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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to homelessness; amending s. 420.507,
3	F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 420.621,
4	F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising, providing,
5	and deleting definitions; amending s. 420.622, F.S.;
6	increasing and revising membership on the Council on
7	Homelessness; removing a member from an obsolete
8	organization; correcting the name of a member organization
9	on the council; revising the date of an annual report;
10	creating s. 420.6275, F.S.; creating the Housing First
11	program; providing legislative findings and intent;
12	providing methodology; providing components of the
13	program; creating s. 420.628, F.S.; providing legislative
14	findings and intent; creating a 3-year Youth Housing
15	Continuum Pilot Program; providing eligibility
16	requirements for the pilot program; providing for the
17	design of the pilot program; requiring Connected by 25 in
18	Hillsborough County to provide administrative support;
19	providing Connected by 25 with specified duties; providing
20	reporting requirements; amending s. 1003.01, F.S.;
21	revising a definition; amending ss. 1003.21 and 1003.22,
22	F.S.; conforming terminology; providing an appropriation;
23	providing an effective date.
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25	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (22) of section
28	420.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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420.507 Powers of the corporation.--The corporation shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including the following powers which are in addition to all other powers granted by other provisions of this part:

34 (22) To develop and administer the State Apartment
35 Incentive Loan Program. In developing and administering that
36 program, the corporation may:

37 (a) Make first, second, and other subordinated mortgage loans including variable or fixed rate loans subject to 38 contingent interest for all State Apartment Incentive Loans 39 provided for in this chapter based upon available cash flow of 40 the projects. The corporation shall make loans exceeding 25 41 percent of project cost available only to nonprofit 42 43 organizations and public bodies which are able to secure grants, 44 donations of land, or contributions from other sources and to projects meeting the criteria of subparagraph 1. Mortgage loans 45 shall be made available at the following rates of interest: 46

1. Zero to 3 percent interest for sponsors of projects that set aside at least 80 percent of their total units for residents qualifying as farmworkers as defined in this part, or commercial fishing workers as defined in this part, or the homeless as defined in s. 420.621<u>(6)</u>(4) over the life of the loan.

2. Zero to 3 percent interest based on the pro rata share of units set aside for homeless residents if the total of such units is less than 80 percent of the units in the borrower's project.

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57 3. One to 9 percent interest for sponsors of projects 58 targeted at populations other than farmworkers, commercial fishing workers, and the homeless. 59 60 Section 2. Section 420.621, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 61 420.621 Definitions; ss. 420.621-420.628 420.621-62 63 420.627.--As used in ss. 420.621-420.628 420.621 420.627, the term following terms shall have the following meanings, unless 64 the context otherwise requires: 65 (1) "Children and youths experiencing homelessness," for 66 67 programs authorized under the McKinney-Vento Education Assistance for Homeless Children and Youths, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11431 68 et seq., means children and youths who lack a fixed, regular, 69 70 and adequate nighttime residence, and includes: Children and youths who are sharing the housing of 71 (a) 72 other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a 73 similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, travel trailer 74 parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative 75 adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional 76 shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster 77 care placement. 78 Children and youths who have a primary nighttime (b) 79 residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human 80 81 beings. (c) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, 82 public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or 83 similar settings. 84

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85	(d) Migratory children who are living in circumstances
86	described in paragraphs (a)-(c).
87	(2) "Continuum of care" means a community plan to organize
88	and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of
89	people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and
90	maximum self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end
91	homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.
92	(3) "Council on Homelessness" means the council created in
93	<u>s. 420.622.</u>
94	(1) "AFDC" means Aid to Families with Dependent Children
95	as administered under chapter 409.
96	(4) (2) "Department" means the Department of Children and
97	Family Services.
98	(5)(3) "District" means a service district of the
99	department of Children and Family Services , as set forth in s.
100	20.19.
101	(6) (4) "Homeless," applied to an individual, or
102	<u>"individual experiencing homelessness" means</u>
103	to an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate
104	nighttime residence <u>and includes</u> or an individual who has a
105	primary nighttime residence that is:
106	(a) Is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of
107	housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
108	(b) Is living in a motel, hotel, travel trailer park, or
109	camping ground due to a lack of alternative adequate
110	accommodations;
111	(c) Is living in an emergency or transitional shelter; A
112	supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to
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113	provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare
114	hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the
115	mentally ill;
116	(b) An institution that provides a temporary residence for
117	individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
118	(d) (c) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public
119	or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a
120	regular sleeping accommodation for human beings <u>;</u>
121	(e) Is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned
122	building, bus or train station, or similar setting; or
123	(f) Is a migratory individual who qualifies as homeless
124	because he or she is living in circumstances described in
125	paragraphs (a)-(e).
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128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136	any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to state or federal law. <u>The terms also do not include individuals</u> or families who are sharing housing due to cultural preferences, voluntary arrangements, and traditional networks of support. The terms include an individual who has been released from jail, prison, the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, a mental health and developmental disability facility, a residential addiction treatment program, or a hospital, for whom no subsequent residence has been identified, and who lacks the

