By Senator Posey

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to private donations for public
3	programs and activities; providing legislative
4	intent; providing that a person may make
5	donations to support any activity or program
6	that is funded by the state; requiring that any
7	such donation made to the state be made to the
8	Department of Financial Services; requiring the
9	department to hold the donations until they are
10	distributed; providing for the distribution of
11	the donations; requiring that the donations be
12	held in a trust fund; providing an effective
13	date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Private donations for public programs and
18	activities
19	(1)(a) The Legislature finds that each year some
20	individuals voice concerns that certain activities and
21	programs that receive funding from the state are funded at
22	levels below the levels these individuals believe the program
23	or activity needs in order to produce quality results. The
24	Legislature further finds that members of the Legislature
25	often assert that many constituents have expressed the desire
26	and willingness to personally pay higher taxes for certain
27	favored activities or programs.
28	(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that any
29	activity perceived by any person to be inadequately funded may
30	be supported by persons with their own resources in any amount
31	the persons choose to donate.

1	(2) A person may make a designated donation or
2	donations to any activity or program that is funded by the
3	state, in whole or in part, and may donate any amount the
4	person desires and is willing to contribute to the activity or
5	program selected by the donor.
6	(3)(a) A donation to the state shall be made to the
7	Department of Financial Services who shall hold the designated
8	donations until the designated donations are to be
9	distributed. The donations shall be distributed twice each
10	year, at the beginning of the fiscal year immediately
11	following the regular session and December 31st of the same
12	year.
13	(b) The donations must be held in a trust fund created
14	for the purpose of holding designated donations and from which
15	all designated donations will be distributed.
16	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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19	SENATE SUMMARY
20	Provides that a person may make designated donations to support any activity or program that is funded by the
21	support any activity of program that is funded by the state state. Requires that any such donation made to the state be made to the Department of Financial Services. Requires
22 the department to hold the donations until they are	the department to hold the donations until they are distributed. Requires that donations be distributed twice
23	each year on specified dates. Requires that the donations be held in a trust fund.
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