

By Representative Sanderson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to federally funded services  
3           for children; amending s. 409.26731, F.S.;  
4           authorizing the Department of Children and  
5           Family Services to annually certify local funds  
6           for state match for services to children under  
7           the supervision of or in the custody of the  
8           department; providing 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. Section 409.26731, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14           409.26731 Certification of local funds as state match  
15 for federally funded services; federal waivers.--~~In order to~~  
16 ~~implement Specific Appropriations 330 and 334 through 352 of~~  
17 ~~the 1997-1998 General Appropriations Act,~~The Department of  
18 Children and Family Services is authorized to annually certify  
19 local funds not to exceed \$5 million as state match for  
20 children's mental health services funded by Medicaid in excess  
21 of the amount of state general revenue matching funds  
22 appropriated for such services through the ~~1997-1998~~ General  
23 Appropriations Act. The department is also authorized to  
24 annually certify local funds not to exceed \$5 million as state  
25 match for eligible Title IV-E services for children under the  
26 supervision or ~~and~~ custody of the state in excess of the  
27 amount of state general revenue matching funds appropriated  
28 for such services by the ~~1997-1998~~ General Appropriations Act  
29 ~~in Specific Appropriations 334 through 352.~~ Federal Medicaid  
30 or Title IV-E funds provided to the state as federal financial  
31 participation consequent to certified local matching funds

1 shall automatically be passed through to the local  
2 jurisdiction that provided the certified local match. All of  
3 the provisions of this section are based upon federal approval  
4 of the provisions as specifically limited in this section and  
5 shall not become effective if any further modifications are  
6 required of the state. The Agency for Health Care  
7 Administration is authorized to apply for federal waivers to  
8 modify the state Medicaid plan to include optional Medicaid  
9 in-home and therapeutic services for Medicaid-eligible  
10 children if the state match for such services is provided by  
11 local funds certified by the department as state match. Such  
12 services shall be available only in communities that provide  
13 the certified match.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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18 HOUSE SUMMARY

19 Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services  
20 to annually certify local funds for state match for  
21 certain federally funded services for children who are  
22 either under the supervision of or in the custody of the  
23 department. Current law provides such funding pursuant to  
24 a specific appropriation and only for children who are  
25 both under the supervision of and in the custody of the  
26 department.

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