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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to outsourcing of foster care and related services; amending s. 409.1671, F.S.; providing funding requirements for contracts established between the Department of Children and Family Services and certain community-based agencies; requiring community-based agencies to document federal earnings and return undocumented earnings to the department; permitting contracts with the agencies to be increased by excess federal earnings; authorizing the department to outsource certain functions of the agencies; permitting the agencies to make specified expenditures; specifying method of payment for fixed-price contracts; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 409.1671, Florida Statutes, to read:

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409.1671 Foster care and related services; outsourcing.-(12) A contract established between the department and a

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community-based agency under this section must be funded by a grant of general revenue, other state trust funds, and

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applicable federal funding sources. Community-based agencies must document federal funds earned, and federal funds earned

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that are not documented must be returned to the department.

Notwithstanding subsection (8), the amount of the annual

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contract for a community-based agency may be increased by excess

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29 federal funds earned in accordance with s. 216.181(11). The 30 department may outsource programmatic, administrative, or fiscal monitoring oversight of community-based agencies. 31 32 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a community-based 33 agency may make expenditures for staff cellular telephone 34 allowances, contracts requiring deferred payments and 35 maintenance agreements, security deposits for office leases, related professional membership dues, costs of food and 36 37 refreshment, and costs of promotional materials. The method of 38 payment for a fixed-price contract with a community-based agency 39 shall include provisions for a 2-month advance payment at the 40 beginning of each fiscal year with equal monthly payments 41 thereafter. 42

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