

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to veteran benefit payments to minor
3 clients; amending s. 402.33, F.S.; authorizing the
4 Department of Children and Families, the Department of
5 Health, or the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to
6 access the certain benefit payments for specified
7 purposes; prohibiting the Department of Children and
8 Families, the Department of Health, or the Agency for
9 Persons with Disabilities from supplanting certain
10 financial assistance; providing an effective date.
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14 **Section 1. Subsections (3) through (9) of section 402.33,**
15 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through**
16 **(10), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that**
17 **section, to read:**

18 402.33 Department authority to charge fees for services
19 provided.—

20 (3) The department may access benefit payments provided by
21 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that are in a
22 combined account for the postsecondary education services and
23 support and the aftercare services under s. 409.1451 when a
24 minor client attains 18 years of age or, if enrolled in school,
25 23 years of age; however, the department may not supplant

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26 financial assistance provided in 409.1451(2)(b).

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