

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	___	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	___	(Y/N)
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OTHER	_____	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee

3 Representative Combee offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 409.1664, Florida Statutes is amended to
8 read:

9 409.1664 Adoption benefits for qualifying adoptive
10 employees of state agencies.—

11 (1) As used in this section, the term:

12 (b) "Qualifying adoptive employee" means a full-time or
13 part-time employee of a state agency, a charter school as
14 defined in s. 1002.33, or the Florida Virtual School established
15 under s. 1002.37 who is paid from regular salary appropriations,
16 or otherwise meets his or her ~~the state agency~~ employer's

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17 definition of a regular rather than temporary employee, and who
18 adopts a child within the child welfare system pursuant to
19 chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. The term includes
20 instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01, who are
21 employed by the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.

22 (2) A qualifying adoptive employee who adopts a child
23 within the child welfare system who has special needs described
24 in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. is eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary
25 benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per such child, subject to
26 applicable taxes. A qualifying adoptive employee who adopts a
27 child within the child welfare system who does not have special
28 needs described in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. is eligible to receive a
29 lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of \$5,000 per such
30 child, subject to applicable taxes.

31 (d) Qualifying adoptive employees of a charter school or
32 the Florida Virtual School may retroactively apply for the
33 adoption benefit if the qualifying adoptive employee was
34 employed by a charter school or the Florida Virtual School at
35 the time of the adoption of a child from the child welfare
36 system, pursuant to chapter 63, on or after July 1, 2015.

37 (3) A qualifying adoptive employee must apply to his or
38 her agency head, or school director in the case of employees of
39 charter schools or the Florida Virtual School, to obtain the
40 monetary benefit provided in subsection (2). Applications must
41 be on forms approved by the department and must include a

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42 certified copy of the final order of adoption naming the
43 applicant as the adoptive parent. Monetary benefits shall be
44 approved on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the date
45 that each fully completed application is received by the
46 department.

47 (7) The Chief Financial Officer shall disburse a monetary
48 benefit to a qualifying adoptive employee upon the department's
49 submission of a payroll requisition. The Chief Financial Officer
50 shall transfer funds from the department to a state university,
51 Florida College System institution, school district unit,
52 charter school, the Florida Virtual School, or water management
53 district, as appropriate, to enable payment to the qualifying
54 adoptive employee through the payroll systems as long as funds
55 are available for such purpose.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to adoption benefits; amending s. 409.1664,

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F.S.; revising the definition of the term "qualifying adoptive

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employee" to include charter schools and the Florida Virtual

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School for the purpose of extending adoption benefits to

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qualifying adoptive employees of such schools; creating a

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retroactive clause for employees of charter schools and the

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Bill No. HB 749 (2017)

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67 Florida Virtual School to be able to apply for the state
68 employee adoption benefit for any qualifying adoptions on or
69 after July 1, 2015; requiring qualifying adoptive employees of
70 charter schools and the Florida Virtual School to apply to their
71 school directors; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to
72 transfer funds to charter schools and the Florida Virtual
73 School; providing an effective date.

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