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An act relating to the Department of Children

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and Family Services; requiring the department

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to contract with a private nonprofit

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corporation to implement the Healthy Families

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Florida program for child abuse prevention

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services; providing an appropriation; providing

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an effective date.

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

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Section 1. The Department of Children and Family

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Services shall contract with a private nonprofit corporation

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to implement the Healthy Families Florida program. The

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private nonprofit corporation shall be incorporated for the

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purpose of identifying, funding, supporting, and evaluating

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programs and community initiatives to improve the development

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and life outcomes of children and to preserve and strengthen

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families with a primary emphasis on prevention. The private

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nonprofit corporation shall implement the program. The

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program shall work in partnership with existing

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community-based home visitation and family support resources

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to provide assistance to families in an effort to prevent

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child abuse. The program shall be voluntary for participants

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and shall require the informed consent of the participants at

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the initial contact. The Kempe Family Stress Checklist shall

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not be used.

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Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the

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Department of Children and Family Services the sum of \$10

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million from tobacco settlement receipts residing in the

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1 department's Grants and Donations Trust Fund to implement this
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3 Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the
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