

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**SB 472 — National Statuary Hall**

by Senators Thurston, Book, Taddeo, Farmer, Rodriguez, Gibson, Torres, and Campbell

The bill requests the Joint Committee of the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune. The bill states that it is the “official request” to the Joint Committee pursuant to federal law, and requires the Department of State to deliver a copy of the bill to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Joint Committee, and each member of the Florida Congressional delegation.

The Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State must take possession of the statue of General Smith when it is returned to the state pursuant to federal law, and the division must make the statue available for public display.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-1*

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**HB 5001 — General Appropriations Act**

by Appropriations Committee and Representative Trujillo (SB 2500 by Appropriations Committee)

HB 5001, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, provides for a total budget of \$88.7 billion, including:

- \$32.4 billion from the General Revenue Fund (GR)
- \$2.1 billion from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund
- \$1.2 billion from the Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Fund (PECO TF)
- \$53.0 billion from other trust funds (TF)
- 112,857.21 full time equivalent positions (FTE)

**Reserves**

Total: \$3.25 billion

- \$1.0 billion in the General Revenue Fund unallocated
- \$1.48 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$770.3 million in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund

**Major Issues**

***Education Capital Outlay***

Total: \$454.1 million [\$372.3 million PECO TF; \$81.8 million GR]

*(Additional \$33.1 million GR contingent on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursement)*

- Public School Repairs and Maintenance - \$50 million
- Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$145.3 million  
*(Additional \$5 million GR contingent on FEMA Reimbursement)*
- Developmental Research Schools - \$6.2 million
- Public School Special Facilities - \$31.4 million  
*(Additional \$2 million GR contingent on FEMA Reimbursement for Gilchrist County)*
- Florida College System Repairs and Maintenance - \$35.4 million
- Florida College System Projects - \$31 million  
*(Additional \$12.2 million GR contingent on FEMA Reimbursement)*
- State University System Repairs and Maintenance - \$47.2 million
- State University System Projects - \$101.4 million  
*(Additional \$11.2 million GR contingent on FEMA Reimbursement)*
- School for the Deaf and Blind Repairs and Maintenance - \$3.3 million
- Public Broadcasting - Health and Safety Issues - \$2.4 million

- Florida State University Schools - Hurricane Special Needs Shelter - \$2 million GR  
(*Contingent on FEMA Reimbursement*)
- Edward W. Bok Academy – Hurricane Relief Initiative - \$500,000 GR  
(*Additional \$700,000 GR contingent on FEMA Reimbursement*)

In addition, \$40 million in authorization for State University System (SUS) Capital Improvement Student Fee Projects

### ***Compensation and Benefits***

Pay Issues - Total \$45.2 million [\$21.7 million GR; \$23.5 million TF]

- State Law Enforcement Officers - pay increase of 7% or 10% (if 10 or more years of service)
- State Firefighters - \$2,500 pay increase
- Department of Juvenile Justice Probation and Detention Officers - 10% pay increase
- Asst. State Attorneys and Asst. Public Defenders - pay increase of \$2,000 or \$4,000 (if more than 3 years of service within the same office). Pay increase is for attorneys with salary of \$75,000 or less (includes smoothing to ensure no employees, with similar service, making between \$75,000 and \$79,000 are surpassed due to this pay increase).
- Supreme Court Justices salary increase to \$220,600

State Employee Group Health Insurance - Total \$68.5 million [\$41.5 million GR; \$27 million TF]

- 6% increase to state-paid premiums

Florida Retirement System (State Agencies)- Total \$33.3 million [\$19.8 million GR; \$13.5 million TF]

- Fully funds normal costs and unfunded actuarial liability - including costs associated with lowering the investment return assumption from 7.60% to 7.50%

### ***Domestic Security***

Total - \$41.5 million TF

### ***State Match for Federally Declared Disasters***

Total - \$83.4 million GR

### **Pre-K - 12 Education Appropriations[\[1\]](#)**

Total Appropriations: \$15.9 billion [\$12.6 billion GR; \$3.3 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$25.1 billion [\$15.9 billion state funds; \$9.2 billion local funds][\[2\]](#)

## Major Issues

### *Early Learning Services*

Total: \$1.1 billion [\$555.7 million GR; \$528.4 million TF]

- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$398.4 million GR, including \$1.6 million for 630 additional students
- School Readiness Program - \$630.9 million [\$144.6 million GR; \$486.3 million TF]

### *Public Schools/K12 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)*

Total Funding: \$21.1 billion [\$11.9 billion state funds; \$9.2 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is \$484.8 million or 2.35%
- FEFP increase in Total Funds per Student is \$101.50, a 1.39% increase (from \$7,306 to \$7,408)
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$107.1 million for new construction only; RLE millage is reduced from 4.308 to 4.091 mills (RLE dollar increase mitigated by \$375.6 million of state funds)
- Teachers Classroom Supplies Allocation - \$8.9 million increase to raise the amount for each teacher by \$50, from \$250 to \$300
- Funding Compression Allocation – additional \$56.8 million for low-funded school districts (receive less than the state average total funds per student)
- School Safety Appropriations in CS/SB 7026
  - Safe Schools Allocation - additional \$97.5 million, including funds to increase the minimum level for each school district to \$250,000, to be used exclusively to hire additional school resource officers to make schools safer
  - Mental Health Assistance Allocation – \$69.2 million to provide funds to school districts and charter schools to assist in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care in coordination with mental health providers to help address the mental health crisis affecting young people in Florida; address issues such as opioid addiction, youth suicide, and bullying; and make schools safer

### *Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP*

- Mentoring Programs - \$16.3 million GR
- Regional Education Consortia - \$304,000 increase to fully fund the program for small school districts
- Gardiner Scholarships – additional \$25 million for a total of \$128.3 million GR
- School District Matching Grants for school district foundations - \$4 million GR
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$22.8 million GR
- Exceptional Education Grants - \$6.6 million [\$4.3 million GR; \$2.3 million TF]
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$52.8 million [\$48.1 million GR; \$4.7 million TF]
- The Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Scholarship Programs - \$233.95 million GR

- Schools of Hope Program - \$140 million GR
- Reading Scholarship Accounts - \$10 million (CS/HB 7055)
- Security Funding for the Jewish Day Schools – \$2 million GR
- School Safety Appropriations in CS/SB 7026
  - Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training - \$6.7 million GR
  - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Memorial - \$1 million GR
  - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Building Replacement - \$25.3 million GR
  - School Hardening Grants program - \$99 million GR

### **Higher Education Appropriations[\[3\]](#)**

Total Appropriations: \$6.1 billion [\$4.5 billion GR; \$1.6 billion TF – excludes tuition]

