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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Altman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 39.0143, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

39.0143 Dually-involved children.—Beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023 through fiscal year 2023-2024, the department and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall identify children who are dually involved with both systems of care. The department and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall collaboratively take appropriate action within available resources to meet the needs of dually-involved children more effectively, and shall jointly

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14 submit to the Legislature a quarterly report that includes, at a
15 minimum, data on how many children are dually involved with both
16 systems of care, how both departments track children who become
17 dually involved, and actions taken by both departments to better
18 serve dually-involved children.

19 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 39.205, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 39.205 Penalties relating to reporting of child abuse,
22 abandonment, or neglect.—

23 (7) The department shall establish procedures for
24 determining whether a false report of child abuse, abandonment,
25 or neglect has been made and for submitting all identifying
26 information relating to such a report to the appropriate law
27 enforcement agency ~~and shall report annually to the Legislature~~
28 ~~the number of reports referred.~~

29 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
30 39.4022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31 39.4022 Multidisciplinary teams; staffings; assessments;
32 report.—

33 (4) PARTICIPANTS.—

34 (a) Collaboration among diverse individuals who are part
35 of the child's network is necessary to make the most informed
36 decisions possible for the child. A diverse team is preferable
37 to ensure that the necessary combination of technical skills,
38 cultural knowledge, community resources, and personal

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39 relationships is developed and maintained for the child and
40 family. The participants necessary to achieve an appropriately
41 diverse team for a child may vary by child and may include
42 extended family, friends, neighbors, coaches, clergy, coworkers,
43 or others the family identifies as potential sources of support.

44 1. Each multidisciplinary team staffing must invite the
45 following members:

46 a. The child, unless he or she is not of an age or
47 capacity to participate in the team;

48 b. The child's family members and other individuals
49 identified by the family as being important to the child,
50 provided that a parent who has a no contact order or injunction,
51 is alleged to have sexually abused the child, or is subject to a
52 termination of parental rights may not participate;

53 c. The current caregiver, provided the caregiver is not a
54 parent who meets the criteria of one of the exceptions under
55 sub-subparagraph b.;

56 d. A representative from the department other than the
57 Children's Legal Services attorney, when the department is
58 directly involved in the goal identified by the staffing;

59 e. A representative from the community-based care lead
60 agency, when the lead agency is directly involved in the goal
61 identified by the staffing; and

62 f. The case manager for the child, or his or her case
63 manager supervisor.

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64 g. A representative from the Department of Juvenile
65 Justice if the child is dually involved with both the department
66 and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

67 2. The multidisciplinary team must make reasonable efforts
68 to have all mandatory invitees attend. However, the
69 multidisciplinary team staffing may not be delayed if the
70 invitees in subparagraph 1. fail to attend after being provided
71 reasonable opportunities.

72 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
73 39.5085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

74 39.5085 Relative Caregiver Program.-

75 (2)

76 (d)1. Subject to available resources, relatives or
77 nonrelatives who have a child placed with them in out-of-home
78 care and who have obtained licensure as a child-specific level I
79 foster placement, regardless of whether the court has found the
80 child to be dependent, shall receive a monthly payment in
81 accordance with s. 409.145(3) starting from the date the child
82 is placed in such out-of-home care until the child achieves
83 permanency as determined by the court under s. 39.621.

84 2. Subject to available resources, relatives or
85 nonrelatives who have a child who has been found to be dependent
86 placed with them in out-of-home care, shall receive a monthly
87 payment at a rate equal to the rate established in s. 409.145(3)
88 for licensed foster parents, regardless of whether the relatives

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89 or nonrelatives have obtained a child-specific level I foster
90 placement license, starting from the date the child is found to
91 be dependent or the date the child is placed with them in out-
92 of-home care, whichever is later, for a period of no more than 6
93 months or until the child achieves permanency as determined by
94 the court under s. 39.621, whichever occurs first.

95 3. Subject to available resources, relatives or
96 nonrelatives who have a child who has been found to be dependent
97 placed with them in out-of-home care and who have not obtained a
98 child-specific level I foster placement license within 6 months
99 after the date of such placement, shall receive a monthly
100 payment in an amount determined by department rule starting 6
101 months after the date the child is found to be dependent or 6
102 months after the child is placed in such out-of-home care,
103 whichever is later, until the relatives or nonrelatives obtain a
104 child-specific level I foster placement license or until the
105 child achieves permanency as determined by the court under s.
106 39.621, whichever occurs first. The monthly payment paid to
107 relatives or nonrelatives under this subparagraph must be less
108 than the monthly payment provided to a participant enrolled in
109 the Guardianship Assistance Program under s. 39.6225.

110 4. Subject to available resources, relatives or
111 nonrelatives who have a child placed in their care by a
112 permanent guardianship under s. 39.6221 or in a permanent
113 placement with a fit and willing relative under s. 39.6231, or

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114 former s. 39.622 if the placement was made before July 1, 2006,
 115 and who are not enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program
 116 under s. 39.6225, shall receive a monthly payment in an amount
 117 determined by department rule. The monthly payment under this
 118 subparagraph must be less than the monthly payment provided to a
 119 participant enrolled in the Guardianship Assistance Program
 120 under s. 39.6225. Relatives or nonrelatives who are caring for
 121 children placed with them by the court pursuant to this chapter
 122 shall receive a special monthly caregiver benefit established by
 123 rule of the department. The amount of the special benefit
 124 payment shall be based on the child's age within a payment
 125 schedule established by rule of the department and subject to
 126 availability of funding. The statewide average monthly rate for
 127 children judicially placed with relatives or nonrelatives who
 128 are not licensed as foster homes may not exceed 82 percent of
 129 the statewide average foster care rate, and the cost of
 130 providing the assistance described in this section to any
 131 caregiver may not exceed the cost of providing out-of-home care
 132 in emergency shelter or foster care.