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140 (8) (6) "New and temporary homeless" means those 141 individuals or families who are homeless due to societal external factors, such as unemployment or other loss of income, 142 personal or family life crises, or the shortage of low income 143 144 housing. 145 "Societal causes of homelessness" means factors such (9) 146 as lack of housing for individuals and families with low 147 incomes, lack of employment opportunities for those with a high school education or less, and lack of day care, transportation, 148 149 and other institutional supports. 150 (10) (7) "State Office on Homelessness" means the state 151 office created in s. 420.622 "Secretary" means the secretary of 152 the Department of Children and Family Services. 153 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (9) of section 420.622, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 154 155 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on 156 Homelessness. --157 (2)The Council on Homelessness is created to consist of a 158 17-member 15-member council of public and private agency representatives who shall develop policy and advise the State 159 160 Office on Homelessness. The council members shall be: the 161 Secretary of Children and Family Services, or his or her 162 designee; the Secretary of Community Affairs, or his or her designee; the State Surgeon General, or his or her designee; the 163 Executive Director of Veterans' Affairs, or his or her designee; 164 the Secretary of Corrections, or his or her designee; the 165 Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or her designee; 166 167 the Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee; the Page 6 of 19

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168 Director of Workforce Florida, Inc., or his or her designee; one 169 representative of the Florida Association of Counties; one 170 representative from the Florida League of Cities; one 171 representative of the Florida Coalition for Supportive Housing 172 Coalition; the Executive Director of the Florida Housing Finance 173 Corporation, or his or her designee; one representative of the 174 Florida Coalition for the Homeless; one representative of the Florida State Rural Development Council; and four members 175 176 appointed by the Governor. The council members shall be 177 volunteer, nonpaid persons and shall be reimbursed for travel 178 expenses only. The appointed members of the council shall serve staggered 2-year terms, and the council shall meet at least four 179 180 times per year. The importance of minority, gender, and geographic representation must be considered when appointing 181 members to the council. 182

The council shall, by June 30 December 31 of each 183 (9) year, beginning in 2008, issue to the Governor, the President of 184 185 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the 186 Secretary of Children and Family Services an evaluation of the 187 executive director's performance in fulfilling the statutory 188 duties of the office, a report summarizing the council's 189 recommendations to the office and the corresponding actions 190 taken by the office, and any recommendations to the Legislature for proposals to reduce homelessness in this state. 191

192Section 4.Section 420.6275, Florida Statutes, is created193to read:

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420.6275 Housing First.--

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--

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196 The Legislature finds that many communities plan to (a) 197 manage homelessness rather than plan to end it. 198 The Legislature also finds that for most of the past (b) 199 two decades, public and private solutions to homelessness have 200 focused on providing individuals and families who are 201 experiencing homelessness with emergency shelter, transitional 202 housing, or a combination of both. While emergency shelter 203 programs may provide critical access to services for individuals and families in crisis, they often fail to address the long-term 204 205 needs of those who are homeless. 206 The Legislature further finds that Housing First is an (C) alternative approach to the current system of emergency shelter 207 208 or transitional housing which tends to reduce the length of time 209 of homelessness and has proven to be cost-effective to homeless 210 programs. 211 (d) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to 212 encourage local coalitions for the homeless, established 213 pursuant to s. 420.623, to adopt the Housing First approach to 214 ending homelessness for individuals and families. 215 (2) HOUSING FIRST METHODOLOGY. --216 The Housing First approach to homelessness differs (a) 217 from traditional approaches by providing housing assistance, 218 case management, and support services responsive to individual or family needs after housing is obtained. By using the Housing 219 First approach when appropriate, communities can significantly 220 221 reduce the amount of time that individuals and families are homeless and prevent further episodes of homelessness. Housing 222 First emphasizes that social services provided to enhance 223 Page 8 of 19

