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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
 2 Seniors Subcommittee

3 Representative Sullivan offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 40-92 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 409.1454, Florida Statutes, is amended, to
 8 read:

9 409.1454 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND DRIVER LICENSES FOR
 10 CHILDREN IN CARE.—

11 (1) The Legislature finds that the costs of driver
 12 education, licensure and costs incidental to licensure, and
 13 motor vehicle insurance for a child in ~~licensed~~ out-of-home care
 14 after such child obtains a driver license create ~~creates~~ an
 15 additional barrier to engaging in normal age-appropriate
 16 activities and gaining independence and may limit opportunities

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17 for obtaining employment and completing educational goals. The
18 Legislature also finds that the completion of an approved driver
19 education course is necessary to develop safe driving skills.

20 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the
21 department shall establish a ~~3-year pilot~~ program to pay the
22 cost of driver education, licensure and other costs incidental
23 to licensure, and motor vehicle insurance for children in
24 ~~licensed~~ out-of-home care who have successfully completed a
25 driver education program.

26 (3) If a caregiver, or an individual or not-for-profit
27 entity approved by the caregiver, adds a child to his or her
28 existing insurance policy, the amount paid to the caregiver or
29 approved purchaser may not exceed the increase in cost
30 attributable to the addition of the child to the policy.

31 (4) Payment shall be made to eligible recipients in the
32 order of eligibility until available funds are exhausted. If a
33 child determined to be eligible reaches permanency status or
34 turns 18 years of age, the program may pay for that child to
35 complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license
36 for up to 6 months after the date the child reaches permanency
37 status or 6 months after the date the child turns 18 years of
38 age. A child continuing in care under s. 39.6251 may be eligible
39 to have the costs of licensure and costs incidental to licensure
40 paid if the child demonstrates that such costs are creating
41 barriers for obtaining employment or completing educational

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42 goals.

43 (5) The department shall contract with a not-for-profit
44 entity whose mission is to support youth aging out of foster
45 care to develop procedures for operating and administering the
46 ~~pilot~~ program, including, but not limited to:

47 (a) Determining eligibility, including responsibilities
48 for the child and caregivers.

49 (b) Developing application and payment forms.

50 (c) Notifying eligible children, caregivers, group homes,
51 and residential programs of the ~~pilot~~ program.

52 (d) Providing technical assistance to lead agencies,
53 providers, group homes, and residential programs to support
54 removing obstacles that prevent children in foster care from
55 driving.

56 (e) Publicizing the program, engaging in outreach, and

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

60 Remove lines 3-5 and insert:

61 amending s. 409.1454, F.S.; revising legislative