Total Funding - including local revenues: \$9 billion [\$6.1 billion state funds; \$2.9 billion local]

### **Major Issues**

#### ***District Workforce***

Total: \$526 million [\$285.5 million GR; \$196.7 million TF; \$43.8 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - \$366.3 million [\$291.4 million GR, \$74.9 million TF]
- Perkins Career and Technical Education grants and Adult Education and Literacy funds – [\$108.7 million TF]
- Restoration of CAPE Incentive Funds - \$4.5 million GR
- No tuition increase

#### ***Florida College System***

Total: \$2.2 billion [\$956.3 million GR; \$272.2 million TF; \$962 million tuition/fees]

- Performance Based Funding - \$60 million
  - \$30 million State Investment - restored nonrecurring funds [GR]
  - \$30 million Institutional Investment
    - Reprioritized from the base of each institution
- Restoration of CAPE Incentive Funds - \$10 million GR
- Additional College Program Fund operating funds - \$6.7 million GR
- No tuition increase

#### ***State University System***

Total: \$5 billion [\$2.8 billion GR; \$308 million TF; \$1.9 billion tuition/fees]

- Performance Based Funding - \$560 million
  - \$265 million State Investment [GR]
  - \$295 million Institutional Investment

- Reprioritized from the base of each institution
- Preeminence and Emerging Preeminence - \$20 million GR
- World Class Faculty and Scholar Program - \$20 million GR
- State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program - \$10 million GR
- National Ranking Operational Enhancement (UF, FSU) - \$5 million GR
- Regional University General Operating Enhancement – UNF - \$4 million GR
- FAMU Operational Funds - \$6 million GR
- FGCU Operational Funds - \$13.7 million GR
- FIU Operational Support - \$4.7 million GR
- FSU Operational Enhancement - \$5 million
- UF Operational Enhancement - \$5 million
- No tuition increase

### ***Private Colleges***

Total: \$170.6 million GR

- Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) – Increases student award amount from \$3,300 to \$3,500.
- ABLE Grant – Increases student award amount from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

### ***Student Financial Aid***

Total: \$841.1 million [\$250.7 million GR, \$590.4 million TF]

- Bright Futures (including CS/SB 4) – \$519.7 million TF [\$519.1 million TF, \$636,712 GR], which includes a \$122.4 million increase
  - \$11.7 million for workload (maintains Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) awards at 100% of tuition and fees with \$300 textbook stipend and FAS summer awards)
  - \$81.7 million for Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award increase to 75% of tuition and fees
  - \$28.4 million for FMS summer awards
  - \$636,712 for workload for UF Innovation Academy students
- Florida Student Assistance Grants – \$269.4 million [\$199.5 million GR, \$69.9 million TF]
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program Increase (including CS/SB 4) – \$2.8 million GR
  - \$1.5 million workload increase
  - \$1.2 million for out-of-state student expansion
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Workload Increase – \$523,240 GR
- Need-based educational benefits to pay living expenses during semester breaks for active duty and honorably discharged members of the U.S. Armed Forces – \$1 million GR
- Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program (CS/SB 4) – \$0.5 million GR

### **Health and Human Services Appropriations[\[4\]](#)**

Total Budget: \$37,216.4 million [\$9,928.2 million GR; \$27,288.2 million TF]; 31,350.46 FTE

## Major Issues

### *Agency for Health Care Administration*

Total: \$29,204.7 million [\$6,898.1 million GR; \$22,306.6 million TF]; 1,536.5 FTE

- Medicaid Price Level and Workload – \$898.9 million [\$414.8 million GR; \$484.1 million TF]
- KidCare Workload – \$42.2 million [\$3.3 million GR; \$38.9 million TF]
- Low Income Pool – \$1.5 Billion [\$586.8 million IGTs; \$921.6 million TF]
- Increase Payments to Nursing Homes – \$128.5 million [\$50.0 million GR; \$78.5 million TF]
- Nursing Home Prospective Payment Transition – \$9.78 million [\$9.78 million TF]
- Medical School Faculty Physician Supplemental Payment – \$277.3 million [\$107.9 million IGTs; \$169.4 million TF]
- Medicaid Retroactive Eligibility Reduction – \$98.4 million [\$38.1 million GR; \$60.3 million TF]
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Developmentally Disabled Rate Increase - \$11.6 million [\$4.5 million GR; \$7.1 million TF]
- Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Rate Increase - \$5.1million [\$2.0 million GR; \$3.1 million TF]
- Pediatric Neonatal Intensive Care Unit / Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Rate Increase - \$3.4 million [\$1.4 million GR; \$2.1 million TF]
- Increases in Graduate Medical Education Slots - \$45.0 million [\$17.5 million IGTs; \$27.5 million TF]
- Increase Personal Needs Allowance for Long Term Care residents from \$105 to \$130 per month – \$16.9 million [\$7.7 million GR; \$9.2 million TF]

### *Agency for Persons with Disabilities*

Total: \$1,331.8 million [\$553.1 million GR; \$778.8 million TF]; 2,702.5 FTE

- Provider Rate Increase to Maintain USDOL Compliance – \$41.0 million [\$15.9 million recurring GR; \$25.1 million TF]
- Employment and Internship Supports – \$0.9 million TF
- iConnect System – \$0.7 million [\$0.3 million GR; \$0.4 million TF]
- Palm Beach Habilitation Center Cultural Arts Building and Hurricane Shelter- \$1 million GR [contingent on FEMA Reimbursement]

### *Department of Children and Families*

Total: \$3,262.2 million [\$1,805.6 million GR; \$1,456.6 million TF]; 12,030.75 FTE

- Child Protection Investigators/Florida Abuse Hotline - \$8.1 million [\$4.4 million GR; \$3.7 million TF]; 69 FTE

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- Realignment within Department to Increase Child Protective Investigator Staff; 61 FTE
- Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (CBC) Funding – \$39.2 million [\$7.0 million GR; \$32.2 million TF]
- Central Receiving Systems Funding Restoration – \$9.8 million GR
- Guardianship Assistance Program – \$4.2 million [\$1.9 million GR; \$2.3 million TF]; 2 FTE
- Maintenance Adoption Subsidies Extended to Age 21 – \$7.6 million [\$4.0 million GR; \$3.6 million TF]
- Florida Safe Families Child Welfare Information System Enhanced Functionality - \$4.5 million [\$4.2 million GR; \$0.3 million TF]
- Increase Personal Needs Allowance – \$1.9 million GR
- Employment Assistance for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders – \$0.7 million GR
- School Safety Appropriations in CS/SB 7026
  - Provides additional community action treatment teams - \$9.8 million GR
  - Provides additional mobile crisis teams - \$18.3 million GR
- Opioid Crisis Appropriations in CS/CS/ HB 21
  - Increases access to treatment, reduces unmet treatment needs, and reduces opioid overdose-related deaths through prevention, treatment, and recovery activities - \$27.0 million TF
  - Provides funding for community-based services to address the opioid crisis, including, but not limited to, outreach, addiction treatment, and recovery support services - \$14.6 million GR

