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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Stargel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 17.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

17.64 Division of Treasury to make reproductions of certain  
warrants, records, and documents.—

(1) Electronic images, photographs, microphotographs, or  
reproductions on film of warrants, vouchers, or checks are ~~shall~~



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11 ~~be~~ deemed to be original records for all purposes; and any copy  
12 or reproduction thereof ~~made from such original film~~, duly  
13 certified by the Division of Treasury as a true and correct copy  
14 or reproduction ~~made from such film~~, is ~~shall be~~ deemed to be a  
15 transcript, exemplification, or certified copy of the original  
16 warrant, voucher, or check such copy represents, and must ~~shall~~  
17 in all cases and in all courts and places be admitted and  
18 received in evidence with the like force and effect as the  
19 original thereof might be.

20 (2) The Division of Treasury may electronically photograph,  
21 ~~microphotograph, or reproduce on film~~, all records and documents  
22 of the division, as the Chief Financial Officer, in his or her  
23 discretion, selects; and the division may destroy any such  
24 documents or records after they have been reproduced  
25 electronically photographed and filed and after audit of the  
26 division has been completed for the period embracing the dates  
27 of such documents and records.

28 (3) Electronic copies ~~Photographs or microphotographs in~~  
29 ~~the form of film or prints~~ of any records made in compliance  
30 with ~~the provisions of~~ this section ~~shall~~ have the same force  
31 and effect as the originals ~~thereof would~~ have, and must ~~shall~~  
32 be treated as originals for the purpose of their admissibility  
33 in evidence. Duly certified or authenticated reproductions of  
34 such electronic images must ~~photographs or microphotographs~~  
35 ~~shall~~ be admitted in evidence equally with the original  
36 electronic images ~~photographs or microphotographs~~.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
38 20.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 20.121 Department of Financial Services.—There is created a



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40 Department of Financial Services.

41 (2) DIVISIONS.—The Department of Financial Services shall  
42 consist of the following divisions and office:

43 (e) The Division of Investigative and Forensic Services,  
44 which shall function as a criminal justice agency for purposes  
45 of ss. 943.045–943.08. The division may conduct investigations  
46 within or outside of this state as it deems necessary. If,  
47 during an investigation, the division has reason to believe that  
48 any criminal law of this state has or may have been violated, it  
49 shall refer any records tending to show such violation to state  
50 or federal law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies and shall  
51 provide investigative assistance to those agencies as required.  
52 The division shall include the following bureaus and office:

53 1. The Bureau of Forensic Services;

54 2. The Bureau of Fire, ~~and~~ Arson, and Explosives  
55 Investigations; and

56 3. The Office of Fiscal Integrity, which shall have a  
57 separate budget;~~–~~

58 4. The Bureau of Insurance Fraud; and

59 5. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fraud.

60 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 39.6035, Florida  
61 Statutes, is amended to read:

62 39.6035 Transition plan.—

63 (1) During the 180-day period after a child reaches 17  
64 years of age, the department and the community-based care  
65 provider, in collaboration with the caregiver and any other  
66 individual whom the child would like to include, shall assist  
67 the child in developing a transition plan. The required  
68 transition plan is in addition to standard case management



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69 requirements. The transition plan must address specific options  
70 for the child to use in obtaining services, including housing,  
71 health insurance, education, financial literacy, a driver  
72 license, and workforce support and employment services. The plan  
73 must also consider establishing and maintaining naturally  
74 occurring mentoring relationships and other personal support  
75 services. The transition plan may be as detailed as the child  
76 chooses. In developing the transition plan, the department and  
77 the community-based provider shall:

78 (a) Provide the child with the documentation required  
79 pursuant to s. 39.701(3); ~~and~~

80 (b) Coordinate the transition plan with the independent  
81 living provisions in the case plan and, for a child with  
82 disabilities, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
83 transition plan; ~~and-~~

84 (c) Provide information for the financial literacy  
85 curriculum for foster youth offered by the Department of  
86 Financial Services, and require completion of the curriculum  
87 with a passing score before receiving aftercare services or  
88 continuing care services as attested by the child's guardian ad  
89 litem.

90 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 39.6251, Florida  
91 Statutes, is amended to read:

92 39.6251 Continuing care for young adults.-

93 (2) The primary goal for a child in care is permanency. A  
94 child who is living in licensed care on his or her 18th birthday  
95 and who has not achieved permanency under s. 39.621 is eligible  
96 to remain in licensed care under the jurisdiction of the court  
97 and in the care of the department. A child is eligible to remain



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98 in licensed care if he or she is:

99 (a) Completing secondary education or a program leading to  
100 an equivalent credential;

101 (b) Enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary  
102 or vocational education;

103 (c) Participating in a program or activity designed to  
104 promote or eliminate barriers to employment;

105 (d) Employed for at least 80 hours per month; ~~or~~

106 (e) Completing the financial literacy curriculum for foster  
107 youth offered by the Department of Financial Services; or

108 (f) ~~(e)~~ Unable to participate in programs or activities  
109 listed in paragraphs (a)-(e) ~~(a)-(d)~~ full time due to a  
110 physical, intellectual, emotional, or psychiatric condition that  
111 limits participation. Any such barrier to participation must be  
112 supported by documentation in the child's case file or school or  
113 medical records of a physical, intellectual, or psychiatric  
114 condition that impairs the child's ability to perform one or  
115 more life activities.

116 Section 5. Section 218.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
117 read:

118 218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental  
119 entities; Florida Open Financial Statement System.—

120 (1) (a) Each local governmental entity that is determined to  
121 be a reporting entity, as defined by generally accepted  
122 accounting principles, and each independent special district as  
123 defined in s. 189.012, shall submit to the department a copy of  
124 its annual financial report for the previous fiscal year in a  
125 format prescribed by the department. The annual financial report  
126 must include a list of each local governmental entity included



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127 in the report and each local governmental entity that failed to  
128 provide financial information as required by paragraph (b). The  
129 chair of the governing body and the chief financial officer of  
130 each local governmental entity shall sign the annual financial  
131 report submitted pursuant to this subsection attesting to the  
132 accuracy of the information included in the report. The county  
133 annual financial report must be a single document that covers  
134 each county agency.

135 (b) Each component unit, as defined by generally accepted  
136 accounting principles, of a local governmental entity shall  
137 provide the local governmental entity, within a reasonable time  
138 period as established by the local governmental entity, with  
139 financial information necessary to comply with the reporting  
140 requirements contained in this section.

141 (c) Each regional planning council created under s.  
142 186.504, each local government finance commission, board, or  
143 council, and each municipal power corporation created as a  
144 separate legal or administrative entity by interlocal agreement  
145 under s. 163.01(7) shall submit to the department a copy of its  
146 audit report and an annual financial report for the previous  
147 fiscal year in a format prescribed by the department.

148 (d) Each local governmental entity that is required to  
149 provide for an audit under s. 218.39(1) must submit a copy of  
150 the audit report and annual financial report to the department  
151 within 45 days after the completion of the audit report but no  
152 later than 9 months after the end of the fiscal year.

153 (e) Each local governmental entity that is not required to  
154 provide for an audit under s. 218.39 must submit the annual  
155 financial report to the department no later than 9 months after



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156 the end of the fiscal year. The department shall consult with  
157 the Auditor General in the development of the format of annual  
158 financial reports submitted pursuant to this paragraph. The  
159 format must include balance sheet information used by the  
160 Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(7)(f). The department must  
161 forward the financial information contained within the annual  
162 financial reports to the Auditor General in electronic form.  
163 This paragraph does not apply to housing authorities created  
164 under chapter 421.

165 (f) If the department does not receive a completed annual  
166 financial report from a local governmental entity within the  
167 required period, it shall notify the Legislative Auditing  
168 Committee and the Special District Accountability Program of the  
169 Department of Economic Opportunity of the entity's failure to  
170 comply with the reporting requirements.

171 (g) Each local governmental entity's website must provide a  
172 link to the department's website to view the entity's annual  
173 financial report submitted to the department pursuant to this  
174 section. If the local governmental entity does not have an  
175 official website, the county government's website must provide  
176 the required link for the local governmental entity.

177 (h) It is the intent of the Legislature to create the  
178 Florida Open Financial Statement System, an interactive  
179 repository for governmental financial statements.

180 1. The Chief Financial Officer may consult with  
181 stakeholders, including the department, the Auditor General, a  
182 representative of a municipality or county, a representative of  
183 a special district, a municipal bond investor, and an  
184 information technology professional employed in the private



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185 sector, for input on the design and implementation of the  
186 Florida Open Financial Statement System.

187 2. The Chief Financial Officer may choose contractors to  
188 build one or more eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL)  
189 taxonomies suitable for state, county, municipal, and special  
190 district financial filings and to create a software tool that  
191 enables financial statement filers to easily create XBRL  
192 documents consistent with the taxonomy or taxonomies. The Chief  
193 Financial Officer shall recruit and select contractors through  
194 an open request for proposals process pursuant to chapter 287.

195 3. The Chief Financial Officer shall require all work to be  
196 completed no later than December 31, 2021.

197 4. If the Chief Financial Officer deems the work products  
198 adequate, all local governmental financial statements pertaining  
199 to fiscal years ending on or after January 1, 2023, must be  
200 filed in XBRL format and must meet the validation requirements  
201 of the relevant taxonomy.

202 5. A local government that commences filing in XBRL format  
203 may not be required to make filings in Portable Document Format.

204 (2) The department shall annually by December 1 file a  
205 verified report with the Governor, the Legislature, the Auditor  
206 General, and the Special District Accountability Program of the  
207 Department of Economic Opportunity showing the revenues, both  
208 locally derived and derived from intergovernmental transfers,  
209 and the expenditures of each local governmental entity, regional  
210 planning council, local government finance commission, and  
211 municipal power corporation that is required to submit an annual  
212 financial report. The report must include, but is not limited  
213 to:





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214 (a) The total revenues and expenditures of each local  
215 governmental entity that is a component unit included in the  
216 annual financial report of the reporting entity.

