

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2500 — General Appropriations Act

by Appropriations Committee

SB 2500, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, provides for a total budget of \$101.5 billion, including:

- \$36.3 billion from the General Revenue Fund (GR)
- \$2.4 billion from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund
- \$1.1 billion from the Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Fund (PECO TF)
- \$61.7 billion from other trust funds (TF)
- 113,742.76 full time equivalent positions (FTE)

Reserves

Total: \$6 billion

Major Issues

Education Capital Outlay

Total: \$272.8 million [\$29.1 million GR, \$243.7 million PECO TF]

- Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$182.9 million [PECO TF]
- Developmental Research School Repairs and Maintenance - \$7.7 million [PECO TF]
- Other Public School Projects - \$9.4 million [PECO TF]
- Florida College System Projects - \$26 million [\$10.6 million GR, \$15.4 million PECO TF]
- State University System Projects - \$37.8 million [\$18.5 million GR, \$19.3 million PECO TF]
- School for the Deaf and Blind Repairs and Maintenance - \$2.7 million [PECO TF]
- Public Broadcasting - Health and Safety Issues - \$6 million [PECO TF]
- Division of Blind Services Repairs and Maintenance - \$315,000 [PECO TF]

In addition: \$46 million in authorization for State University System (SUS) Capital Improvement Student Fee Projects

Compensation and Benefits

- Minimum Wage Increase to \$13 per hour for State Employees - \$43 million [\$26 million GR; \$17 million TF]
- State Attorney and Public Defender 10% Pay Increase - \$1.3 million GR
- DCA Judges 10% Pay Increase - \$1.6 million GR
- Florida Retirement System (State Agencies) - \$59 million [\$33 million GR; \$26 million TF]

Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- \$6.7 billion total - contingent on receipt of Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Budget Stabilization Fund: \$350 million

Emergency Response

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund - \$1 billion
- First Responders \$1,000 Bonus Payment - \$208.4 million
 - A first responder is defined as an essential frontline worker who is a sworn law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician, firefighter, paramedic, Institutional Security Officer, Chief, Specialist, or Supervisor of the Department of Children and Families or Agency for Persons with Disabilities, or Department of Corrections' Certified Correctional Officer, Certified Correctional Probation Officer, or IG Inspector.
- Child care and early learning instructors \$1,000 Bonus Payment - \$166 million*
 - Authority is provided for the Department of Education to utilize additional federal funds to provide these bonuses.
- Classrooms teachers and principals \$1,000 Bonus Payment - \$215.7 million**
 - Authority is provided for the Department of Education to utilize additional federal funds to provide these bonuses.
- Child care assistance for essential workers including health care sector employees, emergency responders, and sanitation workers - \$950.4 million***

Infrastructure Improvements and Enhancements

- State Highway System and Florida Ports - \$2 billion
 - State Highway System - \$1.8 billion
 - Port Operations Grants - \$250 million
- Deferred Building Maintenance - \$350 million
- State Emergency Operations Center - \$100 million
- Florida National Guard New Armories / Immokalee and Zephyrhills - \$50 million

Water Quality and Environmental Protection

- Resilient Florida Grants - \$500 million
- Wastewater Grant Program - \$500 million
- Wildlife Corridor (DEP Land Acquisition) - \$300 million
- Piney Point - \$100 million
- Coastal Mapping Services - \$100 million
- Everglades Restoration - \$59 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance Program - \$50 million
- Petroleum Underground Storage Cleanup Program - \$50 million

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- C-51 Reservoir - \$48 million
- Alternative Water Supply - \$40 million
- Springs Restoration - \$25 million
- Small Community Wastewater Grants - \$25 million
- Derelict Vessel Removal Program - \$25 million
- Total Maximum Daily Loads - \$20 million
- FWC Enhanced Aviation Support - 8.4 million

Economic Development and Workforce Support

- Workforce Information Technology System - \$100 million
- Reemployment Assistance System - \$56.4 million
- Jobs Growth Grant Fund - \$50 million
- African American Cultural and Historic Grant Program - \$30 million
- Visit Florida - \$25 million

Education Initiatives and Facility Improvements

- Education Capital Outlay / PreK-12 Special Facilities - \$210.3 million
- Education Capital Outlay / Higher Education - \$190.9 million
- New Worlds Reading Initiative - \$125 million

* *From Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act – Child Care Specific Funds*

** *From American Rescue Plan Act – Education Specific Funds*

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Education Appropriations

Total Appropriations: \$26.7 billion [\$17.7 billion GR; \$9 billion TF, excludes tuition]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$39.3 billion [\$26.7 billion state funds; \$12.6 billion local funds]¹

Major Issues

Early Learning Services

Total: \$1.9 billion [\$565.6 million GR; \$1.3 billion TF]

- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$408.6 million GR; including \$3.6 million decrease for 1,277 fewer students

¹ Local revenues include required and discretionary local effort for the public schools and tuition and fees for workforce, colleges, and universities.

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Funds for Child Care - \$348.3 million TF - one-time emergency relief funds to meet the child care needs of essential workers and to stabilize child care programs by covering a range of expenses such as personnel costs, rent, facility maintenance and improvements, personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-related supplies
- CRRSA - Funds for Early Learning Instructor Bonuses - \$166 million TF – Two \$1,000 bonuses for early learning instructors across the state
- School Readiness Program - \$932.8 million [\$144.5 million GR; \$788.3 million TF]
 - Targeted Provider Rate Increases - \$100 million TF
 - Additional Waitlist Funding - \$12 million TF

Early Learning /Back of the Bill

Total: \$2.5 billion TF

- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding:
 - Child Care Program Stabilization Funds - \$1.5 billion TF – one-time emergency relief funds to help stabilize child care programs by covering a range of expenses such as personnel costs, rent, facility maintenance and improvements, personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-related supplies
 - Essential Workers Child Care Support - \$950 million TF

Public Schools/K12 FEFP

Total Funding: \$22.8 billion [\$12.9 billion state funds; \$9.9 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds decrease is \$149.1 million (due to the 2020-21 pandemic-related enrollment decline)
- Increases the Total Funds per Student from \$7,756 to \$7,795 after adjusting for the one-time hold harmless funding provided to school districts in Fiscal Year 2020-21
- Increases the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by \$53 or 1.2 percent
- FEFP Base Funds (flexible \$) increase of \$473 million or 3.5 percent
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$201.4 million; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.720 mills
- Teacher Salary Increase Allocation - \$550 million - funds that school districts must use to increase the minimum salaries of classroom teachers (\$440 million) to at least \$47,500, and to increase salaries for other instructional personnel (\$110 million)
- Safe Schools Allocation - \$180 million for School Safety Officers and school safety initiatives
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation - \$120 million to help school districts and charter schools address youth mental health issues
- Turnaround School Supplemental Services Allocation - \$24.4 million - additional funds for services designed to improve the overall academic and community welfare of students and their families at designated lower performing schools

- Funding Compression & Hold Harmless Allocation - \$50.2 million - compression funds for districts with total funds per FTE that are less than the statewide average and hold harmless funds for districts that have a reduction in the District Cost Differential
- Student Reserve Allocation - \$464.3 million GR set-aside to provide additional funds to school districts for students who return to public schools during pandemic recovery and for students who participate in school choice scholarship programs.