### ***Department of Elder Affairs***

Total: \$334.1 million [\$154.9 million GR; \$179.3 million TF]; 406.5 FTE

- Alzheimer's Respite Care (66 slots) – \$0.8 million GR
- Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program (61 slots) – \$0.5 million GR
- Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Program (215 slots) – \$0.8 million GR
- PACE expansion, multiple locations (475 slots) – \$14.3 million [\$5.6 million GR; \$8.8 million TF]
  - 100 slots for Northeast Florida; 75 slots for Martin County; 100 slots for Miami-Dade County; 100 slots for Lee County; and 100 slots for Collier County

### ***Department of Health***

Total: \$2,971.4 million [\$507.1 million GR; \$2,464.3 million TF]; 13,410.71 positions

- Pediatric Cancer Research – \$3.0 million recurring GR
- Poison Control Centers – \$3.7 million recurring GR
- Early Steps Program Expanded Eligibility – \$3.5 million TF
- Newborn Screening Program X-ALD Testing – \$1.1 million TF
- Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program – \$1.5 million recurring GR



- Opioid Crisis Appropriations in CS/CS/ HB 21 – \$6.0 million GR
  - Enhancements to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program system – \$1.0 million GR
  - Purchase of Naloxone for First Responders – \$5.0 million GR

### ***Department of Veterans' Affairs***

Total: \$112.7 million [\$10.0 million GR; \$102.7 million TF]; 1,263.5 FTE

- Staffing and start-up State Veterans' Nursing Home in Orange County – \$8.0 million TF; 136 FTE
- Initial Staffing of State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Lucie County – \$0.2 million TF, 4 FTE
- Replace Vans to transport handicapped Residents – \$0.3 million TF
- Florida is For Veterans Entrepreneur Training Grants – \$0.8 million GR
- Benefits and Assistance Staffing Increase – \$0.4 million TF; 5 FTE

### **Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations[\[5\]](#)**

Total Budget: \$5,210.1 million [\$4,266.9 million GR; \$943.2 million TF]; 45,967.25 FTE

### **Major Issues**

- Funds the Department of Corrections health services deficit, which includes Hepatitis C - \$25.1 million GR (Plus an additional \$21.7 million GR for Hepatitis C in the current fiscal year.)
- Funds residential mental health treatment services within the Department of Corrections - \$52.7 million GR and 289.00 FTE
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance within the Department of Corrections facilities - \$6.4 million GR and 12.00 FTE
- Funds fixed capital outlay for cameras for DJJ's residential program facilities – \$1 million GR

### ***Attorney General/ Legal Affairs***

Total: \$309.2 million [\$61.6 million GR; \$247.6 million TF]; 1,352.50 FTE

- Agency-wide Information Technology Infrastructure Improvements - \$7.4 million TF
- Matching Funds for Generators at the 42 Certified Domestic Violence Shelters - \$1.5 million GR
- Transfer of Children's Advocacy Centers from the State Courts System - \$4.2 million GR

### ***Department of Corrections***

Total: \$2.6 billion [\$2.5 billion GR; \$81.3 million TF]; 24,539.00 FTE

- Desktop Virtualization - \$4.0 million TF
- Disability Rights Florida – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Settlement Agreement - \$4.3 million GR and 12 FTE

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- Disability Rights Florida – Mental Health Treatment Services - \$42.7 million GR and 289.00 FTE
- Vocational Curriculum for Inmates – \$1.0 million GR
- Infectious Disease Drug Treatment (Hepatitis C) – \$14.6 million GR
- Contracted Health Services Funding - \$10.5 million GR
- Residential Mental Health Treatment Services - \$10.0 million GR
- Fixed Capital Outlay – ADA Compliance - \$2.1 million GR
- Fixed Capital Outlay – Renovations and Repairs - \$4.1 million GR

### ***Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)***

Total: \$295.4 million [\$102.15 million GR; \$194.3 million TF]; 1,891.00 FTE

- Improve sexual offender and predator registry - \$2.2 million TF
- Funds final year of Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database - \$5.7 million TF
- Provides funds for the renovations of the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center - \$0.5 million GR
- Funds to replace hazardous device/emergency ordnance disposal vehicles - \$0.1 million TF
- School Safety Appropriations in CS/SB 7026
  - Funds the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission - \$0.65 million GR
  - Funds a Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool - \$0.4 million in GR

### ***Department of Juvenile Justice***

Total: \$590.2 million [\$409.4 million GR; \$180.8 million TF]; 3,269.50 FTE

- Funds a retention bonus for DJJ's direct care workers - \$2.0 million GR
- Provides funds for PACE Center for Girls, that includes centers in Hernando and Citrus Counties - \$4.5 million GR
- Provides funds for AMIKIDS Programs - \$6.7 million GR
- Funds continuation and expansion of prevention and early intervention programs – \$1.1 million GR and \$5.3 million TF
- Funds Prodigy Program - \$0.5 million in GR and \$1.0 million TF

### ***State Court System***

Total: \$539.3 million [\$446.0 million GR; \$93.3 million TF]; 4,304.50 FTE

- Enhances funding for problem-solving courts (e.g., Veterans' Courts, Drug Courts, Early Childhood Courts) - \$2.5 million recurring GR
- Provides additional Vivitrol funding to address opioid problem - \$2.5 million GR
- Restores trial court salary reduction - \$2.0 million GR

### ***Justice Administration***

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Total: \$912.5 million [\$766.7 million GR; \$145.7 million TF]; 10,478.75 FTE

- Partially restores domestic violence and human trafficking initiatives in the 9th Circuit State Attorney's Office - \$0.7 million GR and 10.5 FTE
- Converts Regional Conflict Counsel OPS and contractors to full-time employees, per IRS audit - \$2.7 million GR and 64.75 FTE

### **Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$14.5 billion [\$245.2 million GR; \$14.3 billion TF]; 13,071 positions

#### **Major Issues**

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.9 billion TF
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$109.6 million TF
- Florida Job Growth Grant Funding - \$85 million GR
- Visit Florida - \$76 million TF and GR
- Library Grants and Cooperatives - \$20.1 million GR
- Cultural, Museum, and Historic Grants and Initiatives - \$14.3 million GR
- Motorist Modernization Project - \$12.6 million TF

