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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services  
(Garcia) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 18 - 29

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 409.1454, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

409.1454 Motor vehicle insurance and driver licenses for  
children in care and certified unaccompanied homeless youth.—

(4) Payment must be made to eligible recipients in the  
order of eligibility until available funds are exhausted. If a



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11 child determined to be eligible reaches permanency status or  
12 turns 18 years of age, the program may pay for that child to  
13 complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license  
14 for up to 6 months after the date the child reaches permanency  
15 status or 6 months after the date the child turns 18 years of  
16 age. A child may be eligible to have the costs of and incidental  
17 to licensure paid if he or she demonstrates that such costs are  
18 creating barriers to obtaining employment or completing  
19 educational goals, if the child meets any of the following  
20 criteria:

21 (a) Is continuing in care under s. 39.6251;

22 (b) ~~Was in licensed care when the child reached 18 years of~~  
23 ~~age and~~ Is currently receiving postsecondary education services  
24 and support under s. 409.1451(2); or

25 (c) Is an unaccompanied homeless youth certified under s.  
26 743.067 who is a citizen of the United States or legal resident  
27 of this state and is:

28 1. Completing secondary education;

29 2. Employed at least part time;

30 3. Attending any postsecondary education program at least  
31 part time; or

32 4. Has a disability that precludes full-time work or  
33 education.

34 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
35 39.4085, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (4) and  
36 (5) are added to that section, to read:

37 39.4085 Goals for dependent children; responsibilities;  
38 education; Office of the Children's Ombudsman.-

39 (3) (a) The case manager or other staff shall, at a minimum,



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40 provide verbal and written:

41 1. Instructions to a child entering shelter or foster care  
42 to educate the child on identifying and reporting abuse,  
43 abandonment, or neglect.

44 2. Information to a child about laws and requirements  
45 relating to the topics of nurturing care, personal safety, and  
46 protection from abuse, abandonment, and neglect; normalcy and  
47 what that means for a

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

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete lines 2 - 3

51 and insert:

52 An act relating to children and young adults in out-  
53 of-home care; amending s. 409.1454, F.S.; revising  
54 eligibility criteria to participate in a specified  
55 program covering certain costs for a driver license  
56 and motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 39.4085,  
57 F.S.;