

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to regulation of summer camps;  
 3           creating s. 402.3053, F.S.; providing definitions;  
 4           requiring summer camp personnel and volunteers to  
 5           display an identification badge issued by the  
 6           Department of Children and Families; requiring  
 7           background screening of camp personnel and volunteers;  
 8           providing duties of the department; providing an  
 9           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. Section 402.3053, Florida Statutes, is created  
 14 to read:

15           402.3053 Regulation of summer camps.-

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

17           (a) "Operator" means any onsite person ultimately  
 18 responsible for the overall operation of a summer day camp or  
 19 summer 24-hour camp, regardless of whether the operator is the  
 20 owner or administrator of the camp.

21           (b) "Personnel" means all owners, operators, employees,  
 22 and volunteers working in a summer day camp or summer 24-hour  
 23 camp who may be employed by or perform volunteer work for a  
 24 person, corporation, or agency that operates a summer day camp  
 25 or summer 24-hour camp.

26           (c) "Screening" means the act of assessing the background

27 of personnel and includes, but is not limited to, employment  
28 history checks as provided in chapter 435 using the level 2  
29 standards for screening set forth in that chapter.

30 (d) "Summer camp" includes:

31 1. "Summer day camp," which means recreational,  
32 educational, and other enrichment programs operated during  
33 summer vacations for children who are 5 years of age or older on  
34 or before September 1.

35 2. "Summer 24-hour camp," which means recreational,  
36 educational, and other enrichment programs that are not  
37 exclusively educational that are operated on a 24-hour basis  
38 during summer vacation for children who are 5 years of age or  
39 older on or before September 1.

40 (2) (a) The department shall create a uniform, statewide  
41 identification badge to be worn by summer camp personnel  
42 signifying that the person has met the level 2 screening  
43 requirements of chapter 435. The department shall issue the  
44 identification badge, which must bear a photograph of the  
45 person. An identification badge shall be issued if the person:

46 1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a  
47 permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by  
48 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

49 2. Meets the level 2 background screening requirements  
50 under chapter 435.

51 (b) The uniform, statewide identification badge must be  
52 visible at all times that the employee or volunteer is on summer

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53 camp grounds.

54 (c) The identification badge shall be valid for 5 years or  
55 until the person terminates employment or is terminated or until  
56 the volunteer ceases working at the summer camp. Within 48 hours  
57 after termination or ceasing to volunteer, the person shall  
58 return the identification badge to the operator of the summer  
59 camp.

60 (d) The department shall determine a uniform cost that a  
61 summer camp may charge for the identification badge, which shall  
62 be borne by the recipient of the badge.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.