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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to funding for nonprofit coordinating
3 entities; creating s. 984.25, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Financial Services to contract with a
5 nonprofit coordinating entity for certain services;
6 providing for carry forward of a certain amount of
7 unexpended state funds; providing restrictions on the
8 use of such funds; requiring that expenditures of such
9 funds be reported to the department; authorizing
10 advanced payment on such a contract for a specified
11 amount; providing requirements for certain
12 disbursements; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 984.25, Florida Statutes, is created to
17 read:

18 984.25 Funding for nonprofit coordinating entities.—

19 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall contract
20 with a nonprofit coordinating entity to serve sexually exploited
21 and trafficked victims between the ages of 10 and 24 years. The
22 contract shall be funded by general revenue or other applicable
23 funds or applicable federal funding sources. The coordinating
24 entity may carry forward documented unexpended state funds from
25 one fiscal year to the next. The cumulative amount carried
26 forward may not exceed 8 percent of the annual contract for
27 general revenue. Any unexpended state funds in excess of that
28 percentage shall be returned to the department. The funds
29 carried forward may not be used in a way that would increase

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30 future recurring obligations or for any program or service that
31 was not authorized under the existing contract with the
32 department. Expenditures of funds carried forward shall be
33 separately reported to the department. Funds carried forward may
34 be retained through contract renewals and new contract
35 procurements.

36 (2) The method of payment for a fixed-price contract with
37 the nonprofit coordinating entities shall provide for a 3-month
38 advance payment at the beginning of each fiscal year pursuant to
39 s. 216.181(16) in order to provide goods and services essential
40 to the operation of the contracted activities. Thereafter,
41 disbursements shall only be on a reimbursement basis.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.