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The Conference Committee on SB 2502 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. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
7 implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to
8 the General Appropriations Act for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

9 Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5,
10 6, 88, and 89 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
11 calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the



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12 2025-2026 fiscal year included in the document titled "Public
13 School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)
14 Fiscal Year 2025-2026," dated June 13, 2025, and filed with the
15 Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for the
16 purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature,
17 consistent with the requirements of state law, in making
18 appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. This
19 section expires July 1, 2026.

20 Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 81
21 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the school
22 readiness reimbursement rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
23 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program
24 Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2025-2026," dated June 13, 2025,
25 and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by
26 reference, consistent with the requirements of state law, in
27 making appropriations for the school readiness program
28 allocation. This section expires July 1, 2026.

29 Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 147
30 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, present subsection
31 (5) of section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as
32 subsection (6), a new subsection (5) is added to that section,
33 and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

34 1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts in
35 any fund in a university current year operating budget shall be
36 carried forward and included as the balance forward for that
37 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

38 (3) A university's carry forward spending plan must include
39 the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for
40 completion of the expenditure. A carry forward spending plan may



41 include retention of the carry forward balance as a reserve fund
42 to be used for authorized expenses in subsequent years. For any
43 annual reserve balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum carry
44 forward balance pursuant to subsection (1), the authorized
45 expenditures in a carry forward spending plan must include a
46 commitment of 12 percent of the university's 2025-2026 fiscal
47 year state operating fund carry forward balance to fund a public
48 education capital outlay project for which an appropriation has
49 previously been provided which requires additional funds for
50 completion and which is included in the list required by s.
51 1001.706(12) (d) or for deferred building maintenance expenses.

52 The carry forward spending plan must identify the specific
53 public education capital outlay project and the amount the
54 university will contribute toward the fixed capital outlay
55 project pursuant to s. 1001.706(12) (d) or specific deferred
56 maintenance project. Authorized expenditures in a carry forward
57 spending plan may include:

58 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital
59 outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been
60 provided that requires additional funds for completion and which
61 is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d);

62 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance
63 project that is consistent with s. 1013.64(1) or replacement of
64 a minor facility;

65 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,
66 including a project for a developmental research school, if such
67 project is survey recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31;

68 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project necessary
69 due to damage caused by a natural disaster for buildings



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70 included in the inventory required pursuant to s. 1013.31;

71 (e) Operating expenditures that support the university's
72 mission;

73 (f) Any purpose specified by the board or in the General
74 Appropriations Act, including the requirements in s.

75 1001.706(12)(c) or similar requirements pursuant to Board of
76 Governors regulations; ~~and~~

77 (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for
78 expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared
79 by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36; and

80 (h) Deferred building maintenance expenses for the
81 maintenance, repair, and renovation of projects to improve the
82 health and safety of such facilities.

83 (5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to
84 subsection (1) must provide detailed documentation of
85 expenditures that the university applied toward the prior year
86 carry forward spending plan.

87 Section 5. The amendments to s. 1011.45, Florida Statutes,
88 made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of that
89 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025,
90 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
91 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
92 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
93 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

94 Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 147
95 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (18) of
96 section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 20 of
97 chapter 2025-109, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

98 1009.26 Fee waivers.—



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99 (18) (a) For every course in a Program of Strategic
100 Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program
101 identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in
102 subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled and has out-of-
103 pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other federal,
104 state, and institutional gift aid is applied, a state university
105 shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees of the student's
106 out-of-pocket expenses for an equivalent course in such program
107 for a student who:

- 108 1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.
- 109 2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a
110 baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial
111 enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.
- 112 3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as
113 adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher
114 preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight
115 Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology,
116 engineering, or math; beginning with the 2022-2023 academic
117 year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical
118 workforce gap analysis category; and beginning with the 2023-
119 2024 academic year, two state-approved teacher preparation
120 programs for which a student may be eligible to receive the
121 tuition and fee waiver authorized by this subsection. The
122 programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of
123 the state and be offered at a majority of state universities at
124 the time the Board of Governors approves the list.

125 (b) A waiver granted under this subsection is applicable
126 only for upper-level courses and up to 110 percent of the number
127 of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for



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128 which the student is enrolled. A student granted a waiver under
129 this subsection shall continue receiving the waiver until the
130 student graduates, exceeds the number of allowable credit hours,
131 or withdraws from an eligible program, regardless of whether the
132 program is removed from the approved list of eligible programs
133 subsequent to the student's enrollment.

134 ~~(c) Upon enrollment in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a~~
135 ~~state-approved teacher preparation program, the tuition and fees~~
136 ~~waived under this subsection must be reported for state funding~~
137 ~~purposes under ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535 and must be disbursed~~
138 ~~to the student. The amount disbursed to the student must be~~
139 ~~equal to the award amount the student has received under s.~~
140 ~~1009.534(3) or s. 1009.535(2).~~

141 ~~(d)~~ Each state university shall report to the Board of
142 Governors the number and value of all waivers granted annually
143 under this subsection. A state university in compliance with
144 this subsection may earn incentive funding, subject to
145 appropriation, in addition to the funding provided under s.
146 1001.92.

147 ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
148 administer this subsection.

149 Section 7. The amendments to s. 1009.26(18), Florida
150 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of
151 that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
152 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
153 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
154 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
155 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

156 Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 130



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157 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section 1004.89,
158 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

159 1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.—

160 ~~(1)~~ The Institute for Freedom in the Americas is hereby
161 created at Miami Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free
162 society and promote democracy in the Americas. The institute
163 shall be located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

164 ~~(1)(a)~~ ~~Partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic~~
165 ~~Freedom to~~ Hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that
166 provide networking opportunities for leaders throughout the
167 region to gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy,
168 including knowledge of and insight into the intellectual,
169 political, and economic freedoms that are foundational to a
170 democratic society.

171 ~~(2)(b)~~ Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center
172 for Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic
173 coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and
174 economic and legal reforms.

175 ~~(3)(c)~~ Provide educational and experiential opportunities
176 for regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and
177 governance.

178 ~~(2)~~ ~~Miami Dade College, in accordance with s. 1004.70,~~
179 ~~shall approve a direct support organization to support the~~
180 ~~institute in its mission to develop partnerships throughout the~~
181 ~~Americas. Notwithstanding s. 1004.70(2), the board of the~~
182 ~~direct support organization shall be composed of five members,~~
183 ~~as follows: one member appointed by the President of the Senate;~~
184 ~~one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
185 ~~Representatives; and three members appointed by the Governor,~~



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186 ~~including a representative from Miami Dade College and a~~
187 ~~representative from the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom.~~

188 Section 9. The amendments to s. 1004.89, Florida Statutes,
189 made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of that
190 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025,
191 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
192 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
193 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
194 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

195 Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17
196 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, a state university
197 board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay
198 project with a health care provider may accept the health care
199 provider's procurement methods and construction contracts
200 entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care provider
201 for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance
202 approved by the Board of Governors. This section expires July 1,
203 2026.

204 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
205 147 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
206 notwithstanding ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the
207 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University board of trustees
208 may expend available reserves or carry forward balances from
209 previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or
210 other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated
211 from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or
212 tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the president of the
213 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section
214 expires July 1, 2026.



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215 Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
216 197 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
217 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
218 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
219 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
220 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
221 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address
222 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to
223 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment
224 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal
225 year only. This section expires July 1, 2026.

226 Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
227 179 through 184 and 530 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
228 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
229 Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the
230 Department of Health may each submit a budget amendment, subject
231 to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
232 Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the Florida Kidcare
233 program appropriation categories, or to increase budget
234 authority in the Children's Medical Services network category,
235 to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program
236 or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget
237 amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter
238 of the 2025-2026 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,
239 2026.

240 Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
241 461 through 469A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
242 subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended
243 to read:



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244 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.-

245 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,
246 2026 ~~2025~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This
247 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

248 Section 15. Effective July 1, 2025, upon the expiration and
249 reversion of the amendments made to subsection (1) of section 14
250 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, pursuant to section 10 of
251 chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, and in order to implement
252 Specific Appropriations 461 through 469A of the 2025-2026
253 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 14 of
254 chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

255 Section 14. Department of Health; authority to adopt rules;
256 cause of action.-

257 (1) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING.-

258 (a) The Department of Health and the applicable boards
259 shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida
260 Statutes, and this section necessary to implement s. 381.986 ~~ss.~~
261 ~~381.986 and 381.988~~, Florida Statutes. If an emergency rule
262 adopted under this section is held to be unconstitutional or an
263 invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority, and becomes
264 void, the department or the applicable boards may adopt an
265 emergency rule pursuant to this section to replace the rule that
266 has become void. If the emergency rule adopted to replace the
267 void emergency rule is also held to be unconstitutional or an
268 invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority and becomes
269 void, the department and the applicable boards must follow the
270 nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the Administrative
271 Procedures Act to replace the rule that has become void.

272 (b) For emergency rules adopted under this section, the



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273 department and the applicable boards need not make the findings
274 required by s. 120.54(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Emergency rules
275 adopted under this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and
276 120.541, Florida Statutes. The department and the applicable
277 boards shall meet the procedural requirements in s. 120.54(4)(a)
278 ~~s. 120.54(a)~~, Florida Statutes, if the department or the
279 applicable boards have, before July 1, 2019 ~~the effective date~~
280 ~~of this act~~, held any public workshops or hearings on the
281 subject matter of the emergency rules adopted under this
282 subsection. Challenges to emergency rules adopted under this
283 subsection are subject to the time schedules provided in s.
284 120.56(5), Florida Statutes.

285 (c) Emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt
286 from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and shall remain in
287 effect until replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency
288 rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act.
289 Rules adopted under the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of
290 the Administrative Procedures Act to replace emergency rules
291 adopted under this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and
292 120.541, Florida Statutes. By September 1, 2025 ~~January 1, 2018~~,
293 the department and the applicable boards shall initiate
294 nonemergency rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative
295 Procedures Act to replace all emergency rules adopted under this
296 section by publishing a notice of rule development in the
297 Florida Administrative Register. Except as provided in paragraph
298 (a), after December 31, 2025 ~~January 1, 2018~~, the department and
299 applicable boards may not adopt rules pursuant to the emergency
300 rulemaking procedures provided in this section.

301 Section 16. The amendments to subsection (1) of section 14



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302 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, made by this act expire
303 January 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection shall revert to
304 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments
305 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved
306 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are
307 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
308 this section.

309 Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
310 203, 204, 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
311 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a
312 budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes,
313 requesting additional spending authority to implement the
314 federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals
315 statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to
316 Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education
317 (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education
318 program for certain institutions participating in a graduate
319 medical education or nursing education program. For institutions
320 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education
321 program, the budget amendment must identify the educational
322 institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions
323 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education
324 program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing
325 the number of nurses participating in the program. This section
326 expires July 1, 2026.

327 Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
328 204, 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
329 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
330 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting



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331 additional spending authority to implement the federally
332 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service
333 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the
334 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d)(1)(B)(v). This section
335 expires July 1, 2026.

336 Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
337 197 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
338 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
339 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
340 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool
341 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance
342 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the
343 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget
344 amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low
345 Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a
346 listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to
347 support the state match required. In addition, for each entity
348 included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be
349 provided that includes the charity care cost upon which the Low
350 Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should
351 the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low
352 Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for
353 returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the
354 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section
355 expires July 1, 2026.

356 Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
357 210 and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
358 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
359 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting



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360 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service
361 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for
362 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners
363 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental
364 school, or a public hospital. This section expires July 1, 2026.

365 Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
366 208, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
367 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
368 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
369 additional spending authority to implement a certified
370 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation
371 services. This section expires July 1, 2026.

372 Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
373 197 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
374 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
375 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
376 amendment subject to the notice, review, and objection
377 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, requesting
378 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate
379 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a
380 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities
381 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public
382 expenditures to support the state match required. This section
383 expires July 1, 2026.

384 Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
385 204 and 207 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
386 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
387 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
388 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service



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389 inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty
390 hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes,
391 providing comprehensive acute care services to children with
392 Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50
393 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000
394 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. This section expires July 1, 2026.

395 Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
396 190 and 216 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
397 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
398 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget
399 amendments, subject to the notice, review and objection
400 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
401 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program.
402 This section expires July 1, 2026.

