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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 36 - 88

and insert:

Section 1. Section 409.1454, Florida Statutes, is amended, to read:

409.1454 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND DRIVER LICENSES FOR CHILDREN IN CARE.—

(1) The Legislature finds that the costs of driver education, licensure and costs incidental to licensure, and



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11 motor vehicle insurance for a child in ~~licensed~~ out-of-home care
12 after such child obtains a driver license create ~~creates~~ an
13 additional barrier to engaging in normal age-appropriate
14 activities and gaining independence and may limit opportunities
15 for obtaining employment and completing educational goals. The
16 Legislature also finds that the completion of an approved driver
17 education course is necessary to develop safe driving skills.

18 (2) To the extent that funding is available, the department
19 shall establish a ~~3-year pilot~~ program to pay the cost of driver
20 education, licensure and other costs incidental to licensure,
21 and motor vehicle insurance for children in ~~licensed~~ out-of-home
22 care who have successfully completed a driver education program.

23 (3) If a caregiver, or an individual or not-for-profit
24 entity approved by the caregiver, adds a child to his or her
25 existing insurance policy, the amount paid to the caregiver or
26 approved purchaser may not exceed the increase in cost
27 attributable to the addition of the child to the policy.

28 (4) Payment shall be made to eligible recipients in the
29 order of eligibility until available funds are exhausted. If a
30 child determined to be eligible reaches permanency status or
31 turns 18 years of age, the program may pay for that child to
32 complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license
33 for up to 6 months after the date the child reaches permanency
34 status or 6 months after the date the child turns 18 years of
35 age. A child continuing in care under s. 39.6251 may be eligible
36 to have the costs of licensure and costs incidental to licensure
37 paid if the child demonstrates that such costs are creating
38 barriers for obtaining employment or completing educational
39 goals.



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40 (5) The department shall contract with a not-for-profit
41 entity whose mission is to support youth aging out of foster
42 care to develop procedures for operating and administering the
43 ~~pilot~~ program, including, but not limited to:

44 (a) Determining eligibility, including responsibilities for
45 the child and caregivers.

46 (b) Developing application and payment forms.

47 (c) Notifying eligible children, caregivers, group homes,
48 and residential programs of the ~~pilot~~ program.

49 (d) Providing technical assistance to lead agencies,
50 providers, group homes, and residential programs to support
51 removing obstacles that prevent children in foster care from
52 driving.

53 (e) Publicizing the program, engaging in outreach, and
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56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete lines 3 - 8

58 and insert:

59 amending s. 409.1454, F.S.; revising legislative
60 findings; revising a pilot program to make it
61 permanent; revising the applicability of the program
62 to include children in out-of-home care; authorizing
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