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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to direct-support organizations; creating
 s. 20.193, F.S.; providing for direct-support
 organizations for the benefit of the Department of
 Children and Family Services; providing for administration
 of funds; providing purposes and objectives; requiring
 funds to be used for the enhancement of department
 programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state
 property and facilities; requiring an annual audit;
 amending s. 20.19, F.S.; authorizing designation of
 employees to solicit funds; creating s. 430.065, F.S.;
 providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit
 of the Department of Elderly Affairs; providing purposes
 and objectives; requiring funds to be used for the
 enhancement of department programs and projects;
 authorizing certain use of state property and facilities;
 requiring an annual audit; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 20.193, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

20.193 Department of Children and Family Services direct-support organization.--

(1) As used in this section, the term "direct-support organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under chapter 617 and organized and operated to conduct programs and activities; initiate developmental projects; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of moneys; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or



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32 personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect
 33 benefit of the Department of Children and Family Services or
 34 individual programs or projects of the department.

35 (2) A direct-support organization may be organized to
 36 accomplish the purposes and objectives set forth in subsection
 37 (3). The direct-support organization shall maintain donations and
 38 direct service expenditures in a bank account outside of the
 39 State Treasury. Any administrative costs of running and promoting
 40 the purposes of the corporation shall be paid for by private
 41 funds or state appropriations to the extent the receipt of
 42 federal funding by the department is not jeopardized.

43 (3) The purposes and objectives of the direct-support
 44 organization shall be consistent with the priority issues and
 45 objectives of the department and shall be in the best interest of
 46 the state.

47 (4) Funds designated for the direct-support organization
 48 shall be used for the enhancement of programs and projects of the
 49 department.

50 (5) The department may permit, without charge, the
 51 appropriate use of property and facilities of the state by the
 52 direct-support organization subject to the provisions of this
 53 section. Such use must be directly in keeping with the approved
 54 purpose of the direct-support organization.

55 (6) The direct-support organization shall provide for an
 56 annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981.

57 Section 2. Subsection (10) is added to section 20.19,
 58 Florida Statutes, to read:

59 20.19 Department of Children and Family Services.--There is
 60 created a Department of Children and Family Services.

61 (10) SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS TO DIRECT-SUPPORT
 62 ORGANIZATIONS.--The secretary may designate employees of the



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63 department to solicit donations from public or private sources
 64 pursuant to s. 20.193.

65 Section 3. Section 430.065, Florida Statutes, is created to
 66 read:

67 430.065 Department of Elderly Affairs direct-support
 68 organization.--

69 (1) As used in this section, the term "direct-support
 70 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated
 71 under chapter 617 and organized and operated to conduct programs
 72 and activities; initiate developmental projects; raise funds;
 73 request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of moneys;
 74 acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name,
 75 securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or
 76 personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect
 77 benefit of the Department of Elderly Affairs or individual
 78 programs or projects of the department.

79 (2) The purposes and objectives of the direct-support
 80 organization shall be consistent with the priority issues and
 81 objectives of the department and shall be in the best interest of
 82 the state.

83 (3) Funds designated for the direct-support organization
 84 shall be used for the enhancement of programs and projects of the
 85 department.

86 (4) The department may permit, without charge, the
 87 appropriate use of property and facilities of the state by the
 88 direct-support organization, subject to the provisions of this
 89 section. Such use must be directly in keeping with the approved
 90 purpose of the direct-support organization.

91 (5) The direct-support organization shall provide for an
 92 annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981.

93 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.