217 (b) The amount of outstanding long-term debt by each local  
218 governmental entity. For purposes of this paragraph, the term  
219 "long-term debt" means any agreement or series of agreements to  
220 pay money, which, at inception, contemplate terms of payment  
221 exceeding 1 year in duration.

222 (3) The department shall notify the President of the Senate  
223 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any  
224 municipality that has not reported any financial activity for  
225 the last 4 fiscal years. Such notice must be sufficient to  
226 initiate dissolution procedures as described in s.  
227 165.051(1)(a). Any special law authorizing the incorporation or  
228 creation of the municipality must be included within the  
229 notification.

230 Section 6. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the sum of  
231 \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the  
232 Chief Financial Officer for the development of XBRL taxonomies  
233 for state, county, municipal, and special district financial  
234 filings.

235 Section 7. Section 284.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
236 read:

237 284.40 Division of Risk Management; disclosure of certain  
238 workers' compensation-related information by the Department of  
239 Financial Services.-

240 (1) It shall be the responsibility of the Division of Risk  
241 Management of the Department of Financial Services to administer  
242 this part and the provisions of s. 287.131.



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243 (2) The claim files maintained by the Division of Risk  
244 Management shall be confidential, shall be only for the usage by  
245 the Department of Financial Services in fulfilling its duties  
246 and responsibilities under this part, and shall be exempt from  
247 the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

248 (3) Upon certification by the division director or his or  
249 her designee to the custodian of any records maintained by the  
250 Department of Children and Families, Department of Health,  
251 Agency for Health Care Administration, or Department of Elderly  
252 Affairs that such records are necessary to investigate a claim  
253 against the Department of Children and Families, Department of  
254 Health, Agency for Health Care Administration, or Department of  
255 Elderly Affairs being handled by the Division of Risk  
256 Management, the records shall be released to the division  
257 subject to the provisions of subsection (2), any conflicting  
258 provisions as to the confidentiality of such records  
259 notwithstanding.

260 (4) Notwithstanding s. 440.1851, the Department of  
261 Financial Services may disclose the personal identifying  
262 information of an injured or deceased employee to a department-  
263 contracted vendor for the purpose of ascertaining a claimant's  
264 claims history to investigate the compensability of a claim or  
265 to identify and prevent fraud.

266 Section 8. Section 284.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
267 read:

268 284.50 Loss prevention program; safety coordinators;  
269 Interagency Advisory Council on Loss Prevention; employee  
270 recognition program; return-to-work programs; risk management  
271 programs.-



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272 (1) The head of each department of state government, except  
273 the Legislature, shall designate a safety coordinator. Such  
274 safety coordinator must be an employee of the department and  
275 must hold a position which has responsibilities comparable to  
276 those of an employee in the Senior Management System. The  
277 Department of Financial Services shall provide appropriate  
278 training to the safety coordinators to permit them to  
279 effectively perform their duties within their respective  
280 departments. Within 1 year after being appointed by his or her  
281 department head, the safety coordinator shall complete safety  
282 coordinator training offered by the Department of Financial  
283 Services. Each safety coordinator shall, at the direction of his  
284 or her department head:

285 (a) Develop and implement the loss prevention program, a  
286 comprehensive departmental safety program which shall include a  
287 statement of safety policy and responsibility.

288 (b) Provide for regular and periodic facility and equipment  
289 inspections.

290 (c) Investigate job-related employee accidents of his or  
291 her department.

292 (d) Establish a program to promote increased safety  
293 awareness among employees.

294 (2) There shall be an Interagency Advisory Council on Loss  
295 Prevention composed of the safety coordinators from each  
296 department and representatives designated by the Division of  
297 State Fire Marshal and the Division of Risk Management. The  
298 chair of the council is ~~shall be~~ the Director of the Division of  
299 Risk Management or his or her designee. The council shall meet  
300 at least quarterly to discuss safety problems within state



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301 government, to attempt to find solutions for these problems,  
302 and, when possible, to assist in the implementation of the  
303 solutions. If the safety coordinator of a department or office  
304 is unable to attend a council meeting, an alternate, selected by  
305 the department head or his or her designee, shall attend the  
306 meeting to represent and provide input for that department or  
307 office on the council. The council is further authorized to  
308 provide for the recognition of employees, agents, and volunteers  
309 who make exceptional contributions to the reduction and control  
310 of employment-related accidents. The necessary expenses for the  
311 administration of this program of recognition shall be  
312 considered an authorized administrative expense payable from the  
313 State Risk Management Trust Fund.

314 (3) The Department of Financial Services and all agencies  
315 that are provided workers' compensation insurance coverage by  
316 the State Risk Management Trust Fund and employ more than 3,000  
317 full-time employees shall establish and maintain return-to-work  
318 programs for employees who are receiving workers' compensation  
319 benefits. The programs must ~~shall~~ have the primary goal of  
320 enabling injured workers to remain at work or return to work to  
321 perform job duties within the physical or mental functional  
322 limitations and restrictions established by the workers'  
323 treating physicians. If no limitation or restriction is  
324 established in writing by a worker's treating physician, the  
325 worker is ~~shall be~~ deemed to be able to fully perform the same  
326 work duties he or she performed before the injury. Agencies  
327 employing more than 3,000 full-time employees shall report  
328 return-to-work information to the Department of Financial  
329 Services to support the Department of Financial Services'



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330 mandatory reporting requirements on agency return-to-work  
331 efforts under s. 284.42(1)(b).

332 (4) The Division of Risk Management shall evaluate each  
333 agency's risk management programs, including, but not limited  
334 to, return-to-work, safety, and loss prevention programs, at  
335 least once every 5 years. Reports, including, but not limited  
336 to, any recommended corrective action, resulting from such  
337 evaluations must ~~shall~~ be provided to the head of the agency  
338 being evaluated, the Chief Financial Officer, and the director  
339 of the Division of Risk Management. The agency head must provide  
340 to the Division of Risk Management a response to all report  
341 recommendations within 45 days and a plan to implement any  
342 corrective action to be taken as part of the response. If the  
343 agency disagrees with any final report recommendations,  
344 including, but not limited to, any recommended corrective  
345 action, or if the agency fails to implement any recommended  
346 corrective action within a reasonable time, the division shall  
347 submit the evaluation report to the legislative appropriations  
348 committees. Each agency shall provide risk management program  
349 information to the Division of Risk Management to support the  
350 Division of Risk Management's mandatory evaluation and reporting  
351 requirements in this subsection.

352 (5) Each agency shall:

353 (a) Review information provided by the Division of Risk  
354 Management on claims and losses;

355 (b) Identify any discrepancies between the Division of Risk  
356 Management's records and the agency's records and report such  
357 discrepancies to the Division of Risk Management in writing; and

358 (c) Review and respond to communications from the Division



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359 of Risk Management identifying unsafe or inappropriate  
360 conditions, policies, procedures, trends, equipment, or actions  
361 or incidents that have led or may lead to accidents or claims  
362 involving the state.

363 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
364 (b) of subsection (3) of section 409.1451, Florida Statutes, are  
365 amended to read:

366 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

367 (2) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—

368 (a) A young adult is eligible for services and support  
369 under this subsection if he or she:

370 1. Was living in licensed care on his or her 18th birthday  
371 or is currently living in licensed care; or was at least 16  
372 years of age and was adopted from foster care or placed with a  
373 court-approved dependency guardian after spending at least 6  
374 months in licensed care within the 12 months immediately  
375 preceding such placement or adoption;

376 2. Spent at least 6 months in licensed care before reaching  
377 his or her 18th birthday;

378 3. Earned a standard high school diploma pursuant to s.  
379 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282, or its equivalent  
380 pursuant to s. 1003.435;

381 4. Has been admitted for enrollment as a full-time student  
382 or its equivalent in an eligible postsecondary educational  
383 institution as provided in s. 1009.533. For purposes of this  
384 section, the term "full-time" means 9 credit hours or the  
385 vocational school equivalent. A student may enroll part-time if  
386 he or she has a recognized disability or is faced with another  
387 challenge or circumstance that would prevent full-time



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388 attendance. A student needing to enroll part-time for any reason  
389 other than having a recognized disability must get approval from  
390 his or her academic advisor;

391 5. Has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 23 years of  
392 age;

393 6. Has applied, with assistance from the young adult's  
394 caregiver and the community-based lead agency, for any other  
395 grants and scholarships for which he or she may qualify;

396 7. Submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
397 which is complete and error free; ~~and~~

398 8. Signed an agreement to allow the department and the  
399 community-based care lead agency access to school records; ~~and-~~

400 9. Has completed with a passing score the financial  
401 literacy curriculum for foster youth offered by the Department  
402 of Financial Services.

403 (3) AFTERCARE SERVICES.—

404 (b) Aftercare services include, but are not limited to, the  
405 following:

406 1. Mentoring and tutoring.

407 2. Mental health services and substance abuse counseling.

408 3. Life skills classes, including credit management and  
409 preventive health activities.

410 4. Parenting classes.

411 5. Job and career skills training.

412 6. Counselor consultations.

413 7. Temporary financial assistance for necessities,  
414 including, but not limited to, education supplies,  
415 transportation expenses, security deposits for rent and  
416 utilities, furnishings, household goods, and other basic living



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417 expenses.

418 8. Financial literacy skills training pursuant to s.  
419 39.6035(1)(c).

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421 The specific services to be provided under this paragraph shall  
422 be determined by an assessment of the young adult and may be  
423 provided by the community-based care provider or through  
424 referrals in the community.

425 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 414.411,  
426 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

427 414.411 Public assistance fraud.—

428 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall investigate  
429 all public assistance provided to residents of the state or  
430 provided to others by the state. In the course of such  
431 investigation the department shall examine all records,  
432 including electronic benefits transfer records and make inquiry  
433 of all persons who may have knowledge as to any irregularity  
434 incidental to the disbursement of public moneys, food  
435 assistance, or other items or benefits authorizations to  
436 recipients. All public assistance recipients, as a condition  
437 precedent to qualification for public assistance under chapter  
438 409, chapter 411, or this chapter, must first give in writing,  
439 to the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of  
440 Health, the Department of Education ~~Economic Opportunity~~, and  
441 the Department of Children and Families, as appropriate, and to  
442 the Department of Financial Services, consent to make inquiry of  
443 past or present employers and records, financial or otherwise.