133 Section 5. Section 39.6035, Florida Statutes, is amended
 134 to read:

135 39.6035 Transition plan.—

136 (1) During the year after a child reaches 16 years of age,
 137 the department and the community-based care lead agency
 138 ~~provider~~, in collaboration with the caregiver and any other

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139 individual whom the child would like to include, shall assist
140 the child in developing a transition plan. The required
141 transition plan is in addition to standard case management
142 requirements. The transition plan must address specific options
143 for the child to use in obtaining services, including housing,
144 health insurance, education, financial literacy, a driver
145 license, and workforce support and employment services. The plan
146 must also include tasks to establish and maintain naturally
147 occurring mentoring relationships and other personal support
148 services. The transition plan may be as detailed as the child
149 chooses. This plan must ~~shall~~ be updated as needed before the
150 child reaches 18 years of age. In developing and updating the
151 transition plan, the department and the community-based care
152 lead agency shall:

153 (a) Provide the child with the documentation required
154 under s. 39.701(3).

155 (b) Coordinate the transition plan with the independent
156 living provisions in the case plan and, for a child with
157 disabilities, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
158 transition plan.

159 (c) Provide information for the financial literacy
160 curriculum for youth offered by the Department of Financial
161 Services.

162 (d) Provide information about independent living services
163 and programs which is tailored to the individual needs and plans

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164 of the child, including the specific benefits of each program
165 and how such benefits meet the needs and plans of the child, the
166 advantages and disadvantages of participation in each program
167 considering the needs and plans of the child, and the financial
168 value of each program to the child. The community-based care
169 lead agency shall discuss this information with the child. The
170 child must sign a document indicating he or she received and
171 discussed the information and understands the services and
172 benefits of each program and how those services and benefits
173 would meet his or her individual needs and plans.

174 (2) The department and the child shall schedule a time,
175 date, and place for a meeting to assist the child in drafting
176 the transition plan. The time, date, and place must be
177 convenient for the child and any individual whom the child would
178 like to include. This meeting must ~~shall~~ be conducted in the
179 child's primary language.

180 (3) The transition plan shall be reviewed periodically
181 with the child, the department, and other individuals of the
182 child's choice and updated when necessary before each judicial
183 review so long as the child ~~or young adult~~ remains in care.

184 (4) The transition plan must be approved by the court
185 before the child's 18th birthday and must be attached to the
186 case plan and updated before each judicial review.

187 (5) The department or community-based care lead agency
188 shall continue to periodically meet with a young adult to review

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189 and, if necessary, update the transition plan beyond his or her
190 18th birthday if the young adult receives funding under s.
191 409.1451(2).

192 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
193 383.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

194 383.011 Administration of maternal and child health
195 programs.—

196 (1) The Department of Health is designated as the state
197 agency for:

198 (d) Administering and providing for prenatal and infant
199 health care delivery services through county health departments
200 or subcontractors for the provision of the following enhanced
201 services for medically and socially high-risk clients, subject
202 to the availability of moneys and the limitations established by
203 the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216:

204 1. Case finding or outreach.

205 2. Assessment of health, social, environmental, and
206 behavioral risk factors.

207 3. Case management utilizing a service delivery plan.

208 4. Home visiting to support the delivery of and
209 participation in prenatal and infant primary health care
210 services.

211 5. Childbirth and parenting education, including
212 encouragement of breastfeeding.

213 6. Father engagement activities, such as providing

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214 individualized support to fathers to increase participation in
215 services that strengthen family and child well-being and
216 evaluating father involvement with services provided by a home
217 visiting program.

218 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 409.145, Florida
219 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), subsection (3) is
220 amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section to
221 read:

222 409.145 Care of children; "reasonable and prudent parent"
223 standard.—The child welfare system of the department shall
224 operate as a coordinated community-based system of care which
225 empowers all caregivers for children in foster care to provide
226 quality parenting, including approving or disapproving a child's
227 participation in activities based on the caregiver's assessment
228 using the "reasonable and prudent parent" standard.

229 (3) ~~FOSTER CARE~~ ROOM AND BOARD RATES.—

230 (a) Effective July 1, 2022 ~~2018~~, room and board rates
231 shall be paid to foster parents licensed as a level II through
232 level V foster placement and, subject to available resources,
233 relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level
234 I child-specific foster placement and to relative and
235 nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the Relative
236 Caregiver Program and receiving payments under s.
237 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., as follows:
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Monthly Room and Board ~~Foster Care~~ Rate

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0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-21 Years
Age	Age	Age

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<u>\$517.94</u> \$457.95	<u>\$531.21</u> \$469.68	<u>\$621.77</u> \$549.74
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(b) Each January, foster parents licensed as a level II through level V foster placement and, subject to available resources, relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed as a level I child-specific foster placement and to relative and nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the Relative Caregiver Program and receiving payments under s. 39.5085(2)(d)1. or 2., shall receive an annual cost of living increase. The department shall calculate the new room and board rate increase equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, not seasonally adjusted, or successor reports, for the preceding December compared to the prior December as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The department shall make available the adjusted room and board rates annually.