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP & Ed Media

Total: \$313.7 million [\$306.6 million GR; \$7.1 million TF]

- Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program - \$6.5 million GR
- Community School Grant Program - \$7.1 million GR
- Mentoring Programs - \$16.3 million GR
- Schools of Hope - \$60 million GR
- Computer Science and Teacher Bonuses - \$10 million GR
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - \$6 million GR
- Florida Association of District School Superintendents Training - \$500,000 GR
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$34.9 million GR
- Exceptional Education Grants - \$8 million [\$5.7 million GR; \$2.3 million TF]
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$57.4 million [\$52.6 million GR; \$4.8 million TF]
- Reading Scholarship Accounts - \$7.6 million
- School District Intensive Reading Initiative Pilot - \$6 million GR
- School Hardening Grants - \$42 million GR
- Capital Projects - \$7.9 million

Public Schools/Federal Grants

Total: \$4.3 billion TF

- Federal Grants Funding - increase of \$417.3 million TF
- CRRSA funds for School Districts - \$2 billion TF – one-time emergency relief funds for K-12 education to help offset the costs of education related to the pandemic and to reopening schools.

Public Schools/K12 Back of the Bill

Total: \$7 billion TF

- American Rescue Plan Act Funding:
 - Funds for School Districts - \$6.3 billion TF – one-time emergency relief for K-12 education to help offset the costs of education related to the pandemic and to reopening schools
 - \$1,000 Bonus for Full-Time Public School Teachers and Principals - \$216 million TF
 - State Level Discretionary Funds for K-12 Education - \$488 million TF

State Board of Education

Total: \$545.1 million [\$76.9 million GR; \$468.2 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$134.7 million [\$48.2 million GR; \$86.5million TF]
 - VPK and Student Literacy Program Monitoring Systems - \$15.5 million TF in Assessment and Evaluation and \$6.5 million TF in Contracted Services
- Number One Standards Teacher Professional Development - \$1.5 million GR
- Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds for state education agency reserve \$255 million TF.

School District Workforce

Total: \$569.8 million [\$284.3 million GR; \$242.2 million TF; \$43.3 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development for career and technical education and adult education - \$372.3 million [\$265.7 million GR, \$106.6 million TF]
- Perkins Career and Technical Education grants and Adult Education and Literacy funds - \$120.6 million TF
- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$6.5 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$15 million TF
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$1.7 million GR
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$10 million GR
- No tuition increase

Florida College System

Total: \$2 billion [\$1.14 billion GR; \$216.9 million TF; \$719.1 million tuition/fees]

- Florida Integrated Library System and Distance Learning Student Services - \$9.1 million GR
- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$14 million GR
- Open Door Grant Program - \$20 million TF
- Student Success Incentive Funds - \$30 million in prior performance earnings rolled into the base of each college, and \$25 million in additional funds for new performance earnings
- College Operational Enhancements - \$24.5 million TF
- No tuition increase

State University System

Total: \$5.3 billion [\$2.8 billion GR; \$508.3 million TF; \$2 billion tuition/fees]

- Performance Based Funding - \$560 million
 - State Investment - \$265 million GR
 - Institutional Investment - \$295 million
- Reduction of University Faculty Salaries (state funded) in Excess of \$200,000 - (\$18.5) million GR

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- Incentives for Programs of Strategic Emphasis - \$25 million
- New Worlds Reading Initiative - \$75 million GR
- IFAS Workload - \$4 million GR
- Florida Integrated Library System and Distance Learning Student Services - \$11.8 million GR
- No tuition increase

Private Colleges

Total: \$186.5 million GR

- EASE Grants - \$114.8 million GR - funds workload for all eligible institutions at the current year student award level of \$2,841
- ABLE Grants - (\$5) million GR reduction – eliminates funding for the program

Student Financial Aid

Total: \$982.6 billion [\$273.3 million GR, \$709.3 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$623.3 million TF (maintains student awards at levels consistent with current law but eliminates funding for the textbook stipend)
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$34.3 million GR
 - \$7.7 million workload increase
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$11 million GR
 - \$2.6 million workload increase
- Dual Enrollment Scholarship - \$15.5 million GR - funds to reimburse eligible postsecondary institutions for tuition and related costs for dual enrollment courses taken by certain high school students
- Randolph Bracy Ocoee Scholarship Program - \$305,000 GR - funds to provide up to 50 scholarships for students who are direct descendants of victims of the Ocoee Election Day Riots in November 1920 and for current African-American residents of Ocoee

Health and Human Services Appropriations

Total Budget: \$44.6 billion [\$12.1 billion GR; \$32.5 billion TF]; 31,031.25 positions

Major Issues

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: \$35.4 billion [\$8.6 billion GR; \$26.8 billion TF]; 1,529.5 positions

- Medicaid Price Level and Workload - \$4,293.7 million [\$1,215.7 million GR; \$3,078.0 million TF]
- KidCare Workload (Due to Caseload Shift to Medicaid) - (\$106.7) million [(\$11.3) million GR; (\$95.4) million TF]

- Medicaid Post-Partum Care Extension - \$239.8 million [\$89.2 million GR; \$150.6 million TF]
- Healthy Start MomCare Network Increase - \$22.0 million [\$8.2 million GR; \$13.8 million TF]
- New Reimbursement Rate Level for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) - \$18.3 million [\$6.8 million GR; \$11.5 million TF]
- Hospital Rate Enhancements Moved to Nonrecurring Funding
- Directed Payment Program for Hospitals (Authorization Subject to Federal Approval)
- Indirect Medical Education Program for Teaching Hospitals (Authorization Subject to Federal Approval)
- Medicaid Reimbursement for Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Team Services - \$25.0 million TF (Authorization Subject to Federal Approval)
- Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPEC) Rate Increase - \$5.4 million [\$2.0 million GR; \$3.4 million TF]
- Graduate Medical Education Program Increase - \$9.4 million [\$1.2 million GR; \$2.3 million IGTs; \$5.9 million TF]
- Physician Supplemental Payments - \$89 million TF [\$33.1 million IGTs; \$55.9 million TF]
- Certified Public Expenditure for Emergency Medical Services Care - \$46.3 million TF
- Florida Cancer Hospitals - \$154.0 million TF [\$57.3 million IGTs; \$96.7 million TF]
- Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) - \$48.1 million TF
- Reduce Optional Over the Counter Drug Benefits Medicaid Services for Adults - (\$22.6 million [(\$8.4) million GR; (\$14.2) million TF])

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: \$1.7 billion [\$665 million GR; \$988.2 million TF]; 2,700.5 positions

- Home and Community Based Services Waiver Waitlist - \$95.7 million [\$35.6 million GR; \$60.1 million TF]
- Employment and Internship Supports - \$1.0 million TF
- iConnect System - \$1.4 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay for Developmental Disability Facilities - \$23.1 million [\$14.1 million GR; \$9.0 million TF]

