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An act relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; amending s. 393.0661, F.S.; revising provisions relating to certain clients with developmenta disabilities served under the four-tiered waiver system;	
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6 providing for residential habilitation services;	
7 establishing geographic differential payments for Miami-	
8 Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties; providin	g
9 effective dates for applicable payments; providing for	
10 rebasing cost plans based on actual expenditures for	
11 individuals served by home and community-based services	or
12 family and supported living waiver programs; extending t	he
13 effective date for the provision of certain services;	
14 providing for future review and repeal of certain	
15 provisions; amending s. 393.071, F.S.; providing for	
16 deposit of client fees into the agency's Operations and	
17 Maintenance Trust Fund; providing an effective date.	
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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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21 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 393.0661, Florida	
22 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), paragraphs (b) and	
23 (d) of subsection (3) are amended, present subsection (5) is	
24 renumbered as subsection (8) and amended, and new subsections	
25 (4), (5), and (6) are added to that section, to read:	
26 393.0661 Home and community-based services delivery	
27 system; comprehensive redesignThe Legislature finds that t	he
28 home and community-based services delivery system for persons	
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with developmental disabilities and the availability of appropriated funds are two of the critical elements in making services available. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall develop and implement a comprehensive redesign of the system.

The Agency for Health Care Administration, in 34 (3) 35 consultation with the agency, shall seek federal approval and 36 implement a four-tiered waiver system to serve clients with 37 developmental disabilities in the developmental disabilities and family and supported living waivers. The agency shall assign all 38 clients receiving services through the developmental 39 disabilities waiver to a tier based on a valid assessment 40 instrument, client characteristics, and other appropriate 41 42 assessment methods. All services covered under the current developmental disabilities waiver shall be available to all 43 44 clients in all tiers where appropriate, except as otherwise provided in this subsection or in the General Appropriations 45 Act. 46

47 (b) Tier two shall be limited to clients whose service needs include a licensed residential facility and who are 48 49 authorized to receive a moderate level of support for standard 50 residential habilitation services or a minimal level of support for behavior focus greater than 5 hours per day in residential 51 52 habilitation services or clients in supported living who receive 53 greater than 6 hours a day of in-home support services. Total 54 annual expenditures under tier two may not exceed \$55,000 per 55 client each year.

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56	(d) Tier four is the family and supported living waiver.
57	Tier four shall include, but is not limited to, clients in
58	independent or supported living situations and clients who live
59	in their family home. An increase to the number of services
60	available to clients in this tier shall not take effect prior to
61	July 1, <u>2009</u> 2008 . Total annual expenditures under tier four may
62	not exceed \$14,792 per client each year.
63	(4) Effective July 1, 2008, the geographic differential
64	for Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties for residential
65	habilitation services shall be 7.5 percent. Effective July 1,
66	2009, the geographic differential for Miami-Dade, Broward, and
67	Palm Beach Counties for residential habilitation services shall
68	be 4.5 percent.
69	(5) Effective July 1, 2008, the geographic differential
70	for Monroe County for residential habilitation services shall be
71	20 percent. Effective July 1, 2009, the geographic differential
72	for Monroe County for residential habilitation services shall be
73	15 percent. Effective July 1, 2010, the geographic differential
74	for Monroe County for residential habilitation services shall be
75	10 percent.
76	(6) Effective January 1, 2009, and except as otherwise
77	provided in this section, an individual served by the home and
78	community-based services waiver or the family and supported
79	living waiver funded through the Agency for Persons with
80	Disabilities shall have his or her cost plan adjusted to reflect
81	the amount of expenditures for the previous state fiscal year
82	plus 5 percent if such amount is less than the individual's
83	existing cost plan. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities
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84	shall use actual paid claims for services provided during the
85	previous fiscal year that are submitted by October 31 to
86	calculate the revised cost plan amount. If an individual was not
87	served for the entire previous state fiscal year or there was
88	any single change in the cost plan amount of more than 5 percent
89	during the previous state fiscal year, the agency shall set the
90	cost plan amount at an estimated annualized expenditure amount
91	plus 5 percent. The agency shall estimate the annualized
92	expenditure amount by calculating the average of monthly
93	expenditures, beginning in the fourth month after the individual
94	enrolled or the cost plan was changed by more than 5 percent and
95	ending with August 31, 2008, and multiplying the average by 12.
96	In the event that at least 3 months of actual expenditure data
97	are not available to estimate annualized expenditures, the
98	agency may not rebase a cost plan pursuant to this subsection.
99	This subsection expires June 30, 2009, unless reenacted by the
100	Legislature before that date.

101 (8) (5) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall 102 submit quarterly status reports to the Executive Office of the 103 Governor, the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee or 104 its successor, and the chair of the House Fiscal Council or its 105 successor regarding the financial status of home and community-106 based services, including the number of enrolled individuals who 107 are receiving services through one or more programs; the number of individuals who have requested services who are not enrolled 108 but who are receiving services through one or more programs, 109 with a description indicating the programs from which the 110 individual is receiving services; the number of individuals who 111 Page 4 of 5

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112 have refused an offer of services but who choose to remain on the list of individuals waiting for services; the number of 113 114 individuals who have requested services but who are receiving no 115 services; a frequency distribution indicating the length of time 116 individuals have been waiting for services; and information concerning the actual and projected costs compared to the amount 117 118 of the appropriation available to the program and any projected surpluses or deficits. If at any time an analysis by the agency, 119 120 in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, indicates that the cost of services is expected to exceed the 121 122 amount appropriated, the agency shall submit a plan in accordance with subsection (7) (4) to the Executive Office of 123 124 the Governor, the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee 125 or its successor, and the chair of the House Fiscal Council or 126 its successor to remain within the amount appropriated. The 127 agency shall work with the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement the plan so as to remain within the appropriation. 128

129Section 2.Section 393.071, Florida Statutes, is amended130to read:

393.071 Client fees.--The agency shall charge fees for
services provided to clients in accordance with s. 402.33. <u>All</u>
<u>funds collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in</u>
the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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