Committee on Appropriations

CS/CS/HB 1285 — Florida State Guard

by Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee; and Rep. Giallombardo and others

The bill makes permanent the Florida State Guard (guard), a volunteer force directed to protect and defend the public from threats to public safety and to augment existing state and local agencies. The guard may also provide support under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact to other states.

The bill revises the structure of the guard by creating a Division of the State Guard within the Department of Military Affairs. The department will provide administrative support and services to the division, which is otherwise autonomous.

The division will be headed by a director, who must have served at least 5 years as a servicemember of the United States Armed Forces, United States Reserve Forces, or Florida National Guard. Administrative duties for the guard currently assigned to the Adjutant General are transferred to the director.

The Governor will appoint the director, subject to Senate confirmation, commission all volunteer personnel, and activate and deactivate the guard.

The bill creates a specialized force within the guard to assist other law enforcement agencies. The specialized force is authorized to bear arms, detect, and apprehend when activated. Only certified law enforcement officers will have the same law enforcement authority as the law enforcement agency with which they are working when activated.

The bill increases the maximum number of volunteers in the guard from 400 to 1,500, and authorizes volunteers to be compensated for their service at rates established by the director, subject to legislative appropriation.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 provides $107.6 million in appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for the Florida State Guard.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.
Vote: Senate 28-11; House 91-20

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SB 2500 — General Appropriations Act

by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, provides for a total budget of $117 billion, including:

- $46.5 billion from the General Revenue Fund (GR)
- $3.2 billion from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund
- $1.9 billion from the Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Fund (PECO TF)
- $65.5 billion from other trust funds (TF)
- 113,746.76 full time equivalent positions (FTE)

Increased Reserves and Debt Reduction

- Total Reserves: $10.9 billion
  - $5.3 billion General Revenue Unallocated
  - $4.1 billion Budget Stabilization Fund
  - $1.4 billion added to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
- $200 million to retire outstanding state debt

Major Issues

Compensation and Benefits

- Five percent pay increase for all state employees. In addition to the five percent across-the-board pay increase:
  - Agency Discretion Pay Increase Plans to address compression, recruitment, and retention
  - Correctional Officers - Starting salary to $45,760 ($22/hr.) and bonuses for high vacancy facilities
  - Department of Corrections Educational and Maintenance Staff - additional pay increases
  - Assistant State Attorneys and Public Defenders - additional pay increases
- Retirement - enhanced benefits
  - Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy increase of up to $75 per month
  - DROP Program - extension from 5 to 8 years for all employees, from 8 to 10 years for teachers
  - Special Risk - reduced normal retirement to age 55 or 25 years of service
  - Two percent increase to Investment Plan employer contributions

Education Capital Outlay

Total Appropriations: $2.3 billion [$155.7 million GR; $2.2 billion TF]

- State University System Projects - $682.2 million

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- Florida College System Projects - $272.4 million
- Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - $213.5 million
- Small School District Special Facilities - $88.6 million

Education Appropriations

Total Appropriations: $28.0 billion [$20.3 billion GR; $7.7 billion TF]
Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: $42.9 billion [$28 billion state/federal funds; $14.9 billion local funds][1]

Major Issues

Early Learning Services

Total: $1.6 billion [$585.3 million GR; $1 billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness - $56.7 million
- School Readiness Program - $1.1 billion
  - Increase of $100 million for School Readiness Services
- Early Learning Standards and Accountability - $4.9 million
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - $427 million
  - Decrease of 14,630 fewer students ($46.5 million)
  - Increase of $20 million to increase the Base Student Allocation

Public Schools/K12 FEFP

Total Funding: $26.7 billion [$14.52 billion state funds; $12.25 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is $2.2 billion or 9.04 percent
- FEFP increases in Total Funds per Student served by a district is $404.67, a 4.91 percent increase (from $8,243.44 to $8,648.11)
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase by $552.33 or 12.04 percent
- FEFP Base Funds (flexible $) increase of $2.7 billion or 18.09 percent
  - Includes a small district factor - adds $20 million to base funds
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of $1 billion; RLE millage maintained at prior year level of 3.262 mills
- Teacher Salary Increase - $252 million increase for a total of $1 billion
- Safe Schools Allocation - $40 million increase for a total of $250 million for School Safety Officers and school safety initiatives
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation - $20 million increase for a total of $160 million to help school districts and charter schools address youth mental health issues

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

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- Educational Enrichment Allocation (New) - $825 million - provides funds to assist school districts in providing educational enrichment activities and services that support and increase the academic achievement of students
- State-Funded Discretionary Supplement (New) - $436 million - to fund the non-voted discretionary millage for operations for students awarded a Family Empowerment Scholarship

Public Schools/FEFP Back of the Bill

- Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program - $350 million - provides funds (pursuant to HB 5101) to maintain the stability of the operations of public schools in each school district and to protect districts from financial instability as a result of changes in full-time equivalent student enrollment throughout the school year

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP

Total: $585.7 million [$578.3 million GR; $7.4 million TF]

- Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program - $6.5 million
- School Recognition Program - $200 million
- Mentoring Programs - $14.6 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - $8.7 million
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - $6 million
- Autism Programs - $12 million
- Recruitment of Heroes Bonus - $10 million
- Regional Literacy Teams - $5 million
- Early Childhood Music Education - $10.4 million
- Micro-Credential Incentives - $21 million
- Science of Reading Literacy and Tutoring Program - $16 million
- Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation - $1.5 million
- Early Start Time/Transportation Grant Program - $5 Million
- Department of Juvenile Justice Teacher Salary Increase - $2.1 Million
- Florida Safe School Canine Program - $4 million
- New World Reading - $4 million
- SEED School of Miami - $11.9 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - $40.5 million
- Exceptional Education - $8.8 million
- Florida School for the Deaf and Blind - $62.4 million
- Florida School for Competitive Academics - $24 million
- Capital Projects - $44.2 million
- Civics Literacy Captains and Coaches - $3.5 million

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State Board of Education

Total: $306.8 million [$146.3 million GR; $160.5 million TF]
- Assessment and Evaluation - $127.2 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - $8 million
- Just Read Florida Early Literacy Professional Development - $1 million
- School Choice Online Portal - $3 million
- Career Planning and Work-based Learning Coordination System - $4 million
- District Tools (CPALMS) - $3.5 million

Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: $250.4 million [$57.9 million GR; $192.5 million TF]
- Adults with Disability Funds - $8.3 million
- Vocational Rehabilitation Recruitment and Retention Efforts - $2 million
- ABLE Trust High School/High Tech Program - $468,177

Blind Services

Total: $61 million [$19 million GR; $42 million TF]
- Community Rehabilitation Services for Blind Citizens Workload - $477,165
- Recruitment and Retention Services - $345,081

Private Colleges

Total: $223.4 million GR
- Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) - $134.8 million
  - Workload increase - $46,000
  - Increase EASE award from $2,000 to $3,500 - $59.4 million

Student Financial Aid

Total: $1.003 billion [$294 million GR; $710 million TF]
- Bright Futures - $590.7 million
  - Workload decrease - $30 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - $34.7 million
  - Workload decrease - $1.7 million
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - $16.7 million
  - Workload increase - $3.2 million
- Dual Enrollment Scholarship - $18.05 million
- Teacher Scholarship to teach Dual Enrollment - $3.5 million
- Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship - $5 million
- Open Door Grant Program - $35 million

