without prior approval of the  
345 court, in a residential treatment center licensed under s.  
346 394.875 or a hospital licensed under chapter 395 for residential  
347 mental health treatment only pursuant to this section or may be  
348 placed by the court in accordance with an order of involuntary  
349 examination or involuntary placement entered pursuant to s.  
350 394.463 or s. 394.467. All children placed in a residential  
351 treatment program under this subsection must have a guardian ad  
352 litem appointed.

353 (g)1. The department must submit, at the beginning of each  
354 month, to the court having jurisdiction over the child, a  
355 written report regarding the child's progress toward achieving  
356 the goals specified in the individualized plan of treatment.

357 2. The court must conduct a hearing to review the status of  
358 the child's residential treatment plan no later than 60 days 3



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359 ~~months~~ after the child's admission to the residential treatment  
360 program. An independent review of the child's progress toward  
361 achieving the goals and objectives of the treatment plan must be  
362 completed by a qualified evaluator and submitted to the court  
363 before its 60-day ~~3-month~~ review.

364 3. For any child in residential treatment at the time a  
365 judicial review is held pursuant to s. 39.701, the child's  
366 continued placement in residential treatment must be a subject  
367 of the judicial review.

368 4. If at any time the court determines that the child is  
369 not suitable for continued residential treatment, the court  
370 shall order the department to place the child in the least  
371 restrictive setting that is best suited to meet his or her  
372 needs.

373 (h) After the initial 60-day ~~3-month~~ review, the court must  
374 conduct a review of the child's residential treatment plan every  
375 90 days.

376 (i) The department must adopt rules for implementing  
377 timeframes for the completion of suitability assessments by  
378 qualified evaluators and a procedure that includes timeframes  
379 for completing the 60-day ~~3-month~~ independent review by the  
380 qualified evaluators of the child's progress toward achieving  
381 the goals and objectives of the treatment plan which review must  
382 be submitted to the court. The Agency for Health Care  
383 Administration must adopt rules for the registration of  
384 qualified evaluators, the procedure for selecting the evaluators  
385 to conduct the reviews required under this section, and a  
386 reasonable, cost-efficient fee schedule for qualified  
387 evaluators.



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388 Section 5. Present paragraphs (a) through (h) of subsection  
389 (2) of section 39.5085, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
390 paragraphs (b) through (i), respectively, paragraph (a) of  
391 subsection (1) is amended, and a new paragraph (a) is added to  
392 subsection (2) of that section, to read:

393 39.5085 Relative Caregiver Program.—

394 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this  
395 section to:

396 (a) Provide for the establishment of procedures and  
397 protocols that serve to advance the continued safety of children  
398 by acknowledging the valued resource uniquely available through  
399 grandparents, relatives of children, and specified nonrelatives  
400 of children pursuant to subparagraph (2) (b) 3. ~~(2) (a) 3.~~

401 (2)

402 (a) Relatives or nonrelatives who are caring for a child  
403 and do not meet the eligibility requirements for Level I  
404 licensure under s. 409.175 may apply for the Relative Caregiver  
405 Program.

406 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
407 39.5086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408 39.5086 Kinship navigator programs.—

409 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

410 ~~(a) "Fictive kin" has the same meaning as provided in s.~~  
411 ~~39.4015(2) (d).~~

412 Section 7. Subsections (6) and (10) of section 39.6225,  
413 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

414 39.6225 Guardianship Assistance Program.—

415 (6) Guardianship assistance benefits shall be terminated if  
416 the guardian is no longer providing support to the child. For



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417 purposes of this subsection, a guardian is considered to no  
418 longer be providing support to the child if:

419 (a) The child is absent from the home of the guardian for a  
420 period of at least 60 consecutive calendar days, unless the  
421 child:

422 1. Is absent due to medical care, school attendance,  
423 runaway status, or detention in a Department of Juvenile Justice  
424 facility; and

425 2. Continues to be under the care and custody of the  
426 guardian.

427 (b) The court modifies the placement of the child and the  
428 guardian is no longer eligible to receive guardianship  
429 assistance benefits.

