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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to funding for sheriffs providing
3 child protective investigative services; amending s.
4 39.3065, F.S.; authorizing sheriffs who provide child
5 protective investigative services to carry forward a
6 certain percentage of unexpended state funds each
7 fiscal year; requiring certain funds to be returned to
8 the Department of Children and Families; prohibiting
9 funds carried forward from being used in certain ways;
10 requiring that certain expenditures be reported to the
11 department; authorizing unexpended funds to be
12 retained through contract or grant agreement renewals
13 under certain circumstances; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
19 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child
21 protective investigative services; procedures; funding.—

22 (3)

23 (c) Funds for providing child protective investigations
24 must be identified in the annual appropriation made to the
25 department, which shall award grants for the full amount
26 identified to the respective sheriffs' offices. Notwithstanding
27 ss. 216.181(16) (b) and 216.351, the department may advance
28 payments to the sheriffs for child protective investigations.

29 The sheriffs may carry forward documented unexpended funds from

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30 one fiscal year to the next. However, the cumulative amount
31 carried forward may not exceed 8 percent of the total contract
32 amount or grant agreement amount, and any unexpended funds in
33 excess of that amount must be returned to the department. The
34 funds carried forward may not be used to create increased
35 recurring future obligations or for any type of program or
36 service that is not currently authorized by the existing
37 contract or grant agreement with the department. The expenditure
38 of funds carried forward must be separately reported to the
39 department. Funds carried forward may be retained through a
40 contract or grant agreement renewal and any new procurements as
41 long as the same sheriff's office is retained by the department.
42 All unexpended funds at the expiration of the contract or grant
43 agreement must be returned to the department. Funds for the
44 child protective investigations may not be integrated into the
45 sheriffs' regular budgets. Budgetary data and other data
46 relating to the performance of child protective investigations
47 must be maintained separately from all other records of the
48 sheriffs' offices and reported to the department as specified in
49 the grant agreement.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.