

By Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fees; amending s. 741.327, F.S., as
3 revived, reenacted, and amended by SB ___; requiring
4 the Department of Children and Families to assess and
5 collect an annual certification fee from batterers'
6 intervention programs and certain persons attending
7 certified batterers' intervention programs; requiring
8 certification and user fees to be deposited in the
9 Domestic Violence Trust Fund for a specified purpose;
10 providing a contingent effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 741.327, Florida Statutes, as revived,
15 reenacted, and amended by SB ___, is amended, to read:

16 741.327 Certification and monitoring of batterers'
17 intervention programs; rules; fees.-

18 (1) Pursuant to s. 741.32, the Department of Children and
19 Families shall certify and monitor batterers' intervention
20 programs and assess and collect certification and user fees.

21 (2) The department shall adopt by rule procedures to
22 administer this section, including, but not limited to,
23 procedures related to all of the following:

24 (a) The development of criteria for the approval,
25 suspension, or rejection of certification of batterers'
26 intervention programs.

27 (b) The assessment and collection of annual fees for the
28 certification and monitoring of batterers' intervention
29 programs.

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30 (c) The assessment and collection of fees for individuals
31 who are ordered by the court to complete, or who voluntarily
32 enroll in, a certified batterers' intervention program.

33 (3) The fees assessed and collected under this section
34 shall be deposited in the Executive Office of the Governor's
35 Domestic Violence Trust Fund established in s. 741.01 and shall
36 be directed to the Department of Children and Families to fund
37 the cost of certifying and monitoring batterers' intervention
38 programs.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that
40 SB ___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
41 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
42 thereof and becomes a law.