

1 independence and may limit the child's opportunities for
2 obtaining employment. In accordance with these findings, the
3 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a
4 3-year pilot program in Sarasota, Desoto, Manatee, Pinellas,
5 and Pasco Counties to pay a portion of the cost of motor
6 vehicle insurance for foster children who have obtained a
7 driver's license.

8 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot
9 program shall provide funds to pay for a portion of the
10 increase in the cost of motor vehicle insurance incurred by
11 the foster parents, residential facilities, or the foster
12 child if living independently. To be eligible for payment
13 under the pilot program, the person incurring the cost must
14 submit to the department appropriate documentation
15 demonstrating the increase in the cost of insurance. The
16 amount of the payment provided to the foster parent,
17 residential facility, or foster child if living independently
18 shall be one-half of the amount of the increase in the cost of
19 motor vehicle insurance which is incurred as a result of
20 adding the foster child to the policy or less than one-half if
21 another source of funding is available to pay for the
22 increase. The foster child must be encouraged to pay the other
23 half of the increase in insurance costs.

24 (3) The department shall develop procedures for
25 operating the pilot program, including, but not limited to,
26 determining eligibility, providing the payment, ensuring that
27 payment is limited solely to the additional costs of including
28 the foster child in the insurance policy, and allocating
29 available funds.

30 (4) The department shall examine and use, to the
31 extent possible, other available options for funding the cost

1 of the motor vehicle insurance increase, such as, but not
2 limited to, through the child's master trust fund, social
3 security income, child support payments, and other income
4 available to the child.

5 (5) Beginning July 1, 2006, and continuing for the
6 duration of the pilot program, the department shall submit to
7 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
8 the House of Representatives an annual report on the success
9 and outcomes achieved by the pilot program, with a
10 recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be
11 continued, terminated, or expanded.

12 Section 2. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the
13 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Children and Family
14 Services for the purpose of implementing this act during the
15 2005-2006 fiscal year.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Creates a pilot program to reimburse foster parents,
21 residential facilities, or foster children who live
22 independently for a portion of the increased costs of
23 motor vehicle insurance for a foster child who has a
24 driver's license. Directs the Department of Children and
25 Family Services to establish the pilot program in
26 specified counties. Requires a person who incurs the
27 increased cost to submit documentation of the increase.
28 Requires that foster children be encouraged to pay the
29 remaining portion of the increased costs. Directs the
30 department to develop procedures to operate the pilot
31 program. Directs the department to submit a report with
recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a
specified date. Provides an appropriation.