

## CHAPTER 98-175

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1660

An act relating to the Department of Children and Family Services; requiring the department to contract with a private nonprofit corporation to implement the Healthy Families Florida program for child abuse prevention services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Department of Children and Family Services shall contract with a private nonprofit corporation to implement the Healthy Families Florida program. The private nonprofit corporation shall be incorporated for the purpose of identifying, funding, supporting, and evaluating programs and community initiatives to improve the development and life outcomes of children and to preserve and strengthen families with a primary emphasis on prevention. The private nonprofit corporation shall implement the program. The program shall work in partnership with existing community-based home visitation and family support resources to provide assistance to families in an effort to prevent child abuse. The program shall be voluntary for participants and shall require the informed consent of the participants at the initial contact. The Kempe Family Stress Checklist shall not be used.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Children and Family Services the sum of \$10 million from tobacco settlement receipts residing in the department's Grants and Donations Trust Fund to implement this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the year in which enacted.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 1998.

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