

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to matching fund requirements for federal
 3 financial assistance; amending s. 252.37, F.S.; including
 4 private nonprofit organizations eligible for public
 5 assistance under a requirement that the state provide to
 6 certain entities matching funds required for federal
 7 financial assistance; excluding educational institutions;
 8 defining the terms "local government" and "state agency"
 9 for certain purposes; providing for retroactive effect;
 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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
 15 252.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 252.37 Financing.--

17 (5) Unless otherwise specified in the General
 18 Appropriations Act:

19 (a) Whenever the state accepts financial assistance from
 20 the Federal Government or its agencies under the federal Public
 21 Assistance Program and such financial assistance is conditioned
 22 upon a requirement for matching funds, the state shall provide
 23 the entire match requirement for state agencies and one-half of
 24 the required match for grants to local governments and private
 25 nonprofit organizations eligible for such public assistance
 26 under the federal Public Assistance Program, excluding
 27 educational institutions. The affected local government or
 28 private nonprofit organization shall be required to provide one-

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29 half of the required match prior to receipt of such financial
30 assistance. For purposes of this subsection, the term "local
31 government" means a municipality, a county, or a political
32 subdivision and the term "state agency" means a state officer, a
33 state department, a departmental unit described in s. 20.04, a
34 state university, a community college, or a district school
35 board.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
37 and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2004.