430 (10) The case plan must describe the following for each  
431 child with a permanency goal of permanent guardianship in which  
432 the guardian is pursuing ~~in receipt of~~ guardianship assistance  
433 ~~payments~~:

434 (a) The manner in which the child meets program eligibility  
435 requirements.

436 (b) The manner in which the department determined that  
437 reunification or adoption is not appropriate.

438 (c) Efforts to discuss adoption with the child's permanent  
439 guardian.

440 (d) Efforts to discuss guardianship assistance with the  
441 child's parent or the reasons why efforts were not made.

442 (e) The reasons why a permanent placement with the  
443 prospective guardian is in the best interest of the child.

444 (f) The reasons why the child is separated from his or her  
445 siblings during placement, if applicable.





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446 (g) Efforts to consult the child, if the child is 14 years  
447 of age or older, regarding the permanent guardianship  
448 arrangement.

449 Section 8. Subsections (2) and (3), paragraph (a) of  
450 subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 39.6251, Florida  
451 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to that  
452 section, to read:

453 39.6251 Continuing care for young adults.—

454 (2) The primary goal for a child in care is permanency. A  
455 child who is living in licensed care on his or her 18th birthday  
456 and who has not achieved permanency under s. 39.621 is eligible  
457 to remain in licensed care under the jurisdiction of the court  
458 and in the care of the department. A child is eligible to remain  
459 in licensed care if he or she is:

460 (a) Completing secondary education or a program leading to  
461 an equivalent credential;

462 (b) Enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary  
463 or vocational education;

464 (c) Participating in a program or activity designed to  
465 promote or eliminate barriers to employment;

466 (d) Employed for at least 80 hours per month; or

467 (e) Unable to participate in programs or activities listed  
468 in paragraphs (a)-(d) full time due to a physical, intellectual,  
469 emotional, or psychiatric condition that limits participation.

470 Any such barrier to participation must be supported by  
471 documentation in the child's case file or school or medical  
472 records of a physical, intellectual, or psychiatric condition  
473 that impairs the child's ability to perform one or more life  
474 activities.



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The young adult must furnish documentation to the department or lead agency of his or her participation in one of the programs or activities listed in paragraphs (a)-(d), or his or her inability to participate in one of the programs or activities as provided in paragraph (e), or authorize the release of his or her records to the department or lead agency.

(3) The permanency goal for a young adult who chooses to remain in care past his or her 18th birthday is to transition to independence ~~from licensed care to independent living.~~

(4) (a) The young adult must reside in a supervised living environment that is approved by the department or a community-based care lead agency. The young adult shall live independently, but in an environment in which he or she is provided supervision, case management, and supportive services by the department or lead agency. Such an environment must offer developmentally appropriate freedom and responsibility to prepare the young adult for adulthood. For the purposes of this subsection, a supervised living arrangement may include a licensed foster home, licensed group home, college dormitory, shared housing, apartment, or another housing arrangement if the arrangement is approved by the community-based care lead agency and is acceptable to the young adult, ~~with first choice being a licensed foster home.~~ A young adult may continue to reside with the same licensed foster family or group care provider with whom he or she was residing at the time he or she reached the age of 18 years.

(6) A young adult who is between the ages of 18 and 21 and who has left care may return to care by applying to the



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504 community-based care lead agency for readmission through the  
505 execution of a voluntary placement agreement. The community-  
506 based care lead agency shall readmit the young adult if he or  
507 she continues to meet the eligibility requirements in this  
508 section.

509 (a) The department shall develop a standard procedure and  
510 application packet for readmission to care to be used by all  
511 community-based care lead agencies.

512 (b) Within 30 days after the young adult has been  
513 readmitted to care, the community-based care lead agency shall  
514 assign a case manager to update the case plan and the transition  
515 plan and to arrange for the required services. Updates to the  
516 case plan and the transition plan and arrangements for the  
517 required services shall be undertaken in consultation with the  
518 young adult. The department shall petition the court to  
519 reinstate jurisdiction over the young adult. Notwithstanding s.  
520 39.013(2), the court shall resume jurisdiction over the young  
521 adult if the department establishes that he or she continues to  
522 meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

523 (10) The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
524 section.