#### ***Department of Economic Opportunity***

Total: \$1.14 billion [\$131.3 million GR; \$1.01 billion TF]; 1,475 FTE

- Economic Development Toolkit Payments (payments for existing contracts) - \$29.1 million
- Job Growth Grant Fund - \$85 million GR
- Economic Development Projects and Initiatives - \$12.9 million GR and TF
- Space Florida - \$18.5 million TF [\$12.5 million recurring; \$6 million nonrecurring]
- Visit Florida - \$76 million GR and TF
- Workforce Development Projects and Initiatives - \$5.8 million GR and TF
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$109.6 million TF:
  - SHIP - \$44.5 million TF (allocated to local governments)
  - State Housing Programs - \$79.2 million TF, includes:
    - At least 60 percent for the SAIL Program
    - \$15 million for workforce housing to serve low-income persons
    - \$15 million for housing in the Florida Keys
- Housing and Community Development Projects and Initiatives - \$5.4 million TF
- Community Development Block Grants - \$126.5 million TF
  - CDBG – Disaster Recovery Grants - \$90 million TF (federal grant fund authority to address unmet community needs for housing, infrastructure, and economic development after other assistance has been exhausted)

#### ***Department of State***

Total: \$101.7 million [\$67.3 million GR; \$34.4 TF]; 408 FTE

- State Aid to Libraries - \$20.1 million GR
- Cultural and Museum Program Support and Facilities - \$9.6 million GR
- Historical Resources Preservation - \$5.6 million [\$4.7 million GR; \$1.5 million TF]
- County Elections Assistance - \$3.4 million GR
- Cyber Security - \$1.9 million TF

### ***Department of Transportation***

Total: \$10.9 billion TF; 6,236 FTE

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.9 billion TF:
  - Highway and Bridge Construction - \$3.9 billion
  - Resurfacing and Maintenance - \$1.3 billion
  - Design and Engineering - \$1.0 billion
  - Right of Way Land Acquisition - \$577.3 million
  - Public Transit Development Grants - \$567.8 million
  - Rail Development Grants - \$303.8 million
  - County Transportation Programs:
    - Small County Road Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP) - \$29.8 million
    - Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - \$72.8 million, including \$15 million to rural areas of opportunity
    - Other County Transportation Programs - \$62.0 million
  - Aviation Development Grants - \$351.4 million
  - Seaport and Intermodal Development Grants - \$228.3 million
  - Economic Development Transportation (“Road Fund”) Projects - \$119.7 million TF
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program - \$59.9 million

### ***Department of Military Affairs***

Total: \$63.4 million [\$21.9 million GR; \$41.4 million TF]; 453 FTE

- Tuition Assistance for Florida National Guard - \$4.2 million GR
- About Face and Forward March Programs - \$2.0 million GR

### ***Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles***

Total: \$480.0 million [\$150,000 GR; \$479.9 million TF]; 4,344 FTE

- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase I and II - \$12.6 million TF
- Relocation of Orlando Regional Communications Center - \$1.3 million TF
- Maintenance and Repairs of Facilities - \$3.3 million TF
- Field Office Equipment Refresh - \$4.0 million TF

### ***Division of Emergency Management***

Total: \$1.86 billion [\$26.1 GR; \$1.84 billion TF]; 155 FTE

- Federally Declared Disaster Funding - \$1.8 billion
  - Communities - \$1.7 billion TF
  - State Operations - \$42.9 million TF
- Statewide Notification and Alert System - \$3.5 million TF
- Statewide LiDAR Mapping - \$15 million GR
- Hurricane Mitigation Projects - \$11.1 million GR

## **The Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$4 billion (\$441.7 million GR; \$870.6 million LATF; \$2.7 billion Other TF); 8,699 FTE

### **Major Issues**

#### ***Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services***

Total: \$1.8 billion (\$186.4 million GR; \$107.5 million LATF; \$1.5 billion TF); 3,651 FTE

- Wildfire Suppression Equipment - \$6.3 million (\$5.6 million TF; \$0.7 million GR)
- Forestry Road/Bridge and Facility Maintenance - \$3.2 million (\$2.2 million LATF; \$1 million TF)
- Citrus Greening Research - \$8 million TF
- Citrus Health Response Program - \$7.1 million TF
- Citrus Crop Decline Supplemental Funding - \$2.5 million GR
- Farm Share and Food Banks - \$8.7 million GR
- Florida Forever - Rural and Family Lands \$5.8 million (\$3.8 million GR; \$2 million LATF)
- Lake Okeechobee Agricultural Projects - \$5 million LATF
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - \$5.3 million GR
- Critical Building Repairs and Maintenance - \$3.3 million (\$1.8 million GR; \$1.5 million LATF)
- African Snail Eradication Program - \$1.5 million TF
- Office of Energy Grants - \$1.3 million TF
- Licensing Enterprise Regulatory Management System - \$13.3 million TF
- Citrus Canker Eradication Claims - \$52.1 million GR for Broward and Palm Beach counties property owners

#### ***Department of Citrus***

Total: \$31.3 million (\$5.7 million GR, \$25.6 million TF); 41 FTE

- Florida Forward Consumer Marketing Program - \$5 million GR

#### ***Department of Environmental Protection***

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Total: \$1.8 billion (\$215.4 million GR; \$660.1 million LATF; \$902.1 million TF); 2,889 FTE

- Everglades Restoration - \$143.1 million (\$141.7 million LATF; \$1.4 million TF)
- Northern Everglades Restoration - \$31 million (\$28.2 million LATF; \$1.7 million GR; \$1.1 million TF)
- EAA Reservoir - \$64 million LATF
- St. John River/Keystone Heights Restoration, Public Access & Recreation - \$25.0 million (\$7.7 million LATF; \$17.3 million GR)( \$5 million contingent on FEMA reimbursement)
- Florida Forever Funding - \$100.8 million TF (\$75.8 million transfer from GR; \$15 million transfer from LATF)
  - State Lands - \$72 million
  - Florida Communities Trust - \$10 million
  - DACS – Land Protection Easements - \$5.8 million (also shown in DACS)
  - Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern \$5 million
  - Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts - \$2 million
  - FRDAP – \$2 million
- Additional FRDAP List for Child Friendly Parks - \$4 million TF
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - \$50 million LATF
- Hurricane Beach Recovery - \$11.2 million (\$5.9 million GR; \$5.3 million LATF)
- Springs Restoration - \$50 million LATF (Base funding)
- Herbert Hoover Dike - \$50 million GR
- Water Projects - \$30.9 million GR (\$0.8 million contingent on FEMA reimbursement)
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - \$35.1 million (\$5 million GR; \$27.9 million TF)
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$110 million TF
- Drinking Water & Wastewater Revolving Loan Programs - \$16.5 million GR; \$286.4 million TF
- Hazardous Waste/Site Cleanup - \$8.5 million TF
- Total Maximum Daily Loads - \$7.4 million LATF
- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - \$5 million GR
- Small County Solid Waste Management Grants - \$3 million TF
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$15 million TF
- Local Parks - \$2.8 million GR