403 Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
404 208, 222, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
405 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 409.908, Florida
406 Statutes, is amended to read:

407 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to
408 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid
409 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according
410 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in
411 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.
412 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement
413 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive
414 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency
415 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or
416 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based
417 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost



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418 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate
419 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester
420 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and
421 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected
422 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost
423 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost
424 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on
425 behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons is subject to the
426 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
427 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
428 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
429 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
430 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
431 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
432 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
433 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the
434 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

435 (2)

436 (b) Subject to any limitations or directions in the General
437 Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and implement a
438 state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan for nursing
439 home care in order to provide care and services in conformance
440 with the applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations,
441 and quality and safety standards and to ensure that individuals
442 eligible for medical assistance have reasonable geographic
443 access to such care.

444 1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement
445 plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and
446 indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the



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447 per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the
448 patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate prices
449 shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent,
450 initially based on the September 2016 rate setting cost reports
451 and subsequently based on the most recently audited cost report
452 used during a rebasing year. The direct care subcomponent of the
453 per diem rate for any providers still being reimbursed on a cost
454 basis shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the
455 indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the
456 cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the
457 individual provider target. The ceilings and targets apply only
458 to providers being reimbursed on a cost-based system. Effective
459 October 1, 2018, a prospective payment methodology shall be
460 implemented for rate setting purposes with the following
461 parameters:

462 a. Peer Groups, including:

463 (I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee
464 Counties; and

465 (II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and
466 Okeechobee Counties.

467 b. Percentage of Median Costs based on the cost reports
468 used for September 2016 rate setting:

469 (I) Direct Care Costs100 percent.

470 (II) Indirect Care Costs92 percent.

471 (III) Operating Costs86 percent.

472 c. Floors:

473 (I) Direct Care Component95 percent.

474 (II) Indirect Care Component92.5 percent.

475 (III) Operating ComponentNone.



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476 d. Pass-through PaymentsReal Estate and
477Personal Property
478Taxes and Property Insurance.

479 e. Quality Incentive Program Payment
480 Pool.....17.862 ~~10~~ percent of September
4812016 non-property related
482payments of included facilities.

483 f. Quality Score Threshold to Qualify ~~Quality~~ for Quality
484 Incentive Payment.....33 percent of all available points in the
485 Medicaid Quality Incentive Program ~~20th~~
486~~percentile of included facilities.~~

487 g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:
488 (I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.
489 (II) Land Valuation.....10 percent of Gross Building value.
490 (III) Facility Square Footage.....Actual Square Footage.
491 (IV) Movable Equipment Allowance\$8,000 per bed.
492 (V) Obsolescence Factor1.5 percent.
493 (VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return8 percent.
494 (VII) Minimum Occupancy90 percent.
495 (VIII) Maximum Facility Age40 years.
496 (IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed350.
497 (X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed500.
498 (XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements \$500 per bed.

499 h. Ventilator Supplemental payment of \$200 per Medicaid day
500 of 40,000 ventilator Medicaid days per fiscal year.

501 2. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and
502 benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services
503 including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
504 certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to



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505 residents in the nursing home facility, allowable therapy costs,
506 and dietary costs. This excludes nursing administration, staff
507 development, the staffing coordinator, and the administrative
508 portion of the minimum data set and care plan coordinators. The
509 direct care subcomponent also includes medically necessary
510 dental care, vision care, hearing care, and podiatric care.

511 3. All other patient care costs shall be included in the
512 indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem
513 rate, including complex medical equipment, medical supplies, and
514 other allowable ancillary costs. Costs may not be allocated
515 directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a
516 home office or management company.

517 4. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the
518 Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average
519 direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and
520 direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category
521 of staff member per facility.

522 5. Every fourth year, the agency shall rebase nursing home
523 prospective payment rates to reflect changes in cost based on
524 the most recently audited cost report for each participating
525 provider.

526 6. A direct care supplemental payment may be made to
527 providers whose direct care hours per patient day are above the
528 80th percentile and who provide Medicaid services to a larger
529 percentage of Medicaid patients than the state average.

530 7. Pediatric, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and
531 government-owned facilities are exempt from the pricing model
532 established in this subsection and shall remain on a cost-based
533 prospective payment system. Effective October 1, 2018, the



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534 agency shall set rates for all facilities remaining on a cost-
535 based prospective payment system using each facility's most
536 recently audited cost report, eliminating retroactive
537 settlements.

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539 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan
540 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing
541 home residents who require large amounts of care while
542 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home
543 care for residents who can be served within the community. The
544 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of
545 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys
546 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency
547 may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of
548 scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from
549 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum
550 rate of payment. The agency shall base the rates of payments in
551 accordance with the minimum wage requirements as provided in the
552 General Appropriations Act.

553 Section 26. The amendments to s. 409.908(2)(b), Florida
554 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of
555 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
556 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
557 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
558 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
559 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

560 Section 27. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
561 316, 318, 347, and 348 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
562 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida



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563 Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a
564 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
565 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
566 within the department based on the implementation of the
567 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific
568 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care
569 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,
570 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,
571 2026.

572 Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
573 197 through 199, 204, 207, 208, 210 through 212, 342, 351, 447,
574 451 through 452, 458, 471, 472, 478, and 482 of the 2025-2026
575 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and
576 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and
577 Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for Health
578 Care Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the
579 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
580 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee
581 programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee
582 Resettlement due to the ongoing instability of federal
583 immigration policy and the resulting inability of the state to
584 reasonably predict, with certainty, the budgetary needs of this
585 state with respect to the number of refugees relocated to the
586 state as part of those federal programs. The Department of
587 Children and Families shall submit quarterly reports to the
588 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,
589 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the number of
590 refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of such
591 refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section



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592 expires July 1, 2026.

593 Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
594 276 through 370 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
595 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
596 Department of Children and Families may submit budget
597 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
598 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
599 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the
600 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic
601 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the
602 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and
603 Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living
604 Services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B
605 Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, Elder Justice Act, STOP Violence
606 Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing
607 Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section expires
608 July 1, 2026.

609 Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
610 276 through 370 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
611 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
612 Department of Children and Families may submit budget amendments
613 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, subject to the
614 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
615 Statutes, to transfer funds between appropriation categories and
616 to increase budget authority as necessary to support the
617 operations of the Automated Community Connection to Economic
618 Self-Sufficiency system. This section expires July 1, 2026.

619 Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
620 238, 242, and 250 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,



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621 subsection (2) of section 393.066, Florida Statutes, is amended,
622 and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

623 393.066 Community services and treatment.—

624 (2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than
625 provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services
626 is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All
627 purchased services must be approved by the agency. As a
628 condition of payment and before billing, persons or entities
629 under contract with the agency to provide services shall use
630 agency data management systems to document service provision to
631 clients or shall maintain such information in its own data
632 management system and electronically transmit it to the agency
633 data management system in an industry standard electronic format
634 designated by the agency. The agency may not require training on
635 the use of agency data management systems by persons or entities
636 that choose to maintain data in their own data management
637 system, provided that they electronically transmit required
638 information in a format and frequency designated by the agency
639 ~~and shall use such systems to bill for services.~~ Contracted
640 persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware and
641 software technical requirements established by the agency for
642 the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also
643 meet any requirements established by the agency for training and
644 professional development of staff providing direct services to
645 clients.

646 (9) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall amend
647 the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual
648 Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table to establish a
649 monthly reimbursement rate, effective October 1, 2025, for Life



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650 Skills Development Levels 3 and 4 services provided to
651 recipients who attend such services for at least 16 days during
652 a calendar month. Providers shall continue to be reimbursed at
653 the existing hourly rate for recipients who attend fewer than 16
654 days during the calendar month. The agency shall develop a
655 methodology to monitor and evaluate the fiscal impact of the
656 revised reimbursement methodology and shall submit quarterly
657 reports to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations,
658 the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and
659 the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and
660 Budget detailing the fiscal impacts realized.

661 Section 32. The amendments to s. 393.066(2) and (9),
662 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the
663 text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on
664 June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted
665 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to
666 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
667 upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

668 Section 33. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in
669 order to implement Specific Appropriations 354 through 370A of
670 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of
671 subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended
672 to read:

673 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

674 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

675 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2025-2026 ~~2023-~~
676 ~~2024~~ fiscal year and the ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, a managing
677 entity may carry forward documented unexpended funds
678 appropriated from the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund from 1



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679 ~~one~~ fiscal year to the next. Funds carried forward pursuant to
680 this paragraph are not included in the 8 percent cumulative cap
681 that may be carried forward. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026
682 2025.

683 Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
684 302, 316 through 318, and 364 of the 2025-2026 General
685 Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section 409.9913,
686 Florida Statutes, to read:

687 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead
688 agencies.—

689 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core
690 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General
691 Appropriations Act. The department shall develop and report on
692 an alternative tiered funding methodology to allocate funding to
693 lead agencies. The department shall provide additional data and
694 analysis to strengthen the existing proposed funding framework.
695 This enhancement will aim to maximize transparency, drive
696 performance and quality measures, and build on prior provisions
697 and innovative practices.

698 (a) The methodology must include, but is not limited to,
699 the following components:

700 1. Administration tier.—A distinct allocation reflecting
701 actual, allowable operational and fixed costs, consistent with
702 federal and state guidelines, including, but not limited to:

- 703 a. Salaries and benefits.
- 704 b. Information technology.
- 705 c. Lease payments.
- 706 d. Asset depreciation.
- 707 e. Utilities.



708 f. Administrative components of case management.
709 g. Mandated activities such as training, quality
710 improvement, or contract management.
711 2. Prevention tier.—A dedicated prevention tier to
712 incorporate early intervention strategies and services that
713 reduce the need for higher-intensity system involvement which
714 includes, but is not limited to:
715 a. Family support services.
716 b. Family-focused prevention programs.
717 c. Hotline referrals and nonjudicial services.
718 d. Differential response/child protection team
719 coordination.
720 3. Core services tier.—A base funding allocation that
721 includes:
722 a. Direct service delivery costs for case management,
723 foster care, and post-placement services.
724 b. Pass-through obligations, including, but not limited to:
725 (I) Funds appropriated for independent living services.
726 (II) Funds appropriated for maintenance adoption subsidies.
727 (III) Funds allocated by the department for child
728 protective investigation service training.
729 (IV) Nonrecurring funds.
730 (V) Designated mental health wrap-around service funds.
731 (VI) Funds for special projects for a designated lead
732 agency.
733 (VII) Funds appropriated for the Guardianship Assistance
734 Program established under s. 39.6225.
735 4. Performance and quality measures tier.—Funding
736 adjustments or incentives based on performance against outcome-



737 based metrics, which may include, but are not limited to:
738 a. Maintaining or increasing sibling group placements
739 together.
740 b. Average yearly caseload of case managers, including only
741 filled positions, at or below 1:14.
742 c. Increasing finalized adoptions by at least 3 percent
743 over the prior fiscal year.
744 d. Reducing reentry into foster care within 12 months of
745 case closure.
746 e. Placement stability and least-restrictive placement
747 rates.
748 f. Other department-defined measures aligned with federal
749 Child and Family Services Reviews.
750 5. Innovation tier.—A competitive or direct grant mechanism
751 that allows lead agencies to propose and implement innovative,
752 evidence-informed practices aimed at improving family
753 preservation, child well-being, community partnerships, or
754 service delivery models. Funded projects under this tier must be
755 time-limited and subject to performance benchmarks, be evaluated
756 independently for effectiveness and scalability, and support
757 goals not currently funded through core allocations.
758 (b) At a minimum, the methodology must be:
759 1. Cost-based.
760 2. Actuarially sound.
761 3. Designed to incentivize efficient and effective lead
762 agency operation, prevention, family preservation, and
763 permanency.
764 4. Regionally scaled for cost-of-living factors.
765 (c) The lead agencies and providers shall submit any



766 detailed cost and expenditure data that the department requests
767 for the development of the funding methodology.

768 (d) By December 1, 2025, the department shall submit a
769 detailed report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
770 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must
771 include:

- 772 1. A proposed structure and funding methodology for each
773 tier;
774 2. A summary of stakeholder input;
775 3. Projected fiscal impacts by community-based care region;
776 4. Recommended statutory or budgetary changes needed to
777 implement the new methodology; and
778 5. A plan for phased implementation, including performance
779 tracking and reporting.

780 (e) The department shall provide to the Governor, the
781 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
782 Representatives monthly reports beginning July 2025 through
783 November 2025 which provide updates on activities and progress
784 in developing the funding methodology.

785 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

786 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
787 439 and 441 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
788 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
789 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to
790 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
791 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
792 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
793 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal
794 revenues will be expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This



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795 section expires July 1, 2026.

