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

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11   Representative(s) Littlefield offered the following:

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13   **Amendment (with title amendment)**

14   On page 12, between lines 22 & 23,

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16   insert:

17   Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 110.152, Florida

18   Statutes, is amended to read:

19   110.152 Adoption benefits for state or water

20   management district employees; parental leave.--

21   (1)(a) Any full-time or part-time employee of the

22   state or of a water management district who is paid from

23   regular salary appropriations and who adopts a special-needs

24   child, as defined in paragraph (b), is eligible to receive a

25   monetary benefit in the amount of $10,000 per child, $5,000 of

26   which is payable in equal monthly installments over a 2-year

27   period. Any employee of the state or of a water management

28   district who adopts a child, other than a special-needs child

29   as defined in paragraph (b), shall be eligible to receive a

30   monetary benefit in the amount of $5,000 per child, $2,000 of

31   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   Section 4. Section 110.15201, Florida Statutes. is

18 amended to read:

19   110.15201 Adoption benefits for state or water

20 management district employees; rulemaking authority.--The

21 Department of Management Services may adopt rules to

22 administer the provisions of this act. Such rules may provide

23 for an application process such as, but not limited to, an

24 open-enrollment period during which employees may apply for

25 monetary benefits as provided in subsection (1).

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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30   On page 1, line 25, after the semicolon

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 1  insert:
 2          amending s. 110.152, F.S.; specifying employees
 3          who are entitled to receive such benefits for
 4          adopting a special-needs child; prescribing the
 5          manner of establishing the amount of such
 6          benefits; amending s. 110.15201, F.S.;
 7          providing that rules for administering such
 8          adoption benefits may provide for an
 9          application process;
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