444 (3) The results of such investigation shall be reported by  
445 the Department of Financial Services to the appropriate





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446 legislative committees, the Agency for Health Care  
447 Administration, the Department of Health, the Department of  
448 Education ~~Economic Opportunity~~, and the Department of Children  
449 and Families, and to such others as the department may  
450 determine.

451 Section 11. Subsection (3) is added to section 497.168,  
452 Florida Statutes, to read:

453 497.168 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with  
454 administrative boards.—

455 (3) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a veteran  
456 of the United States Armed Forces who was honorably discharged  
457 within the 24-month period before the date of an initial  
458 application for licensure is exempt from the initial application  
459 filing fees under ss. 497.281(1), 497.368(1)(a), 497.369(1)(a),  
460 497.369(5), 497.370(1), 497.371, 497.373(1)(a), 497.373(3),  
461 497.374(1)(a), 497.374(5), and 497.375(1)(a).

462 Section 12. Subsection (14) is added to section 497.456,  
463 Florida Statutes, to read:

464 497.456 Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust  
465 Fund.—

466 (14) (a) On or before August 31, 2018, the department may  
467 transfer up to \$2 million from the Preneed Funeral Contract  
468 Consumer Protection Trust Fund to the Regulatory Trust Fund for  
469 the purpose of acquiring information technology infrastructure  
470 and payment of related expenses of the licensing authority in  
471 carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter and as  
472 prescribed by rule.

473 (b) On or before August 31 of each year, the department may  
474 transfer any interest accrued or earned from investment of the



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475 funds in the Preneed Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust  
476 Fund during the prior fiscal year of the state, as defined in s.  
477 216.011(1)(o), to the Regulatory Trust Fund for the purpose of  
478 providing for the payment of expenses of the licensing authority  
479 in carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter and as  
480 prescribed by rule.

481 (c) This subsection expires on August 31, 2022.

482 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 624.317, Florida  
483 Statutes, is amended to read:

484 624.317 Investigation of agents, adjusters, administrators,  
485 service companies, and others.—If it has reason to believe that  
486 any person has violated or is violating any provision of this  
487 code, or upon the written complaint signed by any interested  
488 person indicating that any such violation may exist:

489 (1) The department shall conduct such investigation as it  
490 deems necessary of the accounts, records, documents, and  
491 transactions pertaining to or affecting the insurance affairs of  
492 any ~~general agent, surplus lines agent,~~ adjuster, ~~managing~~  
493 ~~general agent, insurance agent,~~ insurance agency, customer  
494 representative, service representative, or other person subject  
495 to its jurisdiction, subject to the requirements of s. 626.601.

496 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 624.34, Florida  
497 Statutes, is amended to read:

498 624.34 Authority of Department of Law Enforcement to accept  
499 fingerprints of, and exchange criminal history records with  
500 respect to, certain persons.—

501 (2) The Department of Law Enforcement may accept  
502 fingerprints of individuals who apply for a license as an agent,  
503 customer representative, adjuster, service representative, or



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504 navigator, ~~or managing general agent~~ or the fingerprints of the  
505 majority owner, sole proprietor, partners, officers, and  
506 directors of a corporation or other legal entity that applies  
507 for licensure with the department or office under the Florida  
508 Insurance Code.

509 Section 15. Section 624.4073, Florida Statutes, is amended  
510 to read:

511 624.4073 Officers and directors of insolvent insurers.—Any  
512 person who was an officer or director of an insurer doing  
513 business in this state and who served in that capacity within  
514 the 2-year period before ~~prior to~~ the date the insurer became  
515 insolvent, for any insolvency that occurs on or after July 1,  
516 2002, may not thereafter serve as an officer or director of an  
517 insurer authorized in this state or have direct or indirect  
518 control over the selection or appointment of an officer or  
519 director through contract, trust, or by operation of law, unless  
520 the officer or director demonstrates that his or her personal  
521 actions or omissions were not a significant contributing cause  
522 to the insolvency.

523 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 624.4094, Florida  
524 Statutes, is amended to read:

525 624.4094 Bail bond premiums.—

526 (1) The Legislature finds that a significant portion of  
527 bail bond premiums is retained by the licensed bail bond agents  
528 or appointed ~~licensed~~ managing general agents. For purposes of  
529 reporting in financial statements required to be filed with the  
530 office pursuant to s. 624.424, direct written premiums for bail  
531 bonds by a domestic insurer in this state shall be reported net  
532 of any amounts retained by licensed bail bond agents or



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533 appointed ~~licensed~~ managing general agents. However, in no case  
534 shall the direct written premiums for bail bonds be less than  
535 6.5 percent of the total consideration received by the agent for  
536 all bail bonds written by the agent. This subsection also  
537 applies to any determination of compliance with s. 624.4095.

538 Section 17. Paragraph (e) of subsection (19) of section  
539 624.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

540 624.501 Filing, license, appointment, and miscellaneous  
541 fees.—The department, commission, or office, as appropriate,  
542 shall collect in advance, and persons so served shall pay to it  
543 in advance, fees, licenses, and miscellaneous charges as  
544 follows:

545 (19) Miscellaneous services:

546 (e) Insurer's registration fee for agent exchanging  
547 business more than four 24 times in a calendar year under s.  
548 626.752, s. 626.793, or s. 626.837, registration fee per agent  
549 per year.....\$30.00

550 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 624.509, Florida  
551 Statutes, is amended to read:

552 624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation.—

553 (1) In addition to the license taxes provided for in this  
554 chapter, each insurer shall also annually, and on or before  
555 March 1 in each year, except as to wet marine and transportation  
556 insurance taxed under s. 624.510, pay to the Department of  
557 Revenue a tax on insurance premiums, premiums for title  
558 insurance, or assessments, including membership fees and policy  
559 fees and gross deposits received from subscribers to reciprocal  
560 or interinsurance agreements, and on annuity premiums or  
561 considerations, received during the preceding calendar year, the



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562 amounts thereof to be determined as set forth in this section,  
563 to wit:

564 (a) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the gross amount of  
565 such receipts on account of life and health insurance policies  
566 covering persons resident in this state and on account of all  
567 other types of policies and contracts, except annuity policies  
568 or contracts taxable under paragraph (b) and bail bond policies  
569 or contracts taxable under paragraph (c), covering property,  
570 subjects, or risks located, resident, or to be performed in this  
571 state, omitting premiums on reinsurance accepted, and less  
572 return premiums or assessments, but without deductions:

- 573 1. For reinsurance ceded to other insurers;
- 574 2. For moneys paid upon surrender of policies or  
575 certificates for cash surrender value;
- 576 3. For discounts or refunds for direct or prompt payment of  
577 premiums or assessments; and
- 578 4. On account of dividends of any nature or amount paid and  
579 credited or allowed to holders of insurance policies;  
580 certificates; or surety, indemnity, reciprocal, or  
581 interinsurance contracts or agreements;

582 (b) An amount equal to 1 percent of the gross receipts on  
583 annuity policies or contracts paid by holders thereof in this  
584 state; and

585 (c) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the direct written  
586 premiums for bail bonds, excluding any amounts retained by  
587 licensed bail bond agents or appointed ~~licensed~~ managing general  
588 agents.

589 Section 19. Section 625.071, Florida Statutes, is amended  
590 to read:



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591           625.071 Special reserve for bail and judicial bonds.—In  
592 lieu of the unearned premium reserve required on surety bonds  
593 under s. 625.051, the office may require any surety insurer or  
594 limited surety insurer to set up and maintain a reserve on all  
595 bail bonds or other single-premium bonds without definite  
596 expiration date, furnished in judicial proceedings, equal to the  
597 lesser of 35 percent of the bail premiums in force or \$7 per  
598 \$1,000 of bail liability. Such reserve shall be reported as a  
599 liability in financial statements required to be filed with the  
600 office. Each insurer shall file a supplementary schedule showing  
601 bail premiums in force and bail liability and the associated  
602 special reserve for bail and judicial bonds with financial  
603 statements required by s. 624.424. Bail premiums in force do not  
604 include amounts retained by licensed bail bond agents or  
605 appointed ~~licensed~~ managing general agents, but may not be less  
606 than 6.5 percent of the total consideration received for all  
607 bail bonds in force.

608           Section 20. Subsection (5) of section 626.112, Florida  
609 Statutes, is amended to read:

610           626.112 License and appointment required; agents, customer  
611 representatives, adjusters, insurance agencies, service  
612 representatives, managing general agents.—

613           (5) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall~~ be, act as, or represent or  
614 hold himself or herself out to be a managing general agent  
615 unless he or she then holds a currently effective producer  
616 license and a managing general agent ~~license and~~ appointment.

617           Section 21. Section 626.171, Florida Statutes, is amended  
618 to read:

619           626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer



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620 representative, adjuster, service representative, ~~managing~~  
621 ~~general agent~~, or reinsurance intermediary.-

622 (1) The department may not issue a license as agent,  
623 customer representative, adjuster, service representative,  
624 ~~managing general agent~~, or reinsurance intermediary to any  
625 person except upon written application filed with the  
626 department, meeting the qualifications for the license applied  
627 for as determined by the department, and payment in advance of  
628 all applicable fees. The application must be made under the oath  
629 of the applicant and be signed by the applicant. An applicant  
630 may permit a third party to complete, submit, and sign an  
631 application on the applicant's behalf, but is responsible for  
632 ensuring that the information on the application is true and  
633 correct and is accountable for any misstatements or  
634 misrepresentations. The department shall accept the uniform  
635 application for nonresident agent licensing. The department may  
636 adopt revised versions of the uniform application by rule.