796 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
797 448 and 496 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
798 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
799 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to
800 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
801 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS
802 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues
803 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available
804 in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

805 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
806 409 through 556A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
807 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,
808 the Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject
809 to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
810 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
811 department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19
812 relief funds become available in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This
813 section expires July 1, 2026.

814 Section 38. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
815 192 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

816 (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall replace
817 the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System
818 (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a system that is
819 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid
820 program and that complies with all applicable federal and state
821 laws and requirements. The agency may not include in the program
822 to replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

823 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the information



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824 systems of the other health and human services state agencies;
825 (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to
826 Medicaid programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid
827 technology infrastructure for other purposes without legislative
828 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these
829 requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care Connection
830 (FX) system, must provide better integration with subsystems
831 supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity, consistency,
832 and improved access to data; and compatibility with the Centers
833 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid Information
834 Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures and expands
835 its functionality; or
836 (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not including
837 staff augmentation services purchased off the Department of
838 Management Services Information Technology staff augmentation
839 state term contract that are not deliverables based fixed price
840 contracts.
841 (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current
842 Medicaid fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration
843 shall:
844 (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the
845 current functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the
846 current Medicaid fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend
847 all or portions of the current fiscal agent contract.
848 (b) Comply with and not exceed the Centers for Medicare and
849 Medicaid Services funding authorizations for the FX system.
850 (c) Develop and mature an enterprise architecture framework
851 to align the requirements of the FX project phases and
852 overarching program objectives, including completing and



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853 maintaining key components such as the Business Capability Model
854 and Business Value Model.

855 (d) Apply value-based measures to support informed
856 decisionmaking around release readiness and go-live criteria.
857 These measures must be tracked and reported quarterly to the FX
858 Executive Steering Committee post-implementation to support
859 performance monitoring and continuous improvement.

860 (e) Through documented FX architecture governance
861 practices, ensure that the Medicaid business needs and the
862 business architecture are the primary drivers of information and
863 technical architecture design decisions. All such decisions must
864 be documented with traceable rationale to promote transparency
865 and accountability across the program. The business,
866 information, and technical architectures must align with the
867 MITA framework where applicable. In areas where MITA guidance is
868 not available, alignment will be maintained through adherence to
869 The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF).

870 (f) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published
871 MITA framework and guidelines. The agency shall:

872 1. Implement an Enterprise Architecture (EA) management
873 tool that supports an integrated approach to FX program
874 architecture. The EA tool must serve as a centralized repository
875 for the FX Business Process Inventory and support the integrated
876 management and oversight of the FX business, technical, and
877 information architectures.

878 2. Establish governance structures and define user roles
879 within the EA tool for the business, technical, and information
880 architecture components.

881 3. Ensure all documentation and artifacts related to



882 meeting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
883 Conditions for Enhanced Funding (CEF) are reviewed, validated,
884 and approved by the designated MITA/CERT vendor to ensure they
885 sufficiently address the applicable CEF requirements. This
886 review by the MITA/CERT vendor shall be incorporated into the
887 deliverable acceptance process for payment to FX vendors.

888 4. Conduct, with the MITA/CERT vendor, quarterly governance
889 reviews to assess conformance with MITA, TOGAF, and the FX
890 Business Architecture framework and submit a quarterly
891 governance report to the FX Executive Steering Committee
892 detailing key decisions, compliance status, deviations, and
893 corrective actions.

894 (g) Ensure that all business requirements and technical
895 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies
896 for their review and input and approved by the executive
897 steering committee established in paragraph (k).

898 (h) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's
899 working group for interagency information technology integration
900 for the development of competitive solicitations that provide
901 for data interoperability and shared information technology
902 services across the state's health and human services agencies.

903 (i) Implement a data governance structure for the program
904 to coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state
905 health care entities.

906 (j) Establish a continuing oversight team for each contract
907 pursuant to s. 287.057(26), Florida Statutes. The teams must
908 provide quarterly reports to the executive steering committee,
909 summarizing the status of the contract, the pace of
910 deliverables, the quality of deliverables, contractor



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911 responsiveness, and contractor performance.

912 (k) Implement a program governance structure that includes
913 an executive steering committee composed of:

914 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or the
915 executive sponsor of the program.

916 2. A representative of the Division of Health Care Finance
917 and Data of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed
918 by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

919 3. Two representatives from the Division of Medicaid
920 Policy, Quality, and Operations of the Agency for Health Care
921 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care
922 Administration.

923 4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy
924 and Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration,
925 appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

926 5. A representative of the Florida Center for Health
927 Information and Transparency of the Agency for Health Care
928 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care
929 Administration.

930 6. The Chief Information Officer of the Agency for Health
931 Care Administration, or his or her designee.

932 (3) (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or the
933 executive sponsor of the program shall serve as chair of the
934 executive steering committee, and the committee shall take
935 action by a vote of at least 5 affirmative votes with the chair
936 voting on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive
937 steering committee consists of at least 5 members.

938 (b)1. The chair shall establish a program finance and
939 contracting working group composed of:



- 940 a. The FX program director.
- 941 b. A representative from the agency's Office of the General
942 Counsel.
- 943 c. A representative from the agency's Division of
944 Administration.
- 945 d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.
- 946 e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.
- 947 f. The FX program project managers.
- 948 g. The FX program risk manager.
- 949 h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.
- 950 2. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review
951 the program status and all contract and program operations,
952 policies, risks, and issues related to the budget, spending
953 plans and contractual obligations, and shall develop
954 recommendations to the executive steering committee for
955 improvement. The working group shall review all change requests
956 that impact the program's scope, schedule, or budget related to
957 contract management and vendor payments and submit those
958 recommended for adoption to the executive steering committee.
959 The chair shall request input from the working group on agenda
960 items for each scheduled meeting. The program shall make
961 available program staff to the group, as needed, for the group
962 to fulfill its duties.
- 963 (c)1. The chair shall establish a state agency stakeholder
964 working group composed of:
- 965 a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.
- 966 b. A representative of the Department of Children and
967 Families, appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.
- 968 c. A representative of the Department of Health, appointed



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969 by the State Surgeon General.

970 d. A representative of the Agency for Persons with
971 Disabilities, appointed by the director of the Agency for
972 Persons with Disabilities.

973 e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids
974 Corporation.

975 f. A representative from the Department of Elderly Affairs,
976 appointed by the Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

977 g. The state chief information officer, or his or her
978 designee.

979 h. A representative of the Department of Financial Services
980 who has experience with the state's financial processes,
981 including development of the PALM system, appointed by the Chief
982 Financial Officer.

983 2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to
984 review the program status and all program operations, policies,
985 risks, and issues that may impact the operations external to the
986 Agency for Health Care Administration FX program, and shall
987 develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for
988 improvement. The chair shall request input from the working
989 group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program
990 shall make available program staff to the group to provide
991 system demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed,
992 for the group to fulfill its duties.

993 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
994 responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS
995 and the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business
996 objectives and shall:

997 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the



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998 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
999 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to
1000 implement the modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest
1001 extent possible, the state's health care data and business
1002 processes.

1003 (b) Review and approve any changes to the program's scope,
1004 schedule, and budget.

1005 (c) Review and approve any changes to the program's
1006 strategic roadmap.

1007 (d) Review and approve change requests that impact the
1008 program's scope, schedule, or budget recommended for adoption by
1009 the program finance and contracting working group.

1010 (e) Review recommendations provided by the program working
1011 groups.

1012 (f) Review vendor scorecards, reports, and notifications
1013 produced by the continuing oversight teams.

1014 (g) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout
1015 all phases of the program.

1016 (h) Approve all major program deliverables.

1017 (i) Review and verify that all procurement and contractual
1018 documents associated with the replacement of the current FMMIS
1019 and Medicaid fiscal agent align with the scope, schedule, and
1020 anticipated budget for the program.

1021 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1022 Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1023 211, 212, 262, 272, 328, 472, 496, and 699 of the 2025-2026
1024 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care
1025 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,
1026 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of



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1027 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall
1028 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for
1029 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological
1030 products excluded from the program established under s.
1031 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s.
1032 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The
1033 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these
1034 products for participating agencies when feasible and
1035 advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a
1036 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved
1037 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs
1038 and products. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1039 Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1040 254, 260, 261, 265, 270, and 271 of the 2025-2026 General
1041 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
1042 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may
1043 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
1044 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to
1045 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation
1046 categories to categories used for contractual services in order
1047 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the
1048 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,
1049 2026.

1050 Section 41. In order to implement section 80 of the 2025-
1051 2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181
1052 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with
1053 Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the
1054 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
1055 Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump



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1056 Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address
1057 any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1,
1058 2026.

1059 Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1060 219 and 242 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
1061 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1062 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons
1063 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the
1064 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
1065 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the
1066 action, to increase budget authority to support the
1067 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid
1068 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This
1069 section expires July 1, 2026.

1070 Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1071 557 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
1072 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of
1073 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to
1074 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority
1075 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the
1076 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and
1077 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate
1078 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing
1079 homes, if the department projects that additional direct care
1080 staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This
1081 section expires July 1, 2026.

1082 Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1083 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)
1084 of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



1085 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the
1086 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of
1087 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state
1088 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to
1089 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1090 (1) (a) As used in this section, the term “state Medicaid
1091 expenditures” means those expenditures used as matching funds
1092 for the federal Medicaid program.

1093 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by
1094 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share
1095 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.
1096 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1097 Section 45. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1098 557 through 581B of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1099 the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may submit budget amendments
1100 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, subject to federal
1101 approval, requesting additional spending authority to support
1102 the development and construction of a new State Veterans’
1103 Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in Collier County.
1104 This section expires July 1, 2026.

1105 Section 46. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1106 386 and 396 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
1107 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1108 Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,
1109 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
1110 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
1111 United States Department of Agriculture’s Adult Care Food
1112 Program if additional federal revenues will be expended in the
1113 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.



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1114 Section 47. In order to implement appropriations of the
1115 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of
1116 subsection (9) of section 766.314, Florida Statutes, is amended
1117 to read:

1118 766.314 Assessments; plan of operation.-

1119 (9)

1120 (c)1. If the total of all current estimates equals or
1121 exceeds 100 percent of the funds on hand and the funds that will
1122 become available to the association within the next 12 months
1123 from all sources described in subsection (4) and paragraph
1124 (5) (a), the association may not accept any new claims without
1125 express authority from the Legislature. This section does not
1126 preclude the association from accepting any claim if the injury
1127 occurred 18 months or more before the effective date of this
1128 suspension. Within 30 days after the effective date of this
1129 suspension, the association shall notify the Governor, the
1130 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
1131 Senate, the Office of Insurance Regulation, the Agency for
1132 Health Care Administration, and the Department of Health of this
1133 suspension.

1134 2. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the association is
1135 authorized to accept new claims during the 2025-2026 fiscal year
1136 if the total of all current estimates exceeds the limits
1137 described in subparagraph 1. during that fiscal year. This
1138 subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.

1139 Section 48. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1140 584 through 669 and 692 through 723 of the 2025-2026 General
1141 Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida
1142 Statutes, is amended to read:



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1143 216.262 Authorized positions.-

1144 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating
1145 to increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the
1146 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate
1147 population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate
1148 population projections of the February 21, 2025 ~~December 15,~~
1149 ~~2023~~, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2
1150 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive
1151 Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative
1152 Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice
1153 Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible
1154 to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then
1155 submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of
1156 positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature
1157 and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue
1158 sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed capital
1159 improvements, and other resources to provide classification,
1160 security, food services, health services, and other variable
1161 expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated
1162 increase in the inmate population. All actions taken pursuant to
1163 this subsection are subject to review and approval by the
1164 Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1,
1165 2026 ~~2025~~.

1166 Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1167 2956 through 3018A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1168 subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended
1169 to read:

1170 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.-

1171 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one



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1172 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system
1173 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2025-2026
1174 ~~2024-2025~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice
1175 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the
1176 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.
1177 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which
1178 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts
1179 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned
1180 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5
1181 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If
1182 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial
1183 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds
1184 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid
1185 by the end of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year. This
1186 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1187 Section 50. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1188 1051 through 1061 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

1189 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall review county
1190 juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill
1191 their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865,
1192 Florida Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile Justice
1193 determines that a county has not met its obligations, the
1194 department shall direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the
1195 amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the funds
1196 provided to the county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes. The
1197 Department of Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld to the
1198 Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

1199 (2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties
1200 before July 1, 2025, for which distributions made pursuant to s.