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School District Workforce

Total: $675.8 million [$343.7 million GR; $291.9 million TF; $40.2 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - $426.6 million
  - Workload increase - $36.2 million
- Teacher Apprenticeship Program and Mentor Bonus - $4 million
- Student Success in Career and Technical Education Incentive Funds - $2.5 million
- Adult General Education Incentive Funds - $5 million
- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - $8.5 million
  - Workload increase - $2 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - $20 million
  - Increase for "Grow Your Own Teacher" Apprenticeship Program - $5 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - $20 million
- No tuition increase

Florida College System

Total: $2.4 billion [$1.4 billion GR; $274 million TF; $668.5 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - $20 million
  - Workload increase - $6 million
- College System Program Fund - $1.6 billon
  - Florida College New Funding Model - $100 million
  - Dual Enrollment Fee Reimbursement - $25.7 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - $59 million
- Postsecondary Academic Library Network - $11.1 million
- Student Success Incentive Funds - $30 million
  - 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds - $17 million
  - Work Florida Incentive Funds - $13 million
- No tuition increase

State University System

Total: $6.4 billion [$3.7 billion GR; $704.8 million TF; $1.97 billion tuition/fees]

- Performance Based Funding - $645 million
  - State Investment - $350 million
  - Institutional Investment - $295 million
- Preeminent State Research Universities - $100 million
- Performance-Based Recruitment and Retention Incentives - $100 million
- Programs of Strategic Emphasis - $7.2 million
  - Teacher Education programs addition - $3 million
  - Workload Increase - $4.2 million
- Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education - $10 million
- New College of Florida Operational Enhancement - $25 million

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- IFAS Workload - $3.9 million
- Institute of Human and Machine Cognition Workload - $2.3 million
- Nursing Education Initiatives - $46 million
- Postsecondary Academic Library Network - $13.5 million
- Community School Grant Program - $11 million
- No tuition increase

Health and Human Services Appropriations

Total Budget: $47.3 billion [$15.2 billion GR; $32.1 billion TF]; 32,046.26 positions

Major Issues

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: $35.6 billion [$10.3 billion GR; $25.3 billion TF]; 1,539.5 positions

- KidCare Workload (due to caseload shift to Medicaid) - $47.8 million
- Expand KidCare Access - $20.6 million
- Pediatric Physicians - $76.1 million
- Children's Hospitals - $130.7 million
- Graduate Medical Education - $139.3 million
- Nursing Home Reimbursement Rates - $125 million
- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - $73.5 million
  - Durable Medical Equipment (DME) - $14.5 million
  - Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) - $5 million
  - Maternal Fetal Medicine - $2.5 million
  - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services - $29.7 million
  - Organ Transplant - $1.8 million
  - Pediatric Behavioral Health Services - $15 million
  - Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) - $5 million
- Personal Needs Allowance Increase - $20.3 million
- Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing Coverage - $3.3 million
- Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) - $182.6 million
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) - $60.3 million

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: $2.3 billion [$1 billion GR; $1.3 billion TF]; 2,753 positions

- Increase Waiver Rates for Waiver Support Coordinators - $6 million
- Home and Community Based Services Waiver Waitlist - $79.6 million
- Dually Diagnosed Program - $3.4 million
- Increase in Regional Positions due to Waiver Growth - $3 million; 35 positions

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- Architectural and Engineering Design Services for a new 200-bed Forensic Developmental Disability Center - $4 million

Department of Children and Families

Total: $4.8 billion [$2.8 billion GR; $2 billion TF]; 12,951.75 positions

- Foster Care and Guardianship Board Payments - $20 million
- Maintenance Adoption Subsidies - $15.1 million
- Transfer Child Protective Investigations from Sheriffs - $7.4 million; 674 positions
- Opioid Treatment, Prevention, and Recovery from Opioid Settlement Funds - $173.5 million; 22 positions
- Community-Based Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants - $156.3 million
- State Opioid Response Grant - $110.6 million
- Central Receiving Facilities - $31 million
- State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Forensic Beds - $77.9 million
- Jail-Based Competency Restoration - $6 million
- Homeless Assistance Grants - $19 million
- Florida System and Florida Safe Families Network System Technology Modernization - $35 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay for State Mental Health Treatment Facilities - $12.4 million

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: $482.5 million [$222.2 million GR; $260.4 million TF]; 418 positions

- Electronic Client Information and Registration Tracking System Project - $3.5 million
- Memory Disorder Clinics and Alzheimer's Projects - $8.5 million
- Aging Resource Centers - $1.7 million
- Home Care for the Elderly and Community Care for the Elderly Programs - $5 million
- Alzheimer Disease Initiative - $4 million

Department of Health

Total: $3.9 billion [$829 million GR; $3.1 billion TF]; 12,870 positions

- School Health Services - $30.8 million
- Expansion of Maternal Health Using Telehealth - $12.7 million
- School Based Dental Health - $10.9 million
- Office of Medical Marijuana Use Workload - $6.2 million; 31 positions
- Child Care Food Program - $55.4 million
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program - $172 million; 2 positions
- Child Protection Teams - $7 million
- Primary Care Health Professional Loan Repayment Program - $10 million
- Dental Student Loan Repayment Program - $2 million
- Florida Cancer Innovation Fund - $20 million

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- Florida Cancer Center Funding - $27.5 million
- Healthy Start Coalitions - $9.6 million
- Rural Hospitals Capital Grant Program - $10 million

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: $201 million [$51 million GR; $150 million TF]; 1,500 positions

- Telephone System Replacement - $4.5 million
- New State Veterans' Nursing Homes Positions Increase - $0.6 million; 8 positions
- Florida is For Veterans Programs - $2 million
- Collier County Veterans Nursing Home Engineering and Site Preparation - $0.5 million

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Total Budget: $6.7 billion [$5.7 billion GR; $1 billion TF]; 45,622 positions

Major Issues

Department of Corrections

Total: $3.3 billion [$3.1 billion GR; $96.5 million TF]; 23,677 positions

- DOC Education Expansion - $39.3 million
- Critical Security Equipment - $10 million
- Correctional Officer Academy Modernization and Support - $2.3 million
- Statewide Recruitment Staffing - $1 million; 12 positions
- In Prison and Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment - $5 million
- Health Services Contract - $107 million
- Food Services Contract - $8.9 million
- Private Prison Operations - $19.6 million
- Community-Based Treatment Provider Rate Increases - $3 million

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: $362.1 million [$85.4 million GR; $276.7 million TF]; 1,308.5 positions

- Office of Statewide Prosecution Cold Case Unit - $0.8 million; 5 positions
- Solicitor General Workload - $0.9 million; 3 positions
- Revenue Litigation Workload $0.8 million; 6 positions
- Statewide Drug Take Back Program - $1.4 million

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Total: $490.9 million [$317.7 million GR; $173.3 million TF]; 1,986 positions

- Protective Services Staffing - $10.7 million; 7 positions
- Law Enforcement Staffing Salary Adjustment - $7.6 million

