

1 an additional barrier for a foster child in gaining
2 independence and may limit the child's opportunities for
3 obtaining employment. In accordance with these findings, the
4 Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a
5 1-year pilot program in Sarasota, DeSoto, Manatee, Pinellas,
6 Pasco, and Hillsborough Counties to pay a portion of the cost
7 of motor vehicle insurance for foster children who have
8 obtained a driver's license.

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

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

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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
17 Senate Bill 236

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 o Amends the reporting requirement from annual reports
23 to one single report.
- 24 o Removes the appropriation and language mandating the
25 community based care provider in the pilot area to
26 fund pilot costs that are in excess of the
27 appropriation.
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