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1201 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund
1202 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded
1203 and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each
1204 fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county
1205 shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to
1206 any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department
1207 of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an
1208 affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed
1209 pursuant to subsection (1) does not reduce the amount of
1210 distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the
1211 timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds
1212 and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the
1213 bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of
1214 the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution
1215 must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the
1216 Department of Revenue must notify the Department of Juvenile
1217 Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the Department of
1218 Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of such amount to
1219 the affected county.

1220 (3) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1221 Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1222 733 through 754A, 880 through 1002A, and 1020 through 1050A of
1223 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding
1224 the expiration date in section 41 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of
1225 Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),
1226 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and
1227 (7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

1228 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum
1229 requirements; appointment by court.-



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1230 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual
1231 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed
1232 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized
1233 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to
1234 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office
1235 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be
1236 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision
1237 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public
1238 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public
1239 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict
1240 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The
1241 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific
1242 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a
1243 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this
1244 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

1245 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent
1246 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-
1247 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict
1248 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified
1249 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil
1250 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a
1251 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional
1252 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of
1253 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly
1254 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall
1255 submit this information to the Justice Administrative
1256 Commission.

1257 (3) In using a registry:

1258 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of



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1259 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of
1260 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each
1261 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number
1262 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a
1263 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

1264 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief
1265 judge and by general law for court appointment;

1266 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases
1267 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

1268 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for
1269 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

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1271 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a
1272 contract for services with the Justice Administrative
1273 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for
1274 services may result in termination of the contract and removal
1275 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible
1276 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice
1277 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.
1278 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination
1279 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until
1280 the requirement is fulfilled.

1281 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve
1282 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of
1283 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms
1284 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for
1285 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the
1286 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform
1287 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with



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1288 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and
1289 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's
1290 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is
1291 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

1292 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately
1293 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance
1294 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms
1295 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1296 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the
1297 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as
1298 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection
1299 (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the
1300 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under
1301 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment
1302 that there were no registry attorneys available for
1303 representation for that case and only if the requirements of
1304 subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

1305 (b)1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the
1306 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be
1307 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate
1308 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly
1309 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the
1310 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed
1311 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek
1312 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304
1313 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents
1314 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission
1315 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client
1316 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall



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1317 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the
1318 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in
1319 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and
1320 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact
1321 information from the records and documents only to the extent
1322 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice
1323 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall
1324 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing
1325 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the
1326 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to
1327 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by
1328 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that
1329 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming
1330 the presumption.

1331 2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit the
1332 commission or the Auditor General to review documentation for a
1333 case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives the
1334 right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation in
1335 excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General
1336 Appropriations Act for that case.

1337 3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived
1338 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee
1339 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as
1340 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,
1341 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and
1342 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the
1343 presumption.

1344 Section 52. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),
1345 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter



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1346 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2026,
1347 and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,
1348 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that
1349 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
1350 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
1351 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
1352 expire pursuant to this section.

1353 Section 53. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1354 733 through 754A, 880 through 1002A, and 1020 through 1050A of
1355 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding
1356 the expiration date in section 43 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of
1357 Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,
1358 is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and
1359 paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section
1360 are reenacted, to read:

1361 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;
1362 notice.—

1363 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the manner
1364 prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2) (a) shall be compensated by the
1365 Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in this
1366 section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees
1367 prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The
1368 specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established
1369 annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also
1370 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in
1371 accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a
1372 defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,
1373 the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the
1374 most serious offense for which he or she represented the



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1375 defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee
1376 limits established by this section.

1377 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility
1378 for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney
1379 fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory
1380 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-
1381 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final
1382 disposition of a case.

1383 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a court
1384 appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1385 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation for
1386 dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first
1387 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700
1388 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon
1389 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case
1390 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,
1391 including any children born during the pendency of the
1392 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an
1393 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial
1394 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for
1395 dependency proceedings.

1396 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450
1397 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

1398 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
1399 following the first judicial review in the second year following
1400 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
1401 case remains under protective supervision.

1402 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective
1403 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not



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1404 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an
1405 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1406 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a
1407 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,
1408 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel
1409 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle
1410 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must
1411 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

1412 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in
1413 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed
1414 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and
1415 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall
1416 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of
1417 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of
1418 children involved, including any children born during the
1419 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal
1420 from an order granting or denying termination of parental
1421 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered
1422 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights
1423 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings
1424 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered
1425 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long
1426 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

1427 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30
1428 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for
1429 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must
1430 include the trial counsel's certification that:

1431 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or
1432 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and



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1433 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and a
1434 motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the
1435 signature of the parent, have been filed.

1436 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
1437 following the first judicial review in the second year after the
1438 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
1439 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1440 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,
1441 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

1442 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon
1443 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to
1444 withdraw.

1445 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat
1446 fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

1447 (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of
1448 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1449 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon
1450 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to
1451 withdraw.

1452 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat
1453 fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1454 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the state
1455 for representation pursuant to court appointment made in
1456 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a
1457 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter
1458 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter
1459 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the
1460 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such
1461 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).



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1462 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat fees
1463 prescribed under this section and the General Appropriations Act
1464 comprise the full and complete compensation for private court-
1465 appointed counsel. It is further the intent of the Legislature
1466 that the fees in this section are prescribed for the purpose of
1467 providing counsel with notice of the limit on the amount of
1468 compensation for representation in particular proceedings and
1469 the sole procedure and requirements for obtaining payment for
1470 the same.

1471 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to
1472 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion
1473 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not
1474 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under
1475 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1476 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from
1477 representation prior to the full performance of his or her
1478 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints
1479 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial
1480 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee
1481 established under this section and the General Appropriations
1482 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

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1484 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed
1485 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat
1486 fee.

1487 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an
1488 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and
1489 unusual effort.

1490 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits



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1491 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief
1492 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess
1493 of these limits.

1494 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a
1495 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting
1496 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice
1497 Administrative Commission.

1498 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the
1499 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and
1500 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall
1501 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing
1502 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission
1503 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection
1504 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the
1505 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file
1506 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission
1507 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of
1508 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating
1509 its objection.

1510 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee
1511 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an
1512 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge
1513 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this
1514 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit
1515 may have up to two designees.

1516 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must
1517 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case
1518 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or
1519 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of



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1520 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and
1521 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a
1522 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial
1523 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal
1524 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number
1525 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's
1526 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

1527 2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative
1528 Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by
1529 the attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the
1530 court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial
1531 evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption. The chief
1532 judge or single designee shall enter a written order detailing
1533 his or her findings and identifying the extraordinary nature of
1534 the time and efforts of the attorney in the case which warrant
1535 exceeding the flat fee established by this section and the
1536 General Appropriations Act.

1537 (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on
1538 the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days
1539 before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative
1540 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may
1541 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing
1542 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order
1543 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses
1544 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of
1545 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice
1546 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or
1547 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for
1548 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving



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1549 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact
1550 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to
1551 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the
1552 documentation is not binding on the court.

1553 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that
1554 counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that
1555 the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief
1556 judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid
1557 to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,
1558 depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort
1559 required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to
1560 ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.
1561 The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established
1562 flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat
1563 fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or
1564 single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee
1565 would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of
1566 compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for
1567 a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,
1568 the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be
1569 only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid
1570 are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.
1571 27.40(7).

1572 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must be
1573 attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the
1574 Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the
1575 requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

1576 (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in subsection
1577 (5) and for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, the



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1578 compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may not
1579 exceed the following:

1580 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the trial
1581 level: \$2,000.

1582 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the
1583 trial level: \$15,000.

1584 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:
1585 \$15,000.

1586 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:
1587 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any
1588 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state
1589 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

1590 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

1591 (f) This subsection expires July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025.

1592 Section 54. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and
1593 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter
1594 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),
1595 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws
1596 of Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2026, and the text of
1597 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to
1598 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments
1599 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved
1600 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are
1601 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
1602 this section.

1603 Section 55. In order to implement section 132 of the 2025-
1604 2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (f) of subsection (7)
1605 of section 934.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1606 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—



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1607 (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

1608 (f) Notwithstanding this subsection:

1609 1. Subject to appropriation, the drone ~~replacement~~ grant
1610 program is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The
1611 program shall provide funds to law enforcement agencies, fire
1612 service providers, ambulance crews, or other first responders
1613 that turn in drones that are not in compliance with this section
1614 or that apply for funding to acquire new drones that comply with
1615 this section. To be eligible for replacement, the drone must
1616 have not reached its end of life and must still be in working
1617 condition. To be eligible to acquire a new drone, the applicant
1618 must provide the department with any information the department
1619 deems necessary. Funds shall be provided per drone based upon
1620 the drone's replacement costs. Grant funds may only be used to
1621 purchase drones that are in compliance with this section. The
1622 Department of Law Enforcement shall expeditiously develop an
1623 application process based on grant type, and funds shall be
1624 allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the
1625 date the department receives the application. For applications
1626 received on the same day, the department shall prioritize
1627 applicants located in rural counties and applicants which have
1628 not received funding under the program. The department may adopt
1629 rules to implement this program. For the purposes of this
1630 paragraph, the term "law enforcement agency" has the same
1631 meaning as in this section.

1632 2. The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide the
1633 first two functional drones of each unique make and model
1634 received through the drone grant ~~replacement~~ program to the
1635 Florida Center for Cybersecurity within the University of South



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1636 Florida. The Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall analyze each
1637 drone received from the Department of Law Enforcement to
1638 determine whether the drones presented a cybersecurity concern
1639 during its time of use and shall provide a report of its
1640 findings and a list of any specific security vulnerabilities
1641 found in the drone to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
1642 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The center must
1643 return any drone received through the drone ~~replacement~~ grant
1644 program to the Department of Law Enforcement for destruction
1645 pursuant to subparagraph 3., following the completion of the
1646 cybersecurity analysis.

1647 3. The Department of Law Enforcement shall ensure the
1648 destruction of all drones received through the drone ~~replacement~~
1649 grant program after ensuring that the first two functional
1650 drones of each unique make and model received have been
1651 transmitted to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity for
1652 analysis. The Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall return to
1653 the department for destruction any duplicate model drones in
1654 their possession which were previously transmitted to the
1655 center, and which are not being retained for analysis.

1656 4. From the funds appropriated to the drone ~~replacement~~
1657 grant program, the Department of Law Enforcement:

1658 a. May expend funds to directly cause, or contract for, the
1659 secure destruction of all drones received under the program
1660 during fiscal years 2023-2024, ~~and~~ 2024-2025, and 2025-2026
1661 which are not being retained for analysis or retained by the
1662 department following a completed analysis.

1663 b. Must provide to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity
1664 \$25,000 to cover the center's expenses associated with the



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1665 analysis, transport, secure storage, reporting, and other
1666 related costs necessary to comply with the requirements of this
1667 subsection.

1668 c. May increase the awards previously provided in fiscal
1669 year 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~, which were based on the drone's value,
1670 to award the value to reflect the drone's replacement cost.

1671 5. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized, and all
1672 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s.
1673 120.54(4) for the purpose of implementing the drone ~~replacement~~
1674 grant program. Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules
1675 adopted under this section are effective for 12 months after
1676 adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
1677 adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
1678 rules.

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1680 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1681 Section 56. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1682 1188B through 1188G of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1683 subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended
1684 to read:

1685 908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

1686 (3) (a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the
1687 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments
1688 for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate
1689 in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task
1690 force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for
1691 a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer
1692 employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency
1693 must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer



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1694 participated in one or more operations and provide any
1695 information required by the board. Eligible participation does
1696 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional
1697 facilities or county detention facilities.

1698 (b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65
1699 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance
1700 Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

1701 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2025-2026
1702 fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply to the
1703 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments
1704 for the agency's certified correctional officers under s.
1705 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under 287(g) of the
1706 Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an
1707 immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under
1708 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357.
1709 The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to
1710 \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with
1711 that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency
1712 must certify to the board that the certified correctional
1713 officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or
1714 an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at
1715 least 6 months preceding the application and provide any
1716 information required by the board. Eligible participation does
1717 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional
1718 facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026.

