

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to insurance research; amending s.  
3           1004.647, F.S.; renaming the Florida Catastrophic  
4           Storm Risk Management Center to the Florida Center for  
5           Excellence in Insurance and Risk Management; revising  
6           the purpose of the center; revising the duties of the  
7           center; providing areas of interest for research;  
8           requiring the center to collaborate with the Office of  
9           Insurance Regulation to produce an annual report  
10          analyzing the property insurance market in this state;  
11          requiring that the report be published by a specified  
12          date and updated at least biennially; requiring the  
13          center to develop a program with the office and the  
14          Actuarial Science Program at the Florida State  
15          University for a specified purpose; requiring the  
16          center to use the public hurricane loss projection  
17          model when necessary; requiring the center to conduct  
18          research in response to inquiries from the  
19          Legislature; authorizing the center to conduct  
20          research in response to requests from the office;  
21          amending s. 627.06281, F.S.; requiring the office to  
22          contract with the center to manage the public  
23          hurricane loss projection model; requiring the center  
24          to update the model; providing that certain fees  
25          charged for access and use of the model do not apply

26 to the Florida Center for Excellence in Insurance and  
 27 Risk Management; providing for a type two transfer of  
 28 the public hurricane loss projection model from  
 29 Florida International University to Florida State  
 30 University; amending s. 627.06292, F.S.; making  
 31 conforming changes; providing an effective date.

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

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35 **Section 1. Section 1004.647, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 36 **to read:**

37 1004.647 Florida Center for Excellence in Insurance and  
 38 ~~Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center~~.—The Florida Center  
 39 for Excellence in Insurance and Catastrophic Storm Risk  
 40 Management Center is created at the Florida State University,  
 41 College of Business, Department of Risk Management. The purpose  
 42 of the center is to develop, conduct, evaluate, promote, and  
 43 disseminate accurate and timely research on issues related to  
 44 this state's insurance market and risk management, to assist the  
 45 Legislature in developing and evaluating evidence-based policy  
 46 options and making recommendations related to insurance and risk  
 47 management in this state, to identify emerging issues in the  
 48 insurance market, to provide insight regarding accessibility and  
 49 affordability of insurance products, catastrophic storm loss and  
 50 to assist in identifying and developing education and research

51 grant funding opportunities among higher education institutions  
 52 in this state and the private sector. ~~The purpose of the~~  
 53 ~~activities of the center is to support the state's ability to~~  
 54 ~~prepare for, respond to, and recover from catastrophic storms.~~

55 The center shall do all of the following:

56 (1) Conduct, coordinate, and disseminate research efforts  
 57 and information that would benefit businesses, consumers, and  
 58 public policy makers or that are expected to have an immediate  
 59 impact on policy and practices related to this state's insurance  
 60 markets or catastrophic event storm preparedness. The center  
 61 shall cooperate with the Office of Insurance Regulation in  
 62 conducting research. Areas of research may include:

- 63 (a) Storm forecasting and loss modeling;
- 64 (b) This state's insurance-related consumer protections;
- 65 (c) Insurer claims-handling and adjudication practices in  
 66 this state in comparison with insurer practices in other states;
- 67 (d) Cost factors in the reinsurance, catastrophe bond, and  
 68 insurance-linked securities markets;
- 69 (e) The resilience of building construction and mitigation  
 70 techniques;
- 71 (f) The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund;
- 72 (g) The effectiveness of the My Safe Florida Home Program;
- 73 (h) Risk management strategies, particularly for  
 74 catastrophic risk; or
- 75 (i) Health insurance, life insurance, workers'

76 compensation, motor vehicle insurance, or any other type of  
77 insurance sold within this state.

78 (2) Collaborate with the Office of Insurance Regulation to  
79 create a report analyzing the property insurance market in this  
80 state, projecting the outlook for the property insurance market  
81 over 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years. The report must  
82 include recommendations for improving the availability and  
83 affordability of property insurance in this state and for  
84 facilitating this state's preparedness for and responsiveness to  
85 catastrophic events. The center shall work with the Office of  
86 Insurance Regulation to produce the report. The office shall  
87 cooperate with the center in providing data necessary to  
88 complete the report. The center shall publish the initial report  
89 on or before January 1, 2026, and update the report at least  
90 once every 2 years. Coordinate and disseminate information  
91 ~~related to catastrophic storm risk management, including, but~~  
92 ~~not limited to, research and information that would benefit~~  
93 ~~businesses, consumers, and public policy makers. Areas of~~  
94 ~~interest may include storm forecasting, loss modeling, building~~  
95 ~~construction and mitigation, and risk management strategies.~~  
96 ~~Through its efforts, the center shall facilitate Florida's~~  
97 ~~preparedness for and responsiveness to catastrophic storms and~~  
98 ~~collaborate with other public and private institutions.~~

99 (3) Create and promote studies and opportunities that  
100 enhance the educational options available to risk management and

101 insurance students.

102       (4) Develop a program in collaboration with the Office of  
103 Insurance Regulation and the Actuarial Science Program of the  
104 Department of Mathematics at Florida State University to  
105 encourage actuarial science students to practice in the public  
106 sector in the fields of risk management and insurance.

107       (5) Publish and disseminate findings.