~~(c) Effective July 1, 2019, foster parents of level I family foster homes as defined in s. 409.175(5)(a) shall receive a room and board rate of \$333.~~

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260 ~~(d) Effective July 1, 2019, the foster care room and board~~
 261 ~~rate for level II family foster homes as defined in s.~~
 262 ~~409.175(5) (a) shall be the same as the new rate established for~~
 263 ~~family foster homes as of January 1, 2019.~~

264 ~~(e) Effective January 1, 2020, paragraph (b) shall only~~
 265 ~~apply to level II through level V family foster homes, as~~
 266 ~~defined in s. 409.175(5) (a).~~

267 ~~(c)-(f)~~ The amount of the monthly foster care room and
 268 board rate may be increased upon agreement among the department,
 269 the community-based care lead agency, and the foster parent.

270 ~~(d)-(g)~~ Effective July 1, 2022 ~~From July 1, 2018, through~~
 271 ~~June 30, 2019,~~ community-based care lead agencies providing care
 272 under contract with the department shall pay a supplemental room
 273 and board payment to foster ~~care~~ parents licensed as a level II
 274 through level V foster placement and, subject to available
 275 resources, relative and nonrelative caregivers who are licensed
 276 as a level I child-specific foster placement and to relative and
 277 nonrelative caregivers who are participating in the Relative
 278 Caregiver Program and receiving payments under s.

279 39.5085(2) (d)1. or 2., ~~of all family foster homes,~~ on a per-
 280 child basis, for providing independent life skills and normalcy
 281 supports to children who are 13 through 17 years of age placed
 282 in their care. The supplemental payment must ~~shall~~ be paid
 283 monthly ~~to the foster care parents~~ in addition to the current
 284 monthly room and board rate payment. The supplemental monthly

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285 payment shall be based on 10 percent of the monthly room and
286 board rate for children 13 through 21 years of age as provided
287 under this section and adjusted annually. ~~Effective July 1,~~
288 ~~2019, such supplemental payments shall only be paid to foster~~
289 ~~parents of level II through level V family foster homes.~~

290 (4) CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.—Subject to available resources, a
291 foster parent or a relative or nonrelative caregiver, regardless
292 of his or her participation in the Relative Caregiver Program
293 under s. 39.5085 or licensure as a level I child-specific foster
294 placement, who has a child from birth to the age of school entry
295 placed with the foster parent or caregiver, shall receive a
296 payment of \$200 per month per child to pay to the costs of the
297 early learning or child care program.

298 Section 8. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
299 409.1451, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e),
300 paragraph (b) and present paragraph (d) of that subsection are
301 amended, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to
302 read:

303 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

304 (2) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—

305 (b) The amount of the financial assistance shall be as
306 follows:

307 1. For a young adult who does not remain in foster care
308 and is attending a postsecondary school as provided in s.
309 1009.533, the amount is \$1,720 ~~\$1,256~~ monthly.

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310 2. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is
311 attending a postsecondary school, as provided in s. 1009.533,
312 and continues to reside in a licensed foster home, the amount is
313 the established room and board rate for foster parents. This
314 takes the place of the payment provided for in s. 409.145(3).

315 3. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but
316 temporarily resides away from a licensed foster home for
317 purposes of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s.
318 1009.533, the amount is \$1,720 ~~\$1,256~~ monthly. This takes the
319 place of the payment provided for in s. 409.145(3).

320 4. For a young adult who remains in foster care, is
321 attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533, and
322 continues to reside in a licensed group home, the amount is
323 negotiated between the community-based care lead agency and the
324 licensed group home provider.

325 5. For a young adult who remains in foster care, but
326 temporarily resides away from a licensed group home for purposes
327 of attending a postsecondary school as provided in s. 1009.533,
328 the amount is \$1,720 ~~\$1,256~~ monthly. This takes the place of a
329 negotiated room and board rate.

330 6. A young adult is eligible to receive financial
331 assistance during the months when he or she is enrolled in a
332 postsecondary educational institution.

333 (d) Before a young adult receives funding under this
334 subsection, the department, or an agency under contract with the

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335 department, shall assess the young adult's financial literacy
336 and executive functioning, self-regulation, and similar skills
337 that are important for successful independent living and the
338 completion of postsecondary education. The assessment must be
339 included as part of the transition plan required under s.
340 39.6035. The department, or an agency under contract with the
341 department, must provide information and referrals to the young
342 adult as needed to assist in strengthening any necessary skills.

343 (e)1.~~(d)1.~~ The department must advertise the availability
344 of the stipend and must provide notification of the criteria and
345 application procedures for the stipend to children and young
346 adults leaving, or who were formerly in, foster care;
347 caregivers; case managers; guidance and family services
348 counselors; principals or other relevant school administrators;
349 and guardians ad litem.

350 2. If the award recipient transfers from one eligible
351 institution to another and continues to meet eligibility
352 requirements, the award shall be transferred with the recipient.

353 3. The department, or an agency under contract with the
354 department, shall evaluate each Road-to-Independence award for
355 renewal eligibility on an annual basis. In order to be eligible
356 for a renewal award for the subsequent year, the young adult
357 must:

358 a. Be enrolled for or have completed the number of hours,
359 or the equivalent, to be considered a full-time student under

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360 subparagraph (a)4., unless the young adult qualifies for an
361 exception under subparagraph (a)4.

362 b. Maintain standards of academic progress as defined by
363 the education institution, except that if the young adult's
364 progress is insufficient to renew the award at any time during
365 the eligibility period, the young adult may continue to be
366 enrolled for additional terms while attempting to restore
367 eligibility as long as progress towards the required level is
368 maintained.

369 4. Funds may be terminated during the interim between an
370 award and the evaluation for a renewal award if the department,
371 or an agency under contract with the department, determines that
372 the award recipient is no longer enrolled in an educational
373 institution as described in subparagraph (a)4. or is no longer a
374 resident of this state.

375 5. The department, or an agency under contract with the
376 department, shall notify a recipient who is terminated and
377 inform the recipient of his or her right to appeal.

