

By the Committees on Health & Human Services  
Appropriations, Family Law & Children and Representatives  
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Bullard, Logan, Reddick, Turnbull, Mackenzie, Murman, Brown,  
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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 for child abuse prevention  
5           services; providing an appropriation; providing  
6           an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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10           Section 1. The Department of Children and Family  
11 Services shall contract with a private nonprofit corporation,  
12 whose purpose is to identify, fund, support, and evaluate  
13 programs and community initiatives to improve the development  
14 and life outcomes of children and to preserve and strengthen  
15 families with a primary emphasis on prevention, for the  
16 purpose of implementing a program that will work in  
17 partnership with existing community-based home visitation and  
18 family support resources to provide assistance to families in  
19 an effort to prevent child abuse. This program shall be  
20 voluntary for participants who have voluntarily submitted to  
21 an evaluation approved by the board of directors of the  
22 private nonprofit corporation. The implementation of services  
23 shall require the written informed consent of the participants  
24 prior to service delivery.

25           Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the  
26 Department of Children and Family Services the sum of  
27 \$5,000,000 from tobacco settlement receipts residing in the  
28 department's Grants and Donations Trust Fund to implement this  
29 act.

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

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