525 Section 9. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
526 39.701, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (f) and (g)  
527 are added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

528 39.701 Judicial review.—

529 (2) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF  
530 AGE.—

531 (d) *Orders.*—

532 1. Based upon the criteria set forth in paragraph (c) and



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533 the recommended order of the citizen review panel, if any, the  
534 court shall determine whether ~~or not~~ the social service agency  
535 shall initiate proceedings to have a child declared a dependent  
536 child, return the child to the parent, continue the child in  
537 out-of-home care for a specified period of time, or initiate  
538 termination of parental rights proceedings for subsequent  
539 placement in an adoptive home. Amendments to the case plan must  
540 be prepared as provided ~~prescribed~~ in s. 39.6013. If the court  
541 finds that the prevention or reunification efforts of the  
542 department will allow the child to remain safely at home or be  
543 safely returned to the home, the court shall allow the child to  
544 remain in or return to the home after making a specific finding  
545 of fact that the reasons for the creation of the case plan have  
546 been remedied to the extent that the child's safety, well-being,  
547 and physical, mental, and emotional health will not be  
548 endangered.

549       2. The court shall return the child to the custody of his  
550 or her ~~the~~ parents at any time it determines that the  
551 circumstances which caused the out-of-home placement, and issues  
552 subsequently identified, have been remedied to the extent that  
553 return of the child to the home with an in-home safety plan  
554 prepared or approved by the department ~~that they have~~  
555 ~~substantially complied with the case plan, if the court is~~  
556 ~~satisfied that reunification~~ will not be detrimental to the  
557 child's safety, well-being, and physical, mental, and emotional  
558 health.

559       3. If, in the opinion of the court, the social service  
560 agency has not complied with its obligations as specified in the  
561 written case plan, the court may find the social service agency



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562 in contempt, shall order the social service agency to submit its  
563 plans for compliance with the agreement, and shall require the  
564 social service agency to show why the child could not safely be  
565 returned to the home of the parents.

566 4. If, at any judicial review, the court finds that the  
567 parents have failed to substantially comply with the case plan  
568 to the degree that further reunification efforts are without  
569 merit and not in the best interest of the child, on its own  
570 motion, the court may order the filing of a petition for  
571 termination of parental rights, regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the  
572 time period as contained in the case plan for substantial  
573 compliance has expired.

574 5. Within 6 months after the date that the child was placed  
575 in shelter care, the court shall conduct a judicial review  
576 hearing to review the child's permanency goal as identified in  
577 the case plan. At the hearing the court shall make findings  
578 regarding the likelihood of the child's reunification with the  
579 parent or legal custodian. In making such findings, the court  
580 shall consider the level of the parent or legal custodian's  
581 compliance with the case plan and demonstrated change in  
582 protective capacities compared to that necessary to achieve  
583 timely reunification within 12 months after the removal of the  
584 child from the home. The court shall also consider the  
585 frequency, duration, manner, and level of engagement of the  
586 parent or legal custodian's visitation with the child in  
587 compliance with the case plan. If the court makes a written  
588 finding that it is not likely that the child will be reunified  
589 with the parent or legal custodian within 12 months after the  
590 child was removed from the home, the department must file with



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591 the court, and serve on all parties, a motion to amend the case  
592 plan under s. 39.6013 and declare that it will use concurrent  
593 planning for the case plan. The department must file the motion  
594 within 10 business days after receiving the written finding of  
595 the court. The department must attach the proposed amended case  
596 plan to the motion. If concurrent planning is already being  
597 used, the case plan must document the efforts the department is  
598 taking to complete the concurrent goal.

599         6. The court may issue a protective order in assistance, or  
600 as a condition, of any other order made under this part. In  
601 addition to the requirements included in the case plan, the  
602 protective order may set forth requirements relating to  
603 reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified  
604 period of time by a person or agency who is before the court,<sup>7</sup>  
605 and the order may require any person or agency to make periodic  
606 reports to the court containing such information as the court in  
607 its discretion may prescribe.

608         7. If, at any judicial review, the court determines that  
609 the child shall remain in out-of-home care in a placement other  
610 than with a parent, the court shall order that the department  
611 has placement and care responsibility for the child.