378 6. An award recipient who does not qualify for a renewal
379 award or who chooses not to renew the award may apply for
380 reinstatement. An application for reinstatement must be made
381 before the young adult reaches 23 years of age. In order to be
382 eligible for reinstatement, the young adult must meet the
383 eligibility criteria and the criteria for award renewal for the
384 program.

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385 7. The department, or an agency under contract with the
386 department, shall work with the young adult to create a
387 financial plan that is guided by the young adult's financial
388 goals in meeting his or her needs while in postsecondary
389 education. The financial plan must be included in the transition
390 plan required under s. 39.6035. The department, or an agency
391 under contract with the department, shall review and, if
392 necessary, update the financial plan with the young adult every
393 6 months until funding under this subsection is no longer
394 provided.

395 8. The department, or an agency under contract with the
396 department, shall review with the young adult the transition
397 plan required under s. 39.6035 during the year before the young
398 adult graduates from postsecondary education or the year before
399 the young adult turns 23 years of age, whichever occurs first.
400 The transition plan must include an assessment of the young
401 adult's current and future needs and challenges for self-
402 sufficiency and address, at a minimum, how the young adult will
403 meet his or her financial needs and obligations when funding
404 under this subsection is no longer provided.

405 Section 9. Section 409.1452, Florida Statutes, is amended
406 to read:

407 409.1452 Collaboration with Board of Governors, Florida
408 College System, and Department of Education to assist children
409 and young adults who have been or are in foster care or are

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410 experiencing homelessness; documentation regarding eligibility
411 for tuition and fee exemptions.-The department shall collaborate
412 with the Board of Governors, the Florida College System, and the
413 Department of Education to address the need for a comprehensive
414 support structure in the academic arena to assist children and
415 young adults who have been or remain in the foster care system
416 in making the transition from a structured care system into an
417 independent living setting.

418 (1) (a) Each school district program, Florida College
419 System institution, or state university at which a student is
420 exempt from the payment of tuition and fees under s. 1009.25
421 must have, at a minimum, a knowledgeable, accessible, and
422 responsive employee who acts as a liaison and provides
423 assistance to those students who are exempt from the payment of
424 tuition and fees in resolving any problems related to such
425 exemption. The liaisons shall provide such students on-campus
426 support and must be employees of the program, institution, or
427 university. The name and contact information of the liaison must
428 be:

429 1. Provided to each student who is exempt from the payment
430 of tuition and fees and who is attending that program,
431 institution, or university.

432 2. Published on the website of the program, institution,
433 or university.

434 3. Provided to the Department of Children and Families and

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435 each community-based care lead agency.

436 (b) Each school district program, Florida College System
437 institution, and state university must maintain the original
438 documentation submitted by the student regarding his or her
439 eligibility for the tuition and fee exemption under s. 1009.25
440 and may not make additional requests for such documentation.

441 (2) A school district program, Florida College System
442 institution, or state university may also provide campus
443 coaching services and other support to a student who is exempt
444 from the payment of tuition and fees under s. 1009.25 to promote
445 his or her successful completion of postsecondary education and
446 transition to independent living. Effective July 1, 2013, the
447 ~~Department of Children and Families shall work in collaboration~~
448 ~~with the Board of Governors, the Florida College System, and the~~
449 ~~Department of Education to help address the need for a~~
450 ~~comprehensive support structure in the academic arena to assist~~
451 ~~children and young adults who have been or continue to remain in~~
452 ~~the foster care system in making the transition from a~~
453 ~~structured care system into an independent living setting. The~~
454 ~~State University System of Florida and the Florida College~~
455 ~~System shall provide postsecondary educational campus coaching~~
456 ~~positions that will be integrated into Florida College System~~
457 ~~institutions' and university institutions' general support~~
458 ~~services structure to provide current and former foster care~~
459 ~~children and young adults with dedicated, on-campus support. The~~

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460 ~~Department of Children and Families has the sole discretion to~~
461 ~~determine which state college or university will offer a campus~~
462 ~~coaching position, based on departmental demographic data~~
463 ~~indicating greatest need. These campus coaching positions shall~~
464 ~~be employees of the selected educational institutions, focused~~
465 ~~on supporting children and young adults who have been or~~
466 ~~continue to remain in the foster care system.~~

467 (3) The Chancellors of the Division of Career and Adult
468 Education, the Florida College System, and the State University
469 System Board of Governors shall report annually to the
470 Department of Children and Families specific data, subject to
471 privacy laws, about the students children and young adults
472 served by the campus liaisons coaches, including academic
473 progress, retention rates for students enrolled in the program,
474 financial aid requested and received, and information required
475 by the National Youth in Transition Database.

476 Section 10. Section 409.1464, Florida Statutes, is created
477 to read:

478 409.1464 Responsible Fatherhood Initiative.—

479 (1) The department shall contract for the development and
480 implementation of the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. The
481 initiative must provide an opportunity for every father in the
482 state to be able to obtain information and inspiration that will
483 motivate and enable him to enhance his abilities as a father,
484 recognizing that some fathers have greater challenges than

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485 others and would benefit from greater support.

486 (2) The initiative must, at a minimum:

487 (a) Include a website and other related electronic
488 resources that will allow a father to obtain information about
489 effective parenting, identify areas in which support would
490 enable him to enhance his ability to be an effective father, and
491 be connected to such support, including but not limited to,
492 support provided by organizations receiving grants under s.
493 409.1465.

494 (b) Use appropriate materials from the fatherhood media
495 campaign available through the National Responsible Fatherhood
496 Clearinghouse.

