

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of Children  
3           and Family Services; requiring the department  
4           to contract with a private nonprofit  
5           corporation to implement the Healthy Families  
6           Florida program for child abuse prevention  
7           services; providing an appropriation; providing  
8           an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1.   The Department of Children and Family  
13   Services shall contract with a private nonprofit corporation  
14   to implement the Healthy Families Florida program. The  
15   private nonprofit corporation shall be incorporated for the  
16   purpose of identifying, funding, supporting, and evaluating  
17   programs and community initiatives to improve the development  
18   and life outcomes of children and to preserve and strengthen  
19   families with a primary emphasis on prevention. The private  
20   nonprofit corporation shall implement the program. The  
21   program shall work in partnership with existing  
22   community-based home visitation and family support resources  
23   to provide assistance to families in an effort to prevent  
24   child abuse. The program shall be voluntary for participants  
25   and shall require the informed consent of the participants at  
26   the initial contact. The Kempe Family Stress Checklist shall  
27   not be used.

28           Section 2.   There is hereby appropriated to the  
29   Department of Children and Family Services the sum of \$10  
30   million from tobacco settlement receipts residing in the  
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1 department's Grants and Donations Trust Fund to implement this  
2 act.

3           Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the  
4 year in which enacted.

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