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- Capitol Complex Security Staffing - $0.6 million; 4 positions
- E-Verify Staffing - $1 million; 11 positions
- State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (S.A.F.E.) In Florida Program - $20 million
- Biometric Identification Solution (BIS) Modernization - $8.2 million
- Latent Print Workstations for Local Criminal Justice Agencies - $1.1 million
- Alcohol Testing Program Transition to New Breath Test Instrumentation - $3.6 million
- Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Technology Upgrade and Staffing - $2.4 million; 3 positions
- Salary Increases for Law Enforcement Officers in Fiscally Constrained Counties - $5.7 million
- Ballistic Testing Pilot Program - $3.5 million
- Purchase of Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement - $2 million
- Pensacola Regional Operations Center Facility - $2.3 million
- Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants - $5 million

Department of Juvenile Justice

Total: $666.2 million [$506.9 million GR; $159.3 million TF]; 3,247.5 positions

- Increase DJJ Secure and Non-secure Residential Provider Pay to $19/hour - $17.2 million
- Comprehensive Evaluations - $2.4 million
- Children In Need of Services/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) Provider Pay to $19/hour - $5 million
- PACE Center for Girls Pay Adjustments - $2.5 million

Justice Administrative Commission

Total: $1.2 billion [$963.9 million GR; $203.8 million TF]; 10,716 positions

- Replacement of Motor Vehicles for State Attorneys and Public Defenders - $2.8 million
- State Attorney Workload - $2.4 million; 24 positions
- Staffing Adjustments for Workload and Increased Judgeships - $0.7 million; 8 positions
- Public Defender Workload - $0.2 million; 1 position

Commission on Offender Review

Total: $14.2 million [$14.1 million GR; $0.1 million TF]; 161 positions

- Increase Number of Cases for Submission to the Clemency Board - $1.1 million; 14 positions

State Court System

Total: $712.7 million [$605.4 million GR; $107.3 million TF]; 4,526 positions

- Critical Due Process Resources - $21.8 million; 20 positions
- Trial Courts Pandemic Recovery Plan - $12 million

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- Bernie McCabe Second District Court of Appeal New Courthouse Construction - $9 million

Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations

Total Budget: $21 billion [$1.7 billion GR; $19.3 billion TF]; 13,184 positions

Major Issues

Department of Economic Opportunity

Total: $1.82 billion [$345.9 million GR; $1.5 billion TF]; 1,510 positions

- Reemployment Assistance Program Operations and Tax Services Provider - $22.8 million
- Small Business Credit Initiatives - $170.9 million
- Job Growth Grant Fund - $75 million
- VISIT Florida - $80 million
- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program - $20 million
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Funding and Broadband - Digital Capacity Grant Program - $112.9 million
- Rural Infrastructure Fund - $25 million
- Economic Development Programs - $7.4 million
- Housing and Community Development Projects - $118 million
- Workforce Projects - $11.9 million

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Total: $578.6 million TF; 4,353 positions

- Additional Equipment for the Florida Highway Patrol - $1.3 million
- Aircraft Replacement - $6.8 million
- Credentialing Equipment and Maintenance - $3.5 million
- Operating Costs for Issuance and Compliance - $868,859; 13 positions
- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase II - $10 million
- Maintenance and Repair - Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee - $1.9 million
- Maintenance and Repair - Florida Highway Patrol Facilities, Statewide - $3.1 million
- Florida Highway Patrol Academy Driving Track - $9 million

Department of Military Affairs

Total: $296.1 million [$251.3 million GR; $44.8 million TF]; 469 positions

- Florida National Guard Tuition Assistance - $5.2 million
- Armory Operations Expense - $2.4 million
- Florida National Guard Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program - $3 million
- Expand Florida State Guard - $107.5 million; 15 positions

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- Readiness Center Revitalization and Modernization Program - $7.2 million
- Panama City Readiness Center - $2.6 million
- Camp Blanding Readiness Center Level II Mobilization Force Generation Installation - $102.5 million

Department of State

Total: $220.5 million [$197.6 million GR; $22.9 million TF]; 456 positions

- Libraries Maintenance of Effort - $24 million; and Additional Aid - $2 million
- Cultural and Museum Program Support Grants and Initiatives - $46.6 million
- Historical Preservation Grants and Initiatives - $58 million
- Library Construction Grants - $9.8 million
- Division of Corporations Call Center Services - $2.4 million
- Reimbursement to Counties for Special Elections - $1.5 million
- Department wide Litigation Expenses - $1.3 million
- Increased Division Support - $0.7 million; 12 positions

Department of Transportation

Total: $15.2 billion [$400.7 million GR; $14.8 billion TF]; 6,176 positions

- Transportation Work Program - $13.6 billion
  - County Transportation Programs:
    - Small City Road Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP) - $28.4 million
    - Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - $87.4 million
    - County Transportation Programs - $62.8 million
  - Local Transportation Initiatives (Road Fund) Projects - $400.7 million
- Innovative Grant Programs for Transportation Disadvantaged - $8 million

Division of Emergency Management

Total: $2.8 billion [$471.7 million GR; $2.33 billion TF]; 220 positions

- New Positions - $2.7 million; 22 positions
- Hurricane Recovery Grant Programs - $350 million
- Statewide Emergency Alert and Notification System - $3.5 million
- Open Federally Declared Disaster (FEMA reimbursement and pass-through) - $2.1 billion
- Community Recovery, Preparedness, and Critical Facilities Projects - $93.5 million
- Sargassum Clean-Up Grants - $5 million
- Information Technology - $6.9 million

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Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations

Total Budget: $11.3 billion [$3.4 billion GR; $1.4 billion LATF; $6.5 billion Other TF]; 20,331 positions

Major Issues

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Total: $3 billion [$357.8 million GR; $169.6 million LATF; $2.5 billion TF]; 3,710 positions

- Rural and Family Lands Protection Program - $100 million
- Wildfire Suppression Equipment/Aircraft - $12.9 million
- Road/Bridge and Facility Maintenance - $9 million
- Reforestation Program - $4 million
- Law Enforcement Equipment - $1 million
- Feeding Programs/Farm Share/Feeding Florida - $17.5 million
- Citrus Protection and Research - $49.5 million
- Lake Okeechobee Agriculture Projects - $5 million
- Replace Motor Vehicles - $3.4 million
- Information Technology Operations and Security Enhancements - $8.9 million
- Ag Environmental Services - $0.7 million; 8 positions
- Aquaculture Research - $0.5 million
- Office of Energy Grants - $30.4 million
- Agriculture Education and Promotion Facilities - $18.1 million
- Conner Complex Planning, Design and Construction - $31 million

Department of Citrus

Total: $35.1 million [$13.7 million GR; $21.4 million TF]; 28 positions

- Citrus Marketing - $5 million
- Citrus Plant Propagation and New Varieties Development - $3 million

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: $4.9 billion [$2.2 billion GR; $1.1 billion LATF; $1.7 billion TF]; 3,117 positions

- Everglades Restoration - $574.6 million
- Water Quality Improvements - $1 billion
  - Wastewater Grant Program - $200 million
  - Indian River Lagoon WQI - $104.9 million
  - Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvements - $20 million
  - Caloosahatchee WQI - $25 million
  - Water Projects - $433 million
  - C-51 Reservoir - $70 million
  - Water Quality Improvements - Everglades - $50 million