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individual and family well-being can be more effective when 224 225 people are in their own home, and: The housing is not time-limited. 226 1. 227 2. The housing is not contingent on compliance with 228 services. Instead, participants must comply with a standard 229 lease agreement and are provided with the services and support 230 that are necessary to help them do so successfully. 231 The Housing First approach addresses the societal (b) 232 causes of homelessness and advocates for the immediate return of individuals and families back into housing and communities. 233 234 Housing First provides a critical link between the emergency and 235 transitional housing system and community-based social service, educational, and health care organizations and consists of four 236 237 components: 1. Crisis intervention and short-term stabilization. 238 239 2. Screening, intake, and needs assessment. 240 3. Provision of housing resources. 241 4. Provision of case management. 242 Section 5. Section 420.628, Florida Statutes, is created 243 to read: 244 420.628 Children and young adults leaving foster care.--245 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--(a) The Legislature finds that the transition from 246 247 childhood to adulthood is filled with opportunity and risk. Most young people who receive adequate support make this transition 248 successfully and will become healthy adults who will be prepared 249 for work and be able to become responsible, fulfilled members of 250 251 their families and communities.

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252 The Legislature finds that there are also many young (b) 253 people who will enter adulthood without the knowledge, skills, 254 attitudes, habits, and relationships that will enable them to be 255 productive members of society. Those young people, who through 256 no fault of their own, live in foster families, group homes, and 257 institutions are among those at greatest risk. 258 (C) The Legislature finds that these young people face 259 numerous barriers to a successful transition to adulthood. Those 260 barriers include changes in foster care placements and schools, 261 limited opportunities for participation in age-appropriate 262 normal activities, and the inability to achieve economic 263 stability, make connections with permanent supportive adults or family, and access housing. The main barriers to safe and 264 265 affordable housing for youth aging out of the foster care system are cost, lack of availability, the unwillingness of many 266 267 landlords to rent to them, and their own lack of knowledge about 268 how to be good tenants. 269 The Legislature also finds that young adults who (d) 270 emancipate from the child welfare system are at risk of becoming 271 homeless and those who were formerly in foster care are 272 disproportionately represented in the homeless population. Only 273 about two-fifths of eligible young people receive independent 274 living services and, of those who do, few receive adequate 275 housing assistance. Without the stability of safe housing all other services, training, and opportunities may not be 276 277 effective. The Legislature further finds that research on young 278 (e) 279 people who emancipate from foster care suggests a nexus between Page 10 of 19

