

CS/HB 7025

2022

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and  
3           Response Fund; amending s. 11.90, F.S.; authorizing  
4           the Legislative Budget Commission to convene to  
5           transfer or appropriate certain funds to the Emergency  
6           Preparedness and Response Fund; amending s. 252.37,  
7           F.S.; revising legislative intent; authorizing the  
8           Governor to transfer and expend moneys from the  
9           Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; authorizing  
10          the Governor to request that additional funds be  
11          transferred or appropriated to the Emergency  
12          Preparedness and Response Fund, subject to approval by  
13          the Legislative Budget Commission, under specified  
14          conditions; providing a transfer of funds; providing a  
15          contingent effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 11.90,  
20   Florida Statutes, to read:

21           11.90 Legislative Budget Commission.—

22           (8) The commission may convene to transfer or appropriate  
23   unappropriated surplus funds to the Emergency Preparedness and  
24   Response Fund created under s. 252.3711.

25           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 252.37, Florida

26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 252.37 Financing.—

28 (2)(a) It is the legislative intent that the first  
 29 recourse be made to funds specifically ~~regularly~~ appropriated to  
 30 state and local agencies for disaster relief or response.

31 (b) If the Governor finds that the demands placed upon  
 32 these funds in coping with a particular disaster declared by the  
 33 Governor as a state of emergency are unreasonably great, she or  
 34 he may make funds available by transferring and expending moneys  
 35 ~~appropriated for other purposes, by transferring and expending~~  
 36 ~~moneys out of any unappropriated surplus funds, or from the~~  
 37 Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget Stabilization Fund  
 38 created under s. 252.3711. The Governor may request that  
 39 additional funds be transferred or appropriated to the Emergency  
 40 Preparedness and Response Fund by a budget amendment, subject to  
 41 approval of the Legislative Budget Commission.

42 (c) Following the expiration or termination of the state  
 43 of emergency, the Governor may transfer moneys with a budget  
 44 amendment, subject to approval by the Legislative Budget  
 45 Commission, to satisfy the budget authority granted for such  
 46 emergency. The transfers and expenditures supporting the  
 47 amendment must be directly related to the declared disaster or  
 48 emergency.

49 Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer shall immediately  
 50 transfer the nonrecurring sum of \$500 million from the General

51 Revenue Fund to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund in  
52 the Executive Office of the Governor to be used for preparing  
53 for or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor as a  
54 state of emergency.

55 Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date  
56 that HB 7023 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
57 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
58 extension thereof and becomes a law.