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The Conference Committee on SB 2518 recommended the following:

1 **Senate Conference Committee Amendment (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

6 Section 1. Present subsection (9) of section 381.4019,
7 Florida Statutes, as amended by SB 7016, 2024 Regular Session,
8 is redesignated as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is
9 added to that section, to read:

10 381.4019 Dental Student Loan Repayment Program.—The Dental
11 Student Loan Repayment Program is established to support the



12 state Medicaid program and promote access to dental care by
13 supporting qualified dentists and dental hygienists who treat
14 medically underserved populations in dental health professional
15 shortage areas or medically underserved areas.

16 (9) Any payments made under this section and subsequently
17 returned by a financial institution to the department may be
18 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to be used
19 for the same purpose. Notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
20 the department may submit budget amendments, subject to the
21 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, to
22 increase budget authority to make payments under this section.

23 Section 2. Present subsection (8) of section 1009.65,
24 Florida Statutes, as transferred, renumbered as section 381.402,
25 Florida Statutes, and amended by SB 7016, 2024 Regular Session,
26 is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new subsection (8) is
27 added to that section, to read:

28 381.402 Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical
29 Education Program.—

30 (8) Any payments made under this section and subsequently
31 returned by a financial institution to the Department of Health
32 may be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to be
33 used for the same purpose. Notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and
34 216.292, the department may submit budget amendments, subject to
35 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, to
36 increase budget authority to make payments under this section.

37 Section 3. Subsection (4) and paragraph (b) of subsection
38 (5) of section 420.622, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
40 Homelessness.—



41 (4) The State Office on Homelessness shall accept and
42 administer moneys appropriated to it to provide annual challenge
43 grants to lead agencies of continuums of care designated by the
44 State Office on Homelessness under s. 420.6225. The department
45 shall establish varying levels of grant awards up to \$1.2
46 million ~~\$750,000~~ per continuum of care lead agency. The
47 department, in consultation with the Council on Homelessness,
48 shall specify a grant award level in the notice of the
49 solicitation of grant applications.

50 (a) To qualify for the grant, a continuum of care lead
51 agency must develop and implement a local continuum of care plan
52 for its designated catchment area. The services and housing
53 funded through the grant must be implemented through the
54 continuum of care's coordinated entry system as provided in s.
55 420.6225(5)(b) and must be designed to assess and refer persons
56 seeking assistance to the appropriate housing intervention and
57 service provider. The continuum of care lead agency shall also
58 document the commitment of local government or private
59 organizations to provide matching funds or in-kind support in an
60 amount equal to 25 percent of the grant requested. Expenditures
61 of leveraged funds or resources, including third-party cash or
62 in-kind contributions, are authorized only for eligible
63 activities carried out in connection with a project in which
64 such funds or resources have not been used as leverage or match
65 for any other project or program. The expenditures must be
66 certified through a written commitment.

67 (b) Preference must be given to those continuum of care
68 lead agencies that have demonstrated the ability of their
69 continuum of care to help households move out of homelessness.



70 (c) The grant may be used to fund any of the housing,
71 program, or service needs included in the local continuum of
72 care plan. The continuum of care lead agency may allocate the
73 grant to programs, services, or housing providers that implement
74 the local continuum of care plan. The continuum of care lead
75 agency may provide subgrants to a local agency to implement
76 programs or services or provide housing identified for funding
77 in the continuum of care lead agency's application to the
78 department. A continuum of care lead agency may spend a maximum
79 of 10 percent of its funding on administrative costs.

80 (d) The continuum of care lead agency shall submit a final
81 report to the department documenting the outcomes achieved by
82 the grant-funded programs in enabling persons who are homeless
83 to return to permanent housing, thereby ending such person's
84 episode of homelessness.

85 (5) The State Office on Homelessness may administer moneys
86 given to it to provide homeless housing assistance grants
87 annually to continuum of care lead agencies recognized by the
88 State Office on Homelessness to acquire, construct, or
89 rehabilitate permanent housing units for homeless persons. These
90 moneys shall consist of any sums that the state may appropriate,
91 as well as money received from donations, gifts, bequests, or
92 any other public or private source, which are intended to
93 acquire, construct, or rehabilitate permanent housing units for
94 homeless persons.

95 (b) Funding for any particular project may not exceed \$1.2
96 million ~~\$750,000~~.

97 Section 4. Subsection (10) is added to section 430.204,
98 Florida Statutes, to read:



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99 430.204 Community-care-for-the-elderly core services;
100 departmental powers and duties.-

101 (10) An area agency on aging may carry forward documented
102 unexpended state funds from one fiscal year to the next. The
103 cumulative amount carried forward may not exceed 10 percent of
104 the area agency's planning and service area allocation for the
105 community-care-for-the-elderly program. Funds that are carried
106 forward from one fiscal year to the next are subject to all of
107 the following conditions:

108 (a) The funds may not be used in any manner that would
109 create increased recurring future obligations, and such funds
110 may not be used for any type of program or service that is not
111 currently authorized by existing contracts.

112 (b) Expenditures of the funds must be separately reported
113 to the department.

114 (c) Any unexpended funds that remain at the end of the
115 contract period must be returned to the department.

116 (d) The funds may be retained through any contract renewals
117 or any new procurements as long as the same area agency on aging
118 is retained by the department.

119 Section 5. Implementation of chapter 2023-277, Laws of
120 Florida, by the Agency for Health Care Administration and the
121 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation is contingent upon federal
122 approval through a Medicaid waiver or a state plan amendment.
123 This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

124 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
125 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
126 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
127 2024.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to health and human services; amending
ss. 381.4019 and 381.402, F.S.; providing for the
deposit and use of funds from the Dental Student Loan
Repayment Program and the Florida Reimbursement
Assistance for Medical Education Program,
respectively, which are returned by a financial
institution to the Department of Health; authorizing
the department to submit budget amendments for a
specified purpose; amending s. 420.622, F.S.; revising
the cap on the grant award levels for continuum of
care lead agencies designated by the State Office on
Homelessness; amending s. 430.204, F.S.; authorizing
area agencies on aging to carry forward a specified
percentage of documented unexpended state funds,
subject to certain conditions; providing that
implementation of specified provisions of law
regarding Florida Kidcare program eligibility are
contingent upon certain federal approval; providing
effective dates.