

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Cross offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (3) through (9) of section 402.33, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (10), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section to read:

402.33 Department authority to charge fees for services provided.—

(3) The Department of Children and Families must receive, deposit, and conserve all survivor benefit payments provided by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs on behalf of a

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14 minor client in out-of-home care. The accumulated funds must be
15 disbursed in their entirety to the minor client upon attaining
16 18 years of age. The Department of Children and Families may not
17 use such funds to reimburse the state for the cost of care.

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

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21 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

22 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

23 A bill to be entitled

24 An act relating to veteran benefit payments to minor
25 clients; amending s. 402.33, F.S.; requiring the
26 Department of Children and Families to receive,
27 deposit, and conserve certain benefit payments for
28 certain minor clients; providing requirements for such
29 funds; prohibiting the Department of Children and
30 Families from using such funds for certain purposes;
31 providing an effective date.