

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Family Builders Program;
3 repealing ss. 39.311-39.318, F.S., relating to the
4 Family Builders Program, to terminate the program;
5 amending ss. 39.0121 and 39.301, F.S.; deleting
6 references to conform; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Sections 39.311, 39.312, 39.313, 39.314, 39.315,
11 39.316, 39.317, and 39.318, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

12 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 39.0121, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 39.0121 Specific rulemaking authority.—Pursuant to the
15 requirements of s. 120.536, the department is specifically
16 authorized to adopt, amend, and repeal administrative rules
17 which implement or interpret law or policy, or describe the
18 procedure and practice requirements necessary to implement this
19 chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

20 (10) ~~The Family Builders Program, the~~ Intensive Crisis
21 Counseling Program, and any other early intervention programs
22 and kinship care assistance programs.

23 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (15) of section
24 39.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25 39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.—

26 (15) (a) If the department or its agent determines that a
27 child requires immediate or long-term protection through:

- 28 1. Medical or other health care; or
29 2. Homemaker care, day care, protective supervision, or

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30 other services to stabilize the home environment, including
31 intensive family preservation services through ~~the Family~~
32 ~~Builders Program or~~ the Intensive Crisis Counseling Program, ~~or~~
33 ~~both,~~

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35 such services shall first be offered for voluntary acceptance
36 unless there are high-risk factors that may impact the ability
37 of the parents or legal custodians to exercise judgment. Such
38 factors may include the parents' or legal custodians' young age
39 or history of substance abuse or domestic violence.

40 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.