A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation
Program; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; deleting
construction relating to Citizens Property Insurance
Corporation coverage rates; delaying the future repeal
of the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection
(7) of section 215.559, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.—A Hurricane Loss
Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency
Management.
(2)
(b)1. The Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation
and Enhancement Program is established. The program shall
require the mitigation of damage to or the enhancement of homes
for the areas of concern raised by the Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles in the 2004-2005 Hurricane Reports on
the effects of the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes on manufactured and
mobile homes in this state. The mitigation or enhancement must
include, but need not be limited to, problems associated with
weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components caused
by wood rot or termite damage; site-built additions; or tie-down
systems and may also address any other issues deemed appropriate
by Tallahassee Community College, the Federation of Manufactured
Home Owners of Florida, Inc., the Florida Manufactured Housing
Association, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The program shall include an education and outreach component to ensure that owners of manufactured and mobile homes are aware of the benefits of participation.

2. The program shall be a grant program that ensures that entire manufactured home communities and mobile home parks may be improved wherever practicable. The moneys appropriated for this program shall be distributed directly to Tallahassee Community College for the uses set forth under this subsection.

3. Upon evidence of completion of the program, the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation shall grant, on a pro rata basis, actuarially reasonable discounts, credits, or other rate differentials or appropriate reductions in deductibles for the properties of owners of manufactured homes or mobile homes on which fixtures or construction techniques that have been demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm have been installed or implemented. The discount on the premium must be applied to subsequent renewal premium amounts. Premiums of the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation must reflect the location of the home and the fact that the home has been installed in compliance with building codes adopted after Hurricane Andrew. Rates resulting from the completion of the Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement Program are not considered competitive rates for the purposes of s. 627.351(6)(d)1. and 2.

4. On or before January 1 of each year, Tallahassee Community College shall provide a report of activities under this subsection to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must
set forth the number of homes that have taken advantage of the program, the types of enhancements and improvements made to the manufactured or mobile homes and attachments to such homes, and whether there has been an increase in availability of insurance products to owners of manufactured or mobile homes.

Tallahassee Community College shall develop the programs set forth in this subsection in consultation with the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc., the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The moneys appropriated for the programs set forth in this subsection shall be distributed directly to Tallahassee Community College to be used as set forth in this subsection.

(7) This section is repealed June 30, 2021.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.