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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss.
 3 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating the Kids Deserve
 4 Justice license plate; providing for an annual use fee;
 5 providing for the distribution of such fees received from
 6 the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

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 8 WHEREAS, many of Florida's children require special
 9 protection and assistance in order to become self-sufficient
 10 adults and contributing members of society, and

11 WHEREAS, low-income children often lack access to legal
 12 services advocacy and other support services they need to
 13 achieve their full potential, and

14 WHEREAS, there are inadequate resources available to
 15 support legal services advocacy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 19 Section 1. Paragraph (ss) is added to subsection (4) of
 20 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--
 22 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be
 23 collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

24 (ss) Kids Deserve Justice license plate, \$25.

25 Section 2. Subsection (45) is added to section 320.08058,
 26 Florida Statutes, to read:

27 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--
 28 (45) KIDS DESERVE JUSTICE LICENSE PLATES.--

CODING: Words **stricken** are deletions; words **underlined** are additions.

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29 (a) The department shall develop a Kids Deserve Justice
30 license plate as provided in this section. Kids Deserve Justice
31 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
32 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
33 plate, and the words "Kids Deserve Justice" must appear at the
34 bottom of the plate.

35 (b) The department shall remit the proceeds of the annual
36 use fees to the Florida Bar Foundation, Inc. The Florida Bar
37 Foundation, Inc., shall retain all revenues from the sale of
38 such plates so that all startup costs for developing and
39 establishing the plate may be recovered by The Florida Bar and
40 the Florida Bar Foundation, Inc. All remaining funds thereafter
41 shall be expended by the Florida Bar Foundation, Inc., which
42 shall provide for a grant solicitation and award process to
43 distribute funds from the fees to children's legal services
44 programs, which shall include, without limitation, legal
45 services advocacy for disabled children to secure needed federal
46 benefits for their well-being, for learning-disabled children to
47 secure testing and services required by law, or for legal
48 representation of abused and neglected children to promptly
49 achieve permanent placement. The Florida Bar Foundation, Inc.,
50 shall award grants for children's legal services on statewide
51 and local levels.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.