637 (2) In the application, the applicant shall set forth:

638 (a) His or her full name, age, social security number,  
639 residence address, business address, mailing address, contact  
640 telephone numbers, including a business telephone number, and e-  
641 mail address.

642 (b) A statement indicating the method the applicant used or  
643 is using to meet any required prelicensing education, knowledge,  
644 experience, or instructional requirements for the type of  
645 license applied for.

646 (c) Whether he or she has been refused or has voluntarily  
647 surrendered or has had suspended or revoked a license to solicit  
648 insurance by the department or by the supervising officials of



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649 any state.

650 (d) Whether any insurer or any managing general agent  
651 claims the applicant is indebted under any agency contract or  
652 otherwise and, if so, the name of the claimant, the nature of  
653 the claim, and the applicant's defense thereto, if any.

654 (e) Proof that the applicant meets the requirements for the  
655 type of license for which he or she is applying.

656 (f) The applicant's gender (male or female).

657 (g) The applicant's native language.

658 (h) The highest level of education achieved by the  
659 applicant.

660 (i) The applicant's race or ethnicity (African American,  
661 white, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, or other).

662 (j) Such other or additional information as the department  
663 may deem proper to enable it to determine the character,  
664 experience, ability, and other qualifications of the applicant  
665 to hold himself or herself out to the public as an insurance  
666 representative.

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668 However, the application must contain a statement that an  
669 applicant is not required to disclose his or her race or  
670 ethnicity, gender, or native language, that he or she will not  
671 be penalized for not doing so, and that the department will use  
672 this information exclusively for research and statistical  
673 purposes and to improve the quality and fairness of the  
674 examinations.

675 (3) Each application must ~~shall~~ be accompanied by payment  
676 of any applicable fee.

677 (4) An applicant for a license as an agent, customer





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678 representative, adjuster, service representative, ~~managing~~  
679 ~~general agent~~, or reinsurance intermediary must submit a set of  
680 the individual applicant's fingerprints, or, if the applicant is  
681 not an individual, a set of the fingerprints of the sole  
682 proprietor, majority owner, partners, officers, and directors,  
683 to the department and must pay the fingerprint processing fee  
684 set forth in s. 624.501. Fingerprints must ~~shall~~ be used to  
685 investigate the applicant's qualifications pursuant to s.  
686 626.201. The fingerprints must ~~shall~~ be taken by a law  
687 enforcement agency, designated examination center, or other  
688 department-approved entity. The department shall require all  
689 designated examination centers to have fingerprinting equipment  
690 and to take fingerprints from any applicant or prospective  
691 applicant who pays the applicable fee. The department may not  
692 approve an application for licensure as an agent, customer  
693 service representative, adjuster, service representative,  
694 ~~managing general agent~~, or reinsurance intermediary if  
695 fingerprints have not been submitted.

696 (5) The application for license filing fee prescribed in s.  
697 624.501 is not subject to refund.

698 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their  
699 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have  
700 retired within 24 months before application for licensure, are  
701 exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501.  
702 Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military  
703 identification card, military dependent identification card,  
704 military service record, military personnel file, veteran  
705 record, discharge paper, ~~or separation document~~, or a separation  
706 document that indicates such members of the United States Armed



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707 Forces are currently in good standing or were honorably  
708 discharged.

709 (7) Pursuant to the federal Personal Responsibility and  
710 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, each party is  
711 required to provide his or her social security number in  
712 accordance with this section. Disclosure of social security  
713 numbers obtained through this requirement must ~~shall~~ be limited  
714 to the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for  
715 child support enforcement.

716 Section 22. Section 626.202, Florida Statutes, is amended  
717 to read:

718 626.202 Fingerprinting requirements.—

719 (1) The requirements for completion and submission of  
720 fingerprints under this chapter are deemed to be met when an  
721 individual currently licensed under this chapter seeks  
722 additional licensure and has previously submitted fingerprints  
723 to the department within the past 48 months. However, the  
724 department may require the individual to file fingerprints if it  
725 has reason to believe that an applicant or licensee has been  
726 found guilty of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, a  
727 felony or a crime related to the business of insurance in this  
728 state or any other state or jurisdiction.

729 (2) The requirements for completion and submission of  
730 fingerprints under this chapter are waived for members of the  
731 United States Armed Forces and veterans of the United States  
732 Armed Forces who were honorably discharged within the 24-month  
733 period before the date of an application for licensure. A  
734 qualified individual shall provide a copy of a military  
735 identification card, military service record, military personnel



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736 file, veteran record, Form DD-214, NGB Form 22, or separation  
737 document that indicates such member or veteran of the United  
738 States Armed Forces is currently in good standing or was  
739 honorably discharged.

740       (3) If there is a change in ownership or control of any  
741 entity licensed under this chapter, or if a new partner,  
742 officer, or director is employed or appointed, a set of  
743 fingerprints of the new owner, partner, officer, or director  
744 must be filed with the department or office within 30 days after  
745 the change. The acquisition of 10 percent or more of the voting  
746 securities of a licensed entity is considered a change of  
747 ownership or control. The fingerprints must be taken by a law  
748 enforcement agency or other department-approved entity and be  
749 accompanied by the fingerprint processing fee in s. 624.501.

750       Section 23. Subsection (9) of section 626.207, Florida  
751 Statutes, is amended to read:

752       626.207 Disqualification of applicants and licensees;  
753 penalties against licensees; rulemaking authority.—

754       (9) Section 112.011 does not apply to any applicants for  
755 licensure under the Florida Insurance Code, including, but not  
756 limited to, agents, agencies, adjusters, adjusting firms, or  
757 ~~customer representatives, or managing general agents.~~

758       Section 24. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
759 626.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760       626.221 Examination requirement; exemptions.—

761       (2) However, an examination is not necessary for any of the  
762 following:

763       (j) An applicant for license as an all-lines adjuster who  
764 has the designation of Accredited Claims Adjuster (ACA) from a



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765 regionally accredited postsecondary institution in this state,  
766 Associate in Claims (AIC) from the Insurance Institute of  
767 America, Professional Claims Adjuster (PCA) from the  
768 Professional Career Institute, Professional Property Insurance  
769 Adjuster (PPIA) from the HurriClaim Training Academy, Certified  
770 Adjuster (CA) from ALL LINES Training, Certified Claims Adjuster  
771 (CCA) from AE21 Incorporated, Claims Adjuster Certified  
772 Professional (CACP) from WebCE, Inc., or Universal Claims  
773 Certification (UCC) from Claims and Litigation Management  
774 Alliance (CLM) whose curriculum has been approved by the  
775 department and which includes comprehensive analysis of basic  
776 property and casualty lines of insurance and testing at least  
777 equal to that of standard department testing for the all-lines  
778 adjuster license. The department shall adopt rules establishing  
779 standards for the approval of curriculum.

780 Section 25. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section  
781 626.451, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
782 and (6), respectively, and subsections (1) and (5) and present  
783 subsection (6) of that section are amended, to read:

784 626.451 Appointment of agent or other representative.—

785 (1) Each appointing entity or person designated by the  
786 department to administer the appointment process appointing an  
787 agent, adjuster, service representative, customer  
788 representative, or managing general agent in this state shall  
789 file the appointment with the department or office and, at the  
790 same time, pay the applicable appointment fee and taxes. Every  
791 appointment is ~~shall be~~ subject to the prior issuance of the  
792 appropriate agent's, adjuster's, service representative's, or  
793 customer representative's, ~~or managing general agent's~~ license.



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794 ~~(5) Any law enforcement agency or state attorney's office~~  
795 ~~that is aware that an agent, adjuster, service representative,~~  
796 ~~customer representative, or managing general agent has pleaded~~  
797 ~~guilty or nolo contendere to or has been found guilty of a~~  
798 ~~felony shall notify the department or office of such fact.~~

799 ~~(5)~~<sup>(6)</sup> Upon the filing of an information or indictment  
800 against an agent, adjuster, service representative, or customer  
801 representative, ~~or managing general agent,~~ the state attorney  
802 shall immediately furnish the department or office a certified  
803 copy of the information or indictment.

804 Section 26. Section 626.521, Florida Statutes, is amended  
805 to read:

806 626.521 ~~Character,~~ Credit and character reports.-

807 (1) Before appointing ~~As to each applicant who for the~~  
808 ~~first time in this state~~ an ~~is applying and qualifying for a~~  
809 ~~license as agent, adjuster, service representative, customer~~  
810 ~~representative, or managing general agent, the appointing~~  
811 ~~insurer or employer shall~~ its manager or general agent in this  
812 ~~state, in the case of agents, or the appointing general lines~~  
813 ~~agent, in the case of customer representatives, or the employer,~~  
814 ~~in the case of service representatives and of adjusters who are~~  
815 ~~not to be self-employed, shall coincidentally with such~~  
816 ~~appointment or employment~~ secure and thereafter keep on file a  
817 full detailed credit and character report ~~made by an established~~  
818 ~~and reputable independent reporting service,~~ relative to the  
819 individual so appointed ~~or employed.~~ This subsection does not  
820 apply to licensees who self-appoint pursuant to s. 624.501.

821 (2) If requested by the department, the insurer, ~~manager,~~  
822 ~~general agent, general lines agent,~~ or employer, as the case may



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823 be, must ~~shall~~ furnish to the department, ~~on a form adopted and~~  
824 ~~furnished by the department,~~ such information as it reasonably  
825 requires relative to such individual and investigation.

826 ~~(3) As to an applicant for an adjuster's or reinsurance~~  
827 ~~intermediary's license who is to be self-employed, the~~  
828 ~~department may secure, at the cost of the applicant, a full~~  
829 ~~detailed credit and character report made by an established and~~  
830 ~~reputable independent reporting service relative to the~~  
831 ~~applicant.~~

832 ~~(4) Each person who for the first time in this state is~~  
833 ~~applying and qualifying for a license as a reinsurance~~  
834 ~~intermediary shall file with her or his application for license~~  
835 ~~a full, detailed credit and character report for the 5-year~~  
836 ~~period immediately prior to the date of application for license,~~  
837 ~~made by an established and reputable independent reporting~~  
838 ~~service, relative to the individual if a partnership or sole~~  
839 ~~proprietorship, or the officers if a corporation or other legal~~  
840 ~~entity.~~

841 ~~(3)-(5)~~ Information contained in credit or character reports  
842 furnished to or secured by the department under this section is  
843 confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1).

