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27 145.11 Tax collector.—

28 (1) Each tax collector shall receive as salary the amount
 29 indicated, based on the population of his or her county. In
 30 addition, a compensation shall be made for population increments
 31 over the minimum for each population group, which shall be
 32 determined by multiplying the population in excess of the
 33 minimum for the group times the group rate.

34	Pop. Group	County Pop. Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
35		Minimum	Maximum		
36	I			<u>\$26,250</u>	
37		-0-	49,999	\$21,250	\$0.07875
38	II			<u>29,400</u>	
		50,000	99,999	24,400	0.06300
39	III			<u>32,550</u>	
		100,000	199,999	27,550	0.02625
	IV			<u>35,175</u>	
		200,000	399,999	30,175	0.01575

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40	V			<u>38,325</u>	
		400,000	999,999	33,325	0.00525
41	VI			<u>41,475</u>	
		1,000,000		36,475	0.00400

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 43 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
 44 409.1664, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g),
 45 subsections (2), (3), (4), and (6) are amended, and a new
 46 paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to
 47 read:

48 409.1664 Adoption benefits for qualifying adoptive
 49 employees of state agencies, veterans, servicemembers, ~~and~~ law
 50 enforcement officers, and tax collector employees.-

51 (1) As used in this section, the term:

52 (f) "Tax collector employee" means an employee or a deputy
 53 tax collector, provided in s. 197.103, of an office of a county
 54 tax collector.

55 (2) A qualifying adoptive employee, veteran, ~~or~~
 56 servicemember, or tax collector employee who adopts a child
 57 within the child welfare system who is difficult to place as
 58 described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to receive a lump-
 59 sum monetary benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per such child,
 60 subject to applicable taxes. A law enforcement officer who

61 | adopts a child within the child welfare system who is difficult
62 | to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to
63 | receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of \$25,000 per
64 | such child, subject to applicable taxes. A qualifying adoptive
65 | employee, veteran, ~~or~~ servicemember, or tax collector employee
66 | who adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
67 | difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
68 | eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
69 | \$5,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A law
70 | enforcement officer who adopts a child within the child welfare
71 | system who is not difficult to place as described in s.
72 | 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary
73 | benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per each such child, subject to
74 | applicable taxes. A qualifying adoptive employee of a charter
75 | school or the Florida Virtual School may retroactively apply for
76 | the monetary benefit provided in this subsection if such
77 | employee was employed by a charter school or the Florida Virtual
78 | School when he or she adopted a child within the child welfare
79 | system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. A
80 | veteran, ~~or~~ servicemember, or tax collector employee may apply
81 | for the monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or
82 | she is domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the
83 | child welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1,
84 | 2020. A law enforcement officer may apply for the monetary
85 | benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is domiciled in

86 | this state and adopts a child within the child welfare system
87 | pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2022. A tax collector
88 | employee may apply for the monetary benefit provided in this
89 | subsection if he or she is domiciled in this state and adopts a
90 | child within the child welfare system under chapter 63 on or
91 | after July 1, 2024.

92 | (a) Benefits paid to a qualifying adoptive employee who is
93 | a part-time employee must be prorated based on the qualifying
94 | adoptive employee's full-time equivalency at the time of
95 | applying for the benefits.

96 | (b) Monetary benefits awarded under this subsection are
97 | limited to one award per adopted child within the child welfare
98 | system.

99 | (c) The payment of a lump-sum monetary benefit for
100 | adopting a child within the child welfare system under this
101 | section is subject to a specific appropriation to the department
102 | for such purpose.

103 | (3) A qualifying adoptive employee must apply to his or
104 | her agency head, or to his or her school director in the case of
105 | a qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the
106 | Florida Virtual School, to obtain the monetary benefit provided
107 | in subsection (2). A veteran, ~~or~~ servicemember, or tax collector
108 | employee must apply to the department to obtain the benefit. A
109 | law enforcement officer must apply to the Department of Law
110 | Enforcement to obtain the benefit. Applications must be on forms

111 approved by the department and must include a certified copy of
 112 the final order of adoption naming the applicant as the adoptive
 113 parent. Monetary benefits shall be approved on a first-come,
 114 first-served basis based upon the date that each fully completed
 115 application is received by the department.

116 (4) This section does not preclude a qualifying adoptive
 117 employee, veteran, servicemember, tax collector employee, or law
 118 enforcement officer from receiving adoption assistance for which
 119 he or she may qualify under s. 409.166 or any other statute that
 120 provides financial incentives for the adoption of children.

121 (6) The department may adopt rules to administer this
 122 section. The rules may provide for an application process such
 123 as, but not limited to, an open enrollment period during which
 124 qualifying adoptive employees, veterans, servicemembers, tax
 125 collector employees, or law enforcement officers may apply for
 126 monetary benefits under this section.

127 Section 3. Section 445.09, Florida Statutes, is created to
 128 read:

129 445.09 Bonuses for tax collector employees.—Notwithstanding
 130 any other law to the contrary, a county tax collector may budget
 131 for and pay a hiring or retention bonus to an employee if the
 132 expenditure is approved by the Department of Revenue in the
 133 respective tax collector's budget or approved by the respective
 134 board of county commissioners after the budget is submitted to
 135 the Department of Revenue as set forth in s. 195.087(2).

136 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 1001.47, Florida
 137 Statutes, is amended to read:

138 1001.47 District school superintendent; salary.—

139 (2) Each elected district school superintendent shall
 140 receive a base salary, the amounts indicated in this subsection,
 141 based on the population of the county the elected superintendent
 142 serves. In addition, compensation shall be made for population
 143 increments over the minimum for each population group, which
 144 shall be determined by multiplying the population in excess of
 145 the minimum for the group times the group rate. The product of
 146 such calculation shall be added to the base salary to determine
 147 the adjusted base salary. Laws that increase the base salary
 148 provided in this subsection shall contain provisions on no other
 149 subject.

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 159 Section 5. Subsection (6) is added to section 1003.48,
 160 Florida Statutes, to read:

161 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles.—

162 (6) The district school board may contract with the county
 163 tax collector to authorize a tax collector employee, as defined
 164 in s. 409.1664(1), to administer road tests on school grounds at
 165 one or more secondary schools within the district.

166 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.