Department of Children and Families

Total: \$3.8 billion [\$2.0 billion GR; \$1.7 billion TF]; 12,230.75 positions

- Child Welfare Services:
 - Child Welfare Best Practices - \$42.4 million [\$30.0 million GR; \$12.4 million TF]
 - Multidisciplinary Staffing Teams and Case Consultation - 45 positions; \$8.3 million GR
 - Title IV-E Earnings Shortfall - \$10.0 million GR; (\$10.0) million TF
 - Maintenance Adoption Subsidies - \$12.0 million [\$5.8 million GR; \$6.2 million TF]

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- Community-Based Care Risk Pool - \$10.0 million GR
- Transfer Hillsborough and Broward Children's Legal Services Units from the Office of Attorney General - 109 positions; \$9.5 million TF
- Guardianship Assistance Program Growth - \$5.2 million [\$3.0 million GR; \$2.2 million TF]
- Healthy Families Program IV-E Funding Maximization - (\$3.1) million GR; \$3.1 million TF
- Restore Child Welfare Performance Incentive Pilots - \$8.2 million GR
- Foster Parent Cost of Living Rate Adjustment - \$0.6 million [\$0.4 million; \$0.2 million TF]
- State Employee Adoption Incentive Benefits Program - \$0.5 million GR
- Foster Care Independent Living Program Chafee Grant - \$20.0 million TF
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Grant - \$5.0 million TF
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Grant - \$3.9 million TF
- Pass-Through to Regional Conflict Counsels for Legal Representation - \$2.3 million TF
- Domestic Violence Program Administration - 24 positions
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Workload - \$12.1 million GR
- Adult Protection Services Grant - \$6.9 million TF
- Community Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services:
 - Opioid Response Grant - \$117.1 million TF
 - Legal Settlement Funds for Abatement of the Opioid Epidemic - \$11.3 million GR
 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grants - \$112.5 million TF
 - Medicaid Savings for Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Teams - (\$7.2) million GR; \$7.2 million TF
 - 2-1-1 Call Volume and Coordination Expansion - \$3.0 million GR
 - Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Mental Illnesses - \$1.1 million GR
- State Mental Health Facilities:
 - Medical Care Costs - \$2.9 million GR
 - Food Products Costs - \$1.1 million [\$0.6 million GR; \$0.5 million TF]
 - Fixed Capital Outlay Repairs and Maintenance - \$10.6 million [\$10.4 million GR; \$0.2 million TF]

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: \$405.1 million [\$205.8 million GR; \$199.3 million TF]; 407 positions

- Electronic Client Information and Registration Tracking System (eCIRTS) Project Implementation - \$2.7 million [\$0.9 million GR; \$1.8 million TF]
- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - \$6.8 million GR
- Community Care for the Elderly - \$7.3 million GR
- USDA Adult Food Program - \$0.2 million TF and 3 positions
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) - \$17.6 million [\$6.5 million GR; \$11.1 million TF]

Department of Health

Total: \$3.2 billion [\$528.9 million GR; \$2.6 billion TF]; 12,681 positions

- Medical Quality Assurance Artificial Intelligence Customer Service Solution - \$4.0 million TF
- Pharmaceuticals for Department of Correction's Sexually Transmitted Disease Specialty Care Program - \$7.9 million TF
- Office of Medical Marijuana Use - \$14.9 million TF and 21 positions (transferred from the County Health Departments)
- Medical Marijuana Use Minority Education Campaign - \$2.3 million TF
- Minority Health and Health Equity Infrastructure - 4 positions; \$9.0 million [\$4.7 million GR; \$4.3 million TF]
- Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception (HLARC) Program - \$2.0 million GR
- Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps Program Improvements - \$2.4 million TF
- Community Health Promotion Grants - \$3.0 million TF
- Local Health Planning Council Grants - \$2.4 million TF
- Transfer Environmental Health Programs to the Department of Environmental Protection - 14 positions; \$1.8 million TF
- Health Care Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program Reduction - (\$5.0) million GR
- CMS Administrative Reductions - (40) positions; (\$3.5) million GR
- Emergency Disease Threat Response Reduction - (\$8.6) million [(\$8.2) million GR; (\$0.4) million TF]

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: \$153.0 million [\$34.7 million GR; \$118.3 million TF]; 1,482.5 positions

- Nonrecurring Trust Fund Shift to General Revenue Due to Trust Fund Deficit as a result of the New Homes Delayed Opening, and Decreased Occupancy Rates Due to COVID-19 - \$19.3 million GR
- Additional Medical and Nonmedical Equipment, and Recreational Equipment and Furniture in State Veterans' Nursing Homes - \$0.8 million GR
- Nursing Home Contracted Services Increase - \$4.2 million TF
- Initial Staffing and Startup for New State Veterans' Nursing Homes - 3 FTE; \$0.2 million TF
- Florida is For Veterans Training Grants - \$1.3 million GR

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Total Budget: \$5.9 billion [\$4.9 billion GR; \$950.8 million TF]; 47,013 positions

Major Issues

- 8.5 Hour Shift - \$17.4 million GR and 220 positions
- Staffing to Support Statutory Changes - \$4.6 million GR and 47 positions
- Career and Technical Education Expansion - \$1.0 million GR
- Replacement of Critical Transport Vehicles - \$1.0 million TF
- DOC Fixed Capital Outlay Maintenance and Repairs - \$23.3 million GR
- Re-Procurement of Detention Medical Contract - \$4.5 million [\$2.25 million GR; \$2.25 million TF]
- Florida Trial Courts Pandemic Recovery Plan - \$9.5 million TF
- Appellate Case Management Solutions - \$4.7 million TF
- Second DCA New Courthouse Building - \$50.0 million GR
- Approved Judgeships for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 - \$5.2 million GR and 32 positions
- Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) - \$11.5 million GR
- Criminal Justice Data Transparency - \$4.3 million [\$1.3 million GR; \$3.1 million TF]
- Florida Uniform Arrest Affidavit - \$9.3 million GR
- Increase Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program - \$74.2 million TF

Department of Corrections

Total: \$2.9 billion [\$2.83 billion GR; \$65.0 million TF]; 25,418 positions

- Staffing to Support Statutory Changes - \$4.6 million GR and 47 positions
- Basic Recruit Academy Redesign - \$0.8 million GR and 10 positions
- Career and Technical Education Expansion - \$1.0 million GR
- Replacement of Critical Transport Vehicles - \$1.0 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay Maintenance and Repairs - \$23.3 million GR
- Operational and Administrative Reductions - (\$3.1) million GR and (18.00) positions

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: \$367.6 million [\$70.4 million GR; \$297.3 million TF]; 1,269.5 positions

- IT Modernization Program Cloud Services - \$2.0 million [\$0.9 million GR, \$1.1 million TF]
- Consumer Data Privacy Staffing - \$1.5 million GR and 12 positions
- Increase Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program - \$74.2 million TF
- Awards to Claimants Reserve to Shore Up Victims Assistance Program - \$1.0 million GR
- Increase Authority for Antitrust and Complex Litigation Costs - \$4.0 million TF

- Operational and Administrative Reductions – (\$1.2) million [(\$0.4) million GR; (\$0.9) million TF] and (18.00) positions

