

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to federally funded certain  
3           services for children; amending s. 409.26731,  
4           F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children  
5           and Family Services to annually certify local  
6           funds for state match for services to children  
7           under the supervision of or in the custody of  
8           the department; providing a report; providing  
9           an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 409.26731, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

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

1 consequent to certified local matching funds shall  
2 automatically be passed through to the local entity that  
3 provided the certified the local match. Notwithstanding the  
4 provision of s. 215.425, all such federal Title IV-E funds  
5 earned for the current fiscal year as a result of utilizing  
6 certified local match, except for up to five percent of such  
7 earnings which the department is authorized to retain for  
8 administrative processes, shall be distributed as set forth in  
9 this section and this process shall not impact the  
10 department's allocation to any district.All of the provisions  
11 of this section are based upon federal approval of the  
12 provisions as specifically limited in this section and shall  
13 not become effective if any further modifications are required  
14 of the state, unless and until federal approval has been  
15 obtained.~~The Agency for Health Care Administration is~~  
16 ~~authorized to apply for federal waivers to modify the state~~  
17 ~~Medicaid plan to include optional Medicaid in-home and~~  
18 ~~therapeutic services for Medicaid-eligible children if the~~  
19 ~~state match for such services is provided by local funds~~  
20 ~~certified by the department as state match. Such services~~  
21 ~~shall be available only in communities that provide the~~  
22 ~~certified match.~~The department shall annually prepare a  
23 report to be submitted to the Legislature no later than  
24 January 1 documenting the specific activities undertaken  
25 during the previous fiscal year pursuant to this section.