497 (3) The initiative must include, but need not be limited
498 to, print, television, digital, and social media elements and
499 public events, and may include appearances by and involvement
500 from public figures and influencers.

501 (4) The person or entity with which the department
502 contracts for the initiative must collaborate with other
503 agencies and organizations to develop and implement the
504 initiative.

505 Section 11. Section 409.1465, Florida Statutes, is created
506 to read:

507 409.1465 Grants to address the needs of fathers.—

508 (1) The Legislature recognizes that families are stronger
509 when both parents act responsibly in caring for their children.

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510 It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and support the
511 important and unique role that fathers play in ensuring the
512 physical, emotional, and economic well-being of their children
513 and families.

514 (2) The department shall award grants to not-for-profit
515 community-based organizations to address the needs of fathers.

516 The department shall award the following types of grants:

517 (a) Grants that comprehensively address the needs of
518 fathers, such as assisting them in finding employment, managing
519 child support obligations, transitioning from a period of
520 incarceration, accessing health care, understanding child
521 development, and enhancing parenting skills. Services provided
522 must be tailored to the needs of the father being served. Case
523 management services must be provided to the fathers who are
524 served by the grants under this paragraph.

525 (b) Grants that provide evidence-based parenting education
526 specifically for fathers. The grants under this paragraph do not
527 require case management services.

528 (3) The department shall prioritize applicants for a grant
529 specified under subsection (2) based on:

530 (a) Need in a geographic area and the population to be
531 served by the grant as indicated by, at a minimum:

- 532 1. Unemployment rates.
533 2. Incarceration rates.
534 3. Housing instability.

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535 4. The number of single-parent households.

536 5. The number of public benefit recipients.

537 6. Graduation rates.

538 7. Levels of academic achievement.

539 (b) If an applicant has a primary mission of, or a history
540 of a significant focus on and effective work towards, addressing
541 the needs of men in their role as fathers.

542 (c) Applicant current and historical involvement in the
543 community being served.

544 (d) Applicant commitment and capability to employ
545 competent staff who can effectively engage with the fathers
546 being served, including at a minimum, those individuals who
547 share a similar background as the fathers being served.

548 (e) The number of individuals the applicant plans to serve
549 through the grant and the projected costs for the program.

550 (f) Applicant organizational capacity to effectively meet
551 the requirements of the grant and to deliver the programs
552 proposed by the applicant. The department may offer technical
553 assistance to applicants and grant recipients that have lower
554 organizational capacity as long as such organizations have, or
555 the organization's leadership has, significant experience
556 servng fathers.

557 (4) Grants shall be awarded for no more than 3 years, with
558 subsequent year funding contingent on compliance with grant
559 requirements and adequate performance. Grant recipients must

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560 submit reports to the department in a format and at intervals
561 prescribed by the department.

562 Section 12. Section 409.1467, Florida Statutes, is created
563 to read:

564 409.1467 Mentorship for at-risk male students.-

565 (1) The department shall contract with Volunteer Florida
566 to provide grants to not-for-profit organizations in order to
567 offer mentorship programs for at-risk male students. These
568 grants must:

569 (a) Assist at-risk male students who are in middle school
570 or high school in developing social, emotional, and cognitive
571 skills to prepare them for future success.

572 (b) Provide an opportunity for small not-for-profit
573 organizations to receive training and technical assistance that
574 will strengthen their capacity to provide high-quality,
575 effective services and obtain additional nonstate funding in the
576 future.

577 (2) A not-for-profit organization must have organizational
578 management and a board of directors reflective of the community
579 served by the organization in order to be eligible to receive a
580 grant under this section.

581 (3) Grant recipients must:

582 (a) Recruit and train mentors for eligible at-risk male
583 students.

584 (b) Provide mentorship, social and academic support, life

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585 skill development, and other opportunities for eligible at-risk
586 male students.

587 (c) Use trauma-informed practices and interventions to
588 address adverse childhood experiences of eligible at-risk male
589 students.

590 (d) Be inclusive of eligible at-risk male students who
591 have a disability.

592 (4) Prioritization of applicants for a grant must, at a
593 minimum, be based on:

594 (a) Unemployment rates; incarceration rates; housing
595 instability; the number of single-parent households; the number
596 of public benefit recipients; graduation rates; and levels of
597 academic achievement in the geographic area in which mentorship
598 services would be provided.

599 (b) The number of at-risk male students that the applicant
600 plans to serve through the grant and the projected costs for the
601 new or expanded mentorship program.

602 (c) The applicant's current revenues and organizational
603 capacity, experience and demonstrated effectiveness in serving
604 at-risk male students or providing mentorship programs, and
605 commitment to organizational development through the training
606 required under subsection (7) in order to achieve the goal
607 specified in paragraph (1)(b).

608 (5) Volunteer Florida may award grants that are between
609 \$25,000 and \$250,000 per year and the grants may be awarded to a

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610 not-for-profit organization for no more than 3 years, contingent
611 on continued eligibility, compliance with grant requirements,
612 and adequate performance. Volunteer Florida shall create
613 categories of grants based on the annual revenues of the not-
614 for-profit organizations that are applying in order to maximize
615 the opportunities for small not-for-profit organizations to
616 receive grants.

617 (6) Grant recipients must submit reports to Volunteer
618 Florida in a format and at intervals prescribed by Volunteer
619 Florida. At a minimum, grant recipients must report on the
620 number of at-risk male students served and their ages, the
621 number of mentors providing mentorship services, and the
622 outcomes of the at-risk students served, including, but not
623 limited to, improved academic success, decreased involvement in
624 the juvenile justice system, and enhanced readiness for and
625 involvement in postsecondary education, as appropriate.