### ***Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission***

Total: \$378 million (\$34.2 million GR; \$102.9 million LATF; \$240.9 million TF); 2,119 FTE

- New District Office in Defuniak Springs - \$2 million TF
- Boating Infrastructure and Improvement Program - \$6.4 million TF
- Law Enforcement Body Worn Cameras - \$0.7 million TF
- Artificial Fishing Reef Construction - \$0.6 million TF
- Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area - \$1.1 million GR
- FWC Facilities Maintenance and Repair - \$1.4 million TF
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$1 million TF
- Aviation Enhancement - \$1 million GR

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- Lionfish Nonnative Species Management - \$1 million TF
- Law Enforcement Reserve Program - \$0.2 million TF
- Black Bear Conflict Reduction - \$0.5 million TF
- Building Improvements - \$1.1 million TF
- Palm Beach Recreational Shooting Park - \$3 million TF

## **General Government Appropriations**

Total Budget: \$2.1 billion [\$317.1 million GR; \$1.7 billion Other TFs]; 11,209 FTE

## **Major Issues**

### ***Department of Business & Professional Regulation***

Total: \$155 million [\$1.4 million GR; \$153.6 million TF]; 1,616 FTE

- Online Application Fees - \$0.5 million TF
- Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention - \$0.3 million TF

### ***Department of Financial Services***

Total: \$395.2 million [\$24.7 million GR; \$370.5 million TF]; 2,589 FTE

- Florida Planning, Accounting & Ledger Management (PALM) Project - \$32.5 million TF
- Information Technology Staff Augmentation - \$0.7 million TF
- Fire College and Arson Lab Repairs and Maintenance - \$0.4 million TF
- Local Government Fire Services - \$11.9 million TF and \$1.5M GR
- Increase Contracted Services Budget Authority - \$0.6 million TF
- University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center - Florida Firefighter Cancer Research - \$2 million GR
- Firefighter Assistance Grant Program - \$1 million TF
- Funeral and Cemetery IT Systems - \$1.2 million TF

### ***Department of the Lottery***

Total: \$182.1 million TF; 418 FTE

- Information Technology upgrades to software, hardware, and equipment - \$1.2 million TF
- Increase to Terminal Games Fees (New Contract) - \$5.6 million TF
- Increase to Instant Ticket Purchase - \$8.6 million TF
- Increase to Terminal Games Fees - \$2.1 million TF

### ***Department of Management Services***

Total Budget: \$624.8 million [\$73.9 million GR; \$550.8 million TF]; 838 FTE

- Florida Facilities Pool - \$58.3 million [\$41.3 million GR; \$17 million TF]
- Private Prison Monitoring Facility Maintenance and Repairs (Gadsden and Lake City Correctional Facilities) - \$3.9 million TF
- Florida Interoperability Network and Mutual Aid - \$1.9 million GR
- State Group Insurance Program Implementation- \$7.9 million TF
- State Employee Health Savings Account Program - \$1.5 million TF
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Staff Augmentation and Independent Verification and Validation Services - \$1.3 million TF
- SLERS Contract Payments Based on Additional Revenue Received - \$2 million TF
- Florida Region Interference Program - \$0.2 million TF
- Statewide Travel Management System Enhancements - \$0.4 million GR
- Replacement of Motor Vehicles - \$0.3 million TF
- Fleet Management Information System - \$0.1 million TF
- Florida Commission on Human Relations Staffing – \$0.4 million TF
- Local Funding Initiative Projects - \$2.8 million GR

### ***Division of Administrative Hearings***

Total Budget: \$26.5 million TF; 240 FTE

### ***Agency for State Technology***

Total: \$64.7 million TF; 203 FTE

- Security Training - \$0.2 million TF

### ***Public Service Commission***

Total: \$25 million TF; 272 FTE

### ***Department of Revenue***

Total: \$585.8 million [\$217.1 million GR; \$368.7 million TF]; 5,037 FTE

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$28.7 million GR
- Aerial Photography - \$1.2 million GR
- Child Support Enforcement Parenting Time Plans - \$0.3 million TF

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018, except where otherwise expressly provided.

[\[1\]](#) Pre-K - 12 Education appropriations include funding provided in CS/HB 7055 and CS/SB 7026.



[\[2\]](#) Local revenues include required and discretionary local effort for the public schools in the Florida Education Finance Program.

[\[3\]](#) Higher Education appropriations include funding provided in CS/SB 4.

[\[4\]](#) Health and Human Services appropriations include funding provided in CS/CS/HB 21 and CS/SB 7026.

[\[5\]](#) Criminal and Civil Justice appropriations include funding provided in CS/SB 7026.

*Vote: Senate 31-5; House 95-12*

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2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**HB 5003 — Implementing the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act**  
by Appropriations Committee and Representative Trujillo (SB 2502 by Appropriations Committee)

HB 5003, relating to implementing the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act, provides the following substantive modifications for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

**Section 1** provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 2** incorporates the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) work papers by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

**Section 3** provides that funds provided for instructional materials shall be released and expended as required in the proviso language attached to Specific Appropriation 92.

**Section 4** amends s. 1011.62, F.S., to create the funding compression allocation within the FEFP to provide additional funding for school districts whose total funds per FTE in the prior year were less than the statewide average.

**Section 5** amends s.1001.26, F.S., to allow public colleges or universities that are part of the public broadcasting system to qualify for state funding.

**Section 6** reverts the language of s. 1001.26, F.S., to the text in effect on June 30, 2018.

**Section 7** notwithstanding s. 212.099, F.S., to require for the 2018-2019 fiscal year that Florida Sales Tax Credit Program funds be used solely for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship.

**Section 8** amends s. 1009.986, F.S., to authorize Florida ABLE, Inc. to determine whether to require residency as a condition of participation based on market research and estimated operating revenues and costs.

**Section 9** reverts the language of s. 1009.986, F.S., to the text in effect on June 30, 2016.

**Section 10** amends s. 1009.986, F.S., to change the priority of distribution of funds in an ABLE account upon the death of a designated beneficiary. Funds must first be distributed for qualified disability expenses and then transferred to the estate of the designated beneficiary or an ABLE account of another eligible individual specified by the designated beneficiary or his or her estate.