1719 Section 57. In order to implement appropriations used to
1720 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess
1721 of 2,000 square feet in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
1722 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation



1723 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office
1724 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to
1725 renegotiate or reprocur all private lease agreements for office
1726 or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2026, and
1727 June 30, 2028, in order to reduce costs in future years. The
1728 department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2025
1729 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida
1730 Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the
1731 possibilities of collocating office or storage space, to review
1732 the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and
1733 terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department
1734 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,
1735 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
1736 Representatives by November 1, 2025, which lists each lease
1737 contract for private office or storage space, the status of
1738 renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires
1739 July 1, 2026.

1740 Section 58. In order to implement appropriations authorized
1741 in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for data center
1742 services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida
1743 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data
1744 processing category to a category other than another data
1745 processing category or a cloud computing category for
1746 information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This
1747 section expires July 1, 2026.

1748 Section 59. In order to implement the appropriation of
1749 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk
1750 Management Insurance" in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
1751 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection



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1752 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office
1753 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category
1754 between departments in order to align the budget authority
1755 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk
1756 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1757 Section 60. In order to implement the appropriation of
1758 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer
1759 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services
1760 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2025-2026 General
1761 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and
1762 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the
1763 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated
1764 in that category between departments in order to align the
1765 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid
1766 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for
1767 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,
1768 2026.

1769 Section 61. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1770 2602 in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act in the Building
1771 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental
1772 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in
1773 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

1774 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,
1775 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of
1776 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
1777 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of
1778 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and
1779 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the
1780 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.



1781 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted
1782 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

1783 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit budget
1784 amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary for the
1785 implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216, Florida
1786 Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in appropriation
1787 shall include a detailed plan providing all estimated costs and
1788 relocation proposals.

1789 (3) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1790 Section 62. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in
1791 order to implement the appropriation of funds in the 2025-2026
1792 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding part I of
1793 chapter 287, Florida Statutes, in order to ensure continued
1794 operations, all agencies as defined in s. 287.012(1), Florida
1795 Statutes, may continue to purchase, subject to appropriation,
1796 the current productivity and cybersecurity tools and services
1797 from a qualified provider under the state master agreement. The
1798 Department of Management Services shall ensure that the state
1799 master agreement for the current tools and services remains
1800 active and available for agencies to use when negotiating
1801 enterprise agreements. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1802 Section 63. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1803 2217 through 2220B of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

1804 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the
1805 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information
1806 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,
1807 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and
1808 shall replace the cash management and accounting management
1809 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an



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1810 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,
1811 define, and standardize its financial management business
1812 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida
1813 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of
1814 FLAIR and CMS:

1815 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other
1816 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management
1817 Information System; or

1818 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the
1819 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the
1820 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations
1821 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

1822 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the Department
1823 of Financial Services shall:

1824 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation
1825 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,
1826 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,
1827 version 031.

1828 (b) Ensure that all business requirements and technical
1829 specifications have been provided to all state agencies for
1830 their review and input and approved by the executive steering
1831 committee established in paragraph (c), including any updates to
1832 these documents.

1833 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes
1834 an executive steering committee composed of:

1835 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of
1836 the project.

1837 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the
1838 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief



1839 Financial Officer.

1840 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of
1841 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental
1842 Protection.

1843 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and
1844 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by
1845 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience
1846 relating to at least one of the four main components that
1847 compose FLAIR.

1848 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the Governor,
1849 appointed by the Governor. One employee must have experience
1850 relating to the Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and
1851 Budgeting Subsystem.

1852 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed
1853 by the executive director, who has experience using or
1854 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

1855 7. Two employees from the Department of Management
1856 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One
1857 employee must have experience relating to the department's
1858 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have
1859 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

1860 8. A state agency administrative services director,
1861 appointed by the Governor.

1862 9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care
1863 Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the
1864 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

1865 10. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her
1866 designee, as a nonvoting member. The State Chief Information
1867 Officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status



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1868 reports to the executive steering committee pursuant to the
1869 oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

1870 11. One employee from the Department of Business and
1871 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and
1872 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and
1873 Professional Regulation.

1874 12. One employee from the Florida Fish and Wildlife
1875 Conservation Commission who has experience using or maintaining
1876 the commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by
1877 the Chair of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
1878 Commission.

1879 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or
1880 his or her designee.

1881 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor
1882 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering
1883 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at
1884 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer
1885 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing
1886 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee composed of
1887 at least 10 members.

1888 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the executive
1889 steering committee, the chair shall request input from committee
1890 members on agenda items for the next scheduled meeting.

1891 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of
1892 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain
1893 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four
1894 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The
1895 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM
1896 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial



1897 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations
1898 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair
1899 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for
1900 each scheduled meeting. The PALM project team shall dedicate a
1901 staff member to the group and provide system demonstrations and
1902 any project documentation, as needed, for the group to fulfill
1903 its duties.

1904 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to
1905 provide bimonthly status reports to the executive steering
1906 committee. The form and format of the bimonthly status reports
1907 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to
1908 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such
1909 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive
1910 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the
1911 agency to prepare their systems and impacted employees for the
1912 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first bimonthly
1913 status report is due September 1, 2025, and bimonthly
1914 thereafter.

1915 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
1916 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR
1917 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

1918 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the
1919 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1920 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to
1921 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to
1922 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management
1923 business processes.

1924 (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,
1925 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements



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1926 of subsection (1).

1927 (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout
1928 all phases of the project.

1929 (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost
1930 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

1931 (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all
1932 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of
1933 FLAIR and CMS.

1934 (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the
1935 bimonthly agency status reports to include objective and
1936 quantifiable information on each agency's progress in planning
1937 for the Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's
1938 people, processes, technology, and data transformation
1939 activities.

1940 (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,
1941 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

1942 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1943 Section 64. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1944 2698 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
1945 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 53 of chapter
1946 2024-228, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,
1947 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1948 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and
1949 interoperability network.—

1950 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide
1951 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature
1952 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,
1953 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the
1954 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.



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1955 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to
1956 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public
1957 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of
1958 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is
1959 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to
1960 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

1961 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall enter
1962 into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating the
1963 statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021. The
1964 contract must include:

- 1965 1. The purchase of radios;
- 1966 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
- 1967 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for
1968 system users;
- 1969 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual
1970 rate;
- 1971 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the
1972 department; and
- 1973 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the
1974 department.

1975 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust
1976 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges
1977 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon
1978 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the
1979 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,
1980 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,
1981 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the
1982 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs
1983 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the



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1984 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the
1985 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

1986 Section 65. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes, as
1987 carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by this
1988 act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection, shall
1989 revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that any
1990 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act, shall be
1991 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
1992 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
1993 expire pursuant to this section.

1994 Section 66. In order to implement appropriations relating
1995 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the
1996 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in
1997 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.
1998 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible
1999 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management
2000 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.
2001 This section expires July 1, 2026.

2002 Section 67. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2003 2616 through 2626 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2004 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,
2005 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida
2006 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement
2007 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only.
2008 This section expires July 1, 2026.

2009 Section 68. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2010 2542 through 2564 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2011 and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by
2012 section 57 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)



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2013 of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is
2014 amended to read:

2015 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department
2016 shall:

2017 (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation
2018 of the state lottery, including:

2019 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,
2020 except for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only, effective July 1,
2021 2025, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent
2022 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize
2023 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited
2024 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program
2025 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2561 of the 2025-2026
2026 General Appropriations Act.

2027 Section 69. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida
2028 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of
2029 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
2030 2023, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
2031 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
2032 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
2033 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2034 Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2035 2733 through 2740A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2036 paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida
2037 Statutes, is amended to read:

2038 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

2039 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

2040 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative
2041 dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may



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2042 adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes
2043 regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding
2044 coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a
2045 proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any
2046 such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings
2047 in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such
2048 policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the
2049 courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120
2050 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil
2051 Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,
2052 except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,
2053 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer
2054 shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the
2055 request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings
2056 and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set
2057 for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such
2058 proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant
2059 to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the
2060 office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

2061 2. The corporation may contract with the division to
2062 conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim
2063 determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies
2064 of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2065 Section 71. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2066 2193 through 2199A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2067 and notwithstanding s. 112.215(6), Florida Statutes, which
2068 limits the contributions to the state deferred compensation plan
2069 to tax-deferred compensation, the Division of Treasury within
2070 the Department of Financial Services is authorized and approved,



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2071 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only, to allow employee
2072 contributions into the state deferred compensation plan on an
2073 after-tax basis under a qualified program pursuant to section
2074 402A of the Internal Revenue Code. Such employee contributions
2075 may be made by only those employees who made similar
2076 contributions prior to July 1, 2025. The division shall submit
2077 to the Legislature by December 1, 2025, a plan to transition any
2078 after-tax contributions and earnings thereon out of the state
2079 deferred compensation plan. The division must implement such
2080 plan the day after sine die of the 2026 Regular Session unless
2081 the Legislature enacts during the 2026 Regular Session a law
2082 authorizing and approving such after-tax contributions on a
2083 permanent basis. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2084 Section 72. Effective upon this act becoming law, and in
2085 order to implement Specific Appropriations 2665 through 2671A of
2086 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding
2087 the proviso language for Specific Appropriation 2966 in chapter
2088 2023-239, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 110.116,
2089 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2090 110.116 Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—

2091 (2)(a) The department shall contract with an independent
2092 software quality assurance and testing provider to work with all
2093 stakeholders to:

2094 1. Conduct a comprehensive business process analysis to
2095 document current workflows, identify inefficiencies, and develop
2096 recommendations to streamline business processes to improve
2097 service delivery, reduce redundancy, and enhance operational
2098 efficiency.

2099 2. Develop detailed current and future state business,



2100 functional, and technical requirements, including, but not
2101 limited to:

- 2102 a. System capabilities and user requirements;
- 2103 b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;
- 2104 c. Data migration and conversion requirements;
- 2105 d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and
2106 third-party applications; and
- 2107 e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.

2108 3. Conduct a complete system integration assessment to
2109 identify dependencies, interoperability challenges, and
2110 strategies for seamless data exchange.

2111 4. Deliver a streamlined transparent process to track,
2112 test, and update all system requirements.

2113 5. Submit a report detailing these requirements, process
2114 improvements, and any related statutory change recommendations
2115 to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair
2116 of the House Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of the
2117 Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by June 30, 2026. ~~In~~
2118 ~~recognition of the critical nature of the statewide personnel~~
2119 ~~and payroll system commonly known as People First, the~~
2120 ~~Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state~~
2121 ~~to continue partnering with the current People First third-party~~
2122 ~~operator. The People First System annually processes 500,000~~
2123 ~~employment applications, 455,000 personnel actions, and the~~
2124 ~~state's \$9.5 billion payroll. The Legislature finds that the~~
2125 ~~continuity of operations of the People First System and the~~
2126 ~~critical functions it provides such as payroll, employee health~~
2127 ~~insurance benefit records, and other critical services must not~~
2128 ~~be interrupted. Presently, the Chief Financial Officer is~~



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2129 ~~undertaking the development of a new statewide accounting and~~
2130 ~~financial management system, commonly known as the Planning,~~
2131 ~~Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, scheduled to be~~
2132 ~~operational in the year 2026. The procurement and implementation~~
2133 ~~of an entire replacement of the People First System will impede~~
2134 ~~the timeframe needed to successfully integrate the state's~~
2135 ~~payroll system with the PALM System. In order to maintain~~
2136 ~~continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion~~
2137 ~~of the PALM System, the Legislature directs that:~~

2138 ~~(a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall enter~~
2139 ~~into a 3-year contract extension with the entity operating the~~
2140 ~~People First System by on January 1, 2024. The contract~~
2141 ~~extension must:~~

2142 ~~1. Provide for the integration of the current People First~~
2143 ~~System with PALM.~~

2144 ~~2. Exclude major functionality updates or changes to the~~
2145 ~~People First System prior to completion of the PALM System. This~~
2146 ~~does not include:~~

2147 ~~a. Routine system maintenance such as code updates~~
2148 ~~following open enrollment; or~~

2149 ~~b. The technical remediation necessary to integrate the~~
2150 ~~system with PALM within the PALM project's planned~~
2151 ~~implementation schedule.~~

2152 ~~3. Include project planning and analysis deliverables~~
2153 ~~necessary to:~~

2154 ~~a. Detail and document the state's functional requirements.~~

2155 ~~b. Estimate the cost of transitioning the current People~~
2156 ~~First System to a cloud computing infrastructure within the~~
2157 ~~contract extension and after the successful integration with~~



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2158 ~~PALM. The project cost evaluation shall estimate the annual cost~~
2159 ~~and capacity growth required to host the system in a cloud~~
2160 ~~environment.~~

