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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to funding for sheriffs providing 3 child protective investigative services; amending s. 4 39.3065, F.S.; authorizing sheriffs who provide child 5 protective investigative services to carry forward a 6 certain percentage of unexpended state funds each 7 fiscal year; requiring certain funds to be returned to 8 the Department of Children and Families; prohibiting 9 funds carried forward from being used in certain ways; requiring that certain expenditures be reported to the 10 11 department; requiring certain funds to be returned to 12 the department; providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 17 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 18 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child 19 protective investigative services; procedures; funding. -20 (3) 21 Funds for providing child protective investigations 22 must be identified in the annual appropriation made to the 23 department, which shall award grants for the full amount

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identified to the respective sheriffs' offices. Notwithstanding

ss. 216.181(16)(b) and 216.351, the department may advance

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payments to the sheriffs for child protective investigations. The sheriffs may carry forward documented unexpended funds from one fiscal year to the next. However, the cumulative amount carried forward may not exceed 8 percent of the total contract amount or grant award agreement amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act. Any unexpended funds in excess of that amount must be returned to the department. The funds carried forward may not be used to create increased recurring future obligations or for any type of program or service that is not currently authorized by the existing contract or grant award agreement with the department. The expenditure of funds carried forward must be separately reported to the department. A sheriff must return all unexpended funds to the department if that sheriff's office will no longer be providing child protective investigations. Funds for the child protective investigations may not be integrated into the sheriffs' regular budgets. Budgetary data and other data relating to the performance of child protective investigations must be maintained separately from all other records of the sheriffs' offices and reported to the department as specified in the grant award agreement. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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