**Section 11** reverts the language of s. 1009.986, F.S., to the text in effect on June 30, 2016.

**Section 12** amends s. 1009.215, F.S., to authorize fall term awards for University of Florida Innovation Academy students when summer funding is provided for other Bright Futures recipients.

**Section 13** reverts the language of s. 1009.215, F.S., to the text in effect on June 30, 2018.

**Section 14** provides that the calculations of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program for the 2018-2019 fiscal year contained in the document titled “Medicaid Hospital Funding Program,” dated January 26, 2018, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state law, in making appropriations for the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital and hospital reimbursement program. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 15** authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding between the AHCA and the Department of Health for the Children’s Medical Services (CMS) Network for the implementation of Statewide Medicaid Managed Care, to reflect actual enrollment changes due to the transition from fee-for-service into the capitated CMS Network. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 16** provides direction to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for setting iBudget amounts for clients receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver services. It also provides parameters under which a client’s iBudget amount may be increased. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 17** amends s. 409.908(2), F.S., relating to Medicaid nursing home reimbursement under the prospective payment system, to modify the parameters upon which Medicaid nursing home prospective payments rates are to be calculated when implemented on October 1, 2018. The direct care subcomponent is changed from 100 percent of the median cost to 105 percent, and the quality incentive payment pool subcomponent is changed from 6 percent to 8.5 percent of the September 2016 non-property payments of included facilities. This section is effective October 1, 2018.

**Section 18** amends s. 409.908(23), F.S., relating to Medicaid rate setting for specified provider types, to specify the prospective payment system reimbursement for nursing home services will be governed by s. 409.908(2), F.S., and the General Appropriations Act. Language relating to county health department reimbursement is restructured but not changed substantively. This section is effective October 1, 2018.

**Section 19** provides for the reversion of statute language for s. 409.908(2) and (23), F.S., back to the language as it existed on October 1, 2018.

**Section 20** directs the Agency to seek federal authorization from federal CMS to modify the period of retroactive Medicaid eligibility for non-pregnant adults to be from the first day of the month in which the person applies for Medicaid.

**Section 21** amends s. 893.055(18), F.S., relating to the prescription drug monitoring program to prohibit the use of any settlement agreement funds for the program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 22** amends s. 409.911, F.S., to provide that, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the AHCA must distribute moneys to hospitals providing a disproportionate share of Medicaid or charity care services as provided in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 23** amends s. 409.9113, F.S., to provide that, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the AHCA must make disproportionate share payments to teaching hospitals, as defined in s. 408.07, as provided in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 24** amends s. 409.9119, F.S., to provide, that, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the AHCA must make disproportionate share payments to specialty hospitals for children as provided in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 25** allows the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign funding priorities within appropriation, to address any projected surpluses and deficits.

**Section 26** amends ss. 39.6251, F.S., relating to continuing care for young adults, to conform to additional federal requirements for extending foster care to the age of 21.

**Section 27** amends s. 409.166(4) and (5), F.S., to provide adoption subsidies for qualifying adoptees up to age 21.

**Section 28** provides for the reversion of statute language for ss. 39.6251 and 409.166, F.S., back to the language as it existed on June 30, 2018

**Sections 29 and 30** amend ss. 381.986 and 381.988, F.S., to provide that rules relating to medical marijuana adopted prior to July 1, 2019 are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S.

**Section 31** amends section 296.37, F.S., to increase the personal needs allowance from \$105 to \$130 for residents of Department of Veterans' Affairs nursing facilities.

**Section 32** amends s. 216.262, F.S., to allow the Executive Office of the Governor to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue funds during the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the Department of Corrections (DOC), if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts from December 20, 2017. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health

services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to Legislative Budget Commission review and approval.

**Section 33** amends s. 215.18, F.S., to provide the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court the authority to request a trust fund loan to ensure the state court system has sufficient funds to meet its appropriations contained in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 34** authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer funds from appropriation categories within the department, other than fixed capital outlay, into the Inmate Health Services category to continue to meet the current level of health care services. These transfers are subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, F.S. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 35** requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities and to report any deficiencies to the Department of Revenue. If the Department of Juvenile Justice determines that a county has not met its obligations, it must direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from shared revenue funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, F.S. The section also includes procedures to provide assurance to holders of bonds for which shared revenue fund distributions are pledged. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 36** prohibits the payment of reimbursement or application of credits to a nonfiscally constrained county for any previous overpayment of juvenile detention costs to offset detention share costs owed pursuant to s. 985.686, F.S., or any other law during Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 37** amends s. 27.5304, F.S., to increase, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the statutory compensation limits for fees paid to court-appointed attorneys in noncapital, nonlife felony and life felony cases. The Legislature may establish the actual amounts paid to attorneys in these categories in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 38** requires clerks to pay costs of compensation to jurors, for meals or lodging provided to jurors, and for jury-related personnel costs that exceed funding in the General Appropriations Act for these purposes. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 39** amends s. 318.18, F.S., to require the deposit of certain funds into the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund instead of the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund.

**Section 40** provides that the amendment to s. 318.18, F.S., made in section 39 of this act expires July 1, 2019, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

**Section 41** amends s. 817.568, F.S., to require the deposit of certain funds into the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund instead of the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund.

**Section 42** provides that the amendment to s. 817.568, F.S., made in section 41 of this act expires July 1, 2019, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

**Section 43** transfers remaining revenue balances from the Public Defenders Trust Fund to the Indigent Criminal Defense Trust Fund. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 44** amends s. 1011.80, F.S., to allow state funds to be used for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs for state or federal inmates if specifically appropriated for such purpose in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This allows the Department of Corrections to use state funds appropriated through CareerSource Florida.