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  - Total Maximum Daily Loads - $40 million
  - Northwest Florida On-site Septic Systems - $2 million
  - Non-Point Source Planning Grants - $5 million
  - Alternative Water Supply - $60 million
  - Onsite Sewage Program - $0.7 million
- Flood and Sea-Level Rise Program - $300 million
- Water Quality Improvements - Blue Green Algae Task Force - $12.8 million
- Innovative Technology Grants for Harmful Algal Blooms - $10 million
- Innovative Wastewater Technology - $10 million
- Springs Restoration - $50 million
- Florida Forever Programs and Land Acquisition - $1 billion
  - Florida Wildlife Corridor - $850 million
  - Division of State Lands - $100 million
  - Florida Communities Trust - $15 million
  - Florida Recreational Development Assistance Grants - $11.2 million
  - Kirkland Ranch Land Acquisition - $30.8 million
  - Nassau County/Piney Island/Amelia River - $1 million
  - St. Johns County Summer Haven Managed Retreat - $5 million
  - Wetland Restoration and Protection Program - $5 million
- Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern - $20 million
- Lake Apopka Restoration - $5 million
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - $195 million
- Volkswagen Settlement - $15 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - $16 million
- Beach Management Funding Assistance - $206 million
- Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program - $508.9 million
- Water Infrastructure Improvements - $155.7 million
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - $11.5 million
- Land and Water Conservation Grants - $13.8 million
- Local Parks - $22.9 million
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - $37 million

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: $517.6 million [$113.5 million GR; $126.8 million LATF; $277.3 million TF]; 2,178 positions

- Increased Law Enforcement Positions - $8.1 million; 17 positions
- Law Enforcement Vehicle Replacement - $5.5 million
- Law Enforcement Equipment and Expenses - $9.4 million
- Motor Vehicle/Vessel Replacement - $5.8 million
- Artificial Reef - $10.6 million
- Wildlife Management Area Additions - $3.1 million; 3 positions
- Lake Restoration - $3 million

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- Manatee Population Assessment and Management - $0.9 million; 3 positions
- Invasive Species Control - $4 million; 4 positions
- Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects - $23.3 million
- Temporary Housing for New Staff - $1 million
- Freeman Conservation Center - $2.7 million
- Maintenance and Repairs - $1.2 million
- FWRI Facilities Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement - $8.9 million

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Total: $172.1 million [$3.4 million GR; $168.7 million TF]; 1,560 positions

- Licensing System Identity Verification Technology - $3.5 million
- Motor Vehicle Acquisition for Hotel and Restaurant Inspectors - $1.2 million
- Private Lease Cost Increase - $2.3 million

Florida Gaming Control Commission

Total: $28.6 million TF; 188 positions

- Information Technology Infrastructure - $1.1 million
- Operational Licensing System Studies - $1.1 million

Department of Financial Services

Total: $679.3 million [$200.6 million GR; $478.7 million TF]; 2,588 positions

- My Safe Florida Home Additional Funding - $102 million
- PALM Readiness - $3 million
- PALM Contract Contingency - $1.5 million
- Coverage Plan for Maintaining FLAIR - $2.1 million
- PALM (FLAIR Replacement) - $62.6 million; 20 positions
- Increase in Contracted Legal Services, Investigations, Medical Bill Review, Excess Property Insurance and Medical Case Management - $16.1 million
- Information Technology Security, Support, and Enhancements - $13.2 million
- Property and Casualty/Homeowners Fraud Investigation - $1.3 million; 7 positions
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - $87.4 million
- Firefighter Cancer Initiative - $2 million
- Increase Contracted Services for Division of Risk Management - $10 million
- Law Enforcement and Florida State Fire College Enhancements, Vehicles, Equipment, and Training - $5 million

Department of the Lottery

Total: $223.3 million TF; 424 positions

- Information Technology Security, Support, and Enhancements - $2.7 million; 4 positions

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- Increase to Instant Ticket Purchase - $1 million
- Increase to Gaming System Contract - $5.8 million

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: $903.5 million [$240.5 million GR; $663 million TF]; 1,036 positions

- Florida Facilities Pool (FFP) Fixed Capital Outlay - $65.4 million
- Fixed Capital Outlay Special Purpose - $48 million
  - Capital Circle Office Complex Planning and Design - $6 million
  - Florida Capitol Building Cabinet Office Renovations - $20 million
  - Sixth District Court of Appeal New Courthouse Planning and Design - $6 million
  - Land and Building Acquisition - $8 million
  - FFP Security Improvements - $4 million
  - Capitol Complex Memorial Park - $2 million
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Towers and Workload - $6 million
- SLERS Radio Replacement - $6 million
- Local Government Cybersecurity Grants - $40 million
- Enterprise Cybersecurity Resiliency - $10 million
- Florida PALM IV and V - $6 million
- Florida Health Care Connection (FX) Project Assessment - $5 million
- First Net Subscriptions - $2.2 million
- Weight Loss Pilot Program - $1.5 million
- Florida Commission on Human Relations - $0.8 million; 11 positions
- Public Employee Relations Commission Staffing for Implementation of SB 256 - $0.9 million; 6 positions

Division of Administrative Hearings

Total Budget: $31.2 million TF; 216 positions

- Additional Administrative Law Judge Positions for Citizens Property Insurance Disputes - $1 million; 5 positions

Public Service Commission

Total: $28.9 million TF; 272 positions

Department of Revenue

Total: $717.3 million [$280.1 million GR; $437.2 million TF]; 5,011 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - $59.4 million
- Child Support Partner Agency Increases - $4.9 million
- IT Issues - $3.7 million

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 2502 — Implementing the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act

by Appropriations Committee

The bill provides the following substantive modifications for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Section 1 provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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 amends s. 1009.895, F.S., to modify the Open Door Grant Program.

Section 4 provides that the amendments to s. 1008.895, F.S., expire July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2023.

Section 5 amends s. 1002.68(4)(a)(f), (5) and (6)(e), F.S., to extend the timelines for the development and implementation of methodology relating to performance metrics for voluntary prekindergarten providers and removes the provisions that would disqualify a voluntary prekindergarten provider based on a failure to meet minimum program assessment composite scores.

Section 6 provides that the amendments to s. 1009.895(4)(a)(f), (5) and (6)(e), F.S., expire July 1, 2024, and the text of those sections reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2023.

Section 7 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) Program 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 8 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding priorities within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address any projected surpluses and deficits.

Section 9 authorizes the AHCA and the DOH to each submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida KidCare program appropriation categories, or to increase budget authority in the Children's Medical Services Network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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Section 10 amends s. 381.986(17), 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, 2024, are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541, F.S. Medical marijuana treatment centers are authorized to use a laboratory that has not been certified by the department until rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories are adopted by the department, but no later than July 1, 2024.

Section 11 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 ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541, F.S., until July 1, 2024.

Section 12 provides that the amendments to s. 14(1), ch. 2017-232, L.O.F., expire on July 1, 2024, and the text of that provision reverts back to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 13 authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals statewide, the Indirect Medical Education Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education program.

Section 14 authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet certain federal criteria and provides an extension for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Letters of Agreement.

Section 15 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment, including specified information, to implement the Low Income Pool Program.

Section 16 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and a directed payment program for physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental school or a public hospital and provides an extension for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Letters of Agreement.

Section 17 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting budget authority for public emergency medical transportation services.

