

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

CS/SB 96 — Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Burgess

The bill (Chapter 2022-1, L.O.F.) amends the financing provisions related to state expenditures made in response to a declared state of emergency. The bill requires funding to first come from funds specifically appropriated to state and local agencies for disaster relief or response. If those funds are insufficient, the bill authorizes the Governor to make funds available by transferring and expending moneys in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

The bill authorizes the Governor to request the Legislative Budget Commission to approve a request to transfer additional funds to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund. The bill directs the immediate transfer of \$500 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

These provisions became law upon approval by the Governor on February 17, 2022.

Vote: Senate 31-4; House 95-22