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

Total: \$313.7 million [\$159.5 million GR; \$154.2 million TF]; 1,930 positions

- Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) - \$11.5 million GR
- Criminal Justice Data Transparency - \$4.3 million [\$1.3 million GR; \$3.1 million TF]
- Florida Uniform Arrest Affidavit - \$9.3 million GR
- Address Growing Workload for Firearm Eligibility Bureau - \$0.7 million TF
- Pensacola Regional Operations Center Facility - \$1.4 million TF
- Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center Maintenance and Repair - \$4.5 million GR
- Fund Shift General Revenue to Operating Trust Fund - (\$0.6) million GR; \$0.6 million TF
- Operational and Administrative Reductions - (\$3.9) million [(\$1.6) million GR; (\$2.3) million TF] and (3.00) positions
- Reduce Vacant Positions - (16) positions

Department of Juvenile Justice

Total: \$586.1 million [\$439.4 million GR; \$146.7 million TF]; 3,239.5 positions

- Re-Procurement of Detention Medical Contract - \$4.5 million [\$2.25 million GR; \$2.25 million TF]
- Fixed Capital Outlay Maintenance and Repairs - \$5.6 million [\$3.0 million GR; \$2.6 million TF]
- Retention Bonuses for Direct-Care Staff in Residential Programs - \$1.0 million GR
- Reduce Residential Commitment Excess Capacity - (\$15.5) million GR
- Operational and Administrative Reductions - (\$2.9) million GR and (46.00) positions

State Court System

Total: \$667.2 million [\$552.3 million GR; \$114.9 million TF]; 4,430.50 positions

- Florida Trial Courts Pandemic Recovery Plan - \$9.5 million TF
- Appellate Case Management Solutions - \$4.7 million TF
- Second DCA New Courthouse Building - \$50 million GR
- Approved Judgeships for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 - \$5.2 million GR and 32 positions

Justice Administrative Commission (JAC)

Total: \$1.04 billion [\$869.7 million GR; \$172.5 million TF]; 10,593.5 positions

- Increase Trust Fund Authority for Title IV-E Funding - \$10.7 million TF and 47 positions
- Replacement of Motor Vehicles - \$1.6 million TF

- Building Rental for Privately Owned Office Space (Capital Collateral Regional Counsels & Criminal Conflict Regional Counsels) - \$0.2 million GR
- Clerk of Court Pandemic Recovery Plan - \$6.3 million GR
- Operational and Administrative Reductions for the Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsels - (\$0.9) million GR and (7.75) positions

Florida Commission on Offender Review

Total: \$12.4 million [\$12.3 million GR; \$0.1 million TF]; 132 positions

- Information Technology Services (provided by the Department of Corrections) - \$0.4 million GR

Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations

Total Budget: \$13.7 billion [\$273.9 million GR; \$13.5 billion TF]; 13,060 positions

Major Issues

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.2 billion TF
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$209.2 million TF
- Reemployment Assistance Operational Assistance - \$56.6 million GR
- Reemployment Assistance System Modernization - \$36 million GR
- Library Grants and Initiatives - \$26.3 million GR
- Cultural, Museum, and Historic Preservation Grants and Initiatives - \$36.7 million GR and TF
- Motorist Modernization Project - \$10.5 million TF
- National Guard Tuition Assistance - \$4.2 million GR

Department of Economic Opportunity

Total: \$1.1 billion [\$140.9 million GR; \$965.9 million TF]; 1,509 positions

- Economic Development Toolkit Payments (existing contracts) - \$20.5 million GR and TF
- Economic Development Partners (VISIT Florida, Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, Florida Sports Foundation) - \$81.6 million TF; \$6 million GR.
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$209.2 million TF
 - State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) - \$146.7 million TF (allocated to local governments)
 - State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Programs - \$62.5 million TF
- Administration of Federal Grants (Hurricane Recovery, Community Development, and Others) - \$14 million TF; 40 positions
- Economic Development Projects - \$1.56 million GR
- Housing and Community Development Projects - \$24.5 million GR
- Workforce Projects - \$5.2 million GR

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Total: \$506.1 million TF; 4,334 positions

- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase II - \$10.5 million TF
- Application Cloud Environment - \$5.6 million TF
- Maintenance and Repair - Kirkman Building - \$1.1 million TF
- Operational and Administrative Reductions - (\$11) million; (5) vacant positions

Department of Military Affairs

Total: \$70.1 million [\$29.7 million GR; \$40.4 million TF]; 453 positions

- Tuition Assistance for Florida National Guard - \$4.2 million GR
- Facility Maintenance and Repair - \$6.8 million GR (matched by \$6.8 million federal funds)
- Facility Security Enhancement - \$2 million GR

Department of State

Total: \$120 million [\$88.1 million GR; \$31.9 million TF]; 414 positions

- Maintenance of Effort for Libraries - \$23.9 million GR
- Grants to Library Cooperatives - \$2 million GR
- Cultural and Museum Program Support and Facilities Grants and Initiatives - \$31.1 million GR
 - Cultural & Museum Program Support Grants - \$26.7 million GR
 - Cultural and Museum Ranked List - \$23.2 million (funds distributed proportionally to all 515 projects)
 - Culture Builds Florida Ranked List - \$3.5 million (funds all 153 projects)
 - Cultural and Museum Projects - \$4.4 million GR
- Historical Resources Preservation Projects - \$5.65 million GR and TF
 - Historic Preservation Grants - Historic Preservation Small Matching Grants Ranked List - \$750,005 GR and \$1.5 million TF (funds all 58 projects)
 - Historic Preservation Projects - \$3.4 million GR
- Elections – \$7.6 million TF
 - Cyber Security and Election Activity Grants to Supervisors of Elections - \$3 million
 - Florida Voter Registration System Hardware Refresh - \$1.5 million
 - Elections Hardware Refresh - \$2 million
 - Voter Registration Activities - \$1.1 million

Department of Transportation

Total: \$10.3 billion TF; 6,175 positions

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.2 billion TF
 - County Transportation Programs:
 - Small County Road Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP) - \$38.2 million

- Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - \$88.8 million
 - Local Transportation Initiatives (Road Fund) Projects - \$89.5 million
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program - \$65.9 million TF

Division of Emergency Management

Total: \$1.7 billion [\$15.2 million GR; \$1.7 billion TF]; 175 positions

- Federally Declared Disaster Funding - \$1.6 billion
 - Funding to Communities - \$1.5 billion TF
 - State Operations - \$124 million TF
- Community Recovery and Preparedness Projects - \$5.5 million GR

Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations

Total Budget: \$6.7 billion [\$768.2 million GR; \$1.3 billion LATF; \$4.6 billion Other TF]; 20,089 positions

Major Issues

Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Total: \$1.8 billion [\$116.7 million GR; \$155.2 million LATF; \$1.5 billion TF]; 3,726 positions

