CHAPTER 2006-31

House Bill No. 5013

An act relating to client services fee collections; amending s. 402.33, F.S.; eliminating certain authority of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health to use fee collections in excess of fee-supported appropriations for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 402.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.33 Department authority to charge fees for services provided.—

(10)(a) Unless otherwise specified by the Legislature, fee collections, including third-party reimbursements, in excess of fee-supported appropriations may be used in conformance with the provisions of chapter 216 to fund nonrecurring expenditures for direct client services and to fund administrative costs of improving the fee collection program of the department. No more than one-sixth of the amount of collections in excess of the amount of appropriations may be used to fund such improvements to the program. Priority consideration for the expenditure of excess collections shall be given to those districts and programs most responsible for the excess. A plan for the use of excess collections not spent in the fiscal year in which collected shall be subject to approval by the Executive Office of the Governor within 90 days from the end of the state fiscal year in which the excess.

(b) For the 2005-2006 fiscal year only, the provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply. This paragraph expires July 1, 2006.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2006.

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