

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

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The Council for Smarter Government offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause  
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section  
110.152, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

110.152 Adoption benefits for state ~~or water~~  
~~management district~~ employees; parental leave.--

(1)(a) Any full-time or part-time employee of the  
state who is paid from regular salary appropriations and ~~or of~~  
~~a water management district~~ who adopts a special-needs child,  
as defined in paragraph (b), is eligible to receive a monetary  
benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per child, \$5,000 of which is  
payable in equal monthly installments over a 2-year period.  
Any employee of the state ~~or of a water management district~~  
who adopts a child, other than a special-needs child as  
defined in paragraph (b), shall be eligible to receive a  
monetary benefit in the amount of \$5,000 per child, \$2,000 of  
which is payable in equal monthly installments over a 2-year

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1 period. Benefits paid under this subsection to a part-time  
2 employee must be prorated based on the employee's  
3 full-time-equivalency status at the time of applying for the  
4 benefits.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, a "special-needs  
6 child" is a child whose permanent custody has been awarded to  
7 the Department of Children and Family Services or to a  
8 Florida-licensed child-placing agency and who is not likely to  
9 be adopted because he or she is:

- 10 1. Eight years of age or older.
- 11 2. A person with a developmental disability.
- 12 3. A person with a physical or emotional handicap.
- 13 4. Of a minority race or of a racially mixed heritage.
- 14 5. A member of a sibling group of any age, provided  
15 that two or more members of a sibling group remain together  
16 for the purposes of adoption.

17 (2) An employee of the state ~~or of a water management~~  
18 ~~district~~ who adopts a special-needs child must apply to his or  
19 her agency head to obtain the monetary benefit provided in  
20 subsection (1). Applications must be on forms approved by the  
21 department and must include a certified copy of the final  
22 order of adoption naming the applicant as the adoptive parent.

23 (4) Any employee of the state ~~or of a water management~~  
24 ~~district~~ who has a child placed in the custody of the employee  
25 for adoption, and who continues to reside in the same  
26 household as the child placed for adoption, shall be granted  
27 parental leave for a period not to exceed 6 months as provided  
28 in s. 110.221.

29 Section 2. Section 110.15201, Florida Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31 110.15201 Adoption benefits for state ~~or water~~

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1 ~~management district~~ employees; rulemaking authority.--The  
2 Department of Management Services may adopt rules to  
3 administer the provisions of this act. Such rules may provide  
4 for an application process such as, but not limited to, an  
5 open enrollment period during which employees may apply for  
6 monetary benefits as provided in s. 110.152(1).

7 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
8 215.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 215.32 State funds; segregation.--

10 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be  
11 as follows:

12 (c)1. The Budget Stabilization Fund shall consist of  
13 amounts equal to at least 5 percent of net revenue collections  
14 for the General Revenue Fund during the last completed fiscal  
15 year. The Budget Stabilization Fund's principal balance shall  
16 not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the last completed  
17 fiscal year's net revenue collections for the General Revenue  
18 Fund. As used in this paragraph, the term "last completed  
19 fiscal year" means the most recently completed fiscal year  
20 prior to the regular legislative session at which the  
21 Legislature considers the General Appropriations Act for the  
22 year in which the transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund  
23 must be made under this paragraph.

24 2. By September 15 of each year, the Governor shall  
25 authorize the Comptroller to transfer, and the Comptroller  
26 shall transfer pursuant to appropriations made by law, to the  
27 Budget Stabilization Fund the amount of money needed for the  
28 balance of that fund to equal the amount specified in  
29 subparagraph 1., less any amounts expended and not restored.  
30 The moneys needed for this transfer may be appropriated by the  
31 Legislature from any funds.

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1           3. Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, an  
2 expenditure from the Budget Stabilization Fund must be  
3 restored pursuant to a restoration schedule that provides for  
4 making five equal annual transfers from the General Revenue  
5 Fund, beginning in the fiscal year following that in which the  
6 expenditure was made. For any Budget Stabilization Fund  
7 expenditure, the Legislature may establish by law a different  
8 restoration schedule and such change may be made at any time  
9 during the restoration period. Moneys are hereby appropriated  
10 for transfers pursuant to this subparagraph.

11           4. The Budget Stabilization Fund and the Working  
12 Capital Fund may be used as revolving funds for transfers as  
13 provided in s. 18.125; however, any interest earned must be  
14 deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

15           5. The Comptroller and the Department of Management  
16 Services shall transfer funds to water management districts to  
17 pay eligible water management district employees for all  
18 benefits due under s. 373.6065 so long as funds for the  
19 program established under s. 110.152 remain available.

20           Section 4. Section 373.6065, Florida Statutes, is  
21 created to read:

22           373.6065 Adoption benefits for water management  
23 district employees.--

24           (1) Any employee of a water management district is  
25 eligible to receive monetary benefits for child adoption to  
26 the same extent as is an employee of the state as described in  
27 s. 110.152.

28           (2) The Comptroller and the Department of Management  
29 Services shall transfer funds to water management districts to  
30 pay eligible water management district employees for these  
31 child adoption monetary benefits in accordance with s.

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1 215.32(1)(c)5. so long as funds for the program established  
2 under s. 110.152 remain available.

3 (3) Parental leave for eligible water management  
4 district employees shall be provided according to the policies  
5 and procedures of the individual water management district in  
6 existence at the time eligibility is determined.

7 (4) Each water management district shall develop means  
8 to implement these monetary adoption benefits for water  
9 management district employees, consistent with its current  
10 practices. Water management district rules, policies,  
11 guidelines, or procedures so implemented shall be valid and  
12 enforceable so long as they do not conflict with the express  
13 terms of s. 110.152.

14 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19 remove from the title of the bill: the entire title

21 and insert in lieu thereof:

22 A bill to be entitled

23 An act relating to adoption; amending s.  
24 110.152, F.S.; deleting references to water  
25 management district employees with regard to  
26 certain adoption benefits; specifying employees  
27 who are entitled to receive such benefits for  
28 adopting a special-needs child; prescribing the  
29 manner of establishing the amount of such  
30 benefits; amending s. 110.15201, F.S.;  
31 providing that rules for administering such

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1 adoption benefits may provide for an  
2 application process; amending s. 215.32, F.S.;  
3 requiring the Comptroller and the Department of  
4 Management Services to transfer funds to water  
5 management districts to pay child adoption  
6 monetary benefits to water management districts  
7 employees; creating s. 373.6065, F.S.;  
8 providing child adoption monetary benefits to  
9 water management district employees; providing  
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