Section 18 allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within DCF based on the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program, including between guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 board payments, and relative and nonrelative caregiver payments for current caseload.

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Section 19 authorizes the DCF, DOH and AHCA to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority as necessary to meet caseload requirements for Refugee Programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. Requires the DCF to submit quarterly reports on caseload and expenditures.

Section 20 authorizes the DCF to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support the following federal grants: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant.

Section 21 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 22 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 23 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for DOH if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19 become available.

Section 24 reenacts and amends s. 21, ch. 2021-37, L.O.F., to require the AHCA to replace the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System and provides requirements of the system. This section also establishes the executive steering committee (ESC) membership, duties and the process for the ESC meetings and decisions. Provides requirements for deliverables-based fixed price contracts.

Section 25 requires the AHCA, in consultation with the DOH, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), DCF, and the Department of Corrections (DOC), to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for prescriptions drugs, including insulin and epinephrine, for all participating agencies. The contract must require that the vendor be compensated on a contingency basis paid from a portion of the savings achieved through the negotiation and purchase of prescription drugs.

Section 26 authorizes the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to submit budget amendments to transfer funding from salaries and benefits to contractual services in order to support additional staff augmentation at the Developmental Disability Centers.

Section 27 amends s. 409.915(1), F.S., to provide that the term “state Medicaid expenditures” does not include funds specially assessed by any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share for the hospital Directed Payment Program after July 1, 2021.

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Section 28 amends s. 216.262(4), F.S., to allow the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Corrections (DOC) if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. Subject to Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) review and approval, 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.

Section 29 amends s. 215.18(2), F.S., to provide the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the authority to request a trust fund loan.

Section 30 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities. If the department determines that a county has not met its obligations, Department of Revenue must deduct the amount owed to the DJJ from shared revenue funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, F.S.

Section 31 reenacts ss. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), and (5)-(7), 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 32 provides that the amendments to s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5)-(7), F.S., expire July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 33 amends s. 27.5304(6) and (13), F.S., to create a rebuttable presumption of correctness for objections to billings made by the Justice Administrative Commission and provides requirements for payments to private counsel. This section reenacts s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and (12)(a)-(e), F.S., to increase caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases.

Section 34 provides that the amendments to s. 27.5304(1), (3), (6), (7), (11), and (12)(a)-(e), F.S., expire July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 35 requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) and state agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements that expire between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2026, and are in excess of 2,000 square feet, and to submit a report by November 1, 2023.

Section 36 provides that, notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), F.S., which authorizes transfers of up to five percent of approved budget between categories, agencies may not transfer funds from a data center appropriation category to a category other than a data center appropriation category.

Section 37 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" between departments

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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 the DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract" of the GAA for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 authorizes the DMS to use five percent of facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to offset relocation expenses associated with the disposition of state office buildings.

Section 40 authorizes the DMS, notwithstanding s. 253.025(4), F.S., to acquire additional state-owned office buildings or property for inclusion in the Florida Facilities Pool.

Section 41 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 42 reenacts s. 282.709(3), F.S., to carryforward the DMS's authority to execute a 15-year contract with the SLERs operator.

Section 43 provides that the text of s. 282.709(3), F.S., expires July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 1, 2021.

Section 44 authorizes state agencies and other eligible users of the SLERS network to utilize the DMS state SLERS contract for the purchase of equipment and services.

Section 45 authorizes a reduction of the MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) transaction fee from one percent to .70 percent for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Section 46 amends s. 24.105(9)(i), F.S., to provide that except for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, effective July 1, 2023, the commission for Florida Lottery ticket sales is 6.0 percent of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission.

Section 47 provides that the amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), F.S., expires July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2022.

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Section 48 amends s. 717.123(3), F.S., to increase the cap under which the Department of Financial Services is authorized to retain unclaimed property funds that would otherwise be required to be distributed to the State School Fund.

Section 49 amends s. 627.351(6)(ll), F.S., to authorize Citizen's Property Insurance Corp. to adopt policy forms authorizing disputes regarding claim determinations to come before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Section 50 creates the drone replacement program within the Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The program must provide funds to law enforcement agencies that turn in drones that are not in compliance with s. 934.50, F.S. To be eligible, the drone must have not reached its end-of-life and still be in working condition. Funds are provided per drone based upon the drone's current value. Grant funds may only be used to purchase statutorily compliant drones. The FDLE must expeditiously develop an application process and funds must be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date the FDLE receives the application.

In addition, this section requires the FDLE to provide drones received through the program to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (Center) within the University of South Florida. The Center must analyze whether the drones present cybersecurity concerns and submit its findings or recommendations to the DMS regarding the drone's safety or security.

Section 51 amends s. 120.80, F.S., to provide that for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is exempt from rule ratification when regulatory assessment fees adopted pursuant to ss. 350.113, 364.336, 366.14, 367.145, and 368.109, F.S., are set within statutory limits.

Section 52 amends s. 215.18(3), F.S., to authorize loans to land acquisition trust funds within several agencies.

Section 53 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 54 amends s. 259.105(3), F.S., to notwithstand the Florida Forever statutory distribution and authorize the use of funds from the trust fund as provided in the GAA.

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Section 55 reenacts s. 570.93(1)(a), F.S., to revise 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 56 provides that the amendments to s. 570.93(1)(a), F.S., expire July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 57 amends s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., to revise the requirements for the usage of the trust fund for ethanol or biodiesel damage.

Section 58 provides that the amendment to s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., expires July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on July 1, 2020.

Section 59 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., the Department of Citrus is authorized to enter into agreements to expedite the increased production of citrus trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening.

Section 60 amends s. 161.101(22), F.S., to notwithstand subsections (1), (15), and (16) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to allow the Department of Environmental Protection to waive or reduce certain match requirements for specified counties for beach management and erosion control projects.

Section 61 amends s. 10, ch. 2022-272, L.O.F., to extend the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program through the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Section 62 amends s. 321.04(3)(b) and (5), F.S., to provide that for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 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 63 amends s. 288.80125(4), F.S., to allow 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 64 amends s. 288.8013(3), F.S., to no longer require the interest earned on the Triumph funds to be transferred back into the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund, no other deposits are made into this trust fund. Funds may be used for administrative costs including costs in excess of the statutory cap.

Section 65 provides that the amendment to s. 288.8013(3), F.S., expires July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2023.

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Section 66 amends s. 339.08(4) F.S., to authorize funds appropriated to the State Transportation Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund to be used as provided in the GAA.

Section 67 amends s. 339.135(7)(h), F.S., to authorize the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) to approve, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S., a Department of Transportation (DOT) work program amendment that adds a new project, or a phase of a new project, in excess of $3 million, if the LBC does not meet or consider, within 30 days of submittal, the amendment by the DOT.

Section 68 creates s. 250.245, F.S., to establish the Florida National Guard Joint Enlistment Enhancement Program (JEEP) within the Department of Military Affairs to provide bonuses to certain guardsmen in an effort to bolster recruitment efforts and increase the force structure of the Florida National Guard.

Section 69 amends s. 288.0655(7), F.S., to authorize rural Florida Panhandle counties to participate in the Rural Infrastructure Fund grant program as authorized in the GAA.

Section 70 authorizes the Division of Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to federal reimbursements from federally declared disasters.