**Section 45** provides that the amendment to s. 1011.80, F.S., made in section 44 of this act expires July 1, 2019, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

**Section 46** permits a Supreme Court justice who resides outside of Leon County to designate an official headquarters in the district in which he or she resides. The justice is eligible to receive subsistence at a rate to be established by the Chief Justice for each day or partial day that the justice is at the headquarters of the Supreme Court (Leon County) to conduct court business. In addition, the justice is eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses for travel between the justice's official headquarters and the headquarters of the Supreme Court. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 47** requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) and agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements, in excess of 2,000 square feet, expiring before June 30, 2021. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 48** continues the online procurement system transaction fee authorized in ss. 287.042(1)(h)1 and 287.057(22)(c), F.S., at 0.7 percent for the 2018-2019 fiscal year only. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 49** prohibits an agency from transferring funds from a data processing category to any category other than another data processing category. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 50** authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the specific appropriation category "Data Processing Assessment - Agency for State Technology" between agencies, in order to align the budget authority granted with the Agency for State Technology estimated billing cycle and methodology. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 51** authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category “Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance” between departments in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 52** authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category “Special Categories - Transfer to DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased Per Statewide Contract” of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS for human resources management services. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 53** defines the components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource subsystem (FLAIR) and Cash Management System (CMS) included in the Department of Financial Services Planning Accounting and Ledger Management (PALM) system. This section also provides the executive steering committee (ESC) membership and the process for ESC meetings and decisions. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 54** transfers the Agency for State Technology Budget and Policy Section, Cost Recovery Section, and administrative rules in chapter 74-3 to the DMS. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 55** directs the DMS to provide financial management oversight and legislative budget request support to the Agency for State Technology (AST). This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 56** directs the Department of Environmental Protection to act as the primary point of contact for statewide geographic information systems and grants, coordinate and promote statewide geospatial data sharing. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 57** removes financial management duties from the AST provided by the DMS. Also, removes specific designation of some AST positions.

**Section 58** creates a new definition and revises several current definitions to align with the assessment of administrative costs to customers.

**Section 59** removes specific financial management duties including annual reconciliation, billing and refunds, and estimating customer costs from the AST.

**Section 60** removes customer-billing duties from the AST.

**Section 61** provides that the amendments to ss. 20.61, 282.0041, 282.0051, and 282.201, F.S., expires July 1, 2019, and shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2018.

**Section 62** directs executive branch state agencies and the judicial branch to collaborate with the EOG and the DMS to implement and utilize the statewide travel management system.

**Section 63** amends s. 216.181(11)(d), F.S., to authorize the Legislative Budget Commission to increase amounts appropriated to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the DEP for fixed capital outlay projects. The increase in fixed capital outlay budget authority is authorized for funds provided to the state from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund related to the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act), or from British Petroleum Corporation (BP) for natural resources damage assessment early restoration projects. Any continuing commitment for future appropriations by the Legislature must be identified specifically.

**Section 64** amends s. 215.18, F.S., to authorize the Governor to temporarily transfer moneys, from one or more of the trust funds in the State Treasury, to a land acquisition trust fund (LATF) within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the DEP, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency that would render the LATF temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust fund. These funds must be expended solely and exclusively in accordance with Art. X, s. 28 of the Florida Constitution. This transfer is a temporary loan, and the funds must be repaid to the trust funds from which the moneys are loaned by the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Any action proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, F.S., and the Governor shall provide notice of such action at least seven days before the effective date of the transfer of trust funds. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 65** provides that, in order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the DEP, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of State, the DEP will transfer a proportionate share of revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP on a monthly basis, after subtracting required debt service payments, to each agency and retain a proportionate share within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the other agencies may not exceed the total appropriations for the fiscal year. The section further provides that DEP may advance funds from the beginning unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to LATF within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for cash flow purposes. This section expires on July 1, 2019.

**Section 66** amends s. 375.041, F.S., to reduce funding from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for restoration of Lake Apopka for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**Section 67** reenacts s. 373.470, F.S. to amend match requirements of the South Florida Water Management District for Everglades Restoration funded from the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund. This section will require the match from SFWMD for Everglades Restoration to be funded from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

**Section 68** provides that the amendment to s. 373.470, F.S., expires July 1, 2019, and shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2017.



**Section 69** amends s. 216.181, F.S., to authorize the Legislative Budget Commission to increase amounts appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection for fixed capital outlay projects. The increase is authorized for funds provided to the state from the Trustee of the Environmental Mitigation Trust administered by Wilmington Trust for violation of the Clean Air Act by Volkswagen.

**Section 70** provides for the specific amounts from the Florida Forever Trust to the Division of State Lands, Florida Communities Trust, Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts, and the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).

**Section 71** amends s. 375.075, F.S., to require the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a separate grant application process and ranking within the FRDAP specifically for parks that provide recreational access and educational opportunities for children, with priority given to projects that serve the needs of children with unique abilities.

**Section 72** provides that South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) shall permit agricultural operators to continue to farm on lands owned or controlled by the state or the SFWMD identified as necessary for an Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir project until the farming operations are incompatible with the project.

**Section 73** amends s. 427.013, F.S., to authorize the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged during the 2018-2019 fiscal year to make:

- Distributions to community transportation coordinators who operate in counties that do not receive federal Urbanized Area Formula Funds to provide transportation disadvantaged services; and
- Competitive grants to community transportation coordinators to support transportation projects that enhance access to specified activities, assist in development of transportation systems in nonurbanized areas, promote efficient coordination of services, support inner-city bus transportation, and encourage private transportation providers to participate.

**Section 74** amends s. 420.9079, F.S., relating to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, to allow funds to be used as provided in the GAA for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**Section 75** amends s. 420.0005, F.S., relating to the State Housing Trust Fund, to allow funds to be used as provided in the GAA for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**Section 76** amends s. 321.04, F.S., to provide that for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may assign a patrol officer to the Lieutenant Governor, at his or her discretion, and to a Cabinet member if the department deems such assignment appropriate or if requested by such Cabinet member in response to a threat.

**Section 77** amends s. 339.135, F.S., to require the Department of Transportation to reduce all work program items identified as a reserve box in order to fund specific appropriations added to the work program in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

**Section 78** amends s. 216.292(2)(a), F.S., to grant broader legislative review of any “five percent” budget transfers. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the review must ensure the proposed action maximizes the use of available and appropriate trust funds, does not exceed delegated authority and is not contrary to legislative policy and intent.

**Section 79** provides that no state agency may initiate a competitive solicitation for a product or service if the completion of such competitive solicitation would require a change in law or require a change to the agency's budget other than a transfer authorized in s. 216.292(2) or (3), F.S., unless the initiation of such competitive solicitation is specifically authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act or by the Legislative Budget Commission.

**Section 80** amends s. 112.24, F.S., to provide that the reassignment of an employee of a state agency may be made if recommended by the Governor or Chief Justice, as appropriate, and approved by the chairs of the Senate and House budget committees. Such actions shall be deemed approved if neither chair provides written notice of objection within 14 days after receiving notice of the action, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S. This requirement applies to state employee reassignments regardless of which agency (sending or receiving) is responsible for pay and benefits of the assigned employee.

