

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to child support enforcement; amending s.  
7 409.2557, F.S.; providing that certain child enforcement  
8 demonstration projects are no longer demonstration  
9 projects, but local solutions to providing such  
10 enforcement; requiring local providers of child support  
11 enforcement services to comply with state and federal  
12 policies; providing duties and responsibilities of the  
13 Department of Revenue regarding funding and compliance  
14 monitoring of these child support enforcement services;  
15 providing an effective date.

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

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

21 409.2557 State agency for administering child support  
22 enforcement program.--

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

31           (b)1. Notwithstanding s. 6, chapter 85-178, Laws of  
32 Florida, as amended by s. 156, chapter 86-220, Laws of Florida,  
33 any child support enforcement demonstration project created  
34 under that law and still in operation on January 15, 2004, is no  
35 longer considered a demonstration project but is a locally  
36 administered child support enforcement program in those  
37 counties. Effective July 1, 2004, the department shall enter  
38 into contracts on a cost-reimbursement basis to continue the  
39 funding of these operations as provided in the General  
40 Appropriations Act.

41           2. Each program must provide all services required by the  
42 state's Title IV-D plan, provide all the services in accordance  
43 with state and federal policies, and meet all state and federal  
44 reporting requirements in a timely manner. The operations of  
45 these programs are subject to review and audit by state and  
46 federal officials responsible for the Title IV-D program  
47 functions.

48           3. The department may withhold funds or terminate a  
49 program's contract if the program fails to comply with the  
50 federal Title IV-D program requirements.

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51           4. Whether services are provided directly by the  
52 department or by contractual agreement with a local agency, the  
53 department shall retain responsibility for ensuring that all  
54 services required by the state Title IV-D program are provided  
55 in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

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