

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Book

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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. A  
29           sheriff may carry forward documented unexpended state funds from

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

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