- Wildfire Suppression Equipment/Aircraft - \$12.2 million LATF
- Florida Forest Service Road/Bridge and Facility Maintenance - \$7 million LATF
- Citrus Protection and Research - \$15.2 million TF
- Citrus Canker Claims/Orange County - \$43.9 million GR
- Water Supply Planning - \$1.5 million LATF
- Lake Okeechobee Agriculture Projects - \$5 million LATF
- Florida Agriculture Promotion Campaign - \$0.8 million GR
- State Industrial Hemp Program - \$0.8 million TF
- African Snail Eradication Program - \$1.4 million TF
- Office of Energy Grants - \$1.3 million TF
- USDA Hurricane Block Grant \$1.5 million TF
- Feeding Programs/Farm Share/Feeding Florida - \$11 million GR
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - \$10.5 million GR
- Eliminate Obsolete Egg and Poultry Program - (\$1.2) million TF; (14) vacant positions

Department of Business & Professional Regulation

Total: \$165.2 million [\$1.5 million GR; \$163.8 million TF]; 1,653 positions

- Computer/Network Security Enhancement - \$0.3 million TF
- Law Enforcement Training and Equipment - \$0.2 million TF

Department of Citrus

Total: \$38.6 million [\$17.5 million GR, \$21.1 million TF]; 27 positions

- Citrus Recovery Program - \$12 million GR

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: \$2.2 billion [\$214.7 million GR; \$1.0 billion LATF; \$1.0 billion TF]; 2,989 positions

- DEP Everglades Restoration - \$517.1 million
- Water Quality Improvements - \$854.5 million
 - Wastewater Grant Program - 7 positions and \$616.7 million TF
 - Staffing for Reclaimed Water Program and Environmental Resource Permitting - 26 positions and \$2.0 million TF [\$0.8 million LATF; \$1.3 million TF]
 - Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvements - \$20 million [\$10 million GR; \$10 million LATF]
 - Springs Coast Watershed and Peace River Watershed - \$20 million [\$10 million GR; \$10 million LATF]
 - Water Projects - \$116.6 million GR
 - Septic Upgrade Incentive Program - \$10 million LATF
 - Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$17 million [\$5 million GR; \$12 million TF]
 - Okeechobee and Suwannee River Basins WQI - \$1.3 million GR
 - Reclaimed Water Program - 9 positions and \$0.8 million LATF
- Water Quality Improvements - Blue Green Algae Task Force - \$10.8 million GR
- Resilient Florida Program - 25 positions and \$539 million TF
- Innovative Technology Grants for Harmful Algal Blooms - \$10 million [\$1.2 million GR; \$8.8 million LATF]
- Springs Restoration - \$75 million
- Florida Forever - \$102 million
 - Division of State Lands - \$100 million LATF
 - Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grants - \$2 million TF
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$125 million
- Volkswagen Settlement - \$30 million TF
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$9 million TF
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - \$150 million
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program - \$136.6 million [\$8.6 million GR; \$128 million TF]
- Wastewater Revolving Loan Program - \$211.2 million [\$10.7 million GR; \$200.5 million TF]
- Small County Solid Waste Management Grants - \$3 million TF
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$11 million TF
- Reef Protection Tire Abatement - \$2.5 million TF
- Land and Water Conservation Grants - \$13.8 million TF
- Local Parks - \$4.7 million GR

- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - \$20 million GR
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - \$50 million TF [\$43 million LATF; \$7 million TF]

Department of Financial Services

Total: \$412.6 million [\$24.6 million GR; \$388 million TF]; 2,567 positions

- Florida Planning, Accounting & Ledger Management (PALM) Project - \$29.5 million TF
- Transition of Information Technology Systems from FLAIR to PALM - \$1.8 million TF
- Fire College Repairs, Maintenance and Rehabilitation Structure - \$0.5 million TF
- Local Government Fire Services - \$11.3 million TF
- Firefighter Cancer Initiative - \$2 million GR
- Law Enforcement Training and Equipment - \$1.2 million TF
- Information Technology Upgrades to Software, Hardware, and Equipment - \$1.2 million TF
- Contracted Services Increase - \$1 million TF
- Insurance Fraud Pilot Program - 13 positions and \$1.9 million TF

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: \$429.5 million [\$62.4 million GR; \$103.8 million LATF; \$263.3 million TF]; 2,114 positions

- Marine Fisheries Recovery Grant Program - \$3.9 million TF
- Law Enforcement Vehicle and Vessel Replacement - \$5.3 million [\$3 million GR; 2.3 million TF]
- FWRI Building Repairs - \$1.8 million TF
- Boating Infrastructure and Improvement Program - \$5.8 million TF
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$3.6 million TF
- Land Acquisition for the Protection of Endangered Species - \$4.6 million TF
- Deepwater Horizon Restoration Projects - \$12.9 million TF
- Apollo Beach Marine Sportfish Facility - \$4.6 million TF
- Apalachicola Bay Oyster Restoration - \$1.2 million TF
- Manatee Habitat Restoration - \$8 million GR

Department of the Lottery

Total: \$198.1 million TF; 418 positions

- Increase to Instant Ticket Purchase - \$5.4 million TF
- Increase to Gaming System Contract - \$4.3 million TF
- Increase in Contracted Services for Biannual Security Audit - \$0.3 million TF
- Information Technology, Security, Support, & Enhancements - \$0.5 million TF
- Lease Increases - \$0.1 million TF

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: \$756.5 million [\$107.7 million GR; \$648.8 million TF]; 1,059 positions

- Florida Facilities Pool (FFP) Fixed Capital Outlay - \$45.8 million [\$29 million GR; \$16.8 million TF]
- Non-FRS Pension Benefits - \$0.2 million GR
- Next Generation MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) and Independent Verification and Validation Services - \$12.4 million TF
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Contract Payment - \$19 million TF
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Contract Services and Staff Augmentation - \$5 million TF
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Tower Leases - \$12.5 million [\$10 million GR; \$2.5 million TF]
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio Equipment Replacement - \$1 million GR
- Florida Interoperability Network and Mutual Aid - \$1.7 million GR
- Robotic Processing Automation Systems - \$2 million TF
- Enterprise Cybersecurity Resiliency - \$30 million GR
- State Data Center Managed Service Provider Transition - \$4 million GR
- SUNCOM Communications Services Migration Staff Augmentation - \$0.7 million TF
- Social Security Disability Income Contract - \$0.4 million TF
- Integrated Retirement Information System - \$1.2 million TF
- E911 Next Generation Grant - \$1.8 million TF
- Emergency 911 Call Routing System - \$13 million TF
- Text to 911 Services Distributions - \$9.1 million TF
- Public Employee Relations Commission Additional Resources Related to Implementation of HB 835 and HB 947/SB 1014 - \$0.4 million TF and 3 positions

Division of Administrative Hearings

Total Budget: \$28.2 million TF; 240 positions

Public Service Commission

Total: \$27.9 million TF; 274 positions

- Implementation of SB 1944, HB 1567 or similar legislation relating to pole attachments - 13 positions, \$0.9 million TF

Department of Revenue

Total: \$611.8 million [\$223.1 million GR; \$388.7 million TF]; 5,019 positions

- Aerial Photography - \$1.4 million GR
- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$32.2 million GR
- Property Tax Appraisers - \$0.5 million GR and 6 positions

- Child Support IT Issues - \$3.1 million TF
- Cybersecurity Enhancements - \$0.6 million TF
- Operational and Administrative Reductions - (\$2.6) million [(\$2.2) million GR; (\$0.4) million TF] and (27) positions

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021, except where otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-1

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2502 — Implementing the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act by Appropriations Committee

The bill provides the following substantive modifications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Section 1 provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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 GAA.