612         (4) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE.—During  
613 each period of time that a young adult remains in foster care,  
614 the court shall review the status of the young adult at least  
615 every 6 months and must hold a permanency review hearing at  
616 least annually.

617         (f) If the young adult elects to voluntarily leave extended  
618 foster care for the sole purpose of ending a removal episode and  
619 immediately thereafter executes a voluntary placement agreement



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620 with the department to reenroll in extended foster care, the  
621 court shall enter an order finding that the prior removal  
622 episode has ended. Under these circumstances, the court  
623 maintains jurisdiction and a petition to reinstate jurisdiction  
624 as provided in s. 39.6251(6)(b) is not required.

625 (g)1. When a young adult enters extended foster care by  
626 executing a voluntary placement agreement, the court shall enter  
627 an order within 180 days after execution of the agreement which  
628 determines whether the placement is in the best interest of the  
629 young adult. For purposes of this paragraph, a placement may  
630 include a licensed foster home, licensed group home, college  
631 dormitory, shared housing, apartment, or another housing  
632 arrangement, if the arrangement is approved by the community-  
633 based care lead agency and is acceptable to the young adult.

634 2. When a young adult is in extended foster care, each  
635 judicial review order shall provide that the department has  
636 placement and care responsibility for the young adult.

637 3. When a young adult is in extended foster care, the court  
638 shall enter an order at least every 12 months that includes a  
639 finding of whether the department has made reasonable efforts to  
640 finalize the permanency plan currently in effect.

641 Section 10. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section  
642 409.1451, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10)  
643 and (11), respectively, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) is  
644 amended, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to  
645 read:

646 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

647 (2) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—

648 (b) The amount of the financial assistance shall be as



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649 follows:

650 1. For a young adult who does not remain in foster care and  
651 is attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533,  
652 the amount is \$1,256 monthly.

653 2. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is  
654 attending a postsecondary school, as provided in s. 1009.533,  
655 and continues to reside in a licensed foster home, the amount is  
656 the established room and board rate for foster parents. This  
657 takes the place of the payment provided for in s. 409.145(4).

658 3. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but  
659 temporarily resides away from a licensed foster home for  
660 purposes of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s.  
661 1009.533, the amount is \$1,256 monthly. This takes the place of  
662 the payment provided for in s. 409.145(4).

663 4. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is  
664 attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533, and  
665 continues to reside in a licensed group home, the amount is  
666 negotiated between the community-based care lead agency and the  
667 licensed group home provider.

668 5. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but  
669 temporarily resides away from a licensed group home for purposes  
670 of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533,  
671 the amount is \$1,256 monthly. This takes the place of a  
672 negotiated room and board rate.

673 ~~6. The amount of the award may be disregarded for purposes~~  
674 ~~of determining the eligibility for, or the amount of, any other~~  
675 ~~federal or federally supported assistance.~~

676 6.7. A young adult is eligible to receive financial  
677 assistance during the months when he or she is enrolled in a





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678 postsecondary educational institution.

679 (9) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS RECEIVING  
680 SERVICES.—Financial awards to young adults receiving services  
681 under subsections (2) and (3) and s. 39.6251 may be disregarded  
682 for purposes of determining the eligibility for, or the amount  
683 of, any other federal or federally supported assistance.

684 Section 11. Paragraphs (e), (j), and (m) of subsection (2),  
685 paragraph (b) of subsection (5), paragraph (c) of subsection  
686 (6), subsection (7), paragraph (b) of subsection (9), paragraphs  
687 (b) and (c) of subsection (12), and paragraphs (b) and (d) of  
688 subsection (14) of section 409.175, Florida Statutes, are  
689 amended to read:

690 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential  
691 child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public  
692 records exemption.—

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

694 (e) "Family foster home" means a ~~private~~ residence licensed  
695 by the department in which children who are unattended by a  
696 parent or legal guardian are provided 24-hour care. The term  
697 does not include an adoptive home that has been approved by the  
698 department or approved by a licensed child-placing agency for  
699 children placed for adoption.