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280	foster care involvement and later episodes of homelessness and
281	that interventions in the foster care system might help to
282	prevent homelessness. Responding to the needs of young people
283	leaving the foster care system with developmentally appropriate
284	supportive housing models organized in a continuum of decreasing
285	supervision may increase their ability to live independently in
286	the future.
287	(f) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to
288	encourage the Department of Children and Family Services, its
289	agents, and community-based care providers operating pursuant to
290	s. 409.1671, to develop and implement procedures designed to
291	reduce the number of young adults who become homeless after
292	leaving the child welfare system.
293	(2) YOUTH HOUSING CONTINUUM PILOT PROGRAM Housing for
294	young people is by nature transitional. Most young people in
295	their late teens through mid-twenties are housed in college
296	dormitories or shared or studio apartments or continue to live
297	at home. Commonly, young people move through a number of such
298	interim housing situations as they grow into adulthood. Many
299	older teens and young adults who leave foster care at the age of
300	18 do not have the opportunity for those usual transitions and
301	as a result are at risk for becoming homeless.
302	(a) Creation of pilot program; eligibilityThere is
303	created a 3-year Youth Housing Continuum Pilot Program in
304	Hillsborough County. The purpose of the program is to support
305	the development and implementation of a transitional living or
306	subsidized independent living housing experience for those young
307	people aging out of foster care who will not have the option of
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308	remaining in a foster care family home or in a group home, to
309	facilitate a smooth transition from foster home or group home
310	living to independent living. The pilot program shall serve at
311	least 100 young adults, and eligibility requirements shall
312	include:
313	1. Young adults who turn 18 years of age while in licensed
314	foster care and have been in foster care for at least 12 months
315	prior to turning 18 years of age. The 12-month requirement shall
316	be waived in circumstances where the requirements of s.
317	39.701(6)(a)8. have not been met, no subsequent residence has
318	been identified, and the young person lacks the resources and
319	support network to obtain housing.
320	2. Priority shall be given to those young persons who are
321	attending high school and can demonstrate either through
322	documentation of school attendance or engagement in
323	extracurricular activities that a displacement from school would
324	have an adverse effect on their ability to achieve their
325	educational goals.
326	3. Other participants shall be chosen based on their
327	eligibility pursuant to s. 409.1451(2) and documented enrollment
328	in a full-time adult educational or postsecondary educational or
329	vocational program or a combination of employment and part-time
330	enrollment in an educational program.
331	(b) Pilot program designThere shall be a youth housing
332	continuum that incorporates various types of housing without
333	predetermined time limits to allow young adults to transition
334	from one housing program to another according to their
335	individual developmental capacities. Based upon the needs and
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336	preferences of a given young adult, such housing could take any
337	number of forms from shared homes to scattered-site, independent
338	apartments with or without roommates. Young adults should have
339	the flexibility to move among housing programs as they gain
340	independent living skills and economic stability, including the
341	ability to reenter housing programs and move back along the
342	continuum if their current needs or abilities change. The
343	continuum in the pilot program will consist of the following
344	three levels of decreasing supervision:
345	1. Supervised living for young adults who have reached 18
346	years of age, but are not yet 24 years of age, who cannot
347	adequately manage their affairs and need constant, consistent
348	adult supervision, training, and support. Each participant shall
349	have his or her own bedroom and bathroom and share a common
350	living area.
351	2. Monitored living for young adults who have reached 18
352 252	years of age, but are not yet 24 years of age, who can typically
353	manage their own affairs but need regular adult monitoring.
354	Housing will be provided in scattered sites throughout the
355	community with support staff working regularly with participants
356	to address their educational, employment, and financial
357	stability goals. Each participant shall have his or her own
358	bedroom and bathroom and share an apartment with one to three
359	roommates.
360	3. Independent living for young adults who have the
361	ability to live on their own with access to support services as
362	needed.

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363	(c) Pilot program administration; duties;
364	reportConnected by 25 in Hillsborough County shall provide
365	administrative support for and shall be responsible for the
366	operation for the Youth Housing Continuum Pilot Program.
367	Connected by 25 shall:
368	1. Create and implement a transitional housing continuum
369	in which young persons who meet the eligibility criteria of this
370	subsection will receive support while participating in an
371	educational or training program, or any activity consistent with
372	their independent living transitional services case plan.
373	2. Provide each program participant with a transition and
374	aftercare specialist to provide transitional support services.
375	Each participant, in partnership with the transition and
376	aftercare specialist, shall develop a transition plan that is
377	specific to his or her efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.
378	3. Require that each participant complete a comprehensive
379	financial literacy and asset development training program and be
380	enrolled in the Connected by 25 match savings program that
381	utilizes private dollars to match, on a one-to-one basis, the
382	savings of each participant up to \$1,000 each year. This
383	requirement will prepare program participants for economic
384	success as they age out of the foster care system.
385	(d) Annual reportsBeginning January 1, 2008, and
386	continuing for the duration of the pilot program, Connected by
387	25 shall submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
388	Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Secretary
389	of Children and Family Services an annual report outlining the
390	progress made in the development and implementation of the pilot
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391 program, including documentation of the outcomes for the participants in the areas identified by the Independent Living 392 393 Services Advisory Council pursuant to s. 409.1451, and recommendations for pilot program improvement and expansion. 394 395 Section 6. Subsection (12) of section 1003.01, Florida 396 Statutes, is amended to read: 397 1003.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term: (12) "Children and youths who are experiencing 398 homelessness," for programs authorized under subtitle B, 399 Education for Homeless Children and Youths, of title VII of the 400 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11431 et 401 402 seq., means children and youths who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and includes: 403 404 (a) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a 405 406 similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, travel trailer 407 parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative 408 adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional 409 shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster 410 care placement. 411 Children and youths who have a primary nighttime (b) 412 residence that is a public or private place not designed for or 413 ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human 414 beings. (C) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, 415 public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or 416 417 similar settings.