**Section 81** maintains legislative salaries at the July 1, 2010, level.

**Section 82** amends s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act.

**Section 83** reverts the language of s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., to the text in effect on June 30, 2011.

**Section 84** provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency’s mission. The section prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff-training, or other administrative functions unless the agency head approves in writing. The agency head is required to consider the use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet needs of activity before approving travel.

**Section 85** provides that, notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S., costs for lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial branch may not exceed 150 dollars per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of 150 dollars.

**Section 86** provides that a state agency may not enter into a contract containing a nondisclosure clause that prohibits a contractor from disclosing to members or staff of the Legislature information relevant to the performance of the contract.

**Section 87** requires the Department of Management Services to develop and establish the enrollee premium rates for the 2019 plan year for the State Employee Health Insurance Program.

The rates must be calculated within certain parameters. The department must establish the rates no later than August 15, 2018, and the Legislature may object to such rates by August 31, 2018.

**Section 88** specifies that no section of the bill shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

**Section 89** provides that a permanent change made by another law to any of the same statutes amended by this bill will take precedence over the provision in this bill.

**Section 90** provides a severability clause.

**Section 91** provides effective dates.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018, except where otherwise expressly provided.

*Vote: Senate 30-6; House 94-11*

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**Committee on Appropriations**

**HB 5005 — Collective Bargaining**

by Appropriations Committee and Representative Trujillo (SB 2504 by Appropriations Committee)

HB 5005, relating to collective bargaining, resolves the collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and the bargaining representatives for state employees for the 2018-2019 fiscal year that have not been resolved in the General Appropriations Act or other legislation. All of these issues are resolved by maintaining the status quo under the current contracts.

The bill does not change substantive law.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

*Vote: Senate 34-0; House 108-0*

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**Committee on Appropriations**

**CS/HB 7087 — Taxation**

by Appropriations Committee; Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Renner and others (CS/CS/SB 620 by Appropriations Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senators Passidomo, Young, Steube, Campbell, and Stargel)

CS/HB 7087 contains provisions for tax relief and changes to tax policy.

The bill provides temporary tax relief for hurricane recovery, including:

- Sales tax exemptions for farms damaged by 2017 hurricanes for building materials used to repair nonresidential farm buildings, and farm fencing.
- Refund of taxes on fuel used for agricultural shipments post Hurricane Irma.
- Assessment of citrus processing and packing equipment not being used at salvage value for 2018 property tax.
- Hurricane-damaged agricultural parcels taken out of production can retain their agricultural classification for five years.
- Residential homestead property damaged by a natural disaster is eligible for a refund of taxes paid.
- Documentary stamp tax exemption for emergency loans.
- Temporary sales tax exemption for emergency generators purchased by nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

**Sales Tax Holidays**

- 7-day disaster preparedness holiday in June.
- 3-day back to school sales tax holiday in August.

**Property Tax Provisions**

- Guidance for assessing multi-parcel buildings.
- Homestead property damaged by a storm may retain its Save Our Home benefit for portability purposes if it is not repaired by January 1 following the storm.
- Update of the list of military operations that qualify a service member for a property tax exemption.
- Removal of the requirement that a surviving spouse be married to a disabled ex-servicemember for five years prior to his or her death in order to receive a \$5,000 property tax exemption.
- The Florida Government Utilities Authority is exempted from property taxes or assessments on property in a county that is not a member of the authority.

**Sales Tax Provisions**

- The business rent tax is reduced from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent.
- The bill provides exemptions for industrial machinery and equipment, and electricity, purchased by aquaculture operations.
- It provides an exemption for electricity and roll off containers used by recyclers.

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- It revises the list of public facilities that can be funded with the local option infrastructure surtax to include facilities that are necessary to carry out governmental purposes, such as fire stations, general governmental buildings, and animal shelters, and adds instructional technology used in a school districts classrooms.

#### Traffic Fines Reduction

- The bill provides a nine percent reduction of a civil traffic penalty if the driver cited elects to participate in traffic school.

#### Fuel Tax Provisions

- The bill exempts motor fuel purchased by a terminal supplier who resells the fuel to an exporter.
- It extends the natural gas tax exemption until 2024.
- It reduces the aviation fuel tax rate for air carriers who conduct scheduled operations or all-cargo operations.

#### Other Items (\$35.0 million)

- The bill exempts Housing Finance Authority-related notes and mortgages from the excise tax on documents.
- It exempts transfers of property between spouses in the first year of marriage from the documentary stamp tax.
- It changes mileage restrictions on trucks used to haul forestry products and agricultural products.
- It requires the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to report how the cigarette tax distribution is spent.
- It requires sports franchises, the professional golf hall of fame, the International Game and Fish Association World Center facility, and spring training facilities to report how the money received from the sales and use tax distribution is spent.
- It raises the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program cap from \$10.5 million to \$12.5 million for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and to \$13.5 million for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for projects that provide housing opportunities to certain persons and households.
- It increases the total amount of tax credits for the rehabilitation of brownfield sites from \$10 million to \$18.5 million for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
- It redirects \$1.5 million in court fees to the Miami-Dade Clerk of Court.
- It authorizes additional uses of Tourist Development Tax revenue for certain water-related improvements, and for infrastructure to support tourism businesses.
- It provides that the Taxpayer Rights Advocate in the Department of Revenue must report to the state's Chief Inspector General and may be removed from office only by the Chief Inspector General.
- It provides for fiscally constrained counties and Monroe County to be reimbursed for loss of property tax revenue due to abatement of taxes on damaged homestead property.
- It provides for fiscally constrained counties to be reimbursed for loss of property tax revenue due to the reduced value of citrus processing equipment.

- It increases allowable per-pupil spending of the discretionary millage revenues received by school districts from \$100 to \$150 to purchase vehicles and pay insurance premiums.
- It requires counties and school districts that want to adopt a new discretionary sales surtax to have a CPA conduct a performance audit of the program related to the surtax prior to holding a referendum.
- It provides a local business tax exemption for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses and unremarried surviving spouses, and for individuals receiving public assistance and low-income individuals.
- It prohibits a local government from requiring a communications services tax dealer that occupies its roads or rights-of-way to pay into a security fund.
- It creates a new chapter in Florida Statutes dealing with Marketplace Contractors. These are individuals that enter into agreements with marketplace platforms to use the platforms' technology to provide services to third-party individuals or entities seeking temporary household services. The amendment provides a list of eligible services, and stipulates that it does not include services that require licensure under ch. 489, F.S., regulation of the construction industry. Marketplace contractors are not considered employees of the marketplace platform for purposes of workers' compensation and reemployment assistance.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided.

*Vote: Senate 33-3; House 93-12*