

By Senator Bullard

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child support enforcement;  
3           amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; providing that  
4           certain child enforcement demonstration  
5           projects are no longer demonstration projects,  
6           but local solutions to providing such  
7           enforcement; providing duties and  
8           responsibilities of the Department of Revenue  
9           regarding funding such child support  
10          enforcement services; providing an effective  
11          date.

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

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15           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 409.2557, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17           409.2557 State agency for administering child support  
18 enforcement program.--

19           (2)(a) The department in its capacity as the state  
20 Title IV-D agency shall have the authority to take actions  
21 necessary to carry out the public policy of ensuring that  
22 children are maintained from the resources of their parents to  
23 the extent possible. The department's authority shall  
24 include, but not be limited to, the establishment of paternity  
25 or support obligations, as well as the modification,  
26 enforcement, and collection of support obligations.

27           (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 85-178,  
28 Laws of Florida, any child support enforcement demonstration  
29 projects created under that law and still in operation on  
30 January 15, 2003, are not considered demonstration projects  
31 but are a local solution to providing child support

1 enforcement services in those counties. Therefore, the  
2 Department of Revenue shall continue to fund those operations  
3 under a cost reimbursement contract with the local agencies  
4 responsible for the delivery, administration, and management  
5 of comprehensive child support enforcement activities in those  
6 counties.

7 (c) Whether services are provided directly by the  
8 department or by contractual agreement with a local agency,  
9 the department shall retain responsibility for ensuring that  
10 all services required by the state Title IV-D program are  
11 provided in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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16 SENATE SUMMARY

17 Provides that certain child support enforcement  
18 demonstration projects are now considered local solutions  
19 to providing child enforcement services.  
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