626 (7) Within 6 months after receiving a grant, a grant
627 recipient must complete training in nonprofit management,
628 outcomes measurement, and positive youth development as required
629 by Volunteer Florida in order to achieve the goal specified in
630 paragraph (1)(b). Volunteer Florida shall determine the specific
631 training needed by grant recipients and directly provide or
632 contract for such training. Grant funding may be used for the
633 training required under this subsection.

634 (8) Volunteer Florida shall provide technical assistance

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635 to grant recipients.

636 Section 13. Subsections (8) through (13) of section
637 409.147, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9)
638 through (14), respectively, subsection (7) is amended, and a new
639 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

640 409.147 Children's initiatives.—

641 (7) CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE CORPORATION.—

642 (a) After the governing body adopts the resolution
643 described in subsection (4), establishes the planning team as
644 provided in subsection (5), and develops and adopts the
645 strategic community plan as provided in subsection (6), the
646 county or municipality shall create a corporation not for profit
647 which shall be registered, incorporated, organized, and operated
648 in compliance with chapter 617. The purpose of the corporation
649 is to facilitate fundraising, to secure broad community
650 ownership of the children's initiative, and, if the area
651 selected by the governing body is designated as a children's
652 initiative, to:

653 1. ~~(a)~~ Begin to transfer responsibility for planning from
654 the planning team to the corporation.

655 2. ~~(b)~~ Begin the implementation and governance of the
656 children's initiative community plan.

657 3. Update the strategic community plan every 5 years to
658 reflect, at a minimum, the current status of the area served by
659 the children's initiative; the goals, objectives, and strategies

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660 for each focus area; and the tasks required to implement the
661 strategies for the upcoming year.

662 (b) The Ounce of Prevention must provide technical
663 assistance to the corporation to facilitate achievement of the
664 plans created under subsection (6).

665 (8) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING STATE FUNDING.-Unless
666 otherwise specified in the general appropriations act:

667 (a) State funding for children's initiatives must be
668 awarded through a performance-based contract that links payments
669 to achievement of outcomes directly related to the goals,
670 objectives, strategies, and tasks outlined in the strategic
671 community plan.

672 (b) Counties that do not currently have a children's
673 initiative and are trying to establish an initiative have
674 priority for funding available under this subsection.

675 Section 14. Subsection (4) is added to section 409.2557,
676 Florida Statutes, to read:

677 409.2557 State agency for administering child support
678 enforcement program.-

679 (4) The department shall establish on its website a
680 dedicated webpage that provides information to obligors who have
681 difficulty paying child support due to economic hardship. There
682 must be a link to such webpage on the main child support
683 webpage. The webpage must be in plain language and include, at a
684 minimum, information on how an obligor can modify a child

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685 support order, information on how to access services from
686 CareerSource Florida and the organizations awarded grants under
687 s. 409.25996, and a link to the website for CareerSource
688 Florida.

689 Section 15. Subsection (9) of section 409.2564, Florida
690 Statutes, is amended to read:

691 409.2564 Actions for support.—

692 (9) (a) For the purpose of securing delinquent support, the
693 department may increase the amount of the monthly support
694 obligation to include amounts for delinquencies, subject to such
695 conditions or limitations as set forth in paragraph (b).

696 (b) In support obligations not subject to income
697 deduction, the department shall notify the obligor in writing of
698 his or her delinquency and of the department's intent to require
699 an additional 20 percent of the monthly obligation amount to
700 allow for collection of the delinquency unless, within 20 days,
701 the obligor:

702 ~~1.~~ pays the delinquency in full; or

703 ~~2.~~ files a petition with the circuit court to contest the
704 delinquency action.

705 (c) All written notices provided to an obligor regarding
706 delinquent support must include information on how the obligor
707 can access the webpage required under s. 409.2557(4) and how to
708 access services through CareerSource Florida and the
709 organizations that are awarded grants under s. 409.25996.

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710 Section 16. Section 409.25996, Florida Statutes, is
711 created to read:

712 409.25996 Organizations that assist noncustodial parents.-
713 The Department of Economic Opportunity shall award grants to
714 organizations that assist noncustodial parents who are
715 unemployed or underemployed and have difficulty meeting child
716 support obligations to become self-sufficient and establish a
717 successful pattern of paying child support obligations.

718 Section 17. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (1) of
719 section 409.988, Florida Statutes, is to read:

720 409.988 Community-based care lead agency duties; general
721 provisions.-

722 (1) DUTIES.-A lead agency:

723 (n) Shall ensure that it is addressing the unique needs of
724 fathers of children served by the lead agency.

725 1. The lead agency shall:

726 a. Conduct an initial assessment of its engagement with
727 such fathers and provision of and referral to father-oriented
728 services.

729 b. Create an action plan to address any gaps identified
730 through the assessment and implement the action plan.

731 c. Employ a father-engagement specialist to, at a minimum,
732 build relationships with fathers, help identify their needs,
733 assist them in accessing services, and communicate with the lead
734 agency about the challenges faced by these fathers and how to

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735 appropriately meet their unique needs. The lead agency shall
736 prioritize individuals who have faced experiences similar to the
737 fathers served by the lead agency for selection as a father-
738 engagement specialist.

739 2. The department shall annually review how the lead
740 agency is meeting the needs of fathers, including, at a minimum,
741 how the lead agency is helping fathers establish positive,
742 stable relationships with their children and assisting fathers
743 in receiving needed services. The lead agency shall provide any
744 relevant information on how it is meeting the needs of these
745 fathers to the department, which must be included in the report
746 required under s. 409.997.

