${\bf By}$ the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations; and Senators Bennett, Fasano and Lynn

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle insurance for
3	foster children; creating a pilot program for
4	the purpose of reimbursing foster parents,
5	residential facilities, or foster children who
6	live independently for a portion of the
7	increased costs of motor vehicle insurance for
8	a foster child who has a driver's license;
9	directing the Department of Children and Family
10	Services to establish a pilot program in
11	Sarasota, DeSoto, Manatee, Pinellas, Pasco, and
12	Hillsborough Counties; requiring that the
13	person who incurs the increased cost submit to
14	the department documentation of that increase;
15	requiring that foster children be encouraged to
16	pay the remaining portion of the increase in
17	costs; directing the department to develop
18	procedures for operating the pilot program;
19	requiring the department to submit a report
20	with recommendations to the Governor and the
21	Legislature by a specified date; providing an
22	effective date.
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24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26	Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the
27	increased cost of motor vehicle insurance for a foster child
28	after that child attains a driver's license is borne by the
29	foster parents, the authorized representative of the
30	residential facility, or the foster child if living
31	independently. This increase in the cost of insurance creates

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an additional barrier for a foster child in gaining 2 independence and may limit the child's opportunities for obtaining employment. In accordance with these findings, the 3 4 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a 1-year pilot program in Sarasota, DeSoto, Manatee, Pinellas, 5 6 Pasco, and Hillsborough Counties to pay a portion of the cost of motor vehicle insurance for foster children who have obtained a driver's license. 8 9 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the pilot 10 program shall provide funds to pay for a portion of the increase in the cost of motor vehicle insurance incurred by 11 12 the foster parents, residential facilities, or the foster 13 child if living independently. To be eligible for payment under the pilot program, the person incurring the cost must 14 submit to the department appropriate documentation 15 demonstrating the increase in the cost of insurance. The 16 amount of the payment provided to the foster parent, 18 residential facility, or foster child if living independently shall be one-half of the amount of the increase in the cost of 19 motor vehicle insurance which is incurred as a result of 2.0 21 adding the foster child to the policy or less than one-half if 2.2 another source of funding is available to pay for the 23 increase. The foster child must be encouraged to pay the other half of the increase in insurance costs. 2.4 (3) The department shall develop procedures for 2.5 operating the pilot program, including, but not limited to, 26 2.7 determining eligibility, providing the payment, ensuring that 2.8 payment is limited solely to the additional costs of including the foster child in the insurance policy, and allocating 29 30 available funds.

1	(4) The department shall examine and use, to the
2	extent possible, other available options for funding the cost
3	of the motor vehicle insurance increase, such as, but not
4	limited to, through the child's master trust fund, social
5	security income, child support payments, and other income
6	available to the child.
7	(5) On or before January 1, 2008, the department shall
8	submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
9	Speaker of the House of Representatives an annual report on
10	the success and outcomes achieved by the pilot program, with a
11	recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be
12	continued, expanded, or terminated.
13	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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15	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
16	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 236</u>
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18	The committee substitute makes the following changes to the
19	bill:
20	o Modifies the duration of the pilot program from
21	three years to one year.
22	 Amends the reporting requirement from annual reports to one single report.
23	o Removes the appropriation and language mandating the
24	community based care provider in the pilot area to fund pilot costs that are in excess of the
25	appropriation.
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