844 Section 27. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
845 626.731, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

846 626.731 Qualifications for general lines agent's license.-

847 (1) The department shall not grant or issue a license as  
848 general lines agent to any individual found by it to be  
849 untrustworthy or incompetent or who does not meet each of the  
850 following qualifications:

851 ~~(f) The applicant is not a service representative, a~~



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852 ~~managing general agent in this state, or a special agent or~~  
853 ~~similar service representative of a health insurer which also~~  
854 ~~transacts property, casualty, or surety insurance; except that~~  
855 ~~the president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer,~~  
856 ~~including a member of the board of directors, of a corporate~~  
857 ~~insurer, if otherwise qualified under and meeting the~~  
858 ~~requirements of this part, may be licensed and appointed as a~~  
859 ~~local resident agent.~~

860 Section 28. Subsection (6) of section 626.7351, Florida  
861 Statutes, is amended to read:

862 626.7351 Qualifications for customer representative's  
863 license.—The department shall not grant or issue a license as  
864 customer representative to any individual found by it to be  
865 untrustworthy or incompetent, or who does not meet each of the  
866 following qualifications:

867 (6) Upon the issuance of the license applied for, the  
868 applicant is not an agent or a service representative, ~~or a~~  
869 ~~managing general agent.~~

870 Section 29. Section 626.744, Florida Statutes, is amended  
871 to read:

872 626.744 Service representatives, ~~managing general agents;~~  
873 application for license.—The application for a license as  
874 service representative must ~~or the application for a license as~~  
875 ~~managing general agent shall~~ show the applicant's name,  
876 residence address, name of employer, position or title, type of  
877 work to be performed by the applicant in this state, and any  
878 additional information which the department may reasonably  
879 require.

880 Section 30. Section 626.745, Florida Statutes, is amended



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881 to read:

882           626.745 Service representatives, managing general agents;  
883 managers; activities.—Individuals employed by insurers or their  
884 managers, general agents, or representatives as service  
885 representatives, and as managing general agents employed for the  
886 purpose of or engaged in assisting agents in negotiating and  
887 effecting contracts of insurance, shall engage in such  
888 activities ~~when, and~~ only when licensed as or, accompanied by a  
889 general lines ~~an~~ agent duly licensed and appointed ~~as a resident~~  
890 ~~licensee and appointee~~ under this code.

891           Section 31. Subsection (11) of section 626.7451, Florida  
892 Statutes, is amended to read:

893           626.7451 Managing general agents; required contract  
894 provisions.—No person acting in the capacity of a managing  
895 general agent shall place business with an insurer unless there  
896 is in force a written contract between the parties which sets  
897 forth the responsibility for a particular function, specifies  
898 the division of responsibilities, and contains the following  
899 minimum provisions:

900           (11) An appointed ~~A licensed~~ managing general agent, when  
901 placing business with an insurer under this code, may charge a  
902 per-policy fee not to exceed \$25. ~~In no instance shall~~ The  
903 aggregate of per-policy fees for a placement of business  
904 authorized under this section, when combined with any other per-  
905 policy fee charged by the insurer, may not result in per-policy  
906 fees that ~~which~~ exceed the aggregate amount of \$25. The per-  
907 policy fee must ~~shall~~ be a component of the insurer's rate  
908 filing and must ~~shall~~ be fully earned.

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910 For the purposes of this section and ss. 626.7453 and 626.7454,  
911 the term "controlling person" or "controlling" has the meaning  
912 set forth in s. 625.012(5)(b)1., and the term "controlled  
913 person" or "controlled" has the meaning set forth in s.  
914 625.012(5)(b)2.

915 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 626.7455, Florida  
916 Statutes, is amended to read:

917 626.7455 Managing general agent; responsibility of  
918 insurer.—

919 (1) An insurer may not ~~No insurer shall~~ enter into an  
920 agreement with any person to manage the business written in this  
921 state by the general lines agents appointed by the insurer or  
922 appointed by the managing general agent on behalf of the insurer  
923 unless the person is properly licensed as an agent and appointed  
924 as a managing general agent in this state. An insurer is ~~shall~~  
925 ~~be~~ responsible for the acts of its managing general agent when  
926 the agent acts within the scope of his or her authority.

927 Section 33. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) and subsection  
928 (5) of section 626.752, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

929 626.752 Exchange of business.—

930 (3)

931 (e) The brokering agent shall maintain an appropriate and  
932 permanent Brokering Agent's Register, which must ~~shall~~ be a  
933 permanent record of ~~bound journal in which~~ chronologically  
934 numbered transactions that are entered no later than the day in  
935 which the brokering agent's application bearing the same number  
936 is signed by the applicant. The numbers must ~~shall~~ reflect an  
937 annual aggregate through numerical sequence and be preceded by  
938 the last two digits of the current year. The initial entry must



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939 ~~shall~~ contain the number of the transaction, date, time, date of  
940 binder, date on which coverage commences, name and address of  
941 applicant, type of coverage desired, name of insurer binding the  
942 risk or to whom the application is to be submitted, and the  
943 amount of any premium collected therefor. By no later than the  
944 date following policy delivery, the policy number and coverage  
945 expiration date must ~~shall~~ be added to the register.

946 (5) Within 15 days after the last day of each month, any  
947 insurer accepting business under this section shall report to  
948 the department the name, address, telephone number, and social  
949 security number of each agent from which the insurer received  
950 more than four ~~24~~ personal lines risks during the calendar year,  
951 except for risks being removed from the Citizens Property  
952 Insurance Corporation and placed with that insurer by a  
953 brokering agent. Once the insurer has reported pursuant to this  
954 subsection an agent's name to the department, additional reports  
955 on the same agent shall not be required. However, the fee set  
956 forth in s. 624.501 must ~~shall~~ be paid for the agent by the  
957 insurer for each year until the insurer notifies the department  
958 that the insurer is no longer accepting business from the agent  
959 pursuant to this section. The insurer may require that the agent  
960 reimburse the insurer for the fee.

961 Section 34. Subsection (4) of section 626.793, Florida  
962 Statutes, is amended to read:

963 626.793 Excess or rejected business.—

964 (4) Within 15 days after the last day of each month, any  
965 insurer accepting business under this section shall report to  
966 the department the name, address, telephone number, and social  
967 security number of each agent from which the insurer received



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968 more than four ~~24~~ risks during the calendar year. Once the  
969 insurer has reported an agent's name to the department pursuant  
970 to this subsection, additional reports on the same agent shall  
971 not be required. However, the fee set forth in s. 624.501 must  
972 ~~shall~~ be paid for the agent by the insurer for each year until  
973 the insurer notifies the department that the insurer is no  
974 longer accepting business from the agent pursuant to this  
975 section. The insurer may require that the agent reimburse the  
976 insurer for the fee.

977 Section 35. Subsection (5) of section 626.837, Florida  
978 Statutes, is amended to read:

979 626.837 Excess or rejected business.—

980 (5) Within 15 days after the last day of each month, any  
981 insurer accepting business under this section shall report to  
982 the department the name, address, telephone number, and social  
983 security number of each agent from which the insurer received  
984 more than four ~~24~~ risks during the calendar year. Once the  
985 insurer has reported pursuant to this subsection an agent's name  
986 to the department, additional reports on the same agent shall  
987 not be required. However, the fee set forth in s. 624.501 must  
988 ~~shall~~ be paid for the agent by the insurer for each year until  
989 the insurer notifies the department that the insurer is no  
990 longer accepting business from the agent pursuant to this  
991 section. The insurer may require that the agent reimburse the  
992 insurer for the fee.

993 Section 36. Subsection (5) of section 626.8732, Florida  
994 Statutes, is amended to read:

995 626.8732 Nonresident public adjuster's qualifications,  
996 bond.—



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997           ~~(5) After licensure as a nonresident public adjuster, as a~~  
998 ~~condition of doing business in this state, the licensee must~~  
999 ~~annually on or before January 1, on a form prescribed by the~~  
1000 ~~department, submit an affidavit certifying that the licensee is~~  
1001 ~~familiar with and understands the insurance code and rules~~  
1002 ~~adopted thereunder and the provisions of the contracts~~  
1003 ~~negotiated or to be negotiated. Compliance with this filing~~  
1004 ~~requirement is a condition precedent to the issuance,~~  
1005 ~~continuation, reinstatement, or renewal of a nonresident public~~  
1006 ~~adjuster's appointment.~~

1007           Section 37. Subsection (4) of section 626.8734, Florida  
1008 Statutes, is amended to read:

1009           626.8734 Nonresident all-lines adjuster license  
1010 qualifications.—

1011           ~~(4) As a condition of doing business in this state as a~~  
1012 ~~nonresident independent adjuster, the appointee must submit an~~  
1013 ~~affidavit to the department certifying that the licensee is~~  
1014 ~~familiar with and understands the insurance laws and~~  
1015 ~~administrative rules of this state and the provisions of the~~  
1016 ~~contracts negotiated or to be negotiated. Compliance with this~~  
1017 ~~filing requirement is a condition precedent to the issuance,~~  
1018 ~~continuation, reinstatement, or renewal of a nonresident~~  
1019 ~~independent adjuster's appointment.~~

1020           Section 38. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section  
1021 626.88, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1022           626.88 Definitions.—For the purposes of this part, the  
1023 term:

1024           (1) "Administrator" is any person who directly or  
1025 indirectly solicits or effects coverage of, collects charges or



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1026 premiums from, or adjusts or settles claims on residents of this  
1027 state in connection with authorized commercial self-insurance  
1028 funds or with insured or self-insured programs which provide  
1029 life or health insurance coverage or coverage of any other  
1030 expenses described in s. 624.33(1) or any person who, through a  
1031 health care risk contract as defined in s. 641.234 with an  
1032 insurer or health maintenance organization, provides billing and  
1033 collection services to health insurers and health maintenance  
1034 organizations on behalf of health care providers, other than any  
1035 of the following persons:

1036 (h) A person appointed ~~licensed~~ as a managing general agent  
1037 in this state, whose activities are limited exclusively to the  
1038 scope of activities conveyed under such appointment ~~license~~.

