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Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Littlefield offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

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

Section 1. Section 110.152, Florida Statutes, is 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 whose permanent custody has been awarded to
the Department of Children and Family Services or to a
Florida-licensed child-placing agency, other than a
special-needs child as defined in paragraph (b), shall be

1 eligible to receive a monetary benefit in the amount of \$5,000
 2 per child, \$2,000 of which is payable in equal monthly
 3 installments over a 2-year period. Benefits paid under this
 4 subsection to a part-time employee must be prorated based on
 5 the employee's full-time-equivalency status at the time of
 6 applying for the benefits.

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

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

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

25 (3) Nothing in this section shall affect the right of
 26 any state employee who adopts a special-needs child to receive
 27 financial aid for adoption expenses pursuant to s. 409.166 or
 28 any other statute that provides financial incentives for the
 29 adoption of children.

30 (4) Any employee of the state ~~or of a water management~~
 31 ~~district~~ who has a child placed in the custody of the employee

1 for adoption, and who continues to reside in the same
2 household as the child placed for adoption, shall be granted
3 parental leave for a period not to exceed 6 months as provided
4 in s. 110.221.

5 Section 2. Section 110.15201, Florida Statutes, is
6 amended to read:

7 110.15201 Adoption benefits for state ~~or water~~
8 ~~management district~~ employees; rulemaking authority.--The
9 Department of Management Services may adopt rules to
10 administer the provisions of this act. Such rules may provide
11 for an application process such as, but not limited to, an
12 open-enrollment period during which employees may apply for
13 monetary benefits as provided in s. 110.152(1).

14 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
15 215.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 215.32 State funds; segregation.--

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

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

31 2. By September 15 of each year, the Governor shall

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1 authorize the Comptroller to transfer, and the Comptroller
 2 shall transfer pursuant to appropriations made by law, to the
 3 Budget Stabilization Fund the amount of money needed for the
 4 balance of that fund to equal the amount specified in
 5 subparagraph 1., less any amounts expended and not restored.
 6 The moneys needed for this transfer may be appropriated by the
 7 Legislature from any funds.

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

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

22 5. The Comptroller and the Department of Management
 23 Services shall transfer funds to water management districts to
 24 pay eligible water management district employees for all
 25 benefits due under s. 373.6065, as long as funds remain
 26 available for the program described under s. 100.152.

27 Section 4. Section 373.6065, Florida Statutes, is
 28 created to read:

29 373.6065 Adoption benefits for water management
 30 district employees.--

31 (1) Any employee of a water management district is

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eligible to receive monetary benefits for child adoption to the same extent as is an employee of the state, as described in s. 110.152. The employee shall apply for such benefits pursuant to s. 110.15201

(2) The Comptroller and the Department of Management Services shall transfer funds to water management districts to pay eligible water management district employees for these child adoption monetary benefits in accordance with s. 215.32(1)(c)5., as long as funds remain available for the program described under s. 110.152.

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

(4) Each water management district shall develop means of implementing these monetary adoption benefits for water management district employees, consistent with its current practices. Water management district rules, policies, guidelines, or procedures so implemented will remain valid and enforceable as long as they do not conflict with the express terms of s. 110.152.

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page ,
remove from the title of the bill: the entire title
and insert in lieu thereof:

A bill to be entitled
An act providing adoption benefits for

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1 employees of the state or water management
2 districts; amending s. 110.152, F.S.;
3 specifying employees who are entitled to
4 receive such benefits for adopting a
5 special-needs child; deleting references to
6 water management district employees;
7 prescribing the manner of establishing the
8 amount of such benefits; amending s. 110.15201,
9 F.S.; providing that rules for administering
10 such adoption benefits may provide for an
11 application process; deleting a reference to
12 water management district employees; amending
13 s. 215.32, F.S.; requiring the Comptroller and
14 the Department of Management Services to
15 transfer funds to water management districts to
16 pay monetary benefits to water management
17 district employees; creating s. 373.6065, F.S.;
18 providing child-adoption monetary benefits to
19 water management district employees; providing
20 an effective date.

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