

By the Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology; and
Senator Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the construction industry
3 workforce; amending s. 468.631, F.S.; requiring that a
4 specified amount of funds relating to the Building
5 Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund be allocated
6 to the University of Florida M.E. Rinker, Sr. School
7 of Construction Management; authorizing the school to
8 use the funds for specified purposes; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.631, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 468.631 Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund.—

16 (1) This part shall be funded through a surcharge, to be
17 assessed pursuant to s. 125.56(4) or s. 166.201 at the rate of
18 1.5 percent of all permit fees associated with enforcement of
19 the Florida Building Code as defined by the uniform account
20 criteria and specifically the uniform account code for building
21 permits adopted for local government financial reporting
22 pursuant to s. 218.32. The minimum amount collected on any
23 permit issued shall be \$2. The unit of government responsible
24 for collecting permit fees pursuant to s. 125.56 or s. 166.201
25 shall collect such surcharge and shall remit the funds to the
26 department on a quarterly calendar basis beginning not later
27 than December 31, 2010, for the preceding quarter, and
28 continuing each third month thereafter; and such unit of
29 government shall retain 10 percent of the surcharge collected to

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30 fund the participation of building departments in the national
31 and state building code adoption processes and to provide
32 education related to enforcement of the Florida Building Code.
33 There is created within the Professional Regulation Trust Fund a
34 separate account to be known as the Building Code Administrators
35 and Inspectors Fund, which shall deposit and disburse funds as
36 necessary for the implementation of this part.

37 (a) The proceeds from this surcharge, less the service
38 charge imposed under s. 215.20, shall be allocated equally to
39 fund the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund
40 established by s. 489.140 and the functions of the Building Code
41 Administrators and Inspectors Board.

42 (b) On a quarterly calendar basis, one-quarter of the
43 proceeds allocated to the Building Code Administrators and
44 Inspectors Fund from the surcharge shall be distributed to the
45 M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management at the
46 University of Florida and may be used for the following
47 purposes:

48 1. Project coordination with institutional partners,
49 including the Department of Education, the Department of
50 Economic Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, and
51 CareerSource Florida, Inc.

52 2. Project coordination with the Florida Construction
53 Workforce Consortium, Inc.

54 3. Research into construction education issues.

55 4. Advocacy of construction employment at the K-12 school
56 levels.

57 5. Development and maintenance of a Build Your Future
58 Florida website.

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59 6. Construction careers job fairs.

60 7. Sponsorship of K-12 after-school activities that focus
61 on construction careers.

62 (c) The department may transfer excess cash to the Florida
63 Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund that it determines is not
64 required to fund the board from the board's account within the
65 Professional Regulation Trust Fund. However, the department may
66 not transfer excess cash that would exceed the amount
67 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, and any amount
68 approved by the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s.
69 216.181, to be used for the payment of claims from the Florida
70 Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.