



# Interagency Background Screening Workgroup

2012 Session Summary

July 26, 2012

Rick Scott, Governor  
Charles T. Coffey, Secretary

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Meeting

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## Review of Workgroup

- Purpose: To identify and outline a comprehensive approach for the criminal background screening for those who serve vulnerable populations
- Membership: DOEA (Chair), AHCA, APD, DCF, DOE (Vocational Rehabilitation), DOH, DJJ, and FDLE.
- Workgroup issued a report to the Governor and developed a legislative proposal



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## 2012 Legislative Session

- Worked with the sponsors of SB 320 (Sen. Storms) and HB 943 (Rep. Holder) to develop amendments based on the workgroup's legislative proposal
  - There were 15 amendments on HB 943 (3 committees of reference)
  - There were 3 amendments on SB 320 (2 committees of reference), including 1 strike-all amendment
  - HB 943, as amended, was passed by the House (114-0) and taken up and subsequently passed by the Senate (39-0)



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## Support for Legislation

- Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- Florida Council on Aging
- United Way of Florida
- YMCA of Florida
- Florida Assisted Living Association
- Leading Age of Florida
- Florida Health Care Association
- Florida Medical Association
- AARP
- Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Florida Association of Senior Centers



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## Feedback from Prior CYC Meeting

- There was feedback from many groups as the legislation moved through the process
- The workgroup addressed specific issues raised by the CYC, including:
  - Database structure
  - Security
  - Costs



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## Implementation

- There are four distinct phases of implementation:
  - Immediate changes (exemptions to screening, changes to certain definitions and provisions)
  - Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation new screening requirements
  - Live scan vendor requirements
  - Development of the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse



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## Changes Specific to DCF

- Mental health provider screenings
- DVR can accept screenings from individuals screened under DCF's requirements
- DCF participation in the Clearinghouse



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