

1 obtaining employment. In accordance with these findings, the
2 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a
3 3-year pilot program in Miami-Dade County to pay a portion of
4 the cost of motor vehicle insurance for foster children who
5 have obtained a driver's license.

6 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot
7 program shall provide funds to pay for a portion of the
8 increase in the cost of motor vehicle insurance incurred by
9 the foster parents, residential facilities, or the foster
10 child if living independently. To be eligible for payment
11 under the pilot program, the person incurring the cost must
12 submit to the department appropriate documentation
13 demonstrating the increase in the cost of insurance. The
14 amount of the payment provided to the foster parent,
15 residential facility, or foster child if living independently
16 shall be one-half of the amount of the increase in the cost of
17 motor vehicle insurance which is incurred as a result of
18 adding the foster child to the policy or less than one-half if
19 another source of funding is available to pay for the
20 increase. The foster child must be encouraged to pay the other
21 half of the increase in insurance costs.

22 (3) The department shall develop procedures for
23 operating the pilot program, including, but not limited to,
24 determining eligibility, providing the payment, ensuring that
25 payment is limited solely to the additional costs of including
26 the foster child in the insurance policy, and allocating
27 available funds.

28 (4) The department shall examine and use, to the
29 extent possible, other available options for funding the
30 increase in the cost of motor vehicle insurance, such as, but
31 not limited to, the child's master trust fund, social security

1 income, child support payments, and other income available to
2 the child.

3 (5) Beginning January 1, 2007, and continuing for the
4 duration of the pilot program, the department shall submit to
5 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
6 the House of Representatives an annual report on the success
7 and outcomes achieved by the pilot program, with a
8 recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be
9 continued, terminated, or expanded.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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13 SENATE SUMMARY

14 Creates a pilot program to reimburse foster parents,
15 residential facilities, or foster children who live
16 independently for a portion of the increased costs of
17 motor vehicle insurance for a foster child who has a
18 driver's license. Directs the Department of Children and
19 Family Services to establish the pilot program in
20 Miami-Dade County. Requires a person who incurs the
21 increased cost to submit documentation of the increase.
22 Requires that foster children be encouraged to pay the
23 remaining portion of the increased costs. Directs the
24 department to develop procedures to operate the pilot
25 program. Directs the department to submit a report with
26 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a
27 specified date.

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