1039  
1040 A person who provides billing and collection services to health  
1041 insurers and health maintenance organizations on behalf of  
1042 health care providers shall comply with the provisions of ss.  
1043 627.6131, 641.3155, and 641.51(4).

1044 Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 626.927, Florida  
1045 Statutes, is amended to read:

1046 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1047 (2) Any individual, while licensed as ~~and appointed as a~~  
1048 ~~managing general agent as defined in s. 626.015, or service~~  
1049 ~~representative as defined in s. 626.015, and who otherwise~~  
1050 ~~possesses all of the other qualifications of a general lines~~  
1051 agent under this code, and who has a minimum of 1 year of ~~year's~~  
1052 experience working for a licensed surplus lines agent or who has  
1053 successfully completed 60 class hours in surplus and excess  
1054 lines in a course approved by the department, may, upon taking



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1055 and successfully passing a written examination as to surplus  
1056 lines, as given by the department, be licensed as a surplus  
1057 lines agent solely for the purpose of placing with surplus lines  
1058 insurers property, marine, casualty, or surety coverages  
1059 originated by general lines agents; ~~except that no examination~~  
1060 ~~as for a general lines agent's license shall be required of any~~  
1061 ~~managing general agent or service representative who held a~~  
1062 ~~Florida surplus lines agent's license as of January 1, 1959.~~

1063 Section 40. Subsection (3) of section 626.930, Florida  
1064 Statutes, is amended to read:

1065 626.930 Records of surplus lines agent.-

1066 (3) Each surplus lines agent shall maintain all surplus  
1067 lines business records in his or her general lines agency  
1068 office, ~~if licensed as a general lines agent, or in his or her~~  
1069 ~~managing general agency office, if licensed as a managing~~  
1070 ~~general agent or the full-time salaried employee of such general~~  
1071 ~~agent.~~

1072 Section 41. Subsection (2) of section 626.9892, Florida  
1073 Statutes, is amended to read:

1074 626.9892 Anti-Fraud Reward Program; reporting of insurance  
1075 fraud.-

1076 (2) The department may pay rewards of up to \$25,000 to  
1077 persons providing information leading to the arrest and  
1078 conviction of persons committing crimes investigated by the  
1079 department arising from violations of s. 440.105, s. 624.15, s.  
1080 626.9541, s. 626.989, s. 790.164, s. 790.165, s. 790.166, s.  
1081 806.01, s. 806.031, s. 806.10, s. 806.111, s. 817.233, or s.  
1082 817.234.

1083 Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 633.302, Florida



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1084 Statutes, is amended to read:

1085           633.302 Florida Fire Safety Board; membership; duties;  
1086 meetings; officers; quorum; compensation; seal.—

1087           (3) The State Fire Marshal's term on the board, or that of  
1088 her or his designee, must ~~shall~~ coincide with the State Fire  
1089 Marshal's term of office. ~~Of the other six members of the board,~~  
1090 ~~one member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, one member~~  
1091 ~~for a term of 2 years, two members for terms of 3 years, and two~~  
1092 ~~members for terms of 4 years.~~ All other terms are 4 years and  
1093 expire on June 30 of the last year of the term. When the term of  
1094 a member expires, the State Fire Marshal shall appoint a member  
1095 to fill the vacancy for a term of 4 years. The State Fire  
1096 Marshal may remove any appointed member for cause. A vacancy in  
1097 the membership of the board for any cause must ~~shall~~ be filled  
1098 by appointment by the State Fire Marshal for the balance of the  
1099 unexpired term.

1100           Section 43. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection  
1101 (3), and paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (4) of  
1102 section 633.304, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1103           633.304 Fire suppression equipment; license to install or  
1104 maintain.—

1105           (2) A person who holds a valid fire equipment dealer  
1106 license may maintain such license in an inactive status during  
1107 which time he or she may not engage in any work under the  
1108 definition of the license held. An inactive status license is  
1109 ~~shall be void after 4 years or when the license is renewed,~~  
1110 ~~whichever comes first.~~ However, an inactive status license must  
1111 be reactivated before December 31 of each odd-numbered year. An  
1112 inactive status license may not be reactivated unless the



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1113 continuing education requirements of this chapter have been  
1114 fulfilled.

1115 (3) Each individual actually performing the work of  
1116 servicing, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, installing,  
1117 testing, or inspecting fire extinguishers or preengineered  
1118 systems must possess a valid and subsisting permit issued by the  
1119 division. Permittees are limited as to specific type of work  
1120 performed to allow work no more extensive than the class of  
1121 license held by the licensee under whom the permittee is  
1122 working. Permits will be issued by the division as follows:

1123 (a) Portable permit: "Portable permittee" means a person  
1124 who is limited to performing work no more extensive than the  
1125 employing or contractually related licensee in the servicing,  
1126 recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting all types of  
1127 portable fire extinguishers.

1128  
1129 Any fire equipment permittee licensed pursuant to this  
1130 subsection who does not want to engage in servicing, inspecting,  
1131 recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, or installing halon  
1132 equipment must file an affidavit on a form provided by the  
1133 division so stating. Permits will be issued by the division to  
1134 show the work authorized thereunder. It is unlawful, unlicensed  
1135 activity for a person or firm to falsely hold himself or herself  
1136 out to perform any service, inspection, recharge, repair,  
1137 hydrotest, or installation except as specifically described in  
1138 the permit.

1139 (4)

1140 (b) After initial licensure, each licensee or permittee  
1141 must successfully complete a course or courses of continuing





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1142 education for fire equipment technicians of at least 16 hours. A  
1143 license or permit may not be renewed unless the licensee or  
1144 permittee produces documentation of the completion of at least  
1145 16 hours of continuing education for fire equipment technicians  
1146 during the biennial licensure period. A person who is both a  
1147 licensee and a permittee shall ~~be required to~~ complete 16 hours  
1148 of continuing education during each renewal period. Each  
1149 licensee shall ensure that all permittees in his or her  
1150 employment or through a contractual agreement meet their  
1151 continuing education requirements. The State Fire Marshal shall  
1152 adopt rules describing the continuing education requirements and  
1153 shall have the authority upon reasonable belief, to audit a fire  
1154 equipment dealer to determine compliance with continuing  
1155 education requirements.

1156 (c) The forms of such licenses and permits and applications  
1157 therefor must ~~shall~~ be prescribed by the State Fire Marshal; in  
1158 addition to such other information and data as that officer  
1159 determines is appropriate and required for such forms, there  
1160 must ~~shall~~ be included in such forms the following matters. Each  
1161 such application must be in such form as to provide that the  
1162 data and other information set forth therein shall be sworn to  
1163 by the applicant or, if a corporation, by an officer thereof. An  
1164 application for a permit must include the name of the licensee  
1165 employing, or contractually related to, such permittee, and the  
1166 permit issued in pursuance of such application must also set  
1167 forth the name of such licensee. A permit is valid solely for  
1168 use by the holder thereof in his or her employment by, or  
1169 contractual relationship with, the licensee named in the permit.

1170 (d) A license of any class may not be issued or renewed by



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1171 the division and a license of any class does not remain  
1172 operative unless:

1173 1. The applicant has submitted to the State Fire Marshal  
1174 evidence of registration as a Florida corporation or evidence of  
1175 compliance with s. 865.09.

1176 2. The State Fire Marshal or his or her designee has by  
1177 inspection determined that the applicant possesses the equipment  
1178 required for the class of license sought. The State Fire Marshal  
1179 shall give an applicant a reasonable opportunity to correct any  
1180 deficiencies discovered by inspection. To obtain such  
1181 inspection, an applicant with facilities located outside this  
1182 state must:

1183 a. Provide a notarized statement from a professional  
1184 engineer licensed by the applicant's state of domicile  
1185 certifying that the applicant possesses the equipment required  
1186 for the class of license sought and that all such equipment is  
1187 operable; or

1188 b. Allow the State Fire Marshal or her or his designee to  
1189 inspect the facility. All costs associated with the State Fire  
1190 Marshal's inspection must ~~shall~~ be paid by the applicant. The  
1191 State Fire Marshal, in accordance with s. 120.54, may adopt  
1192 rules to establish standards for the calculation and  
1193 establishment of the amount of costs associated with any  
1194 inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal under this  
1195 section. Such rules must ~~shall~~ include procedures for invoicing  
1196 and receiving funds in advance of the inspection.

1197 3. The applicant has submitted to the State Fire Marshal  
1198 proof of insurance providing coverage for comprehensive general  
1199 liability for bodily injury and property damage, products



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1200 liability, completed operations, and contractual liability. The  
1201 State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules providing for the amounts  
1202 of such coverage, but such amounts may not be less than \$300,000  
1203 for Class A or Class D licenses, \$200,000 for Class B licenses,  
1204 and \$100,000 for Class C licenses; and the total coverage for  
1205 any class of license held in conjunction with a Class D license  
1206 may not be less than \$300,000. The State Fire Marshal may, at  
1207 any time after the issuance of a license or its renewal, require  
1208 upon demand, and in no event more than 30 days after notice of  
1209 such demand, the licensee to provide proof of insurance, on the  
1210 insurer's a form ~~provided by the State Fire Marshal~~, containing  
1211 confirmation of insurance coverage as required by this chapter.  
1212 Failure, for any length of time, to provide proof of insurance  
1213 coverage as required must ~~shall~~ result in the immediate  
1214 suspension of the license until proof of proper insurance is  
1215 provided to the State Fire Marshal. An insurer that ~~which~~  
1216 provides such coverage shall notify the State Fire Marshal of  
1217 any change in coverage or of any termination, cancellation, or  
1218 nonrenewal of any coverage.

