

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 98 — Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund

by Senator Burgess

The bill (Chapter 2022-2, L.O.F.) creates the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor. Moneys specifically appropriated to the fund are available as a primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of preparing or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor as a state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

In accordance with Art. III, s. 19(f)(2) State Constitution, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund terminates four years after the bill becomes a law, unless terminated sooner. Before the fund terminates the Executive Office of the Governor must recommend to the Legislature whether to recreate the fund or allow it to terminate.

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

Vote: Senate 34-1; House 99-17