

Modernizing a child welfare system in hopes of curtailing future tragedy

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Just about a year after the tragic death of a 10-year-old girl in Florida, the state House of Representatives passed a bill that will dramatically improve the state's child welfare program. Among other legislative reforms, the bill proposes approximately \$50 million for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to upgrade the outdated and cumbersome statewide system, widely referred to as the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS). According to a DCF spokesman, immediate access to information, by way of a hotline and the Internet, is critical to the success of child-abuse investigators. Deltek will continue to track the progress of the bill and the state's plans to implement an up-to-date child protection system. Meanwhile, information on other DCF information technology modernization projects can be found [here](#).