



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILL INTRODUCED March 5, 2026

SB 996 Senator Zucker

FAMILY LAW AND STATE GOVERNMENT – CHILD PROTECTION
AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE OMBUDSMAN
(KANAIYAH'S LAW)

Requiring that a juvenile court include in an order granting guardianship of a child to a specific individual a requirement that the individual provide a criminal records history check to a local department of social services regarding an adult who resides in the home of the guardian; establishing procedures for the review of certain guardianships of certain children by the juvenile court under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Social Services Administration from allowing the placement of children in unlicensed settings; etc.

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CJ, § 3-819.2(c) and FL and SG, Various Sections - amended and FL and SG,
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Assigned to: Senate Rules

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