747 Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 409.996, Florida
748 Statutes, is amended to read:

749 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and
750 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,
751 administration, or management of care for children in the child
752 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department
753 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services
754 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are
755 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state
756 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and
757 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.
758 20.19(1).

759 (3) The department shall annually conduct a comprehensive,

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760 multiyear review of the revenues, expenditures, and financial
761 position of all community-based care lead agencies which must
762 cover the most recent 2 consecutive fiscal years. The review
763 must include a comprehensive system-of-care analysis. All
764 community-based care lead agencies must develop and maintain a
765 plan to achieve financial viability. The department's review and
766 the agency's plan shall be submitted to the Governor, the
767 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
768 Representatives by December 1 ~~November 1~~ of each year.

769 Section 19. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
770 409.997, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

771 409.997 Child welfare results-oriented accountability
772 program.—

773 (2) The purpose of the results-oriented accountability
774 program is to monitor and measure the use of resources, the
775 quality and amount of services provided, and child and family
776 outcomes. The program includes data analysis, research review,
777 and evaluation. The program shall produce an assessment of
778 individual entities' performance, as well as the performance of
779 groups of entities working together on a local, judicial
780 circuit, regional, and statewide basis to provide an integrated
781 system of care. Data analyzed and communicated through the
782 accountability program shall inform the department's development
783 and maintenance of an inclusive, interactive, and evidence-
784 supported program of quality improvement which promotes

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785 individual skill building as well as organizational learning.
786 The department may use data generated by the program regarding
787 performance drivers, process improvements, short-term and long-
788 term outcomes, and quality improvement efforts to determine
789 contract compliance and as the basis for payment of performance
790 incentives if funds for such payments are made available through
791 the General Appropriations Act. The information compiled and
792 utilized in the accountability program must incorporate, at a
793 minimum:

794 (g) An annual performance report that is provided to
795 interested parties including the dependency judge or judges in
796 the community-based care service area. The report shall be
797 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
798 Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 15 ~~October 1~~
799 of each year.

800 Section 20. Section 683.334, Florida Statutes, is created
801 to read:

802 683.334 Responsible Fatherhood Month.—

803 (1) The Legislature designates the month of June as
804 "Responsible Fatherhood Month" to recognize the importance of
805 fathers in their children's lives, how fathers contribute to
806 their children's safety and stability, and the direct link
807 between positive father involvement and child well-being.

808 (2) The Department of Children and Families, the
809 Department of Health, local governments, and other agencies are

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810 encouraged to sponsor events to promote awareness of responsible
811 fatherhood engagement and the contributions fathers make in the
812 lives of their children.

813 Section 21. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of
814 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

815 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

816 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of
817 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that
818 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System
819 institution, or state university:

820 (c) A student who was the subject of a dependency
821 proceeding and:

822 1. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of
823 age, in out-of-home care; ~~the custody of the Department of~~
824 ~~Children and Families or who,~~

825 2. Is, or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of
826 age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative pursuant to s.
827 39.5085 or s. 39.6225;

828 3. After spending at least 6 months in the custody of the
829 department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a
830 guardianship by the court;—

831 4. After reaching 14 years of age and thereafter spending
832 at least 18 months in out-of-home care, was reunited with his or
833 her parent or parents who were the subject of the dependency
834 proceeding before he or she reaches 18 years of age, including a

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835 student who is reunited under s. 39.8155. For a student to be
836 eligible under this subparagraph, the student must be Pell
837 Grant-eligible, and the entity imposing the tuition and fees
838 must verify such eligibility;

839 5. Was adopted from the department after May 5, 1997; or

840 6. Was placed in a permanent guardianship, regardless of
841 whether the caregiver participates or participated in the
842 Relative Caregiver Program under s. 39.5085, and remains in such
843 guardianship until the student either reaches 18 years of age
844 or, if before reaching 18 years of age, he or she enrolls in an
845 eligible program, Florida College System institution, or state
846 university.

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848 Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in
849 applied academics for adult education instruction. The exemption
850 remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

851 ~~(d) A student who is, or was at the time he or she reached~~
852 ~~18 years of age, in the custody of a relative or nonrelative~~
853 ~~under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the~~
854 ~~Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997. Such~~
855 ~~exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied~~
856 ~~academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains~~
857 ~~valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.~~

858 Section 22. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
859 made by this act to section 409.145, Florida Statutes, in a

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860 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
861 393.065, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

862 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

863 (5) The agency shall assign and provide priority to
864 clients waiting for waiver services in the following order:

865 (b) Category 2, which includes individuals on the waiting
866 list who are:

867 1. From the child welfare system with an open case in the
868 Department of Children and Families' statewide automated child
869 welfare information system and who are either:

870 a. Transitioning out of the child welfare system at the
871 finalization of an adoption, a reunification with family
872 members, a permanent placement with a relative, or a
873 guardianship with a nonrelative; or

874 b. At least 18 years but not yet 22 years of age and who
875 need both waiver services and extended foster care services; or

876 2. At least 18 years but not yet 22 years of age and who
877 withdrew consent pursuant to s. 39.6251(5)(c) to remain in the
878 extended foster care system.

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880 For individuals who are at least 18 years but not yet 22 years
881 of age and who are eligible under sub-subparagraph 1.b., the
882 agency shall provide waiver services, including residential
883 habilitation, and the community-based care lead agency shall
884 fund room and board at the rate established in s. 409.145(3) and

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885 provide case management and related services as defined in s.
886 409.986(3) (e). Individuals may receive both waiver services and
887 services under s. 39.6251. Services may not duplicate services
888 available through the Medicaid state plan.

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890 Within categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, the agency shall maintain a
891 waiting list of clients placed in the order of the date that the
892 client is determined eligible for waiver services.