Section 4 amends s. 1013.62, F.S., to provide that charter school capital outlay funding for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 will consist of state funds appropriated by the Legislature in the GAA.

Section 5 provides that the amendments to s. 1013.62, F.S., expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2021.

Section 6 amends s. 1011.62, F.S., to modify 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 7 reenacts s. 1001.26, F.S., to continue to allow public colleges or universities that are not part of the public broadcasting program system to qualify to receive state funds.

Section 8 provides that the amendments to s. 1001.26, F.S., expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2018.

Section 9 provides that the calculations of the Hospital Reimbursement program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which is contained in the document titled “Hospital Reimbursement Program, Fiscal Year 2021-2022” dated April 27, 2021, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

Section 10 authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding between the AHCA and the Department of Health (DOH) for the Children’s Medical Services (CMS) Network for the implementation of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program, to reflect actual enrollment changes due to the transition from fee-for-service into the capitated CMS Network.

Section 11 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to maximize the use of state trust funds.

Section 12 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding between the AHCA and the DOH within the Florida KidCare program appropriation categories, or to increase budget authority in the CMS Network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds.

Section 13 amends s. 381.986, F.S., to provide that the DOH is not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when adopting rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories, and any such rules adopted prior to July 1, 2022, are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S.

Section 14 amends s. 381.988, F.S., to provide that the DOH is not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when adopting rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories, and any such rules adopted prior to July 1, 2022, are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S.

Section 15 amends s. 14(1), ch. 2017-232, L.O.F., to provide limited emergency rulemaking authority to the DOH and applicable boards to adopt emergency rules to implement the Medical Use of Marijuana Act (2017). The department and applicable boards are not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when promulgating rules to replace emergency rules, and any such rules are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S., until July 1, 2022.

Section 16 provides that the amendments to s. 14(1), ch. 2017-232, L.O.F., expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of that provision reverts back to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 17 authorizes the AHCA to establish a directed payment program for hospitals providing inpatient and outpatient care to Medicaid Managed Care enrollees. Allows the AHCA to submit a budget amendment.

Section 18 authorizes the DCF to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the DCF based on the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program.

Section 19 authorizes the DCF to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Family Safety Program to maximize the use of Title IV-E and other federal funds.

Section 20 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Section 21 requires the AHCA to replace the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System and provides requirements of the system. This section also establishes an executive steering committee, membership, duties, and the processes and committee meetings and decisions.

Section 22 amends s. 409.916, F.S., to allow for funds in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to be used for purposes specified in the General Appropriations Act.

This section is effective upon becoming a law.

Section 23 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 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Department of Corrections (DOC), if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts of March 17, 2021. 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 24 amends s. 1011.80(8)(b), F.S., to authorize the expenditure of appropriations for the education of state or federal inmates to the extent funds are specifically appropriated for postsecondary workforce programs.

Section 25 provides that the amendments to s. 1011.80(8)(b), F.S., expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts back to that in existence on July 1, 2019.

Section 26 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 GAA for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Section 27 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865, F.S., 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. to be deposited into the Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund in Department of Juvenile Justice. The section also includes procedures to provide assurance to holders of bonds for which shared revenue fund distributions are pledged.

Section 28 reenacts s. 27.40, F.S., to continue to require written certification of conflict by the public defender or regional conflict counsel before a court may appoint private conflict counsel.

Section 29 provides that the amendments to s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), (7), and (11), F.S., expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of those provisions reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 30 amends s. 27.5304(13), F.S., to continue the creation of a rebuttable presumption of correctness for objections to billings made by the Justice Administrative Commission and provision of requirements for payments to private counsel and reenacts s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), and (11), and 12(a)-(e), F.S., to continue the increase on caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases.

Section 31 provides that the amendments to s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and (12)(a) – (e) expire on July 1, 2022, and the text of those provisions reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 32 reenacts s. 20.316, F.S., to continue the creation of the Accountability and Program Support Program in the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Section 33 provides that the amendments to s. 20.316(2) and (3), F.S., expire July 1, 2022 and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2020.

Section 34 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, 2024.

Section 35 prohibits an agency from transferring funds from a data processing category to any category other than another data processing category.

Section 36 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the specific appropriation category “Data Processing Assessment – Department of Management Service” between agencies, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS.

Section 37 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.

Section 38 authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category “Special Categories - Transfer to DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract” of the GAA for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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.

Section 39 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 membership and the procedures for executive steering committee meetings and decisions.

Section 40 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 Department of Environmental Protection (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 State 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 2020-2021 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.

Section 41 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.

Section 42 amends s. 375.041(3)(b), F.S., to provide that the distribution from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for restoration of Lake Apopka is as specified in the GAA.

Section 43 reenacts s. 570.93(1)(a), F.S., to continue the revision of the agricultural water conservation program to enable cost-share funds to continue to be used for irrigation system retrofits and mobile irrigation lab evaluations. The revision also permits the funds to be expended on additional water conservation activities pursuant to s. 403.067(7)(c), F.S.

Section 44 provides that the amendments to s. 570.93(1)(a), F.S., expires on July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 45 amends s. 259.105(3)(m), F.S., to provide for distribution of a specified amount from the Florida Forever Trust to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program within the DEP.

Section 46 amends s. 161.101, F.S., authorizes the DEP to waive or reduce match requirements if beaches are impacted by hurricanes or other storm events within certain communities.

Section 47 reenacts s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., to continue revisions to the requirements for the usage of the Inland Protection Trust Fund relating to ethanol or biodiesel damage.

Section 48 provides that the amendment to s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., expires on July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on July 1, 2020.

Section 49 amends s. 321.04(3)(b) and (5), F.S., to provide that for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may assign a patrol officer to a Cabinet member if the department deems such assignment appropriate or if requested by such Cabinet member in response to a threat. Additionally, the Governor may request the department to assign one or more highway patrol officers to the Lieutenant Governor for security services.

Section 50 amends s. 215.559, F.S., to extend the repeal date for the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program within the Division of Emergency Management to June 30, 2022.

This section is effective upon becoming a law.

Section 51 amends s. 288.0655, F.S., to continue a grant program for the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in six inland panhandle counties.

Section 52 amends s. 288.80125, F.S., to authorize funds to be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael as provided in the GAA.

Section 53 amends s. 339.08, F.S., to authorize funds to be transferred from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund as specified in the GAA. This section is also amended to authorize funds appropriated to the State Transportation Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund to be used on State Highway System projects and grants to Florida ports as provided in the GAA.

Section 54 amends s. 339.135(7)(g) and (h), F.S., to authorize the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S., the following work program amendments if the commission does not meet or consider, within 30 days of submittal, the amendment by the Department of Transportation:

- A work program amendment that transfers fixed capital outlay appropriations between categories or increases appropriation categories.
- A work program amendment that adds a new project, or a phase of a new project, in excess of \$3 million.

