

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 400
INTRODUCER: Gibson
SUBJECT: Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams
DATE: March 11, 2020

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 641173 to SB 400 (body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House amendment 1 moves the requirement that a state attorney initiate an Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team within the bill.

House amendment 1 removes the placement of the Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams in the Department of Elder Affairs. It is unclear where these teams will be placed in the executive branch. Florida statutes do not usually create a public entity without housing such entity within state government.

House amendment 1 clarifies the definition of a close case by using the definition in s. 119.011(3)(d), F.S., where a case is “active” as long as it is related to intelligence gathering conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it will lead to detection of ongoing or reasonably anticipated criminal activities. This definition also includes cases under an appeal.