

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Storms

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Marriage Education Trust Fund;  
3           creating s. 741.0101, F.S.; creating the Marriage  
4           Education Trust Fund within the Executive Office of  
5           the Governor; providing for administration of the  
6           trust fund and use of moneys therein; providing for  
7           future review and termination or re-creation of the  
8           trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Section 741.0101, Florida Statutes, is created  
13   to read:

14           741.0101 Marriage Education Trust Fund.—

15           (1) The Marriage Education Trust Fund is created within the  
16 Executive Office of the Governor for the purpose of collecting  
17 and disbursing funds generated from the additional marriage  
18 license fee in s. 741.01(4)(b). The funds shall be directed to  
19 the Department of Children and Family Services for the specific  
20 purpose of funding marriage education programs that prepare,  
21 strengthen, and restore healthy marriage relationships and shall  
22 be appropriated in a grants-in-aid category to the department  
23 for that purpose.

24           (2) Pursuant to the provisions of s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of  
25 the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated  
26 sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2013. Prior to its scheduled  
27 termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.  
28 215.3206(1) and (2).

29           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, if

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30 Senate Bill 2310 or similar legislation is adopted in the same  
31 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.