Section 55 amends s. 341.052, F.S., waives the local match requirements within the Public Transit Block Grant Program for eligible capital projects and public transit operating costs.

Section 56 amends s. 112.061(4)(d), F.S., to permit a lieutenant governor who resides outside of Leon County to designate an official headquarters in his or her county as his or her official headquarter for purposes of s. 112.061, F.S. A lieutenant governor for whom an official headquarters in his or her county of residence may be paid travel and subsistence expenses when travelling between their official headquarters and the State Capitol to conduct state business.

Section 57 requires the Department of Management Services to maintain and offer, during Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the standard and high deductible PPO and HMO plans that were in effect during Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Section 58 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 59 maintains salaries of legislators at the same level as July 1, 2010, by notwithstanding s. 11.13, F.S.

Section 60 reenacts 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 General Appropriations Act.

Section 61 provides that the amendment to s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., expires July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2011.

Section 62 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 63 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 \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$175.

Section 64 prohibits a state agency from entering into a contract containing a nondisclosure agreement that prohibits a contractor from disclosing information relevant to the performance of the contract to members or staff of the Senate or House.

Section 65 reenacts and amends s. 216.1366, F.S., to require all new state contracts and amended contracts entered on or after July 1, 2021, to authorize public agencies to inspect: a) financial records and documents directly related to the performance of the contract or public expenditures; and b) programmatic records and documents of the contractor which the public agency determines are necessary to monitor performance of the contract or ensure the contract terms are being met. Contractors are required to provide the requested records and documents within 10 business days after the request by the public agency.

Section 66 amends s. 216.181, F.S., to authorize the Legislative Budget Commission to increase amounts appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects using general revenue funds provided the projects are for deferred maintenance needs in state and school facilities.

Section 67 incorporates by reference the Legislative working papers titled "Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Immediate Reversions" filed for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

Section 68 authorizes agencies, notwithstanding s. 216.181(2)(h), F.S., to issue budget amendments to request salary increases to address pay plan compression issues as a result of raising the minimum wage to \$13 per hour and to authorize retired Florida Commission on Offender Review commissioners to receive \$13 per hour.

Section 69 amends s. 282.709, F.S., to require the Department of Management Services to execute a 15-year contract with the current system operator. The contract must include: the purchase of radios; the upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard; increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for system users; operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual rate; the conveyance of communications towers to the department; and the assignment of communications tower leases to the department.

Section 70 provides that the amendments to s. 282.709, F.S., expire July 1, 2022, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2021.

Section 71 amends s. 350.0614, F.S., to provide that the operating budget as approved jointly by the President and the Speaker from moneys appropriated to the Public Counsel by the Legislature constitutes the allocation under which the Public Counsel will manage the duties of his or her office; and require the Public Counsel to submit annual budget amendments to the Legislature in the format, detail, and schedule determined by the President and the Speaker.

Section 72 provides that in order to expedite the closure of the Piney Point facility located in Manatee County, the Department of Environmental Protection is exempt from the competitive procurement requirements of s. 287.057, Florida Statutes, for any procurement of commodities or contractual services in support of the site closure or to address environmental impacts associated with the system failure.

Section 73 authorizes funds to be provided for the provision of the Continuum of Care program at the Graceville Correctional Facility.

Section 74 reenacts and amends s. 14.25, F.S., to authorize the Governor to award the "Governor's Medal of Freedom" to any person who has made an especially meritorious contribution to the State of Florida or other significant public or private endeavors.

Section 75 specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

Section 76 provides that if any other act passed during the 2021 Regular Session contains a provision that is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but removes or otherwise is not subject to the future repeal applied by this act, the intent is for the other provision to take precedence and continue to operate.

Section 77 provides a severability clause.

Section 78 provides effective dates.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-1

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2504 — Collective Bargaining

by Appropriations Committee

The bill resolves the collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and the bargaining representatives for state employees for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that have not been resolved in the General Appropriations Act or other legislation.

The bill does not change substantive law.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2510 — State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System
by Appropriations

The bill (ch. 2021-3, L.O.F.) extends the expiring (July 1, 2021) \$3 surcharge on all noncriminal moving traffic violations and specified criminal offenses to continue supporting costs for the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System until July 1, 2026. The surcharge generates approximately \$4 million annually for the Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund to support the administrative functions and enhancement to the system.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2512 — Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions

by Appropriations

SB 2512 conforms statutes to the funding decisions related to Documentary Stamp Distributions in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The bill:

- Revises the Documentary Stamp Tax distributions of the remainder after distributions are made to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, Department of Revenue Administration cost, and the General Revenue Service Charge by:
 - Adding a distribution of 5.4175 percent of the remainder to the newly created Resilient Florida Trust Fund to be used for the new Resilient Florida Program.
 - Adding a distribution of 5.4175 percent of the remainder to the Water Sustainability and Accountability Program Trust Fund to be used for the wastewater grant program provided in s. 403.0673, F.S.
 - Amending the distributions made to the State Housing Trust Fund and Local Government Housing Trust Fund to 9.70254 percent of the remainder. Also, prevents funds distributed to the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from being transferred to General Revenue.
- Amends the use of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to authorize the fund to be used for the wastewater grant program.
- Makes other technical adjustments to clean up the subsection.
- Is linked to Resilient Florida Trust Fund bill (SB 2514) and Statewide Flooding and Sea-Level Rise Resilience (SB 1954)

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2021, only if SB 1954 or similar legislation and SB 2514 or similar legislation are adopted in this legislative session and become law.

Vote: Senate 25-14; House 78-38

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2514 — Resilient Florida Trust Fund

by Appropriations

SB 2514 conforms statutes to the funding decisions related to the Resilient Florida Trust Fund in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The bill:

- Creates the Resilient Florida Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection and provides that the trust fund is established as a depository for documentary stamp revenues dedicated to resiliency projects as provided for in SB 2512.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date as SB 1954 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in this legislative session.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 2516 — Water Storage North of Lake Okeechobee
by Appropriations

SB 2516 conforms statutes to the funding decisions related to water storage north of Lake Okeechobee in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The bill requires the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to expedite implementation of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project (LOWRP). The LOWRP is a project in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan which provides water storage north of Lake Okeechobee.

The bill requires the SFWMD to:

- Request that the USACE seek expedited congressional approval of the LOWRP.
- Require the execution of a project partnership agreement with the USACE immediately following approval.
- Expedite implementation of the aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) Science Plan developed by the SFWMD and the USACE.
- Expedite implementation of the watershed ASR feature of the LOWRP.
- Pursue expeditious implementation of the LOWRP wetland restoration features.
- Submit, by November 1, 2021, a report to the Legislature describing the SFWMD's compliance with the bill (including steps taken, plans for ongoing compliance, and specified updates related to the LOWRP implementation).

SB 2516 amends s. 375.041, F.S., to provide a \$50 million annual appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the SFWMD for the LOWRP.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming a law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2518 — Health Care

by Appropriations Committee

The bill conforms statutes to the funding decisions related to Health Care in the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act.

