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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to child support enforcement; amending s.
 3 409.2557, F.S.; revising certain child enforcement
 4 demonstration projects as local solutions to providing
 5 such enforcement; requiring local providers of child
 6 support enforcement services to comply with state and
 7 federal policies; providing duties and responsibilities of
 8 the Department of Revenue regarding funding and compliance
 9 monitoring of certain child support enforcement services;
 10 providing an effective date.

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

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

16 409.2557 State agency for administering child support
 17 enforcement program.--

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

26 (b) Notwithstanding chapter 85-178, Laws of Florida, any
 27 child support enforcement demonstration project created under
 28 that law and still in operation on January 15, 2003, is not
 29 considered a demonstration project but is a local solution to

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30 providing child support enforcement services in a county.
31 Therefore, the department shall continue to fund such operation
32 under a cost-reimbursement contract with the local provider
33 responsible for delivering, administering, and managing
34 comprehensive child support enforcement activities in such
35 counties.

36 (c) The local provider must meet all state and federal
37 reporting requirements in a timely manner, provide all services
38 required by the state's Title IV-D state plan, and provide the
39 services in accordance with state and federal policies. The
40 operations of the local provider which pertain to the provision
41 of Title IV-D services are subject to review and audit by state
42 and federal officials responsible for the Title IV-D program
43 functions. The department may withhold funds or terminate the
44 local provider's contract if the provider fails to comply with
45 the functions and responsibilities of the federal Title IV-D
46 program.

47 (d) Regardless of whether services are provided directly
48 by the department or by contractual agreement with a local
49 agency, the department shall retain responsibility for ensuring
50 that all services required by the state Title IV-D program are
51 provided in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

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