700 (j) "Personnel" means all owners, operators, employees, and  
701 volunteers working in a child-placing agency, ~~family foster~~  
702 ~~home,~~ or residential child-caring agency who may be employed by  
703 or do volunteer work for a person, corporation, or agency that  
704 holds a license as a child-placing agency or a residential  
705 child-caring agency, but the term does not include those who do  
706 not work on the premises where child care is furnished and have



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707 no direct contact with a child or have no contact with a child  
708 outside of the presence of the child's parent or guardian. For  
709 purposes of screening, the term includes any member, over the  
710 age of 12 years, of the family of the owner or operator or any  
711 person other than a client, over the age of 12 years, residing  
712 with the owner or operator if the agency ~~or family foster home~~  
713 is located in or adjacent to the home of the owner or operator  
714 or if the family member of, or person residing with, the owner  
715 or operator has any direct contact with the children. Members of  
716 the family of the owner or operator, or persons residing with  
717 the owner or operator, who are between the ages of 12 years and  
718 18 years are not required to be fingerprinted, but must be  
719 screened for delinquency records. For purposes of screening, the  
720 term also includes owners, operators, employees, and volunteers  
721 working in summer day camps, or summer 24-hour camps providing  
722 care for children. A volunteer who assists on an intermittent  
723 basis for less than 10 hours per month shall not be included in  
724 the term "personnel" for the purposes of screening if a person  
725 who meets the screening requirement of this section is always  
726 present and has the volunteer in his or her line of sight.

727 (m) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background  
728 of personnel or level II through level V family foster homes and  
729 includes, but is not limited to, employment history checks as  
730 provided in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for  
731 screening set forth in that chapter.

732 (5) The department shall adopt and amend rules for the  
733 levels of licensed care associated with the licensure of family  
734 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-  
735 placing agencies. The rules may include criteria to approve



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736 waivers to licensing requirements when applying for a child-  
737 specific license.

738 (b) The requirements for licensure and operation of family  
739 foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-  
740 placing agencies shall include:

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

744 2. The provision of food, clothing, educational  
745 opportunities, services, equipment, and individual supplies to  
746 assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development  
747 of the children served.

748 3. The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general  
749 adequacy of the premises, including fire prevention and health  
750 standards, to provide for the physical comfort, care, and well-  
751 being of the children served.

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

756 5. The good moral character based upon screening,  
757 education, training, and experience requirements for personnel  
758 and family foster homes.

759 6. The department may grant exemptions from  
760 disqualification from working with children or the  
761 developmentally disabled as provided in s. 435.07.

762 7. The provision of preservice and inservice training for  
763 all foster parents and agency staff.

764 8. Satisfactory evidence of financial ability to provide



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765 care for the children in compliance with licensing requirements.

766 9. The maintenance by the agency of records pertaining to  
767 admission, progress, health, and discharge of children served,  
768 including written case plans and reports to the department.

769 10. The provision for parental involvement to encourage  
770 preservation and strengthening of a child's relationship with  
771 the family.

772 11. The transportation safety of children served.

773 12. The provisions for safeguarding the cultural,  
774 religious, and ethnic values of a child.

775 13. Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of children  
776 served.

777 (6)

778 (c) A licensed family foster home, child-placing agency, or  
779 residential child-caring agency which applies for renewal of its  
780 license shall submit to the department a list of personnel or  
781 household members who have worked or resided on a continuous  
782 basis at the applicant family foster home or agency since  
783 submitting fingerprints to the department, identifying those for  
784 whom a written assurance of compliance was provided by the  
785 department and identifying those personnel or household members  
786 who have recently begun working or residing at the family foster  
787 home or agency and are awaiting the results of the required  
788 fingerprint check, along with the date of the submission of  
789 those fingerprints for processing. The department shall by rule  
790 determine the frequency of requests to the Department of Law  
791 Enforcement to run state criminal records checks for such  
792 personnel or household members except for those personnel or  
793 household members awaiting the results of initial fingerprint



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794 checks for employment at the applicant family foster home or  
795 agency.