The bill:

- Continues the personal needs allowance of residents of State Veterans' Nursing Homes at \$130 per month.
- Reduces the collection threshold for the Medicaid nursing home lease bond alternative from \$25 million to \$10 million.
- Requires nursing homes and their home offices to annually submit to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) financial data using a uniform system of financial reporting.
- Provides definitions for the terms Florida Nursing Home Uniform Reporting System and Home Office.
- Extends Medicaid eligibility for postpartum women from 60 days to 12 months.
- Continues the policy of retroactive Medicaid eligibility for non-pregnant adults to the first day of the month in which an application for Medicaid is submitted.
- Removes the nursing home Medicaid reimbursement rate freeze established on July 1, 2011, thereby allowing for the recurring rate increase provided in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and continues the rate freeze for County Health Department's reimbursement rates to the July 1, 2011 level.
- Requires the Letters of Agreement for the Low Income Pool program to be received by the AHCA by October 1 and the funds outlined in the Letters of Agreement to be received by October 31.
- Requires essential providers to contract with managed care plans to be eligible to receive supplemental payments, thereby making certain that those who receive supplemental payments treat Medicaid patients.
- Updates the years of audited data used to determine disproportionate share payments to hospitals, teaching hospitals, and specialty hospitals for children.
- Redesignates the West Florida Regional Medical Center memory disorder clinic to the Medical Center Clinic in Pensacola.
- Requires the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to validate and calculate a refund amount for Title XXI providers who achieve a Medical Loss Ratio below 85 percent and to deposit any refunds into the General Revenue Fund, unallocated.
- Provides for technical corrections to statutory cross references.
- Authorizes the AHCA, upon federal approval, to contract with an organization that meets all specified requirements to be a site for the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program and provide comprehensive long-term care services to up to:
 - 200 enrollees who reside in Escambia, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa counties;
 - 100 enrollees who reside in Northwest Miami-Dade County;
 - 500 enrollees who reside in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Hernando counties;
 - 300 enrollees who reside in Broward County;

- 300 enrollees who reside in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties. Enrollees in Alachua and Putnam Counties are also eligible, subject to a contract amendment with the AHCA; and
- 500 enrollees who reside in Seminole, Volusia, or Flagler counties.
- Authorizes the consolidation of 150 enrollee slots for Orange and Osceola counties and Lake and Sumter counties and 150 enrollee slots for Seminole County to provide services to up to 300 enrollees who reside in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Sumter, or Seminole counties.
- Authorizes the AHCA, upon federal approval, to contract with one public hospital operating in the northern two-thirds of Broward County to provide comprehensive services to up to 200 enrollees residing in the northern two-thirds of Broward County.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0

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HB 5011 — Termination of the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund
by Appropriations Committee and Rep. Trumbull

The bill eliminates the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund (fund) and redirects the funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund. The bill directs the State Board of Administration to liquidate the assets in the fund by June 30, 2022. The bill will increase the reserves held in the Budget Stabilization Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.
Vote: Senate 28-12; House 80-36

Committee on Appropriations

HB 5101 — Education Funding

by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Fine

The bill revises the calculation methodology for determining the amount of Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funds appropriated to the Florida Virtual School by adding the Mental Health Assistance Allocation to the calculation.

The bill specifies the number of virtual instruction options a school district must offer to its part-time and full-time students and revises the allowable expenditure of unexpended virtual instruction funds.

For any virtual instruction contract or agreement that is entered into for the first time after June 30, 2021, the bill limits the enrollment of virtual full-time students residing outside of the school district providing the virtual instruction to no more than 50 percent of the total virtual full-time students residing inside the school district providing the virtual instruction. A school district may not enroll more virtual full-time equivalent students residing outside of the school district than the total number of reported full-time equivalent students residing inside the school district.

The bill removes the requirement that the 300 lowest performing elementary schools on the statewide reading assessment must use their portion of the Supplemental Academic Instruction Allocation of the FEFP on an extra hour of reading per day. In addition, the bill repeals the Decline in Full-Time Equivalent Students and the Virtual Education Contribution categoricals.

The bill specifies the annual percent increase to the minimum base salary of instructional personnel on the performance salary schedule shall be no less than 150 percent of the largest adjustment made to the salary of an employee on the grandfathered salary schedule. In addition, the bill specifies that the annual percent increase to the salary adjustment of an employee on the performance salary schedule rated as highly effective must be at least 25 percent greater than the highest annual salary adjustment available to an employee of the same classification through any other salary schedule adopted by the district.

The bill requires each school district to use a portion of its nonenrollment allocation from the federal Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to locate and evaluate the well-being of any unaccounted-for students within the school district.

The bill requires each school district to use a portion of its academic acceleration allocation from the federal ESSER funds to remediate student learning loss.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0

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HB 5301 — Judges

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Plakon and others

The bill amends ss. 26.031 and 34.022, F.S., to increase the number of circuit and county judges in the State Court System.

Section 1 increases the number of circuit judges in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit from twelve (12) to thirteen (13).

Section 2 increases the number of county judges in Citrus County from two (2) to three (3), the number of county judges in Hillsborough County from twenty-one (21) to twenty-three (23), and the number of county judges in St. Johns County from two (2) to three (3).

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0

Committee on Appropriations

HB 5601 — Higher Education

by Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Plasencia

The bill authorizes Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program grants as provided in the General Appropriations Act.

The bill provides minimum performance standards for institutions to be eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program. Participating institutions must submit an accountability report to the Department of Education which includes the following metrics:

- Access rates based upon percentage of Pell-eligible students.
- Affordability rates based upon average student loan debt; federal, state, and institutional financial assistance; and average tuition and fees.
- Graduation rates.
- Retention rates.
- Postgraduate employment or continuing education rates.

The department is required to recommend minimum performance standards that institutions must meet to remain eligible to receive grants.

The bill repeals the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program.

The bill expands the existing \$200,000 faculty salary cap from state university administrative employees to include all university faculty, excluding those in the following programs:

- Computer Information Sciences and Support Services;
- Engineering;
- Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields;
- Florida Mental Health Institute;
- Health Professions and Related Programs;
- Homeland Security;
- Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Fields;
- Mathematics;
- Nursing;
- Physical Sciences; and
- Medical schools.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 110-7

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SB 7054 — Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund/Department of Economic Opportunity

by Appropriations Committee

The Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund was created in 2017 for the deposit of the funds from the “Settlement Agreement Between the Gulf States and the BP Entities with Respect to Economic and Other Claims Arising from the Deepwater Horizon Incident,” which was entered into on October 5, 2015. Funds are used by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., for projects within the eight disproportionately affected counties of Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Wakulla. Awards to projects or programs must meet priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties.

SB 7054 re-creates, without modification, the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity. Section 288.80125(3), F.S., which terminates the trust fund on July 1, 2021, is repealed.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect April 19, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 7056 — Trust Funds

by Appropriations Committee

SB 7056 terminates the following trust funds:

- Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative Commission.
- Revolving Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement.
- Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs.
- Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Health.

The bill provides for all current balances remaining in, and all revenues of, such trust funds to be transferred to other trust funds. It requires any outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated trust fund to be paid as soon as practicable. Further, the bill requires the Chief Financial Officer to close out and remove the terminated fund from the various state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0