108       ~~(6)-(5)~~ Organize and sponsor conferences, symposia, and  
109 workshops to educate consumers and policymakers.

110       (7) Use the public hurricane loss projection model under  
111 s. 627.06281 when needed to meet the center's obligations under  
112 this section.

113       (8) Conduct research responsive to joint or individual  
114 inquiries from the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
115 the House of Representatives regarding insurance or risk  
116 management. The center may also conduct research responsive to  
117 requests made by the Office of Insurance Regulation.

118       **Section 2. Section 627.06281, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
119 **to read:**

120       627.06281 Public hurricane loss projection model;  
121 reporting of data by insurers.—

122       (1) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall contract with  
123 the Florida Center for Excellence in Insurance and Risk  
124 Management to manage the public hurricane loss projection model  
125 developed under this section. The center shall cooperate with

126 other entities and universities, including Florida International  
127 University, to develop and maintain the public model. The center  
128 shall constantly evaluate and update the public model so that it  
129 will have the same functionalities as other models approved by  
130 the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology.  
131 The center may use the public model, including all assumptions  
132 and factors and all detailed loss results, for the purpose of  
133 meeting its obligations under s. 1004.647. Within 30 days after  
134 a written request for loss data and associated exposure data by  
135 the office or the center ~~Florida International University center~~  
136 ~~established to study mitigation~~, residential property insurers  
137 and licensed rating and advisory organizations that compile  
138 residential property insurance loss data shall provide loss data  
139 and associated exposure data for residential property insurance  
140 policies to the office or the ~~Florida International University~~  
141 ~~center established to study mitigation~~, as directed by the  
142 office, for the purposes of developing, maintaining, and  
143 updating the ~~a~~ public model ~~for hurricane loss projections~~. The  
144 loss data and associated exposure data provided must ~~shall~~ be in  
145 writing.

146 (2) The public model must be submitted to the Florida  
147 Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology for review  
148 under s. 627.0628 ~~by March 1, 2007~~. The office may continue to  
149 use the public model for its review of rate filings pursuant to  
150 ss. 627.062 and 627.351 until such time as the Florida

151 Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology determines  
 152 that the public model is not accurate or reliable pursuant to  
 153 the same process and standards as the commission uses for the  
 154 review of other hurricane loss projection models.

155 (3) (a) A residential property insurer may have access to  
 156 and use the public ~~hurricane loss projection~~ model, including  
 157 all assumptions and factors and all detailed loss results, for  
 158 the purpose of calculating rate indications in a rate filing and  
 159 for analytical purposes, including any analysis or evaluation of  
 160 the public model required under actuarial standards of practice.

161 (b) The fees charged for private sector access and use of  
 162 the public model must ~~shall~~ be the reasonable costs associated  
 163 with the operation and maintenance of the public model by the  
 164 office. Such fees do not apply to access and use of the public  
 165 model by the office or the Florida Center for Excellence in  
 166 Insurance and Risk Management.

167 **Section 3.** All powers, duties, functions, records,  
 168 offices, personnel, associated administrative support positions,  
 169 property, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative  
 170 authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of  
 171 appropriations, allocations, and any other funds relating to the  
 172 public hurricane loss projection model are transferred by a type  
 173 two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, from  
 174 Florida International University to Florida State University.

175 **Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 627.06292, Florida**

176 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

177 627.06292 Reports of hurricane loss data and associated  
178 exposure data; public records exemption.—

179 (3) Each year, on October 1, the Florida State  
180 ~~International~~ University center that develops, maintains, and  
181 updates the public model for hurricane loss projections shall  
182 publish a report summarizing loss data and associated exposure  
183 data collected from residential property insurers and licensed  
184 rating and advisory organizations. The Florida State  
185 ~~International~~ University center shall submit the report  
186 annually, on or before October 1, to the Governor, the President  
187 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

188 (a) Such report must include a summary of the data  
189 supplied by residential property insurers and licensed rating  
190 and advisory organizations from September 1 of the prior year to  
191 August 31 of the current year, and must include the following  
192 information:

- 193 1. The total amount of insurance written by county.
- 194 2. The number of property insurance policies by county.
- 195 3. The number of property insurance policies by county and  
196 by construction type.
- 197 4. The number of property insurance policies by county and  
198 by decade of construction.
- 199 5. The number of property insurance policies by county and  
200 by deductible amount.



201           6. The number of property insurance policies by county and  
202 by wind mitigation features when the information is supplied by  
203 the residential property insurer or licensed rating and advisory  
204 organization.

205           7. The total amount of hurricane losses by county and by  
206 decade of construction.

207           8. The total amount of hurricane losses by county and by  
208 deductible amount.

209           9. The total amount of hurricane losses by county and by  
210 wind mitigation features when the information is supplied by the  
211 residential property insurer or licensed rating and advisory  
212 organization.

213           (b) Separate compilations of the data obtained shall be  
214 presented in order to use the public model for calculating rate  
215 indications and to update, validate, or calibrate the public  
216 model. Additional detail and a description of the operation and  
217 maintenance of the public model may be included in the report.

218           (c) The report may not contain any information that  
219 identifies a specific insurer or policyholder.

220           **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.