

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 838 — Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education

by Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Collins

The bill reallocates the \$2.50 annual fee provided to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for motorcycle safety education to three Florida not-for-profit corporations that meet specified criteria.

The DHSMV must select qualified program administrators and enter into five-year contracts by October 1, 2023, for motorcycle safety and education programs. The bill authorizes such programs to include pamphlets, advertisements, public service announcements, digital media, social media, a website, participation at grassroots motorcycle events, advocacy, and reasonable administrative expenses. Additionally, the contracts must require that each program administrator show clear collaboration during and prior to implementation of motorcycle safety and education programs.

The program administrator must file an annual report with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives outlining the types of events the program administrator attended, the methods selected to distribute safety awareness and education materials, and an estimate of the number of individuals who were exposed to the program administrator's educational efforts.

Based on the current number of registered motorcycles, the bill may reallocate approximately \$1,626,675 annually from the DHSMV to the selected not-for-profit corporations.

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 114-0