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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pay-for-success contracts; creating s. 287.05715, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing an agency to carry forward specified unexpended appropriations under certain circumstances; providing contract requirements; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs that are eligible for funding under a pay-for-success contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving certain information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements; requiring an agency to provide an annual report containing certain data to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees by a specified date; providing that capital obtained from a private entity under the contract is not considered a procurement item; requiring the Department of Management Services to prescribe certain procedures by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 287.05715, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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287.05715 Pay-for-success contracts.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Pay-for-success contract" or "contract" means a written agreement executed between an agency and a private entity in which the agency agrees, contingent upon a specified service or program meeting specified performance targets and outcome measures, to reimburse the private entity for up-front capital it will provide to fund a service or program identified in subsection (4) which addresses a critical public problem.
- (b) "Private entity" means a private, not-for-profit organization, or a subsidiary or an affiliate thereof, that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that enters into a payfor-success contract with an agency.
- (c) "Service provider" means an entity that provides services on behalf of a private entity under a pay-for-success contract.
- (d) "Success payment" means a single payment or schedule of payments which is identified in a pay-for-success contract to be paid to a private entity when specified performance targets and outcome measures are met.
- (2) (a) Contingent upon a specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act which includes funding for a service or program identified in subsection (4) and contains proviso, as defined in s. 216.011, authorizing a pay-for-success contract and specifying the term of such contract, an agency may enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity to receive up-front capital from the entity to fund the service or program. The agency may not enter into a pay-for-success contract until

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the state agency head determines with reasonable certainty that the contract will result in quantifiable public benefits and monetary savings to the state or a local government by reducing or avoiding costs, increasing economic productivity, or improving client outcomes.

- (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, unexpended funds under paragraph (a) shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year if the agency notifies the Legislature that the service or program under a pay-for-success contract warrants that the funds be carried forward. Unexpended funds for which an agency does not provide such notification shall revert to the fund from which they were appropriated.
 - (3) Each pay-for-success contract must:
- (a) Require a private entity to underwrite or secure upfront capital from private funding sources, including foundations, financial institutions, businesses, or individuals.
- (b) Identify the specific service or program, as set forth in subsection (4), to be funded under the contract.
- (c) Identify performance targets and outcome measures against which the service's or program's success can be measured to determine whether the service or program has achieved quantifiable public benefits and monetary savings.
- (d) Require an independent third-party evaluator to review and issue a report in the middle and at the end of the contract term specifying the degree to which the service or program has met the identified performance targets and outcome measures.
- (e) Identify the calculation or algorithm to be used by the agency in determining the amount and timing of reimbursable success payments to the private entity. The amount of each

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success payment must correlate with the independent third-party evaluator's review under paragraph (d).

- (f) Contain a statement that the service provider will annually provide a report to the agency which includes data deemed relevant by the agency.
- (g) State that the amount of funds to be reimbursed to the private entity is contingent upon the degree to which the service or program has met the performance targets and outcome measures as evaluated by the independent third-party evaluator.
- (h) Require the agency to make the appropriate success payment to the private entity within 60 days after receiving a report from the independent third-party evaluator.
- (i) Contain a provision authorizing cancellation of the contract if the agency believes the degree to which the service or program has met the identified performance targets and outcome measures, as reported by the third-party evaluation, is insufficient to warrant continuation of the service or program.
- (4) Services or programs that are eligible for funding under a pay-for-success contract are limited to:
- (a) Early childhood care and education programs, including prekindergarten and school readiness programs for children from birth to 5 years of age.
- (b) Education, workforce preparedness, and employment programs, including school-to-work programs and alternative education services.
- (c) Public safety programs, including programs that reduce recidivism and address juvenile justice.
- (d) Health and human services, including drug and alcohol addiction, mental health, chronic homelessness, supportive

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housing, and child welfare services and programs.

- (e) Long-term, home-based, and community-based care services and programs.
- (5) The private entity may not view or receive any personal client information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements.
- (6) By April 1 annually, the agency shall provide a report to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees which contains the data provided by each service provider under paragraph (3)(f) and, if available, each evaluation from each independent third-party evaluator.
- (7) Funding provided by a private entity under a pay-for-success contract is not considered a procurement item under s. 287.057.
- (8) By December 1, 2018, the department shall prescribe procedures to be used by an agency when executing a pay-for-success contract with a private entity, consistent with this section.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.