Section 71 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 headquarters 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 72 revises the DMS's authority relating to the procurement of HMOs. Authorizes DMS to enter into contracts that may require the payment of administrative fees in excess of 110 percent of the amount appropriated in the GAA.

Section 73 requires the DMS to assess an administrative health insurance assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of State Group Insurance. This section does not apply to positions funded with federal funds.

Section 74 provides that, notwithstanding s. 11.13, F.S., salaries of legislators must be maintained at the same level as July 1, 2010.

Section 75 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 76 provides that the amendment to s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., expires July 1, 2024, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2011.

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Section 77 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 the activity before approving travel.

Section 78 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 $225.

Section 79 authorizes the LBC to approve budget amendments for new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects.

Section 80 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 81 requires reviews for transfers to comply with ch. 216, F.S., maximize the use of available and appropriate funds, and not be contrary to legislative policy and intent.

Section 82 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., state agencies are authorized to purchase vehicles from non-State Term Contract vendors provided certain conditions are met.

Section 83 provides that, notwithstanding s. 255.25, F.S., the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Attorney General are authorized to enter into a lease as a lessee for the use of space in a privately owned building, even if such space is 5,000 square feet or more, without having to advertise or receive competitive solicitations.

Section 84 authorizes the DEP to purchase lands within certain land areas; requires the DEP, in order to reduce land management costs, to provide a lease back option to the sellers under certain circumstances; and requires the DEP to review land management activities.

Section 85 prohibits a local government from adopting or amending a fertilizer management ordinance pursuant to s. 403.9337, F.S., which provides for a prohibited application period not in existence on June 30, 2023.

Section 86 specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

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Section 87 provides that if any other act passed during the 2023 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 88 provides for severability.

Section 89 provides for a general effective date of July 1, 2023 (except as otherwise provided).

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023, except where otherwise expressly provided.
Vote: Senate 38-0; House 105-5

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 2504 — Collective Bargaining

by Appropriations Committee

The bill directs the resolution of the collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2023-2024 fiscal year regarding state employees. All other mandatory collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2023-2024 fiscal year which are not addressed by the bill or the General Appropriations Act for the 2023-2024 fiscal year are resolved in accordance with the personnel rules in effect on May 1, 2023, and by otherwise maintaining the status quo under the language of the applicable current collective bargaining agreement.

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Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 2506 — Capitol Complex

by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to the Capitol Complex, conforms statutes to the funding decisions in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which appropriates $2 million in nonrecurring funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund for the design and development of the Memorial Park. Specifically, the bill:

- Revises the definition of "Capitol Complex" to include the Holland Building, Elliot Building, R.A. Gray Building, and the associated parking garages. However, the bill specifically excludes the Supreme Court Building and public streets adjacent thereto.
- Modifies the boundaries of the Capitol Complex to include the state-owned lands and public streets adjacent within an area bounded by and including Calhoun Street, East Pensacola Street, Monroe Street, Jefferson Street, West Pensacola Street, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and Gaines Street.
- Designates a specified portion of the Capitol Complex as "Memorial Park."
- Defines "Memorial Park" as the portion of the Capitol Complex existing between and including the Elliot Building and the Holland Building within an area bounded by and including Monroe Street, Gaines Street, Calhoun Street, and East Pensacola Street.
- Requires authorized monuments be placed within Memorial Park.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.
Vote: Senate 38-0; House 97-13

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Committee on Appropriations

SB 2510 — Health

by Appropriations Committee

The bill, relating to Health conforms statutes to the funding decisions related to Health Care in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The bill:

- Increases the income threshold above which a resident in a State Veterans' nursing facility would be required to contribute to his or her account from $130 to $160 per month.
- Clarifies the premiums paid under Florida KidCare's full-pay programs are based on the combined-risk premium.
- Increases the nursing home prospective payment reimbursement methodology for the Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool from 6 percent to 10 percent of the September 2016 non-property related payments of included facilities.
- Creates the Graduate Medical Education Slots for Doctors Program.
- Provides for a portion of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care achieved savings rebate to be repaid to the federal government.
- Establishes a Medicaid long-term care managed care pilot program in certain counties to integrate health care services, long-term care services, and home and community-based services for persons with developmental disabilities; requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal approval to implement the pilot program; and requires the plans to begin providing service coverage upon authorization and availability of sufficient state and federal resources.
- Clarifies that the Agency for Health Care Administration may not require a home health agency that does not provide skilled home health services and only provides private duty nursing services and attendant nursing care services, to meet the requirements of Medicare certification for participation in the Medicaid program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023, except where otherwise expressly provided.
Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0

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Committee on Appropriations

HB 5101 — Education

by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee and Representative Tomkow

The bill conforms law to the appropriations provided in SB 2500, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for prekindergarten through grade 12 education. Specifically, the bill:

Section 1 modifies s. 11.45, F.S., to require the Auditor General to conduct an annual financial audit of the Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) created in s. 1002.351, F.S., and at least every three years conduct an operational audit of the FSCA.

Section 2 modifies s. 110.1228, F.S., to conform a cross reference regarding specified funding for small school districts, in place of the sparsity supplement.

Section 3 modifies s. 216.251, F.S., to specify that the Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) salaries are provided within the classification and pay plans established by the board of trustees for the FSCA and approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) for academic and academic administrative personnel.

Section 4 amends s. 402.22, F.S., relating to certain residential education programs to conform a cross reference regarding categorical funds.

Section 5 modifies s. 447.203, F.S., to specify that the board of trustees of the Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) is deemed to be the public employer with respect to the academic and academic administrative personnel of the FSCA.

Section 6 modifies s. 1000.04, F.S., to create the Florida School for Competitive Academics as an additional component of Florida's Early Learning-20 public education system.

Section 7 amends s. 1000.071, F.S., created in CS/CS/HB 1069, which specifies that the requirements related to personal titles and pronouns apply only to the actions an employee or contractor acting within his or her employment duties.

Section 8 modifies s. 1001.20, F.S., to add the Florida School for Competitive Academics to those institutions under the authorized investigatory activities of the Department of Education's Office of Inspector General.

Section 9 amends s. 1001.215, F.S., related to the Just Read, Florida! Office to conform cross-references relating to evidence-based strategies, and technical assistance for district reading instruction plans required under s. 1003.4201, F.S.

Section 10 amends s. 1001.26, F.S., to expand the public broadcasting program system to include radio stations.

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Section 11 amends s. 1001.42, F.S., relating to district school board authority in an identified educational emergency, which authorizes the school board to:

- Adopt salary incentives and other strategies for instructional personnel.
- Notwithstanding collective bargaining and teacher assignment requirements, provide differentiated salary incentives based on teacher qualifications or teaching areas, and adopt strategies to assign teachers to low-performing schools.

Section 12 amends s. 1001.43, F.S., relating to authority over fiscal management by a district school board to add assessment of a grade K-12 fee for voluntary, noncredit summer school enrollment in basic program courses. The fee must be based on an ability to pay.

Section 13 amends s. 1002.32, F.S., to change the state funding formula under the Florida Education Finance Program relating to developmental research (laboratory) schools, to specify contributions from the nonvoted required local effort millage and the operating discretionary millage.

