



**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

SB2700

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
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Senator(s) **Storms** moved the following amendment:

<p><b>Section:</b> 03</p> <p><b>On Page:</b> 079</p> <p><b>Spec App:</b> 312</p>	<p><b><u>EXPLANATION:</u></b></p> <p>Clarifies that the \$500,000 from the Welfare Transition Trust Fund appropriated for a program to promote healthy marriages shall be used for the Marriage Education Grant Program, and provides guidelines for operating the program.</p>
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<u>NET IMPACT ON:</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>
Recurring -	0	0	0
Non-Recurring -	0	0	0

Positions & Amount	Positions & Amount
<b>DELETE</b>	<b>INSERT</b>

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT  
OF  
Services  
Program: Family Safety Program  
Family Safety And Preservation Services 60910310

In Section 03 On Page 079  
312 Special Categories 103034  
Grants And Aids - Child Protection IOEB

Immediately following Specific Appropriation 312, DELETE:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the non-recurring sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the Welfare Transition Trust Fund for a program to empower families and promote healthy marriages in Florida.

Immediately following Specific Appropriation 312, INSERT:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 312, the nonrecurring sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the Welfare Transition Trust Fund for the Marriage Education Grant Program. These funds shall be used for grants to organizations that provide programs that prepare for, strengthen and restore healthy marriages in amounts not to exceed \$50,000 per organization. In awarding these grants, preference shall be given to programs that are research-based and skills-based and either have or include certifications. Program examples include, but are not limited

to: Prepare/ Enrich; Start Smart; FOCCUS/ REFOCCUS; PAIRS; Mastering the Mysteries of Love (MML); Adventures in Marriage; Relate; PREP; Family Wellness; and Pick a Partner. Grant recipients may use grant funds for providing direct services to participants, enlarging program capacity, or paying other program and operational expenses, including provider training and technical assistance. The Department of Children and Families shall use no more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated for this program to contract with a Florida public college or university to establish a process for evaluating the programs receiving grants through this appropriation. Evaluation criteria shall be based on best practices and program outcomes.

Line item amendments are accepted as part of the amendatory process. However, due to the necessity of using computerized systems this may entail a different placement within a budget entity or the renumbering of the specific appropriation items.