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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the welfare of children; amending
3 s. 39.001, F.S.; requiring certain agencies and
4 organizations named in the Florida Prevention of Child
5 Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Plan: July 2010 - 2015
6 to implement and monitor the plan; providing
7 legislative findings; requiring the Department of
8 Children and Family Services to report to the
9 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 39.001, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and
16 screening.—

17 (6) LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF ABUSE,
18 ABANDONMENT, AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN.—The incidence of known
19 child abuse, abandonment, and neglect has continued to increase
20 ~~increased rapidly over the past 5 years~~. The impact that abuse,
21 abandonment, or neglect has on the victimized child, siblings,
22 family structure, and inevitably on all citizens of the state
23 has caused the Legislature to determine that the prevention of
24 child abuse, abandonment, and neglect shall be a priority of
25 this state. To further this end, it is the intent of the
26 Legislature that an Office of Adoption and Child Protection be
27 established. It is further the intent of the Legislature that
28 Florida Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Plan:
29 July 2010 - June 2015, be implemented and monitored by the

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30 agencies and organizations named within the plan. The
31 Legislature finds that the plan contains low-cost and no cost
32 cross-agency strategies adopted by the Children and Youth
33 Cabinet. These activities are already underway and are privately
34 and federally funded where necessary. No additional funds from
35 the state are being requested for these activities. By February
36 1, 2015, the Department of Children and Family Services shall
37 report to the Legislature whether the plan has been effective
38 and whether it should be updated and continued.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.