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418 (d) Migratory children who are living in circumstances 419 described in paragraphs (a)-(c). (12) "Homeless child" means: 420 421 (a) One who lacks a fixed, regular nighttime residence; 422 (b) One who has a primary nighttime residence that is: 423 1. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter 424 designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing 425 426 for the mentally ill; 2. An institution that provides a temporary residence for 427 individuals intended to be institutionalized; or 428 3. A public or private place not designed for, or 429 ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human 430 431 beings; or (c) One who temporarily resides with an adult other than 432 433 his or her parent because the parent is suffering financial hardship. 434 435 436 A child who is imprisoned, detained, or in the custody of the state pursuant to a state or federal law is not a homeless 437 438 child. Section 7. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) and paragraph 439 (g) of subsection (4) of section 1003.21, Florida Statutes, are 440 amended to read: 441 1003.21 School attendance.--442 443 (1)Children and youths who are experiencing homelessness (f) 444 445 Homeless children, as defined in s. 1003.01, must have access to Page 16 of 19

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446 a free public education and must be admitted to school in the 447 school district in which they or their families live. School 448 districts shall assist <u>such</u> homeless children to meet the 449 requirements of subsection (4) and s. 1003.22, as well as local 450 requirements for documentation.

451 Before admitting a child to kindergarten, the (4)452 principal shall require evidence that the child has attained the age at which he or she should be admitted in accordance with the 453 454 provisions of subparagraph (1)(a)2. The district school superintendent may require evidence of the age of any child whom 455 456 he or she believes to be within the limits of compulsory 457 attendance as provided for by law. If the first prescribed evidence is not available, the next evidence obtainable in the 458 459 order set forth below shall be accepted:

460 If none of these evidences can be produced, an (q) 461 affidavit of age sworn to by the parent, accompanied by a certificate of age signed by a public health officer or by a 462 463 public school physician, or, if neither of these is available in 464 the county, by a licensed practicing physician designated by the 465 district school board, which certificate states that the health 466 officer or physician has examined the child and believes that 467 the age as stated in the affidavit is substantially correct. 468 Children and youths who are experiencing homelessness A homeless child, as defined in s. 1003.01, shall be given temporary 469 exemption from this section for 30 school days. 470

471 Section 8. Subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection472 (5) of section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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473 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization 474 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department 475 of Health.--

476 (1)Each district school board and the governing authority 477 of each private school shall require that each child who is entitled to admittance to kindergarten, or is entitled to any 478 479 other initial entrance into a public or private school in this state, present a certification of a school-entry health 480 481 examination performed within 1 year prior to enrollment in 482 school. Each district school board, and the governing authority 483 of each private school, may establish a policy that permits a student up to 30 school days to present a certification of a 484 school-entry health examination. Children and youths who are 485 486 experiencing homelessness A homeless child, as defined in s. 487 1003.01, shall be given a temporary exemption for 30 school 488 days. Any district school board that establishes such a policy 489 shall include provisions in its local school health services 490 plan to assist students in obtaining the health examinations. 491 However, any child shall be exempt from the requirement of a health examination upon written request of the parent of the 492 493 child stating objections to the examination on religious 494 grounds.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not apply if:
(e) An authorized school official issues a temporary
exemption, for a period not to exceed 30 school days, to permit
a student who transfers into a new county to attend class until
his or her records can be obtained. <u>Children and youths who are</u>
<u>experiencing homelessness</u> A homeless child, as defined in s.

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501 1003.01, shall be given a temporary exemption for 30 school 502 days. The public school health nurse or authorized private 503 school official is responsible for followup of each such student 504 until proper documentation or immunizations are obtained. An 505 exemption for 30 days may be issued for a student who enters a 506 juvenile justice program to permit the student to attend class 507 until his or her records can be obtained or until the 508 immunizations can be obtained. An authorized juvenile justice 509 official is responsible for followup of each student who enters a juvenile justice program until proper documentation or 510 immunizations are obtained. 511

512 Section 9. <u>The sum of \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds is</u> 513 <u>appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of</u> 514 <u>Children and Family Services for the purposes of implementing</u> 515 <u>section 420.628, Florida Statutes, during the 2008-2009 fiscal</u> 516 <u>year.</u>

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Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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