

**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Diaz

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and  
3       Response Fund; creating s. 252.3711, F.S.; creating  
4       the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within  
5       the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for  
6       the deposit and use of funds; providing for future  
7       review and termination of the fund; providing an  
8       effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Section 252.3711, Florida Statutes, is created  
13   to read:

14       252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

15       (1) The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund is created  
16   within the Executive Office of the Governor.

17       (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for  
18   moneys specifically appropriated to the fund. The moneys  
19   deposited in the fund are available as a primary funding source  
20   for the Governor for purposes of preparing or responding to a  
21   disaster declared by the Governor as a state of emergency that  
22   exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

23       (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
24   Constitution, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund  
25   shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2025.  
26   Before its scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as  
27   provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

28       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.