

HB 1003

2017

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to child protective investigations by  
3 county sheriffs; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; providing  
4 for the sheriff of Walton County to provide child  
5 protective investigative services in that county;  
6 providing for funding and accounting procedures;  
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 39.3065, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child  
14 protective investigative services; procedures; funding.-

15 (3) (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the sheriffs of  
16 Pasco County, Manatee County, Broward County, and Pinellas  
17 County have the responsibility to provide all child protective  
18 investigations in their respective counties. Beginning in fiscal  
19 year 2017-2018, the sheriff of Walton County has the  
20 responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in  
21 Walton County. Beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001, the  
22 Department of Children and Families is authorized to enter into  
23 grant agreements with sheriffs of other counties to perform  
24 child protective investigations in their respective counties.  
25 Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, the Department of Children

26 | and Families is authorized to enter into a performance agreement  
27 | with the Walton County Sheriff to perform child protective  
28 | investigations in Walton County.

29 | (b) The sheriffs shall operate, at a minimum, in  
30 | accordance with the performance standards and outcome measures  
31 | established by the Legislature for protective investigations  
32 | conducted by the Department of Children and Families. Each  
33 | individual who provides these services must complete, at a  
34 | minimum, the training provided to and required of protective  
35 | investigators employed by the Department of Children and  
36 | Families.

37 | (c) Funds for providing child protective investigations  
38 | must be identified in the annual appropriation made to the  
39 | Department of Children and Families, which shall award grants  
40 | for the full amount identified to the respective sheriffs'  
41 | offices. Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 216.181(16)(b)  
42 | and 216.351, the Department of Children and Families may advance  
43 | payments to the sheriffs for child protective investigations.  
44 | Funds for the child protective investigations may not be  
45 | integrated into the sheriffs' regular budgets. Budgetary data  
46 | and other data relating to the performance of child protective  
47 | investigations must be maintained separately from all other  
48 | records of the sheriffs' offices and reported to the Department  
49 | of Children and Families as specified in the grant agreement.

50 | (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), funds for providing

51 child protective investigations in Walton County shall be  
52 disbursed by the state directly to the Walton County Sheriff and  
53 are not be required to go through the Department of Children and  
54 Families. The Walton County Sheriff shall establish specific  
55 accounts to track child protective investigation budgets and  
56 expenditures in compliance with the standards contained in this  
57 section.

58 (e)~~(d)~~ Program performance evaluation shall be based on  
59 criteria mutually agreed upon by the respective sheriffs and the  
60 Department of Children and Families. The program performance  
61 evaluation shall be conducted by a team of peer reviewers from  
62 the respective sheriffs' offices that perform child protective  
63 investigations and representatives from the department. The  
64 Department of Children and Families shall submit an annual  
65 report regarding quality performance, outcome-measure  
66 attainment, and cost efficiency to the President of the Senate,  
67 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Governor  
68 no later than January 31 of each year the sheriffs are receiving  
69 general appropriations or direct funding to provide child  
70 protective investigations.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.