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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to children's initiatives; amending s 409.147, F.S.; establishing the Bay County 32401 Children's Initiative in Bay County and the Pompano RYZE Children's Initiative in Broward County; providing for the projects to be managed by not-for-profit corporations; declaring that the initiatives are subject to state public records and meeting requirements and procurement of commodities and contractual services requirements; requiring designated children's initiatives to assist in the creation of community-based service networks and programming that provides certain services for children and families residing in disadvantaged areas of this state; providing for evaluation, fiscal management, and oversight of the projects; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (14) of section 409.147, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (16) and amended, and new subsections (14) and (15) are added to that section, to read:

409.147 Florida Children's Initiatives.—

(14) THE BAY COUNTY 32401 CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE.—

(a) There is created within Bay County a project called the Bay County 32401 Children's Initiative managed by an entity organized as a not-for-profit corporation registered,

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30 incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with chapter
31 617 and this section. Public policy dictates that the Bay County
32 32401 Children's Initiative operate in the most open and
33 accessible manner consistent with its public purpose. Therefore,
34 the Legislature declares that the Bay County 32401 Children's
35 Initiative is subject to chapter 119, relating to public
36 records; chapter 286, relating to public meetings and records;
37 and chapter 287, relating to the procurement of commodities or
38 contractual services.

39 (b) This initiative is designed to encompass an area that
40 is large enough to include all of the necessary components of
41 community life, including, but not limited to, schools, places
42 of worship, recreational facilities, commercial areas, and
43 common spaces, yet small enough to allow programs and services
44 to reach every member of the neighborhood who is willing to
45 participate in the project.

46 (15) POMPANO RYZE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE.—

47 (a) There is created within Broward County a project called
48 the Pompano RYZE (Resilient Youth with Zeal to Excel) Children's
49 Initiative managed by an entity organized as a not-for-profit
50 corporation registered, incorporated, organized, and operated in
51 compliance with chapter 617 and this section. Public policy
52 dictates that the Pompano RYZE Children's Initiative operate in
53 the most open and accessible manner consistent with its public
54 purpose. Therefore, the Legislature declares that the Pompano
55 RYZE Children's Initiative is subject to chapter 119, relating
56 to public records; chapter 286, relating to public meetings and
57 records; and chapter 287, relating to the procurement of
58 commodities or contractual services.

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59 (b) This initiative is designed to encompass an area that
60 is large enough to include all of the necessary components of
61 community life, including, but not limited to, schools, places
62 of worship, recreational facilities, commercial areas, and
63 common spaces, yet small enough to allow programs and services
64 to reach every member of the neighborhood who is willing to
65 participate in the project.

66 (16) ~~(14)~~ IMPLEMENTATION.—

67 (a) The Miami Children's Initiative, Inc., the New Town
68 Success Zone, the Orlando Kidz Zones, the Tampa SSNOP, ~~and~~ the
69 Overtown Children and Youth Coalition, ~~the Bay County 32401~~
70 ~~Children's Initiative, and the Pompano RYZE Children's~~
71 ~~Initiative~~ have been designated as Florida Children's
72 Initiatives consistent with the legislative intent and purpose
73 of s. 16, chapter 2009-43, Laws of Florida, and as such shall
74 each assist the disadvantaged areas of this state in creating a
75 community-based service network and programming that develops,
76 coordinates, and provides quality education, accessible health
77 care, youth development programs, opportunities for employment,
78 and safe and affordable housing for children and families living
79 within their boundaries.

80 (b) To implement this section for the Florida Children's
81 Initiatives listed in this section, the department shall
82 contract with a not-for-profit corporation, to work in
83 collaboration with the governing body to adopt the resolution
84 described in subsection (4), to establish the planning team as
85 provided in subsection (5), and to develop and adopt the
86 strategic community plan as provided in subsection (6). The not-
87 for-profit corporation is also responsible for the development

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88 of a strategic business plan and for the evaluation, fiscal
89 management, and oversight of the Florida Children's Initiatives.

90 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.