796 ~~(7)(a) The department may extend a license expiration date~~  
797 ~~once for a period of up to 30 days. However, the department may~~  
798 ~~not extend a license expiration date more than once during a~~  
799 ~~licensure period~~ ~~The department may issue a provisional license~~  
800 ~~to an applicant who is unable to conform to the licensing~~  
801 ~~requirements at the time of the study, but who is believed able~~  
802 ~~to meet the licensing requirements within the time allowed by~~  
803 ~~the provisional license. The issuance of a provisional license~~  
804 ~~shall be contingent upon the submission to the department of an~~  
805 ~~acceptable written plan to overcome the deficiency by the~~  
806 ~~expiration date of the provisional license.~~

807 ~~(b) A provisional license may be issued when the applicant~~  
808 ~~fails to meet licensing requirements in matters that are not of~~  
809 ~~immediate danger to the children and the agency has submitted a~~  
810 ~~corrective action plan which is approved by the department. A~~  
811 ~~provisional license may be issued if the screening material has~~  
812 ~~been timely submitted; however, a provisional license may not be~~  
813 ~~issued unless the applicant is in compliance with the~~  
814 ~~requirements in this section for screening of personnel.~~

815 ~~(c) A provisional license shall not be issued for a period~~  
816 ~~in excess of 1 year and shall not be subject to renewal; and it~~  
817 ~~may be suspended if periodic inspection by the department~~  
818 ~~indicates that insufficient progress has been made toward~~  
819 ~~compliance with the requirements.~~

820 (9)

821 (b) Any of the following actions by a family foster home or  
822 its household members or an agency or its personnel is a ground



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823 for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license:

824 1. An intentional or negligent act materially affecting the  
825 health or safety of children in the home or agency.

826 2. A violation of ~~the provisions of~~ this section or of  
827 licensing rules adopted ~~promulgated~~ pursuant to this section.

828 3. Noncompliance with the requirements for good moral  
829 character as specified in paragraph (5) (b).

830 4. Failure to dismiss personnel or a household member found  
831 in noncompliance with requirements for good moral character.

832 5. Failure to comply with the requirements of ss. 63.0422  
833 and 790.335.

834 (12)

835 (b) It is unlawful for any person, agency, family foster  
836 home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp providing care for  
837 children to:

838 1. Willfully or intentionally fail to comply with the  
839 requirements for the screening of personnel and family foster  
840 homes or the dismissal of personnel or household members found  
841 not to be in compliance with the requirements for good moral  
842 character as specified in paragraph (5) (b).

843 2. Use information from the criminal records obtained under  
844 this section for any purpose other than screening a person for  
845 employment as specified in this section or to release such  
846 information to any other person for any purpose other than  
847 screening for employment as specified in this section.

848 (c) It is unlawful for any person, agency, family foster  
849 home, summer day camp, or summer 24-hour camp providing care for  
850 children to use information from the juvenile records of any  
851 person obtained under this section for any purpose other than



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852 screening for employment as specified in this section or to  
853 release information from such records to any other person for  
854 any purpose other than screening for employment as specified in  
855 this section.

856 (14)

857 (b) As a condition of licensure, foster parents shall  
858 successfully complete ~~a minimum of 21 hours of~~ preservice  
859 training. The preservice training shall be uniform statewide and  
860 shall include, but not be limited to, such areas as:

- 861 1. Orientation regarding agency purpose, objectives,  
862 resources, policies, and services;
- 863 2. Role of the foster parent as a treatment team member;
- 864 3. Transition of a child into and out of foster care,  
865 including issues of separation, loss, and attachment;
- 866 4. Management of difficult child behavior that can be  
867 intensified by placement, by prior abuse or neglect, and by  
868 prior placement disruptions;
- 869 5. Prevention of placement disruptions;
- 870 6. Care of children at various developmental levels,  
871 including appropriate discipline; and
- 872 7. Effects of foster parenting on the family of the foster  
873 parent.

