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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to criminal justice and corrections appropriations; providing that the act implements and administers the General Appropriations Act; authorizing the Department of Corrections to use certain appropriated funds to assist in defraying the costs incurred by a county or a municipality to open or operate certain facilities; limiting the amount of such assistance; providing for the expiration of the authority to provide the assistance; amending s. 212.262, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions directing the Department of Corrections to seek a budget amendment for additional positions and appropriations if the inmate population exceeds a certain estimate under certain circumstances; providing for the expiration of the authority to seek a budget amendment; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to spend certain appropriated funds on programs that were funded by the department from specific appropriations in general appropriations acts in prior years; providing for the expiration of the authority to spend those appropriations; creating s. 945.6041, F.S.; defining terms; limiting the compensation of health care providers that do not have contracts to provide inmate medical services with the department or private correctional facilities; limiting compensation to entities that provide



emergency medical transportation services for inmates if those entities do not have a contract with the department or certain private correctional facilities; providing an expiration date for the limits on compensation; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to transfer certain funds from certain cases to the Operating Trust Fund to pay salaries and benefits; providing an expiration date for the transfer of funds; nullifying provisions of the act if the appropriations or proviso language to which they relate are vetoed; providing for other acts passed during the 2009 Regular Session which contain provisions that are substantively the same as the provisions of this act to take precedence under certain circumstances; providing that the act is severable; providing for retroactive application of the act; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. This act implements and administers the General Appropriations Act for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Section 2. In order to fulfill legislative intent regarding the use of funds contained in Specific Appropriations 617, 631, and 644 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Corrections may expend appropriated funds to assist in defraying the costs of impacts that are incurred by a municipality or county and that are associated with opening or operating a facility under the authority of the department. The



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amount paid for any facility may not exceed 1 percent of the cost to construct the facility, less building impact fees imposed by the municipality or county. This section expires July 1, 2010.

Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 607 through 707 and 738 through 773 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.262 Authorized positions.-

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter on increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the 2009-2010 <del>2008-2009</del> fiscal year only, if the actual inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate population projections of the February 16, 2009 February 15, 2008, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue sufficient to provide 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. All actions taken pursuant to the authority granted in this subsection shall be subject to



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review and approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1, 2010 July 1, 2009.

Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1266 and 1267 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Legal Affairs is authorized to expend appropriated funds in those specific appropriations on the same programs that were funded by the department pursuant to specific appropriations made in general appropriations acts in prior years. This section expires July 1, 2010.

Section 5. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 738 through 754 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, section 945.6041, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

945.6041 Inmate medical services.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Emergency medical transportation services" includes, but is not limited to, services rendered by ambulances, emergency medical services vehicles, and air ambulances as those terms are defined in s. 401.23.
- (b) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as provided in s. 766.105.
- (2) (a) Compensation to a health care provider to provide inmate medical services may not exceed 110 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if the health care provider does not have a contract to provide services with the department or the private correctional facility, as defined in s. 944.710, which houses the inmate.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), compensation to a health care provider to provide inmate medical services may not exceed 125 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if:



- 1. The health care provider does not have a contract to provide services with the department or the private correctional facility, as defined in s. 944.710, which houses the inmate; and
- 2. The health care provider reported a negative operating margin for the previous year to the Agency for Health Care Administration through hospital-audited financial data.
- (3) Compensation to an entity to provide emergency medical transportation services for inmates may not exceed 110 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if the entity does not have a contract with the department or a private correctional facility, as defined in s. 944.710, to provide the services.
- (4) This section does not apply to charges for medical services provided at a hospital operated by the department.
  - (5) This section expires July 1, 2010.

Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1231, 1251, 1272, and 1282 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Legal Affairs is authorized to transfer cash remaining after required disbursements for Attorney General case numbers 16-2008-CA-01, and 3142CV-C from FLAIR account 41-74-2-601001-41100100-00-181076-00 to the Operating Trust Fund to pay salaries and benefits. This section expires July 1, 2010.

Section 7. A section of this act that implements a specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language in the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act is void if the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language is vetoed. A section of this act that implements more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of specifically identified proviso language in the 2009-2010 General



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Appropriations Act is void if all the specific appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso language are vetoed.

Section 8. If any other act passed during the 2009 Regular Session contains a provision that is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

Section 9. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2009.