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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the home and community-based  
3           services Medicaid waiver program; amending s. 393.065,  
4           F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with  
5           Disabilities to include a specific request in its  
6           annual legislative budget request; requiring that the  
7           agency prioritize certain clients in its request and  
8           allocate any such funds appropriated by the  
9           Legislature to prioritize such clients; amending s.  
10          216.136, F.S.; requiring the Social Services  
11          Estimating Conference to develop specified information  
12          relating to the iBudget system for the home and  
13          community-based services Medicaid waiver program;  
14          providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Present subsection (12) of section 393.065,  
19           Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (13), and a new  
20           subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

21           393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

22           (12) Beginning with the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the agency  
23           shall include in its annual legislative budget request a  
24           specific request for sufficient funding to remove at least 25  
25           percent of the total number of clients from the agency's waiting  
26           list for waiver services. The request must prioritize clients  
27           most in need of services based on their preenrollment categories  
28           as specified in subsection (5), and any specific appropriations  
29           granted by the Legislature for such purpose must be allocated to

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30 prioritize such clients.

31 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of  
32 section 216.136, Florida Statutes, to read:

33 216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
34 principals.—

35 (6) SOCIAL SERVICES ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.—

36 (c) The Social Services Estimating Conference shall develop  
37 information relating to the iBudget system for the home and  
38 community-based services Medicaid waiver program, including, but  
39 not limited to, iBudget enrollment, the number of current waiver  
40 recipients, the size of the waiting list, the utilization rate  
41 of program services, and expenditure information that the  
42 conference determines is needed to plan for and project future  
43 budgets and the drawdown of federal matching funds.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.