A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the construction industry
workforce; amending s. 468.631, F.S.; requiring
certain funds to be used for specified purposes;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1.  Subsection (1) of section 468.631, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

468.631  Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund.—
(1)  This part shall be funded through a surcharge, to be
assessed pursuant to s. 125.56(4) or s. 166.201 at the rate of
1.5 percent of all permit fees associated with enforcement of
the Florida Building Code as defined by the uniform account
criteria and specifically the uniform account code for building
permits adopted for local government financial reporting
pursuant to s. 218.32. The minimum amount collected on any
permit issued shall be $2. The unit of government responsible
for collecting permit fees pursuant to s. 125.56 or s. 166.201
shall collect such surcharge and shall remit the funds to the
department on a quarterly calendar basis beginning not later
than December 31, 2010, for the preceding quarter, and
continuing each third month thereafter; and such unit of
government shall retain 10 percent of the surcharge collected to
fund the participation of building departments in the national and state building code adoption processes and to provide education related to enforcement of the Florida Building Code.

There is created within the Professional Regulation Trust Fund a separate account to be known as the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund, which shall deposit and disburse funds as necessary for the implementation of this part.

(a) On a quarterly calendar basis, one quarter of 1 percent of proceeds from the surcharge shall be distributed to the M.E. Rinker, Sr., School of Construction Management at the University of Florida and may be used for the following purposes:

1. Project coordination with institutional partners, including the Department of Education, Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Corrections, and CareerSource Florida, Inc.

2. Project coordination with the Florida Construction Workforce Consortium, Inc.

3. Research into construction education issues.

4. Advocacy of construction employment at the K-12 school levels.

5. Development and maintenance of a Build Your Future Florida website.

6. Construction careers job fairs.

7. Sponsorship of K-12 after school activities that focus
on construction careers.

(b) The remaining proceeds from the this surcharge shall be allocated equally to fund the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund established by s. 489.140 and the functions of the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. The department may transfer excess cash to the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund that it determines is not required to fund the board from the board's account within the Professional Regulation Trust Fund. However, the department may not transfer excess cash that would exceed the amount appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, and any amount approved by the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s. 216.181, to be used for the payment of claims from the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.