

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; requiring certain funds to be returned to
 12 the department; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 17 39.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 39.3065 Sheriffs of certain counties to provide child
 19 protective investigative services; procedures; funding.—

20 (3)

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

26 | payments to the sheriffs for child protective investigations. A
27 | sheriff may carry forward documented unexpended state funds from
28 | one fiscal year to the next. However, the cumulative amount of
29 | state funds carried forward may not exceed 8 percent of the
30 | sheriff's office total contract amount or grant agreement
31 | amount. Any unexpended state funds in excess of that amount and
32 | all unexpended federal funds must be returned to the department.
33 | The funds carried forward may not be used to create increased
34 | recurring future obligations or for any type of program or
35 | service that is not currently authorized by the existing
36 | contract or grant award agreement with the department. The
37 | expenditure of funds carried forward must be separately reported
38 | to the department. A sheriff must return all unexpended funds to
39 | the department if that sheriff's office will no longer be
40 | providing child protective investigations. Funds for the child
41 | protective investigations may not be integrated into the
42 | sheriffs' regular budgets. Budgetary data and other data
43 | relating to the performance of child protective investigations
44 | must be maintained separately from all other records of the
45 | sheriffs' offices and reported to the department as specified in
46 | the grant award agreement.

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