1219 4. The applicant applies to the State Fire Marshal,  
1220 provides proof of experience, and successfully completes a  
1221 prescribed training course offered by the State Fire College or  
1222 an equivalent course approved by the State Fire Marshal. This  
1223 subparagraph does not apply to any holder of or applicant for a  
1224 permit under paragraph (g) or to a business organization or a  
1225 governmental entity seeking initial licensure or renewal of an  
1226 existing license solely for the purpose of inspecting,  
1227 servicing, repairing, marking, recharging, and maintaining fire  
1228 extinguishers used and located on the premises of and owned by



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1229 such organization or entity.

1230           5. The applicant has a current retestor identification  
1231 number that is appropriate for the license for which the  
1232 applicant is applying and that is listed with the United States  
1233 Department of Transportation.

1234           6. The applicant has passed, with a grade of at least 70  
1235 percent, a written examination testing his or her knowledge of  
1236 the rules and statutes governing the activities authorized by  
1237 the license and demonstrating his or her knowledge and ability  
1238 to perform those tasks in a competent, lawful, and safe manner.  
1239 Such examination must ~~shall~~ be developed and administered by the  
1240 State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee in accordance with  
1241 policies and procedures of the State Fire Marshal. An applicant  
1242 shall pay a nonrefundable examination fee of \$50 for each  
1243 examination or reexamination scheduled. A reexamination may not  
1244 be scheduled sooner than 30 days after any administration of an  
1245 examination to an applicant. An applicant may not be permitted  
1246 to take an examination for any level of license more than a  
1247 total of four times during 1 year, regardless of the number of  
1248 applications submitted. As a prerequisite to licensure of the  
1249 applicant, he or she:

1250           a. Must be at least 18 years of age.

1251           b. Must have 4 years of proven experience as a fire  
1252 equipment permittee at a level equal to or greater than the  
1253 level of license applied for or have a combination of education  
1254 and experience determined to be equivalent thereto by the State  
1255 Fire Marshal. Having held a permit at the appropriate level for  
1256 the required period constitutes the required experience.

1257           c. Must not have been convicted of a felony or a crime



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1258 punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of  
1259 the United States or of any state thereof or under the law of  
1260 any other country. "Convicted" means a finding of guilt or the  
1261 acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in any federal  
1262 or state court or a court in any other country, without regard  
1263 to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the  
1264 court having jurisdiction of the case. If an applicant has been  
1265 convicted of any such felony, the applicant is ~~shall be~~ excluded  
1266 from licensure for a period of 4 years after expiration of  
1267 sentence or final release by the Florida Commission on Offender  
1268 Review unless the applicant, before the expiration of the 4-year  
1269 period, has received a full pardon or has had her or his civil  
1270 rights restored.

1271  
1272 This subparagraph does not apply to any holder of or applicant  
1273 for a permit under paragraph (g) or to a business organization  
1274 or a governmental entity seeking initial licensure or renewal of  
1275 an existing license solely for the purpose of inspecting,  
1276 servicing, repairing, marking, recharging, hydrotesting, and  
1277 maintaining fire extinguishers used and located on the premises  
1278 of and owned by such organization or entity.

1279 Section 44. Subsection (7) of section 633.318, Florida  
1280 Statutes, is amended to read:

1281 633.318 Certificate application and issuance; permit  
1282 issuance; examination and investigation of applicant.—

1283 (7) The State Fire Marshal may, at any time subsequent to  
1284 the issuance of the certificate or its renewal, require, upon  
1285 demand and in no event more than 30 days after notice of the  
1286 demand, the certificateholder to provide proof of insurance



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1287 coverage on the insurer's a form ~~provided by the State Fire~~  
1288 ~~Marshal~~ containing confirmation of insurance coverage as  
1289 required by this chapter. Failure to provide proof of insurance  
1290 coverage as required, for any length of time, shall result in  
1291 the immediate suspension of the certificate until proof of  
1292 insurance is provided to the State Fire Marshal.

1293 Section 45. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section  
1294 633.408, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is  
1295 added to that subsection, to read:

1296 633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and  
1297 certification.—

1298 (6)

1299 (b) A Special Certificate of Compliance only authorizes an  
1300 individual to serve as an administrative and command head of a  
1301 fire service provider.

1302 1. An individual employed as a fire chief, fire  
1303 coordinator, fire director, or fire administrator must obtain a  
1304 Special Certificate of Compliance within 1 year after beginning  
1305 employment.

1306 2. Before beginning employment as a command officer or in a  
1307 position directing incident outcomes, an individual must obtain  
1308 a Certificate of Compliance or a Special Certificate of  
1309 Compliance.

1310 (c) In order to retain a Special Certificate of Compliance,  
1311 every 4 years an individual must:

1312 1. Be active as a firefighter;

1313 2. Maintain a current and valid Fire Service Instructor  
1314 Certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year  
1315 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,



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1316 which proof must be registered in an electronic database  
1317 designated by the division; or

1318 3. Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,  
1319 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course  
1320 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training as prescribed by  
1321 rule.

1322 Section 46. Subsection (1) of section 633.416, Florida  
1323 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (7) and (8) of that  
1324 section are redesignated as subsections (8) and (9),  
1325 respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section,  
1326 to read:

1327 633.416 Firefighter employment and volunteer firefighter  
1328 service; saving clause.—

1329 (1) A fire service provider may not employ an individual  
1330 to:

1331 (a) Extinguish fires for the protection of life or property  
1332 or to supervise individuals who perform such services unless the  
1333 individual holds a current and valid Firefighter Certificate of  
1334 Compliance; or

1335 (b) Serve as the administrative and command head of a fire  
1336 service provider for a period in excess of 1 year unless the  
1337 individual holds a current and valid Firefighter Certificate of  
1338 Compliance or Special Certificate of Compliance pursuant to s.  
1339 633.408.

1340 (7) A fire service provider may employ veterans who were  
1341 honorably discharged and who received Florida-equivalent  
1342 training. The standard of equivalency of training must be  
1343 verified by the division before such an individual's employment  
1344 begins. Such individual must obtain a Firefighter Certificate of



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1345 Compliance within 24 months after employment.

1346 Section 47. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
1347 633.444, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1348 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire  
1349 College.-

1350 (1) The division, in performing its duties related to the  
1351 Florida State Fire College, specified in this part, shall:

1352 ~~(e) Develop a staffing and funding formula for the Florida~~  
1353 ~~State Fire College. The formula must include differential~~  
1354 ~~funding levels for various types of programs, must be based on~~  
1355 ~~the number of full-time equivalent students and information~~  
1356 ~~obtained from scheduled attendance counts taken the first day of~~  
1357 ~~each program, and must provide the basis for the legislative~~  
1358 ~~budget request. As used in this section, a full-time equivalent~~  
1359 ~~student is equal to a minimum of 900 hours in a technical~~  
1360 ~~certificate program and 400 hours in a degree-seeking program.~~  
1361 ~~The funding formula must be as prescribed pursuant to s.~~  
1362 ~~1011.62, must include procedures to document daily attendance,~~  
1363 ~~and must require that attendance records be retained for audit~~  
1364 ~~purposes.~~

1365 Section 48. Subsection (8) of section 648.27, Florida  
1366 Statutes, is amended to read:

1367 648.27 Licenses and appointments; general.-

1368 (8) ~~An application for a managing general agent's license~~  
1369 ~~must be made by an insurer who proposes to employ or appoint an~~  
1370 ~~individual, partnership, association, or corporation as a~~  
1371 ~~managing general agent. Such application shall contain the~~  
1372 ~~information required by s. 626.744, and the applicant shall pay~~  
1373 ~~the same fee as a managing general agent licensed pursuant to~~





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1374 ~~that section.~~ An individual who is appointed as a managing  
1375 general agent to supervise or manage bail bond business written  
1376 in this state must also be licensed as a bail bond agent. In the  
1377 case of an entity, at least one owner, officer, or director at  
1378 each office location must be licensed as a bail bond agent.

1379 Section 49. Present subsection (6) of section 648.34,  
1380 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new  
1381 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

1382 648.34 Bail bond agents; qualifications.—

1383 (6) The requirements for completion and submission of  
1384 fingerprints under this chapter are deemed to be met when an  
1385 individual currently licensed under this chapter seeks  
1386 additional licensure and has previously submitted fingerprints  
1387 to the department in support of an application for licensure  
1388 under this chapter within the past 48 months. However, the  
1389 department may require the individual to file fingerprints if it  
1390 has reason to believe that an applicant or licensee has been  
1391 found guilty of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, a  
1392 felony or a crime related to the business of insurance in this  
1393 or any other state or jurisdiction.

1394 Section 50. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
1395 made by this act to section 626.221, Florida Statutes, in a  
1396 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
1397 626.8734, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1398 626.8734 Nonresident all-lines adjuster license  
1399 qualifications.—

1400 (1) The department shall issue a license to an applicant  
1401 for a nonresident all-lines adjuster license upon determining  
1402 that the applicant has paid the applicable license fees required



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1403 under s. 624.501 and:

1404 (b) Has passed to the satisfaction of the department a  
1405 written Florida all-lines adjuster examination of the scope  
1406 prescribed in s. 626.241(6); however, the requirement for the  
1407 examination does not apply to:

1408 1. An applicant who is licensed as an all-lines adjuster in  
1409 his or her home state if that state has entered into a  
1410 reciprocal agreement with the department;

1411 2. An applicant who is licensed as a nonresident all-lines  
1412 adjuster in a state other than his or her home state and a  
1413 reciprocal agreement with the appropriate official of the state  
1414 of licensure has been entered into with the department; or

1415 3. An applicant who holds a certification set forth in s.  
1416 626.221(2)(j).

