

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Bendross-Mindingall offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 37 and 38 insert:

5 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 409.2557, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 409.2557 State agency for administering child support
8 enforcement program.--

9 (2)(a) The department in its capacity as the state Title
10 IV-D agency shall have the authority to take actions necessary
11 to carry out the public policy of ensuring that children are
12 maintained from the resources of their parents to the extent
13 possible. The department's authority shall include, but not be
14 limited to, the establishment of paternity or support
15 obligations, as well as the modification, enforcement, and
16 collection of support obligations.

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17 (b)1. Notwithstanding s. 6, chapter 85-178, Laws of
 18 Florida, as amended by s. 156, chapter 86-220, Laws of Florida,
 19 any child support enforcement demonstration project created
 20 under that law and still in operation on January 15, 2004, is no
 21 longer considered a demonstration project but is a locally
 22 administered child support enforcement program in those
 23 counties. Effective July 1, 2004, the department shall enter
 24 into contracts on a cost-reimbursement basis to continue the
 25 funding of these operations as provided in the General
 26 Appropriations Act.

27 2. Each program must provide all services required by the
 28 state's Title IV-D plan, provide all the services in accordance
 29 with state and federal policies, and meet all state and federal
 30 reporting requirements in a timely manner. The operations of
 31 these programs are subject to review and audit by state and
 32 federal officials responsible for the Title IV-D program
 33 functions.

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

37 4. Whether services are provided directly by the
 38 department or by contractual agreement with a local agency, the
 39 department shall retain responsibility for ensuring that all
 40 services required by the state Title IV-D program are provided
 41 in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

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44 Remove line 4 and insert:

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 271

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45 support orders; amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; providing that
46 certain child enforcement demonstration projects are no longer
47 demonstration projects, but local solutions to providing such
48 enforcement; requiring local providers of child support
49 enforcement services to comply with state and federal policies;
50 providing duties and responsibilities of the Department of
51 Revenue regarding funding and compliance monitoring of these
52 child support enforcement services; providing an effective date.

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