

26 indicated, based on the population of his or her county. In
 27 addition, a compensation shall be made for population increments
 28 over the minimum for each population group, which shall be
 29 determined by multiplying the population in excess of the
 30 minimum for the group times the group rate.

31	Pop. Group	County Pop. Range		Base Salary	Group Rate
32		Minimum	Maximum		
33	I			<u>\$26,250</u>	
34		-0-	49,999	\$21,250	\$0.07875
35	II			<u>29,400</u>	
		50,000	99,999	24,400	0.06300
36	III			<u>32,550</u>	
		100,000	199,999	27,550	0.02625
37	IV			<u>35,175</u>	
		200,000	399,999	30,175	0.01575
	V			<u>38,325</u>	
		400,000	999,999	33,325	0.00525

38	VI		<u>41,475</u>		
		1,000,000	36,475	0.00400	

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 40 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
 41 409.1664, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g),
 42 subsections (2), (3), (4), and (6) are amended, and a new
 43 paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to
 44 read:

45 409.1664 Adoption benefits for qualifying adoptive
 46 employees of state agencies, veterans, servicemembers, ~~and~~ law
 47 enforcement officers, and tax collector employees.-

48 (1) As used in this section, the term:

49 (f) "Tax collector employee" means an employee or a deputy
 50 tax collector, provided in s. 197.103, of an office of a county
 51 tax collector.

52 (2) A qualifying adoptive employee, veteran, ~~or~~
 53 servicemember, or tax collector employee who adopts a child
 54 within the child welfare system who is difficult to place as
 55 described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to receive a lump-
 56 sum monetary benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per such child,
 57 subject to applicable taxes. A law enforcement officer who
 58 adopts a child within the child welfare system who is difficult
 59 to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to
 60 receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of \$25,000 per

61 such child, subject to applicable taxes. A qualifying adoptive
 62 employee, veteran, ~~or servicemember,~~ or tax collector employee
 63 who adopts a child within the child welfare system who is not
 64 difficult to place as described in s. 409.166(2)(d)2. is
 65 eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary benefit in the amount of
 66 \$5,000 per such child, subject to applicable taxes. A law
 67 enforcement officer who adopts a child within the child welfare
 68 system who is not difficult to place as described in s.
 69 409.166(2)(d)2. is eligible to receive a lump-sum monetary
 70 benefit in the amount of \$10,000 per each such child, subject to
 71 applicable taxes. A qualifying adoptive employee of a charter
 72 school or the Florida Virtual School may retroactively apply for
 73 the monetary benefit provided in this subsection if such
 74 employee was employed by a charter school or the Florida Virtual
 75 School when he or she adopted a child within the child welfare
 76 system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2015. A
 77 veteran, ~~or servicemember,~~ or tax collector employee may apply
 78 for the monetary benefit provided in this subsection if he or
 79 she is domiciled in this state and adopts a child within the
 80 child welfare system pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1,
 81 2020. A law enforcement officer may apply for the monetary
 82 benefit provided in this subsection if he or she is domiciled in
 83 this state and adopts a child within the child welfare system
 84 pursuant to chapter 63 on or after July 1, 2022. A tax collector
 85 employee may apply for the monetary benefit provided in this

86 subsection if he or she is domiciled in this state and adopts a
 87 child within the child welfare system under chapter 63 on or
 88 after July 1, 2024.

89 (a) Benefits paid to a qualifying adoptive employee who is
 90 a part-time employee must be prorated based on the qualifying
 91 adoptive employee's full-time equivalency at the time of
 92 applying for the benefits.

93 (b) Monetary benefits awarded under this subsection are
 94 limited to one award per adopted child within the child welfare
 95 system.

96 (c) The payment of a lump-sum monetary benefit for
 97 adopting a child within the child welfare system under this
 98 section is subject to a specific appropriation to the department
 99 for such purpose.

100 (3) A qualifying adoptive employee must apply to his or
 101 her agency head, or to his or her school director in the case of
 102 a qualifying adoptive employee of a charter school or the
 103 Florida Virtual School, to obtain the monetary benefit provided
 104 in subsection (2). A veteran, ~~or~~ servicemember, or tax collector
 105 employee must apply to the department to obtain the benefit. A
 106 law enforcement officer must apply to the Department of Law
 107 Enforcement to obtain the benefit. Applications must be on forms
 108 approved by the department and must include a certified copy of
 109 the final order of adoption naming the applicant as the adoptive
 110 parent. Monetary benefits shall be approved on a first-come,

111 first-served basis based upon the date that each fully completed
 112 application is received by the department.

113 (4) This section does not preclude a qualifying adoptive
 114 employee, veteran, servicemember, tax collector employee, or law
 115 enforcement officer from receiving adoption assistance for which
 116 he or she may qualify under s. 409.166 or any other statute that
 117 provides financial incentives for the adoption of children.

118 (6) The department may adopt rules to administer this
 119 section. The rules may provide for an application process such
 120 as, but not limited to, an open enrollment period during which
 121 qualifying adoptive employees, veterans, servicemembers, tax
 122 collector employees, or law enforcement officers may apply for
 123 monetary benefits under this section.

124 Section 3. Section 445.09, Florida Statutes, is created to
 125 read:

126 445.09 Bonuses for tax collector employees.—Notwithstanding
 127 any other law to the contrary, a county tax collector may budget
 128 for and pay a hiring or retention bonus to an employee if the
 129 expenditure is approved by the Department of Revenue in the
 130 respective tax collector's budget or approved by the respective
 131 board of county commissioners after the budget is submitted to
 132 the Department of Revenue as set forth in s. 195.087(2).

133 Section 4. Subsection (6) is added to section 1003.48,
 134 Florida Statutes, to read:

135 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles.—

136 (6) The district school board may contract with the county
137 tax collector to authorize a tax collector employee, as defined
138 in s. 409.1664(1), to administer road tests on school grounds at
139 one or more secondary schools within the district.

140 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.