1417 Section 51. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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1419 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1420 And the title is amended as follows:

1421 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1422 and insert:

1423 A bill to be entitled

1424 An act relating to the Department of Financial  
1425 Services; amending s. 17.64, F.S.; providing that  
1426 electronic images of warrants, vouchers, or checks in  
1427 the Division of Treasury are deemed to be original  
1428 records; revising the applicable medium, from film or  
1429 print to electronic, in provisions relating to copies  
1430 and reproductions of records and documents of the  
1431 division; amending s. 20.121, F.S.; renaming the



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1432 Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations within the  
1433 Division of Investigative and Forensic Services as the  
1434 Bureau of Fire, Arson, and Explosives Investigations;  
1435 creating the Bureau of Insurance Fraud and the Bureau  
1436 of Workers' Compensation Fraud within the division;  
1437 amending s. 39.6035, F.S.; requiring certain child  
1438 transition plans to address financial literacy;  
1439 specifying requirements for the Department of Children  
1440 and Families and community-based providers relating to  
1441 a certain financial literacy curriculum offered by the  
1442 department; amending s. 39.6251, F.S.; revising  
1443 conditions under which certain children are eligible  
1444 to remain in licensed care; amending s. 218.32, F.S.;  
1445 providing legislative intent relating to the creation  
1446 of the Florida Open Financial Statement System;  
1447 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to consult  
1448 with certain stakeholders for input on the design and  
1449 implementation of the system; specifying requirements  
1450 and procedures for the Chief Financial Officer in  
1451 selecting and recruiting contractors for certain  
1452 purposes; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to  
1453 require completion of all work by a specified date;  
1454 providing that if the Chief Financial Officer deems  
1455 work products adequate, all local governmental  
1456 financial statements pertaining to fiscal years ending  
1457 on or after a specified date must meet certain  
1458 requirements; providing construction; providing an  
1459 appropriation; amending s. 284.40, F.S.; authorizing  
1460 the department to disclose certain personal



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1461 identifying information of injured or deceased  
1462 employees which is exempt from disclosure under the  
1463 Workers' Compensation Law to department-contracted  
1464 vendors for certain purposes; amending s. 284.50,  
1465 F.S.; requiring safety coordinators of state  
1466 governmental departments to complete, within a certain  
1467 timeframe, safety coordinator training offered by the  
1468 department; requiring certain agencies to report  
1469 certain return-to-work information to the department;  
1470 requiring agencies to provide certain risk management  
1471 program information to the Division of Risk Management  
1472 for certain purposes; specifying requirements for  
1473 agencies in reviewing and responding to certain  
1474 information and communications provided by the  
1475 division; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; revising  
1476 conditions under which a young adult is eligible for  
1477 postsecondary education services and support under the  
1478 Road-to-Independence Program; conforming a provision  
1479 to changes made by the act; amending s. 414.411, F.S.;  
1480 replacing the Department of Economic Opportunity with  
1481 the Department of Education in a list of entities to  
1482 which a public assistance recipient may be required to  
1483 provide written consent for certain investigative  
1484 inquiries and to which the department must report  
1485 investigation results; amending s. 497.168, F.S.;  
1486 providing an exemption from specified application fees  
1487 for members and certain veterans of the United States  
1488 Armed Forces; amending s. 497.456, F.S.; authorizing  
1489 the department, on or before a specified date, to



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1490 transfer up to a specified amount from the Preneed  
1491 Funeral Contract Consumer Protection Trust Fund to the  
1492 Regulatory Trust Fund for a certain purpose;  
1493 authorizing the department to annually transfer earned  
1494 or accrued interest from the Preneed Funeral Contract  
1495 Consumer Protection Trust Fund to the Regulatory Trust  
1496 Fund for a certain purpose; providing for expiration;  
1497 amending s. 624.317, F.S.; authorizing the department  
1498 to conduct investigations of any, rather than  
1499 specified, agents subject to its jurisdiction;  
1500 amending s. 624.34, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
1501 changes made by the act; amending s. 624.4073, F.S.;  
1502 prohibiting certain officers or directors of insolvent  
1503 insurers from having direct or indirect control over  
1504 certain selection or appointment of officers or  
1505 directors, except under certain circumstances;  
1506 amending ss. 624.4094, 624.501, 624.509, and 625.071,  
1507 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
1508 act; amending s. 626.112, F.S.; requiring a managing  
1509 general agent to hold a currently effective producer  
1510 license rather than a managing general agent license;  
1511 amending s. 626.171, F.S.; deleting applicability of  
1512 licensing provisions as to managing general agents;  
1513 making a technical change; amending s. 626.202, F.S.;  
1514 providing that certain applicants are not required to  
1515 resubmit fingerprints to the department under certain  
1516 circumstances; authorizing the department to require  
1517 these applicants to file fingerprints under certain  
1518 circumstances; providing an exemption from



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1519 fingerprinting requirements for members and certain  
1520 veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring  
1521 such members and veterans to provide certain  
1522 documentation of good standing or honorable discharge;  
1523 amending s. 626.207, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
1524 changes made by the act; amending s. 626.221, F.S.;  
1525 adding a designation that exempts applicants for  
1526 licensure as an all-lines adjuster from an examination  
1527 requirement; amending s. 626.451, F.S.; deleting a  
1528 requirement for law enforcement agencies and state  
1529 attorney's offices to notify the department or the  
1530 Office of Insurance Regulation of certain felony  
1531 dispositions; deleting a requirement for the state  
1532 attorney to provide the department or office a  
1533 certified copy of an information or indictment against  
1534 a managing general agent; conforming a provision to  
1535 changes made by the act; amending s. 626.521, F.S.;  
1536 revising requirements for credit and character reports  
1537 secured and kept by insurers or employers appointing  
1538 certain insurance representatives; providing  
1539 applicability; amending s. 626.731, F.S.; deleting a  
1540 certain qualification for licensure as a general lines  
1541 agent; amending s. 626.7351, F.S.; revising a  
1542 qualification for licensure as a customer  
1543 representative; amending s. 626.744, F.S.; conforming  
1544 a provision to changes made by the act; amending s.  
1545 626.745, F.S.; revising conditions under which service  
1546 representatives and managing general agents may engage  
1547 in certain activities; amending ss. 626.7451 and



1548 626.7455, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
1549 by the act; amending s. 626.752, F.S.; revising a  
1550 requirement for the Brokering Agent's Register  
1551 maintained by brokering agents; revising the limit on  
1552 certain personal lines risks an insurer may receive  
1553 from an agent within a specified timeframe before the  
1554 insurer must comply with certain reporting  
1555 requirements for that agent; amending s. 626.793,  
1556 F.S.; revising the limit on certain risks that certain  
1557 insurers may receive from a life agent within a  
1558 specified timeframe before the insurer must comply  
1559 with certain reporting requirements for that agent;  
1560 amending s. 626.837, F.S.; revising the limit on  
1561 certain risks that certain insurers may receive from a  
1562 health agent within a specified timeframe before the  
1563 insurer must comply with certain reporting  
1564 requirements for that agent; amending s. 626.8732,  
1565 F.S.; deleting a requirement for a licensed  
1566 nonresident public adjuster to submit a certain annual  
1567 affidavit to the department; amending s. 626.8734,  
1568 F.S.; deleting a requirement for a nonresident  
1569 independent adjuster to submit a certain annual  
1570 affidavit to the department; amending s. 626.88, F.S.;  
1571 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;  
1572 amending s. 626.927, F.S.; revising conditions under  
1573 which an individual may be licensed as a surplus lines  
1574 agent solely for the purpose of placing certain  
1575 coverages with surplus lines insurers; amending s.  
1576 626.930, F.S.; revising a requirement relating to the



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1577 location of a surplus lines agent's surplus lines  
1578 business records; amending s. 626.9892, F.S.;  
1579 authorizing the department to pay up a specified  
1580 amount of rewards under the Anti-Fraud Reward Program  
1581 for information leading to the arrest and conviction  
1582 of persons guilty of arson; amending s. 633.302, F.S.;  
1583 revising the term duration of certain members of the  
1584 Florida Fire Safety Board; amending s. 633.304, F.S.;  
1585 revising circumstances under which an inactive fire  
1586 equipment dealer license is void; specifying the  
1587 timeframe when an inactive license must be  
1588 reactivated; specifying that permittees performing  
1589 certain work on fire equipment may be contracted  
1590 rather than employed; revising a requirement for a  
1591 certain proof-of-insurance form to be provided by the  
1592 insurer rather than the State Fire Marshal; amending  
1593 s. 633.318, F.S.; revising a requirement for a certain  
1594 proof-of-insurance form to be provided by the insurer  
1595 rather than the State Fire Marshal; amending s.  
1596 633.408, F.S.; specifying firefighter certification  
1597 requirements for certain individuals employed in  
1598 administrative and command positions of a fire service  
1599 provider; specifying conditions for an individual to  
1600 retain a Special Certificate of Compliance; amending  
1601 s. 633.416, F.S.; authorizing fire service providers  
1602 to employ honorably discharged veterans who received  
1603 Florida-equivalent training; requiring the Division of  
1604 State Fire Marshal to verify the equivalency of such  
1605 training before the individual begins employment;





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1606 requiring such individual to obtain a Firefighter  
1607 Certificate of Compliance within a specified  
1608 timeframe; making a technical change; amending s.  
1609 633.444, F.S.; deleting a requirement for the Division  
1610 of State Fire Marshal to develop a staffing and  
1611 funding formula for the Florida State Fire College;  
1612 amending s. 648.27, F.S.; revising conditions under  
1613 which a managing general agent must also be licensed  
1614 as a bail bond agent; conforming a provision to  
1615 changes made by the act; amending s. 648.34, F.S.;  
1616 providing that certain individuals applying for bail  
1617 bond agent licensure are not required to resubmit  
1618 fingerprints to the department under certain  
1619 circumstances; authorizing the department to require  
1620 such individuals to file fingerprints under certain  
1621 circumstances; reenacting s. 626.8734(1)(b), F.S.,  
1622 relating to nonresident all-lines adjuster license  
1623 qualifications, to incorporate the amendment made to  
1624 s. 626.221, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an  
1625 effective date.