874 (d) Before ~~prior to~~ licensure renewal, each ~~level II~~  
875 ~~through level V~~ foster parent must ~~shall~~ successfully complete ~~8~~  
876 ~~hours of~~ inservice training. ~~Each level I foster parent shall~~  
877 ~~successfully complete 4 hours of inservice training.~~ Periodic  
878 time-limited training courses shall be made available for  
879 selective use by foster parents. Such inservice training shall  
880 include subjects affecting the daily living experiences of



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881 foster parenting as a foster parent. For a foster parent  
882 participating in the required inservice training, the department  
883 shall reimburse such parent for travel expenditures and, if both  
884 parents in a home are attending training or if the absence of  
885 the parent would leave the children without departmentally  
886 approved adult supervision, the department shall make provision  
887 for child care or shall reimburse the foster parents for child  
888 care purchased by the parents for children in their care.

889 Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 409.903, Florida  
890 Statutes, is amended to read:

891 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The agency  
892 shall make payments for medical assistance and related services  
893 on behalf of the following persons who the department, or the  
894 Social Security Administration by contract with the Department  
895 of Children and Families, determines to be eligible, subject to  
896 the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth  
897 in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid  
898 eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and  
899 any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or  
900 chapter 216.

901 (4) A child who is eligible under Title IV-E of the Social  
902 Security Act for subsidized board payments, foster care, or  
903 adoption subsidies, and a child for whom the state has assumed  
904 temporary or permanent responsibility and who does not qualify  
905 for Title IV-E assistance but is in foster care, shelter or  
906 emergency shelter care, or subsidized adoption. This category  
907 includes:

908 (a) A young adult who is eligible to receive services under  
909 s. 409.1451, until the young adult reaches 21 years of age,





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910 without regard to any income, resource, or categorical  
911 eligibility test that is otherwise required.

912 (b) This category also includes A person who as a child was  
913 eligible under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for foster  
914 care or the state-provided foster care and who is a participant  
915 in the Road-to-Independence Program.

916 (c) A child who is eligible for the Guardianship Assistance  
917 Program as provided in s. 39.6225.

918 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
919 409.991, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

920 409.991 Allocation of funds for community-based care lead  
921 agencies.—

922 (1) As used in this section, the term:

923 (a) "Core services funds" means all funds allocated to  
924 community-based care lead agencies operating under contract with  
925 the department pursuant to s. 409.987, with the following  
926 exceptions:

- 927 1. Funds appropriated for independent living;
- 928 2. Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies;
- 929 3. Funds allocated by the department for protective  
930 investigations training;
- 931 4. Nonrecurring funds;
- 932 5. Designated mental health wrap-around services funds; ~~and~~
- 933 6. Funds for special projects for a designated community-  
934 based care lead agency; and

935 7. Funds appropriated for the Guardianship Assistance  
936 Program under s. 39.6225.

937 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
938 414.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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939           414.045 Cash assistance program.—Cash assistance families  
940 include any families receiving cash assistance payments from the  
941 state program for temporary assistance for needy families as  
942 defined in federal law, whether such funds are from federal  
943 funds, state funds, or commingled federal and state funds. Cash  
944 assistance families may also include families receiving cash  
945 assistance through a program defined as a separate state  
946 program.

947           (1) For reporting purposes, families receiving cash  
948 assistance shall be grouped into the following categories. The  
949 department may develop additional groupings in order to comply  
950 with federal reporting requirements, to comply with the data-  
951 reporting needs of the board of directors of CareerSource  
952 Florida, Inc., or to better inform the public of program  
953 progress.

954           (b) *Child-only cases*.—Child-only cases include cases that  
955 do not have an adult or teen head of household as defined in  
956 federal law. Such cases include:

957           1. Children in the care of caretaker relatives, if the  
958 caretaker relatives choose to have their needs excluded in the  
959 calculation of the amount of cash assistance.

960           2. Families in the Relative Caregiver Program as provided  
961 in s. 39.5085.

962           3. Families in which the only parent in a single-parent  
963 family or both parents in a two-parent family receive  
964 supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under Title XVI of  
965 the Social Security Act, as amended. To the extent permitted by  
966 federal law, individuals receiving SSI shall be excluded as  
967 household members in determining the amount of cash assistance,



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968 and such cases shall not be considered families containing an  
969 adult. Parents or caretaker relatives who are excluded from the  
970 cash assistance group due to receipt of SSI may choose to  
971 participate in work activities. An individual whose ability to  
972 participate in work activities is limited who volunteers to  
973 participate in work activities shall be assigned to work  
974 activities consistent with such limitations. An individual who  
975 volunteers to participate in a work activity may receive child  
976 care or support services consistent with such participation.