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2162 ~~The department shall develop these system specifications in~~
2163 ~~conjunction with the Department of Financial Services and the~~
2164 ~~Auditor General.~~

2165 ~~4. Include technical support for state agencies that may~~
2166 ~~need assistance in remediating or integrating current financial~~
2167 ~~shadow systems with People First in order to integrate with PALM~~
2168 ~~or the cloud version of People First.~~

2169 ~~5. Include organizational change management and training~~
2170 ~~deliverables needed to support the implementation of PALM~~
2171 ~~payroll functionality and the People First System cloud upgrade.~~
2172 ~~Responsibilities of the operator and the department shall be~~
2173 ~~outlined in a project role and responsibility assignment chart~~
2174 ~~within the contract.~~

2175 ~~6. Include an option to renew the contract for one~~
2176 ~~additional year.~~

2177 ~~(b) The department shall submit, no later than June 30,~~
2178 ~~2026, its project planning and detailed cost estimate to upgrade~~
2179 ~~the current People First System to the chair of the Senate~~
2180 ~~Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of~~
2181 ~~Representatives Appropriations Committee, and the Executive~~
2182 ~~Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, for~~
2183 ~~preliminary review and consideration of funding the department's~~
2184 ~~Fiscal Year 2026-2027 legislative budget request to update the~~
2185 ~~system.~~

2186 ~~(b)(c) This subsection expires July 1, 2026 2025.~~



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2187 Section 73. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2188 2139 through 2141 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2189 paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 215.5586, Florida
2190 Statutes, is amended to read:

2191 215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established
2192 within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida
2193 Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal
2194 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership
2195 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does
2196 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the
2197 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of
2198 residential property in this state. Implementation of this
2199 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is
2200 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability
2201 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed
2202 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of
2203 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects
2204 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in
2205 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by
2206 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other
2207 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of
2208 available funds. If, after applications are processed and
2209 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept
2210 applications up to the available amount. The program shall
2211 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach
2212 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements
2213 provided in this section.

2214 (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be
2215 used by homeowners to make improvements recommended by an



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2216 inspection which increase resistance to hurricane damage.

2217 (a) A homeowner is eligible for a hurricane mitigation
2218 grant if all of the following criteria are met:

2219 1. The home must be eligible for an inspection under
2220 subsection (1).

2221 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of
2222 \$700,000 or less. Homeowners who are low-income persons, as
2223 defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.

2224 3. The home must undergo an acceptable hurricane mitigation
2225 inspection as provided in subsection (1).

2226 4. The building permit application for initial construction
2227 of the home must have been made before January 1, 2008.

2228 5. The homeowner must agree to make his or her home
2229 available for inspection once a mitigation project is completed.

2230 6. The homeowner must agree to provide to the department
2231 information received from the homeowner's insurer identifying
2232 the discounts realized by the homeowner because of the
2233 mitigation improvements funded through the program.

2234 7.a. The homeowner must be a low-income person or moderate-
2235 income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

2236 b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred
2237 within the previous 24 months from the date of application.

2238 c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-
2239 income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt
2240 from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an
2241 insured value of \$700,000 or less.

2242 d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.

2243 Section 74. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in
2244 order to implement Specific Appropriation 2245A of the 2025-2026



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2245 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301,
2246 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of
2247 Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2489A or section
2248 179 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act will not revert
2249 and may be carried forward through the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
2250 This section expires July 1, 2026.

2251 Section 75. In order to implement the appropriation of
2252 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data
2253 Center" in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
2254 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
2255 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor
2256 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between
2257 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based
2258 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the
2259 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2260 Section 76. In order to implement appropriations authorized
2261 in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state data
2262 center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies
2263 related to contract management services provided to Northwest
2264 Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This section
2265 expires July 1, 2026.

2266 Section 77. In order to implement section 189 of the 2025-
2267 2026 General Appropriations Act, section 284.51, Florida
2268 Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

2269 284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic
2270 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

2271 (1) As used in this section, the term:

2272 (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of the
2273 Department of Financial Services.



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2274 (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic
2275 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial
2276 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's
2277 physiology and biometric data.

2278 (c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a
2279 part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law
2280 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a firefighter as
2281 defined in s. 633.102, a 911 public safety telecommunicator as
2282 defined in s. 401.465, or an emergency medical technician or
2283 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local
2284 government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law
2285 enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical
2286 technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the
2287 state or a local government ~~has the same meaning as provided in~~
2288 ~~s. 112.1815(1).~~

2289 (d) "Veteran" means:

- 2290 1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);
2291 2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined in
2292 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or
2293 3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

2294 (2) The division shall select a provider to establish a
2295 statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans,
2296 first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and
2297 first responders with:

- 2298 (a) Substance use disorders.
2299 (b) Mental illness.
2300 (c) Sleep disorders.
2301 (d) Traumatic brain injuries.
2302 (e) Sexual trauma.



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2303 (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying
2304 comorbidities.

2305 (g) Concussions.

2306 (h) Other brain trauma.

2307 (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,
2308 including issues related to or resulting from problems with
2309 cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or
2310 focus.

2311 (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran
2312 and first responder populations at a statewide level. The
2313 provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite
2314 care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration
2315 shall be provided to locations with a large population of first
2316 responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS
2317 devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic
2318 Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations
2319 in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment
2320 or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to
2321 establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate
2322 outcomes of such clinical practice.

2323 (4) The pilot program shall include:

2324 (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by
2325 the provider made available to all individuals receiving
2326 treatment under the program.

2327 (b) The requirement that each individual who receives
2328 treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological
2329 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other
2330 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness
2331 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also



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2332 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by
2333 the provider.

2334 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use of
2335 adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based on
2336 EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing, as
2337 well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

2338 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any
2339 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected
2340 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the
2341 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2342 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics
2343 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received
2344 from the department.

2345 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any
2346 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected
2347 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be
2348 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug
2349 Administration studies or trials.

2350 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this section.

2351 (6) This section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2352 Section 78. In order to implement section 189 of the 2025-
2353 2026 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Financial
2354 Services shall renew, for a period of 2 years, its existing
2355 contract for the establishment of the Electroencephalogram
2356 Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Treatment pilot
2357 program for veterans and first responders. The department's
2358 existing contract, and all funds paid by the department pursuant
2359 to that contract, do not constitute state financial assistance
2360 as provided in s. 215.97, Florida Statutes. At the time of



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2361 contract renewal, the department shall amend the existing
2362 contract, as needed, to clarify that funds paid pursuant to the
2363 contract do not constitute state financial assistance. This
2364 section expires July 1, 2026.

2365 Section 79. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2366 2849 through 2862 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2367 and notwithstanding the deadline in chapter 2024-231, Laws of
2368 Florida, for submission of the economic data necessary to review
2369 the child support guidelines, the Office of Economic and
2370 Demographic Research shall submit a final report to the
2371 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
2372 House of Representatives by December 1, 2025. This section
2373 expires July 1, 2026.

2374 Section 80. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2375 1456 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
2376 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
2377 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit
2378 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
2379 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
2380 authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This
2381 section expires July 1, 2026.

2382 Section 81. In order to implement specific appropriations
2383 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of
2384 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
2385 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish
2386 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the
2387 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section
2388 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2389 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.-



2390 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to
2391 a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture
2392 and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental
2393 Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife
2394 Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a
2395 land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund
2396 temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements,
2397 including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust
2398 fund, and other trust funds in the State Treasury have moneys
2399 that are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the
2400 amounts necessary to meet the just requirements, including
2401 appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds, the
2402 Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one or
2403 more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust fund
2404 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2405 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,
2406 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action
2407 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,
2408 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor
2409 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the
2410 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that
2411 during July 2025 ~~2024~~, notice of such action shall be provided
2412 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless
2413 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the
2414 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a
2415 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and
2416 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,
2417 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2418 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the



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2419 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal
2420 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the
2421 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition
2422 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
2423 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
2424 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2425 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of
2426 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys
2427 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition
2428 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in
2429 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This
2430 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2431 Section 82. (1) In order to implement specific
2432 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the
2433 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department
2434 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the
2435 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in
2436 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Department of
2437 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land
2438 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land
2439 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
2440 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2441 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As
2442 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department
2443 of Environmental Protection.

2444 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,
2445 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each
2446 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the
2447 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for



2448 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land
2449 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land
2450 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
2451 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2452 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The
2453 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the
2454 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the
2455 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land
2456 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
2457 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2458 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its
2459 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition
2460 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land
2461 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and
2462 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2463 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total
2464 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

2465 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the
2466 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds
2467 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2468 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2469 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts
2470 appropriated in chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida, to the
2471 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land
2472 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred
2473 between those trust funds during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

2474 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning
2475 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to
2476 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife



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2477 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a
2478 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts
2479 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2480 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,
2481 2026.

2482 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

2483 Section 83. In order to implement specific appropriations
2484 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of
2485 Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2025-2026
2486 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of
2487 section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2488 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

2489 (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding
2490 reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the
2491 proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this
2492 section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund
2493 created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the
2494 Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

2495 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2025-
2496 2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as
2497 provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph
2498 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2499 Section 84. In order to implement section 171 of the 2025-
2500 2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (2)
2501 of section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2502 376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and
2503 polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

2504 (2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

2505 (a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency



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2506 has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water,
2507 groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, the department
2508 shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in
2509 drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth
2510 in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules
2511 for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until
2512 ratified by the Legislature.

2513 Section 85. The amendments to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida
2514 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of
2515 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
2516 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
2517 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
2518 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
2519 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2520 Section 86. In order to implement section 171 of the 2025-
2521 2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (i) is added to
2522 subsection (13) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, to read:

2523 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
2524 funding.—

2525 (13) PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—To encourage
2526 detection, reporting, and cleanup of contamination caused by
2527 discharges of petroleum or petroleum products, the department
2528 shall, within the guidelines established in this subsection,
2529 implement a cleanup program to provide rehabilitation funding
2530 assistance for all property contaminated by discharges of
2531 petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system
2532 occurring before January 1, 1995. Eligibility is subject to an
2533 annual appropriation from the fund. Additionally, funding for
2534 eligible sites is contingent upon annual appropriation in



2535 subsequent years. Such continued state funding is not an
2536 entitlement or a vested right under this subsection. Eligibility
2537 shall be determined in the program, notwithstanding any other
2538 provision of law, consent order, order, judgment, or ordinance
2539 to the contrary.

2540 (i) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2025-2026 fiscal
2541 year, program deductibles and copayments may not be assessed,
2542 monetary caps may not be enforced, and all costs for activities
2543 described in this subsection must be absorbed at the expense of
2544 the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to
2545 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

2546 1. This paragraph does not apply to a site where the
2547 department has been denied site access to implement this
2548 section.

2549 2. This paragraph does not authorize or require
2550 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the
2551 beginning of the grace period.

2552 3. Upon discovery by the department that the owner or
2553 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly
2554 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;
2555 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious
2556 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records
2557 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is
2558 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage
2559 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible
2560 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is
2561 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage
2562 systems at that site.

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2564 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026.

2565 Section 87. In order to implement section 171 of the 2025-
2566 2026 General Appropriations Act, present subsection (5) of
2567 section 376.3072, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as
2568 subsection (6), and a new subsection (5) is added to that
2569 section, to read:

2570 376.3072 Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration
2571 Insurance Program.—

2572 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), for the 2025-2026
2573 fiscal year, program deductibles or copayments may not be
2574 assessed, monetary caps may not be enforced, and all costs for
2575 activities described in this section must be absorbed at the
2576 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to
2577 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

2578 (a) This subsection does not apply to a site where the
2579 department has been denied site access to implement this
2580 section.

2581 (b) This subsection does not authorize or require
2582 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the
2583 beginning of the grace period.

2584 (c) Upon discovery by the department that the owner or
2585 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly
2586 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;
2587 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious
2588 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records
2589 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is
2590 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage
2591 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible
2592 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is



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2593 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage
2594 systems at that site.

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2596 This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2597 Section 88. In order to implement section 171 of the 2025-
2598 2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
2599 expiration date in section 66 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of
2600 Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071,
2601 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2602 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
2603 funding.—

2604 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The
2605 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10
2606 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor
2607 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems
2608 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended
2609 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce
2610 the potential for such damage.

