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Senator Silver moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 45, line 10, through page 46, line 2, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 14. Section 414.151, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

414.151 Diversion program for victims of domestic violence.--

(1) The diversion program for victims of domestic violence is intended to provide services and one-time payments to assist victims of domestic violence and their children in making the transition to independence.

(2) Before finding an applicant family eligible for the diversion program created under this section, a determination must be made that:

(a) The applicant family includes a pregnant woman or a parent with one or more minor children or a caretaker relative with one or more minor children.

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1 (b) The services or one-time payment provided are not
2 considered assistance under federal law or guidelines.
3 (3) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in
4 ss. 414.075, 414.085, and 414.095, a family meeting the
5 criteria of subsection (2) who is determined by the domestic
6 violence program to be in need of services or one-time payment
7 due to domestic violence shall be considered a needy family
8 and shall be deemed eligible under this section for services
9 through a certified domestic violence shelter.
10 (4) One-time payments provided under this section
11 shall not exceed an amount recommended by the WAGES Program
12 State Board of Directors and adopted by the department in
13 rule.
14 (5) Receipt of services or a one-time payment under
15 this section shall not preclude eligibility for, or receipt
16 of, other assistance or services under this chapter.
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