977 4. Families in which the only parent in a single-parent  
978 family or both parents in a two-parent family are not eligible  
979 for cash assistance due to immigration status or other  
980 limitation of federal law. To the extent required by federal  
981 law, such cases shall not be considered families containing an  
982 adult.

983 5. To the extent permitted by federal law and subject to  
984 appropriations, special needs children who have been adopted  
985 pursuant to s. 409.166 and whose adopting family qualifies as a  
986 needy family under the state program for temporary assistance  
987 for needy families. Notwithstanding any provision to the  
988 contrary in s. 414.075, s. 414.085, or s. 414.095, a family  
989 shall be considered a needy family if:

990 a. The family is determined by the department to have an  
991 income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level;

992 b. The family meets the requirements of s. 414.095(2) and  
993 (3) related to residence, citizenship, or eligible noncitizen  
994 status; and

995 c. The family provides any information that may be  
996 necessary to meet federal reporting requirements specified under



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997 Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

998 6. Families in the Guardianship Assistance Program as  
999 provided in s. 39.6225.

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1001 Families described in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or  
1002 subparagraph 3. may receive child care assistance or other  
1003 supports or services so that the children may continue to be  
1004 cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives. Such  
1005 assistance or services may be funded from the temporary  
1006 assistance for needy families block grant to the extent  
1007 permitted under federal law and to the extent funds have been  
1008 provided in the General Appropriations Act.

1009 Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
1010 1009.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

1012 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
1013 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
1014 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System  
1015 institution, or state university:

1016 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
1017 18 years of age in the custody of a relative or nonrelative  
1018 under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the  
1019 Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997. Such  
1020 exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied  
1021 academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains  
1022 valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

1023 Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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1025 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====



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1026 And the title is amended as follows:

1027 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1028 and insert:

1029 A bill to be entitled

1030 An act relating to child welfare; amending ss. 39.01  
1031 and 39.4015, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s.  
1032 39.402, F.S.; requiring that the order for placement  
1033 of a child in shelter care contain a written finding  
1034 specifying that the Department of Children and  
1035 Families has placement and care responsibility for  
1036 certain children; amending s. 39.407, F.S.;  
1037 authorizing certain advanced practice registered  
1038 nurses to prescribe psychotropic medications to  
1039 certain children; revising the time period within  
1040 which a court must review a child's residential  
1041 treatment plan; amending s. 39.5085, F.S.; revising  
1042 eligibility for the Relative Caregiver Program;  
1043 amending s. 39.5086, F.S.; deleting the term "fictive  
1044 kin"; amending s. 39.6225, F.S.; providing for the  
1045 termination of guardianship assistance benefits under  
1046 certain circumstances; conforming provisions to  
1047 changes made by the act; amending s. 39.6251, F.S.;  
1048 requiring a young adult in extended foster care to  
1049 provide certain documentation or authorize release of  
1050 certain records; revising permanency goals for young  
1051 adults in extended foster care; requiring execution of  
1052 a voluntary placement agreement under certain  
1053 circumstances; requiring the department to adopt  
1054 rules; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; revising when a court



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1055 must return a child to the custody of his or her  
1056 parents after making certain determinations; requiring  
1057 the court to enter certain orders if a young adult  
1058 enters extended foster care; amending s. 409.1451,  
1059 F.S.; authorizing certain financial awards to be  
1060 disregarded when a young adult is applying for other  
1061 federal assistance; amending s. 409.175, F.S.;  
1062 revising definitions; revising provisions related to  
1063 the licensure of family foster homes and certain  
1064 child-caring and child-placing agencies; deleting  
1065 required numbers of training hours for foster parents;  
1066 amending s. 409.903, F.S.; revising eligibility for  
1067 Medicaid coverage; amending s. 409.991, F.S.; revising  
1068 a definition; amending s. 414.045, F.S.; revising  
1069 eligibility for child-only funding; amending s.  
1070 1009.25, F.S.; revising eligibility for tuition fee  
1071 exemptions; providing an effective date.