2611 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

- 2612 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the
2613 application and required documentation;
- 2614 2. Certified public accountant costs;
- 2615 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess
2616 of the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or
2617 which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;
- 2618 4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or
2619 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or
2620 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;
- 2621 5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department



2622 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been
2623 resolved; or

2624 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage
2625 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the
2626 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

2627 Section 89. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida
2628 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of
2629 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that
2630 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but
2631 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-
2632 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted
2633 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to
2634 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
2635 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

2636 Section 90. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2637 2052 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
2638 notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of
2639 Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing
2640 production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus
2641 greening and to commercialize technologies that produce
2642 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The
2643 department shall enter into these agreements no later than
2644 January 1, 2026, and shall file with the department's Inspector
2645 General a certification of conditions and circumstances
2646 justifying each agreement entered into without competitive
2647 solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2648 Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2649 1502 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
2650 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 71 of chapter



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2651 2024-228, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,
2652 is reenacted and amended to read:

2653 380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida
2654 Forever program.—

2655 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it
2656 is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall administer
2657 the working waterfronts land acquisition program as set forth in
2658 this section.

2659 (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and
2660 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically
2661 establishing an application process and a process for the
2662 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.
2663 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph
2664 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a
2665 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to
2666 projects:

2667 1. Within a municipality with a population less than
2668 30,000;

2669 2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and
2670 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,
2671 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate
2672 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

2673 3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency
2674 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

2675 4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an
2676 aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2677 5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local
2678 economy.

2679 (b) For projects that will require more than the grant



2680 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in
2681 their project application funding sources that will provide the
2682 difference between the grant award and the estimated project
2683 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those
2684 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2685 (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on
2686 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and
2687 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to
2688 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of
2689 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present
2690 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of
2691 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board
2692 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may
2693 not add projects.

2694 (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of less-
2695 than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust. Waterfront
2696 communities that receive grant awards must submit annual
2697 progress reports to the trust identifying project activities
2698 which are complete, and the progress achieved in meeting the
2699 goals outlined in the project application. The trust must
2700 implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance of
2701 grant recipients in completing projects that are funded through
2702 the working waterfronts program.

2703 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it
2704 is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of
2705 Environmental Protection shall administer the working
2706 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this
2707 section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture
2708 industries industry, including the infrastructure for receiving



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2709 or unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood
2710 economy.

2711 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program is
2712 created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater
2713 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer
2714 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their
2715 operations.

2716 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital
2717 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited
2718 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the
2719 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent
2720 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation
2721 of shoreside facilities.

2722 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local
2723 economy.

2724 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports to
2725 the department identifying project activities that are complete
2726 and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined in the
2727 project application.

2728 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor and
2729 evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing
2730 projects funded through the program.

2731 Section 92. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as
2732 carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by this
2733 act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of that section shall
2734 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any
2735 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
2736 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
2737 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which



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2738 expire pursuant to this section.

2739 Section 93. In order to implement section 167 of the 2025-
2740 2026 General Appropriations Act, section 10 of chapter 2022-272,
2741 Laws of Florida, as amended by section 72 of chapter 2024-228,
2742 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

2743 Section 10. Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant
2744 Program.—

2745 (1) There is hereby created within the Department of
2746 Environmental Protection the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement
2747 Grant Program for the purpose of providing financial assistance
2748 to mitigate coastal beach erosion for coastal homeowners whose
2749 property was significantly impacted by Hurricane Ian or
2750 Hurricane Nicole in 2022. The department is authorized to
2751 provide financial assistance grants to eligible recipients
2752 located in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler,
2753 Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, Saint
2754 Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota, and Volusia Counties.

2755 (2) The department may provide grants to property owners to
2756 mitigate for coastal beach erosion caused by Hurricane Ian or
2757 Hurricane Nicole during 2022. Grant funding may only be used to
2758 reimburse a property owner for construction costs:

2759 (a) Related to sand placement and temporary or permanent
2760 coastal armoring construction projects to mitigate coastal beach
2761 erosion and may not be used for the repair of residential
2762 structures.

2763 (b) Incurred as a result of preparation for or damage
2764 sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole in 2022.

2765 (c) Incurred after September 23, 2022.

2766 (d) Related to a project that has been permitted, is exempt



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2767 from permitting requirements, or is otherwise authorized by law.

2768 (3) Financial assistance grants may only be provided to
2769 mitigate damage to property located in Brevard, Broward,
2770 Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee,
2771 Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota,
2772 and Volusia Counties that is a:

2773 (a) Residential property that meets the following
2774 requirements:

2775 1. The parcel must be a single-family, site-built,
2776 residential property or a multi-family, site-built, residential
2777 property not to exceed four units; and

2778 2. The homeowner must have been granted a homestead
2779 exemption on the home under chapter 196, Florida Statutes;

2780 (b) Residential condominium, as defined in chapter 718,
2781 Florida Statutes; or

2782 (c) Cooperative, as defined in chapter 719, Florida
2783 Statutes.

2784 (4) (a) The department shall reimburse 100 percent of the
2785 cost of eligible sand placement projects. For armoring projects
2786 on residential properties eligible under paragraph (3) (a), the
2787 department shall cost-share with \$1 provided by the property
2788 owner for every \$1 provided by the state with a maximum of
2789 \$300,000 in state funding toward the actual cost of an eligible
2790 project. For armoring projects on properties eligible under
2791 paragraphs (3) (b) and (c), the department shall cost-share with
2792 \$1 provided by the property owner for every \$1 provided by the
2793 state with a maximum of \$600,000 in state funding toward the
2794 actual cost of an eligible project. The department shall
2795 prioritize applicants who are low-income or moderate-income



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2796 persons, as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes. Grants
2797 will be awarded to property owners for eligible projects
2798 following the receipt of a completed application on a first-
2799 come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

2800 1. Applications may be submitted beginning February 1,
2801 2023.

2802 2. Applicants must include evidence that the project meets
2803 the criteria in subsections (2) and (3).

2804 (b) If the department determines that an application meets
2805 the requirements of this section, the department shall enter
2806 into a cost-share grant agreement with the applicant consistent
2807 with this section.

2808 (c) The department shall disburse grant funds on a
2809 reimbursement basis. In order to receive reimbursement, property
2810 owners must submit, at a minimum:

2811 1. If applicable, the permit issued under chapter 161,
2812 Florida Statutes, or applicable statute, and evidence that the
2813 project complies with all permitting requirements.

2814 2. All invoices and payment receipts for eligible projects.

2815 3. If applicable, documentation that the eligible project
2816 was completed by a licensed professional or contractor.

2817 (5) Beginning July 1, 2024, local governments and
2818 municipalities may apply for program funds to implement large
2819 scale sand placement projects located in a county listed in
2820 subsection (1). Impacted counties and municipalities may request
2821 funding for such projects that protect upland structures and
2822 provide benefits to property owners at large. Funding will be
2823 distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to 100
2824 percent of costs are eligible. Projects must be able to be



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2825 completed by July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~. No more than 50 percent of
2826 remaining funds will be used for this purpose.

2827 (6) No later than January 31, 2023, the department shall
2828 adopt emergency rules prescribing the procedures,
2829 administration, and criteria for approving the applications for
2830 the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program. The
2831 department is authorized, and all conditions are deemed met, to
2832 adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54(4),
2833 Florida Statutes, to implement this section. The Legislature
2834 finds that such emergency rulemaking authority is necessary to
2835 address critical shoreline erosion which may result in the loss
2836 of property by homeowners in those areas of the state that
2837 sustained damage due to Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole during
2838 2022. Such rules shall remain effective until the funding in the
2839 grant program is exhausted or this section expires for 6 months
2840 after the date of adoption.

2841 (7) This section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2842 Section 94. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2843 1725 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act and
2844 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and
2845 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for
2846 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local
2847 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to
2848 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose
2849 of, derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance
2850 pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa), Florida Statutes. This section
2851 expires July 1, 2026.

2852 Section 95. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2853 1555 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9)



2854 of section 403.0673, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2855 403.0673 Water quality improvement grant program.—A grant
2856 program is established within the Department of Environmental
2857 Protection to address wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural
2858 sources of nutrient loading to surface water or groundwater.

2859 (9) For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, and
2860 notwithstanding the requirements of this section and s. 403.890,
2861 funds appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability
2862 Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the General
2863 Appropriations Act subsections (4)–(6), the department shall
2864 ~~dedicate at least \$25 million of the revenues transferred from~~
2865 ~~s. 201.15(4)(h), for priority projects to improve water quality~~
2866 ~~in the Indian River Lagoon.~~ This subsection expires July 1, 2026
2867 2025.

2868 Section 96. In order to implement appropriations from the
2869 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of
2870 Environmental Protection in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
2871 Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida
2872 Statutes, is amended to read:

2873 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

2874 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
2875 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

2876 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required
2877 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,
2878 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

2879 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million
2880 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that
2881 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set
2882 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning



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2883 Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term
2884 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades
2885 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.
2886 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal
2887 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida
2888 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in
2889 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed
2890 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of
2891 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated
2892 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the
2893 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the
2894 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.
2895 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the
2896 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake
2897 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage
2898 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the
2899 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand
2900 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection
2901 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give
2902 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce
2903 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.
2904 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the
2905 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this
2906 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to
2907 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
2908 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the
2909 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph
2910 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be
2911 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to



2912 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
2913 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

2914 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million
2915 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,
2916 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of
2917 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the
2918 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds
2919 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
2920 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the
2921 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the
2922 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal
2923 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
2924 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
2925 subparagraph.

2926 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually
2927 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.
2928 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to
2929 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be
2930 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
2931 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
2932 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2933 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be
2934 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019
2935 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA
2936 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining
2937 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of
2938 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in
2939 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws
2940 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such



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2941 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount
2942 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be
2943 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
2944 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the
2945 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2946 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually to
2947 the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake
2948 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.
2949 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal
2950 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
2951 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this
2952 subparagraph.

2953 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually
2954 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the
2955 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.

2956 7. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 3. and 6., for the 2025-
2957 2026 fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the
2958 General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1,
2959 2026.

2960 Section 97. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2961 2059 through 2065 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2962 subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is
2963 amended to read:

2964 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

2965 (3) For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, funds shall be
2966 used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to
2967 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael
2968 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection
2969 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.



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2970 Section 98. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2971 1822 through 1835, 1840, 1841, 1853 through 1858, 1860 through
2972 1864, 1866 through 1874, and 1905 through 1914C of the 2025-2026
2973 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of
2974 section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2975 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;
2976 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

2977 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

2978 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new
2979 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess
2980 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget
2981 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this
2982 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of
2983 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work
2984 program which are eligible for the funds within the
2985 appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment.
2986 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for
2987 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of
2988 the proposed amendment.

2989 2. If the department submits an amendment to the
2990 Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet
2991 or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal,
2992 the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the
2993 amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This
2994 subparagraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2995 Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2996 1822 through 1835, 1840 and 1841, 1853 through 1864, 1866
2997 through 1874, and 1905 through 1914C of the 2025-2026 General
2998 Appropriations Act, the Department of Transportation is



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2999 authorized to:

3000 (1) Notwithstanding applicable provisions of chapters 206,
3001 212, 215, 320, 334, and 339, and section 201.15(4)(a), Florida
3002 Statutes, rebalance funds within the Work Program to account for
3003 lower projected revenues due to laws enacted which reduce the
3004 department's statutory revenue distributions. The department's
3005 rebalancing must also preserve, to the maximum extent feasible,
3006 executed contracts, debt service payments, planned safety
3007 projects, and planned preservation-related projects.

3008 (2) Notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b), Florida Statutes,
3009 request up to \$200,000,000 of budget authority to the extent
3010 necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work
3011 Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations
3012 and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced
3013 to the finance plan.

3014
3015 The department may submit budget amendments to realign budget
3016 authority consistent with this section and pursuant to section
3017 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2026.

3018 Section 100. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3019 2113 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)
3020 of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3021 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

3022 (6) For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, the funds
3023 appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle
3024 counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes
3025 described in the proviso language associated with Specific
3026 Appropriation 2113 ~~2348~~ of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ General
3027 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.



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3028 Section 101. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3029 2446 through 2455 and section 247 of the 2025-2026 General
3030 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
3031 Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management may
3032 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
3033 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to
3034 increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to
3035 reimbursements from federally declared disasters. This section
3036 expires July 1, 2026.

3037 Section 102. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3038 2432 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations act, subsection (2)
3039 of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3040 282.201 State data center.—The state data center is
3041 established within the department. The provision of data center
3042 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,
3043 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,
3044 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint
3045 a director of the state data center who has experience in
3046 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-
3047 computing management.