893 Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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896 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

897 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

898 A bill to be entitled

899 An act relating to child welfare; creating s. 39.0143,
900 F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and
901 Families and Department of Juvenile Justice to
902 identify and meet the needs of dually-involved
903 children within a specified timeframe; requiring a
904 quarterly report with specified information to the
905 Legislature; amending s. 39.205, F.S.; removing the
906 requirement of a specified report; amending s.
907 39.4022, F.S.; requiring a representative from the
908 Department of Juvenile Justice to be invited to a
909 multidisciplinary team staffing under certain

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910 | circumstances; amending s. 39.5085, F.S.; providing
911 | that certain relative or nonrelative caregivers
912 | receive monthly payments in certain amounts, subject
913 | to available resources, under certain circumstances;
914 | conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
915 | amending s. 39.6035, F.S.; revising information that
916 | must be included in a transition plan; requiring the
917 | Department of Children and Families or a community-
918 | based care lead agency to review and, if necessary,
919 | update a young adult's transition plan after his or
920 | her 18th birthday under certain circumstances; making
921 | technical changes; amending s. 383.011, F.S.;
922 | requiring prenatal and infant health care delivery
923 | programs to include certain father engagement
924 | activities; amending s. 409.145, F.S.; revising the
925 | monthly room and board rates for certain foster
926 | parents and, subject to available resources, relative
927 | and nonrelative caregivers beginning on a specified
928 | date; providing that certain foster parents and,
929 | subject to available resources, relative and
930 | nonrelative caregivers receive an annual cost of
931 | living increase; removing obsolete language; requiring
932 | community-based care lead agencies to pay a
933 | supplemental room and board payment to certain foster
934 | parents and, subject to available resources, relative

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935 and nonrelative caregivers beginning on a specified
936 date; conforming provisions to changes made by the
937 act; providing that certain caregivers receive a child
938 care subsidy for certain purposes, subject to
939 available resources; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.;

940 increasing the monthly stipend for postsecondary
941 education services and supports; requiring the
942 Department of Children and Families, or an agency
943 under contract with the department, to conduct a
944 specified assessment and provide certain information
945 and referrals to certain young adults; requiring such
946 assessment be included in the young adult's transition
947 plan; requiring the department, or an agency under
948 contract with the department, to work with young
949 adults to create, review, and update certain plans;

950 requiring a financial plan be included in the young
951 adult's transition plan; requiring a transition plan
952 to include certain information; amending s. 409.1452,
953 F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and
954 Families to collaborate with specified entities for a
955 certain purpose; requiring liaisons and coaching
956 services to provide specified assistance for certain
957 students at certain school district programs, Florida
958 College System institutions, or state universities;

959 providing requirements for such liaisons; requiring a

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960 liaison's contact information to be used in certain
961 ways; requiring certain school district programs,
962 Florida College System institutions, and state
963 universities to maintain certain documentation;
964 requiring certain entities report certain information
965 annually to the Department of Children and Families;
966 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
967 removing obsolete language; creating s. 409.1464,
968 F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and
969 Families to contract for the development and
970 implementation of the Responsible Fatherhood
971 Initiative; providing initiative requirements;
972 requiring certain collaboration to implement the
973 initiative; creating 409.1465, F.S.; providing
974 legislative intent; requiring the Department of
975 Children and Families to award specified grants to
976 not-for-profit community-based organizations to
977 address the needs of fathers; requiring the department
978 to prioritize grant applicants in a specified manner;
979 specifying the timeperiod for which a grant may be
980 awarded; requiring grant recipients to submit certain
981 reports; creating s. 409.1467, F.S.; requiring the
982 Department of Children and Families to contract with
983 Volunteer Florida to provide grants to not-for-profit
984 organizations to offer certain mentorship programs;

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985 providing grant requirements; providing grant
986 eligibility requirements; providing requirements for
987 grant recipients; requiring Volunteer Florida to
988 prioritize grant applicants in a specified manner;
989 providing the amounts and duration of the grants;
990 requiring grant recipients to submit specified reports
991 to Volunteer Florida; requiring grant recipients to
992 complete certain training within a specified time;
993 providing requirements for Volunteer Florida; amending
994 s. 409.147, F.S.; requiring children's initiatives to
995 update strategic community plans to include certain
996 information; requiring the Ounce of Prevention to
997 provide technical assistance to the children's
998 initiative corporations; providing requirements for
999 children's initiatives to receive state funding;
1000 amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; requiring the Department
1001 of Revenue to establish a webpage that contains
1002 certain information; amending s. 409.2564, F.S.;
1003 requiring Department of Revenue to provide certain
1004 written notification to delinquent obligors; requiring
1005 the written notification to include certain
1006 information; creating s. 409.25996, F.S.; requiring
1007 the Department of Economic Opportunity to award grants
1008 to organizations that assist noncustodial parents in
1009 meeting their child support obligations; amending s.

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1010 409.988, F.S.; requiring lead agencies to address
1011 certain needs of fathers served by the lead agency;
1012 requiring lead agencies to conduct an assessment,
1013 create an action plan, employ certain specialists, and
1014 prioritize certain individuals for specified purposes;
1015 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
1016 annually review lead agencies; amending ss. 409.996
1017 and 409.997, F.S.; revising when specified reports
1018 must be submitted to the Governor and Legislature;
1019 creating s. 683.334, F.S.; designating the month of
1020 June as "Responsible Fatherhood Month"; amending s.
1021 1009.25, F.S.; revising eligibility for certain
1022 tuition and fee exemptions for certain students;
1023 reenacting s. 393.065(5)(b) , F.S., relating to
1024 application and eligibility determination; providing
1025 an effective date.

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