Section 14 creates s. 1002.351, F.S., to establish the Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) in Alachua County as a state-supported public school for Florida residents in grades 6-12, which may admit students beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The act also:

- Establishes a mission and purpose of the school to provide a rigorous academic curriculum and to prepare students for regional, state, and national academic competitions.
- Establishes the FSCA board of trustees composed of seven members appointed by the Governor to 4-year terms and confirmed by the Senate. The act specifies powers and duties of the FSCA board of trustees relating to rulemaking, personnel, students, budgets and finances, and records, and authorizes the board of trustees to make recommendations to the Legislature that the school become a residential public school.
- Requires the FSCA board of trustees to prepare and submit legislative budget requests, which will be funded outside of the Florida Education Finance Program.
- Requires the FSCA to be included in the school choice online portal established in s. 1001.10(10), F.S.
- Requires the FSCA board of trustees and all employees and applicants for employment to undergo a Level 2 background screening, and for all teachers to be Florida certified.
- Requires the Auditor General to conduct audits of the FSCA as provided in law.
- Exempts the FSCA from all statutes in chs. 1000-1013, F.S., with exceptions.

Section 15 amends s. 1002.37, F.S., to include conforming provisions to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor, and changes the funding formula for the Florida Virtual School based on modifications made to s. 1011.62, F.S.

Section 16 amends s. 1002.394, F.S., to modify the funding formula for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, to conform to changes made to s. 1011.62, F.S.

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Section 17 amends s. 1002.45, F.S., to limit the enrollment of full-time equivalent virtual students residing outside of the school district providing the virtual instruction to no more than those that can be funded from state Florida Educational Finance Program funds.

The act also conforms to changes made by the act by modifying the funding formula for Florida virtual instruction programs and virtual charter schools based on modifications made to s. 1011.62, F.S.

Section 18 amends s. 1002.59, F.S., to revise a cross reference regarding evidence-based content and strategies identified by the Just Read, Florida! office for emergent literacy courses.

Section 19 amends s. 1002.71, F.S., related to funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 20 amends s. 1002.84, F.S., related to distribution of funding by early learning coalitions for the school readiness program to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 21 amends s. 1002.89, F.S., related to funding for the school readiness program to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 22 amends s. 1002.995, F.S., to permit the Department of Education to provide incentives related to early learning career pathways for any instructors who work in a child care or early learning setting.

Section 23 amends s. 1003.03, F.S., related to accountability for exceeding the class size maximums to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 24 creates s. 1003.4201, F.S., to require each district school board to implement a system of comprehensive reading instruction for prekindergarten through grade 12 students, and certain students who exhibit a substantial deficiency in early literacy. Each plan developed by the district must be approved by the district school board. Charter schools must comply by either being included in the district's plan or submitting an individual plan. The plan may include:

- Additional instructional time.
- Use of highly qualified reading coaches to support classroom teachers.
- Professional development to help instructional personnel and certified prekindergarten teachers funded by the FEFP earn certain advanced education.
- Summer reading camps for all students in kindergarten through grade 5 who exhibit reading deficiencies.
- Incentives for instructional personnel and certified prekindergarten teachers.
- Tutoring in reading.

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Each plan must include school year expenditures for each component of the plan. The reading instructional plan must be submitted to the DOE by August 1 of each fiscal year for evaluation. The DOE must report findings to the legislature and the State Board of Education.

Section 25 amends s. 1003.485, F.S., to conform cross references relating to duties of the administrator of the New Worlds Reading Initiative.

Section 26 amends s. 1003.621, F.S., related to academically high-performing school districts to conform provisions to changes made by the act for the district reading instruction plan, and purchase of instructional materials.

Section 27 amends s. 1004.935, F.S., related to the Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Program to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 28 creates s. 1006.041, F.S., requiring each school district to implement a school-based mental health assistance program that includes training to detect and respond to mental health issues. The school district must develop a plan that is approved by the district school board. The plan must be focused on a multi-tiered system of supports that includes:

- Direct employment of school-based mental health services providers.
- Contracts or interagency agreements with local community behavioral health providers or Community Action Team services.
- Policies and procedures for timelines for services, parental/household notification, at-risk students, early identification, de-escalation, and requirements for contacting mental health professionals.

Plans must be submitted to the Department of Education annually by August 1, and a report of outcomes and expenditures for the prior year with specific requirements be submitted annually by September 30.

Section 29 amends s. 1006.07, F.S., to conform provisions to changes made by the act relating to the mental health assistance program created in s. 1006.041, F.S.

Section 30 modifies s. 1006.1493, F.S., to include the statutory requirement previously included in s. 1011.62(12), F.S., for each school district to annually report to the Office of Safe Schools by October 15 that all public schools within the school district have completed the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.

Section 31 amends s. 1006.28, F.S., to provide a definition for a “library media center,” to include classrooms, and to require that, annually by August 1, each school district superintendent certify that the district school board has approved a comprehensive staff development plan that supports the implementation of instructional materials programs.

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Section 32 amends s. 1006.40, F.S., regarding the purchase of instructional material to require each district school superintendent to certify to the Commissioner of Education the estimated allocation of state funds for instructional materials, removes references and requirements for the instructional materials allocation, and provides flexibility in the purchase of certain materials identified by the Just Read, Florida! office.

Section 33 amends s. 1007.271, F.S., regarding the dual enrollment program to clarify that school districts must pay the cost of instructional materials for public high school students.

Section 34 amends s. 1008.25, F.S., regarding Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program students exhibiting a substantial deficiency in early literacy skills to remove a reference to the provision to pay for services from the district's evidence-based reading instruction allocation.

Section 35 amends s. 1008.345, F.S., regarding the state accountability system to change a reference from the Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Allocation to the district reading instruction plan.

Section 36 amends s. 1008.365, F.S., to modify requirements for the Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE) program to revise cross references, and to implement:

- Reading instruction that must be proven to accelerate progress of students with a reading deficiency.
- Differentiated instruction based on the evaluation of a student's needs.
- Specified reading strategies.

Section 37 amends s. 1010.20, F.S., relating to school district cost reporting to revise a cross reference for categorical funds.

Section 38 creates s. 1011.58, F.S., to require and establish procedures for the Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) to prepare and submit legislative budget requests (LBRs). The LBR of the FSCA must be prepared using the same format, procedures, and timelines required for the submission of the legislative budget of the Department of Education (DOE). The FSCA must submit its LBR and an implementation plan to the DOE for review and approval. Once approved, the Commissioner of Education must include the FSCA in the DOE's LBR to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature.

The FSCA must also submit its fixed capital outlay request to the DOE for review and approval, which must be included within the DOE's public education capital outlay LBR.

Section 39 creates s. 1011.59, F.S., which creates flexibility in managing Florida School for Competitive Academics (FSCA) funds. The act requires the FSCA to request and appropriate funds within budget entities, program components, program categories, lump sums, or special categories, but authorizes the board of trustees to transfer to traditional categories for expenditure

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by the board of trustees of the FSCA. The board of trustees must develop an annual operating budget that allocates funds by program component and traditional expenditure category.

The FSCA is exempted from preparing a lump-sum plan to implement the special categories, program categories, or lump-sum appropriations. Finally, the act authorizes all unexpended funds appropriated for the FSCA to be carried forward and included as the balance forward for that fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

Section 40 amends s. 1011.61, F.S., to revise cross references for costs and programs included in the Florida Education Finance Program.

Section 41 modifies s. 1011.62, F.S., to:

- Require the cost factor for secondary career education programs to be higher than the cost factor for basic programs grade 9 through 12.
- Repeal the weighted enrollment ceiling for group 2 programs.
- Modify the funding model for ESE programs to clarify that the ESE program formula applies only to students using a matrix of services in support levels IV and V.
- Codify the small district ESE guaranteed allocation to provide an additional value per full-time equivalent student membership to school districts with a full-time equivalent student membership of fewer than 10,000 and fewer than three full-time equivalent students in ESE support levels IV and V.
- Remove the sparsity supplement and instead establishes a small district factor to provide an additional value per full-time equivalent student membership to each school district with a full-time equivalent student membership of fewer than 20,000 full-time equivalent students that is in a fiscally constrained county.
- Rename the district cost differential as the comparable wage factor (CWF) and modifies its application by authorizing the use of the CWF in the calculation of the base FEFP funding only when a school district's CWF is greater than 1.000. The act also authorizes the application of the modified adjustment to any categorical provided in the FEFP that has a calculation methodology that includes the CWF.
- Create the state-funded discretionary contribution to fund the nonvoted discretionary millage for operations for lab schools and the Florida Virtual School and incorporates the funding formula from s. 1002.32, F.S., for lab schools, and s. 1002.37, F.S., for the Florida Virtual School.
- Create the educational enrichment allocation, which incorporates a formula for a modified supplemental academic instruction categorical and the eligible uses of the turnaround school categorical.
- Amend the ESE guaranteed allocation to require the allocation to be the greater of either the school district's prior year ESE guaranteed allocation funds per eligible full-time equivalent student or the ESE guaranteed allocation factor as specified in the General Appropriations Act multiplied by the school district's total number of eligible full-time equivalent students. The allocation must be recalculated during the fiscal year and prorated to the level of the appropriation based on each school district's share of the total recalculated allocation amount.

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- Shift requirements for the evidence-based reading instruction allocation to s. 1003.4201, F.S., which is created within the act.
- Authorize funds from the supplemental allocation for juvenile justice education programs to be used to pay for the high school equivalency examination fees for specified juvenile justice students, industry credentialing testing fees, and the costs associated with enrollment in career and technical education courses that lead to industry-recognized certifications.
- Transfer to s. 1006.1493, F.S., the statutory requirement for each school district to annually report to the Department of Education by October 15 that all public schools within the school district have completed the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.
- Transfer to s. 1006.041, F.S., which is created by the act, the requirements for district mental health assistance plans.
- Amend the teacher salary increase allocation to:
    - Rename the allocation as the classroom teacher and other instructional personnel salary increase.
    - Provide flexibility for school districts and charter schools on their use of funds for salary increases for instructional personnel once the minimum base salary requirements have been met.
    - Remove school district and DOE reporting requirements.
- Establish a state-funded discretionary supplement to fund the nonvoted discretionary millage for operations for students awarded a Family Empowerment Scholarship that is similar to the discretionary contribution for lab schools and the Florida Virtual School.
- Amend current requirements for district school boards to transfer funds between categoricals to allow district school boards to transfer funds from any of the categorical programs to the appropriate account for expenditure, subject to conditions and reporting to the Department of Education.
- Create the educational enrollment stabilization program to authorize the Legislature to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to ensure that, based on each recalculation of the FEFP, a school district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student are not less than the greater of either the school district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student as appropriated in the General Appropriations Act or the school district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student as recalculated based on the certified taxable value for school purposes pursuant to s. 1011.62(4), F.S.
- Remove the requirement that calculations required in the FEFP be based on 95 percent of the taxable value for school purposes for fiscal years prior to the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Section 42 amends s. 1011.622, F.S., regarding adjustments for students without a Florida identification number to conform to the repeal of s. 1011.67, F.S.

Section 43 repeals s. 1011.67, F.S., relating to funds for instructional materials.

Section 44 amends s. 1011.69, F.S., to conform a provision in the Equity in School-Level Funding Act to remove reference to the supplemental academic instruction allocation.

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Section 45 amends s. 1011.84, F.S., relating to determining state financial supports to Florida College System institutions to include a conforming provision to changes made by the act that replaces the district cost differential with the comparable wage factor.

Section 46 amends s. 1012.22, F.S., to remove the restriction on salary adjustments that specify that until a school district reaches a minimum base salary of $47,500, an annual increase under the performance salary schedule must be at least 150 percent of the adjustment under a grandfathered schedule, and then 75 percent thereafter.

Section 47 amends s. 1012.44, F.S., relating to speech-language services to conform a cross reference regarding specified funding for small school districts, rather than the sparsity supplement.

Section 48 amends s. 1012.584, F.S., relating to the youth mental health awareness and training to change the reference from the mental health allocation to mental health assistance programs.

Section 49 amends s. 1012.586, F.S., to revise a cross reference regarding reading endorsement pathways.

Section 50 amends s. 1012.71, F.S., to require the award per classroom teacher for the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program be specified in the General Appropriations Act, and:

- Specify that a job-share classroom teacher may receive a prorated share of the amount provided to a full-time classroom teacher.
- Require the Department of Education to administer a competitive procurement through which eligible classroom teachers may annually purchase classroom materials and supplies.
- Require unused funds to be expended for classroom materials and supplies as determined by the school principal, if the school does not have a school advisory council.

Section 51 creates s. 1012.715 F.S., to establish the Heroes in the classroom sign-on bonus (Heroes program) to provide a one-time sign-on bonus, as provided in the GAA, to specified retired first responders and veterans who commit to joining the teaching profession as a full-time classroom teacher. An eligible individual may also receive an additional bonus for teaching a course in a critical teacher shortage area as defined in law. The Heroes program provides eligibility criteria, which includes receipt of an educator certificate and a commitment to maintaining employment as a teacher for two years. An individual that does not fulfill the employment requirement must reimburse the Department of Education (DOE). The act establishes responsibilities for the DOE and hiring school district.

Section 52 directs the Division of Law Revision to revise the title of subpart D of part I of chapter 1011, F.S., consisting of ss. 1011.55-1011.59, F.S., to read “Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and Florida School for Competitive Academics: Preparation, Adoption, and Implementation of Budgets" to conform to the amendments made by this act.

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Section 53 provides that amendments to s. 1003.03, Florida Statutes, shall not take effect if HB 633 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

Section 54 provides for an effective date of July 1, 2023.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.
Vote: Senate 39-0; House 111-0

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Committee on Appropriations

HB 5303 — Biomedical Research

by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Garrison

The bill relating to Biomedical Research, conforms law to the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The bill:

- Expands those cancer centers eligible for funding pursuant to the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program (DeSantis program) to include cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute as a comprehensive cancer center with at least one geographic site in Florida.
- Adds qualified uses to cancer research funding.
- Exempts $37,771,257 from the annual allocation fraction calculation for participating cancer centers in the DeSantis program and distributes those funds to participating cancer centers using the proportion as determined by the calculation.
- Eliminates authorization for the endowed research chair contained within the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program.
- Expands eligible programs for funding from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to include "other cancer research initiatives as appropriated by the Legislature."
- Adds breast cancer to the list of cancers to be included in the Department of Health's tri-annual mortality rate and cancer research analysis report.

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