3048 (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

3049 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data
3050 center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the
3051 Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the
3052 Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management
3053 centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll
3054 Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board
3055 of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal
3056 conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional



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3057 counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

3058 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the
3059 use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,
3060 2026 2025.

3061 Section 103. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3062 2791 through 2798A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
3063 subsection (12) is added to section 251.001, Florida Statutes,
3064 to read:

3065 251.001 Florida State Guard Act.—

3066 (12) Pursuant to s. 287.16(4), unless the Governor has
3067 issued a declaration of a state of emergency due to a natural
3068 emergency, as those terms are defined in s. 252.34, in the
3069 previous 30 days, Florida State Guard aircraft shall be assigned
3070 to the Department of Law Enforcement for daily training activity
3071 and operational use by the department. No later than July 31,
3072 2025, the Florida State Guard and the department must sign a
3073 Memorandum of Understanding implementing the terms of the
3074 assignment of aircraft. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

3075 Section 104. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3076 2089 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsections
3077 (4) and (5) of section 443.1113, Florida Statutes, are amended
3078 to read:

3079 443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
3080 Information System.—

3081 (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual
3082 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization
3083 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and
3084 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These
3085 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but



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3086 need not be limited to:

- 3087 1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.
3088 2. Software improvements.
3089 3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.
3090 4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

3091 (b) The department shall seek input on recommended
3092 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

- 3093 1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of
3094 Management Services.
3095 2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within the
3096 Department of Revenue.
3097 3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the
3098 Department of Financial Services.

3099 (5) By September 1, 2025 ~~October 1, 2023~~, and each year
3100 thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall submit a
3101 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System
3102 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
3103 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must, at a
3104 minimum, include:

3105 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and
3106 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and
3107 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

3108 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years ~~3-year outlook~~ of
3109 recommended enhancements or modernization efforts that includes
3110 projected nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and
3111 timeframes for completion of each enhancement or modernization
3112 effort in priority order, and the projected recurring operations
3113 and maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement
3114 or modernization effort.



3115 Section 105. The amendments to s. 443.1113(4) and (5),
3116 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the
3117 text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on
3118 June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted
3119 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to
3120 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
3121 upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3122 Section 106. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3123 2083 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsections
3124 (2), (4), and (9) of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, are
3125 amended to read:

3126 445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment
3127 Program.—

3128 (2) (a) There is created within the department the Florida
3129 Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the
3130 recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The
3131 purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments
3132 of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

3133 (b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed
3134 officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and
3135 shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the
3136 program.

3137 (4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the
3138 administration of the program and distribution of bonus
3139 payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the
3140 department with the collection of any data necessary to
3141 determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus
3142 payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any
3143 information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of



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3144 this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

3145 (a) The method for determining the estimated number of
3146 newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time
3147 employment during the applicable fiscal year.

3148 (b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed
3149 officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which
3150 must include:

3151 1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment as
3152 a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

3153 2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal
3154 justice agency.

3155 3. Maintaining ~~continuous~~ full-time employment as a law
3156 enforcement officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for
3157 at least 2 years from the date on which the officer obtained
3158 certification. The required 2-year employment period may be
3159 satisfied by maintaining full-time employment at one or more
3160 employing agencies, but such period must not contain any break
3161 in service longer than 180 ~~15~~ calendar days.

3162 (c) The standards by which the department will determine
3163 under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law
3164 enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department
3165 justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the
3166 term "break in service" means a period of time during which the
3167 person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is
3168 not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period
3169 of time during which the person is in between employment as a
3170 full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days.
3171 The time period for any break in service does not count toward
3172 satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this



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3173 section.

3174 (d)~~(e)~~ The method that will be used to determine the bonus
3175 payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

3176 (e)~~(d)~~ The method that will be used to distribute bonus
3177 payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to
3178 eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing
3179 bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and
3180 quickest manner possible.

3181 (f)~~(e)~~ The estimated cost to the department associated with
3182 developing and administering the program and distributing bonus
3183 payment funds.

3184 (g)~~(f)~~ The method by which an officer must reimburse the
3185 state if he or she received a bonus payment under the program,
3186 but failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-
3187 year period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer
3188 is discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other
3189 than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation
3190 completed by the employing agency and maintained by the
3191 commission.

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3193 The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to
3194 determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

3195 (9) This section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3196 Section 107. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3197 2116 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)
3198 is added to section 420.5096, Florida Statutes, to read:

3199 420.5096 Florida Hometown Hero Program.—

3200 (6) (a) For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, eligibility for
3201 financial assistance through the program appropriated in the



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3202 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act shall be limited to the
3203 following borrowers:

3204 1. A person employed full-time by a Florida-based employer
3205 as a health care worker, school staff member, first responder,
3206 public safety or court employee, or child care worker;

3207 2. A servicemember of the United States military or
3208 military reserves, the United State Coast Guard or its reserves,
3209 or the Florida National Guard; or

3210 3. A veteran employed full-time by a Florida-based
3211 employer.

3212 (b) The corporation shall publish a list of eligible
3213 occupations pursuant to subparagraph (a)1. All borrowers must
3214 otherwise meet the requirements of this section.

3215 (c) This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

3216 Section 108. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the
3217 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2025,
3218 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of
3219 Management Services shall assess an administrative health
3220 insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the
3221 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for
3222 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage
3223 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this
3224 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the
3225 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the
3226 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities
3227 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative
3228 Commission, and the state courts system.

3229 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed
3230 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)



3231 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the
3232 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and
3233 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for
3234 salaries and benefits within 30 days after receipt of the
3235 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should
3236 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment
3237 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall
3238 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the
3239 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the
3240 Department of Management Services.

3241 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall
3242 apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether
3243 fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions
3244 partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the
3245 assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage
3246 share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No
3247 assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with
3248 federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of
3249 Management Services with a complete list of position numbers
3250 that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and
3251 include the percentage of federal funding for each position no
3252 later than July 31, 2025, and shall update the list on the last
3253 day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant
3254 positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state
3255 agency shall immediately take steps to include the
3256 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost
3257 plan for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and each fiscal year
3258 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of
3259 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the



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3260 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of
3261 the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval of
3262 the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able
3263 to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state
3264 agency must notify the Department of Management Services, the
3265 Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and
3266 budget chairs no later than January 15, 2026.

3267 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection
3268 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office
3269 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in
3270 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between
3271 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the
3272 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department
3273 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance
3274 assessment.

3275 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

3276 Section 109. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3277 2530 and 2531 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
3278 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized
3279 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2025-2026 fiscal
3280 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.
3281 This section expires July 1, 2026.

3282 Section 110. In order to implement the transfer of funds
3283 from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2025-2026
3284 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration
3285 date in section 91 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida,
3286 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida
3287 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3288 215.32 State funds; segregation.—



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3289 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as
3290 follows:

3291 (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by
3292 the state which under law or under trust agreement are
3293 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or
3294 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys
3295 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.
3296 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state
3297 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,
3298 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the
3299 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper
3300 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief
3301 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only
3302 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at
3303 the level of the account.

3304 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the
3305 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds
3306 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

3307 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a
3308 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by
3309 program revenues, with the exception of administrative
3310 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a
3311 proprietary fund.

3312 b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a
3313 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

3314 c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for
3315 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental
3316 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments
3317 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the



3318 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.
3319 d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a depository
3320 for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor agreement
3321 activities funded by restricted contractual revenue from private
3322 and public nonfederal sources.
3323 e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a
3324 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.
3325 f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for
3326 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful
3327 recipients.
3328 g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for
3329 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by
3330 restricted program revenues from federal sources.
3331
3332 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal
3333 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the
3334 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have
3335 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such
3336 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the
3337 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next
3338 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.
3339 215.3206.
3340 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended
3341 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they
3342 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216
3343 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable
3344 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the
3345 State Treasury.
3346 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the



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3347 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash
3348 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the
3349 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and
3350 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

3351 b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds required
3352 by federal programs or mandates; trust funds established for
3353 bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose revenues are
3354 legally pledged by the state or public body to meet debt service
3355 or other financial requirements of any debt obligations of the
3356 state or any public body; the Division of Licensing Trust Fund
3357 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the
3358 State Transportation Trust Fund; the trust fund containing the
3359 net annual proceeds from the Florida Education Lotteries; the
3360 Florida Retirement System Trust Fund; trust funds under the
3361 management of the State Board of Education or the Board of
3362 Governors of the State University System, where such trust funds
3363 are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance, and contracts,
3364 grants, and donations, as those terms are defined by general
3365 law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or accounts for
3366 the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies; trust funds that
3367 account for assets held by the state in a trustee capacity as an
3368 agent or fiduciary for individuals, private organizations, or
3369 other governmental units; and other trust funds authorized by
3370 the State Constitution.

3371 Section 111. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes,
3372 as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by
3373 this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that paragraph
3374 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, except that
3375 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall



3376 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
3377 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
3378 expire pursuant to this section.

3379 Section 112. In order to implement appropriations in the
3380 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,
3381 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used
3382 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2025-2026
3383 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each
3384 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by
3385 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,
3386 staff training activities, or other administrative functions
3387 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such
3388 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head
3389 shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of
3390 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed
3391 activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section
3392 does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military
3393 purposes, emergency management activities, or public health
3394 activities. This section expires July 1, 2026.

3395 Section 113. In order to implement appropriations in the
3396 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel
3397 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for
3398 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention
3399 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or
3400 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may
3401 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess
3402 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does
3403 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,
3404 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities



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3405 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section
3406 expires July 1, 2026.

3407 Section 114. In order to implement the appropriations and
3408 reappropriations authorized in the 2025-2026 General
3409 Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section
3410 216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3411 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital
3412 outlay.—

3413 (11)

3414 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2)(b), and
3415 for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, the Legislative
3416 Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for new fixed
3417 capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to
3418 state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects. This paragraph
3419 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

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3421 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and
3422 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

3423 Section 115. In order to implement the salaries and
3424 benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted
3425 services, special categories, and operating capital outlay
3426 categories of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
3427 paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida
3428 Statutes, is amended to read:

3429 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

3430 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by
3431 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme
3432 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed
3433 conditions:



3434 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical
3435 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,
3436 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original
3437 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as
3438 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

3439 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget
3440 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or
3441 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget
3442 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under
3443 this subsection.

3444 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of
3445 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or
3446 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget
3447 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under
3448 this subsection.

3449 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant to
3450 s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be
3451 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.
3452 in the subsequent fiscal year.

3453 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and
3454 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and
3455 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least
3456 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an
3457 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring
3458 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this
3459 paragraph.

3460 5. For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, the review
3461 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph
3462 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and



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3463 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative
3464 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3465 Section 116. In order to implement appropriations in the
3466 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of
3467 motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida
3468 Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a
3469 state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from
3470 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the
3471 Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the
3472 motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar
3473 class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the
3474 funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This
3475 section expires July 1, 2026.

3476 Section 117. In order to implement appropriations for state
3477 agencies in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section
3478 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3479 11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state
3480 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of
3481 the Governor with information about the status of implementation
3482 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must
3483 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the
3484 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all
3485 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The
3486 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for
3487 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to
3488 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for
3489 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,
3490 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the
3491 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to



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3492 implement or administer the legislation, programs started,
3493 offices established, or other organization administrative
3494 changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers
3495 requested; any expenditures made directly related to the
3496 implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,
3497 including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative
3498 rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular
3499 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of
3500 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature
3501 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding
3502 the implementation of the legislation and the status of any
3503 litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy
3504 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure
3505 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This
3506 section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3507 Section 118. In order to implement appropriations for state
3508 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General
3509 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida
3510 Statutes, is amended to read:

3511 216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the
3512 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to
3513 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that
3514 includes the development of integrated agency program service
3515 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,
3516 accountable, and developed through careful examination and
3517 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

3518 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each
3519 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required
3520 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,



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3521 2025 ~~2024~~, for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, except in
3522 circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions
3523 prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation
3524 with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.
3525 This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3526 Section 119. In order to implement appropriations for state
3527 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General
3528 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida
3529 Statutes, is amended to read:

3530 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to
3531 Legislature by agencies.—

3532 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state
3533 agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all
3534 ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative
3535 estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The
3536 inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following
3537 information:

3538 (a) The name of the technology system.

3539 (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the
3540 system.

3541 (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

3542 (d) The initiation date of the project.

3543 (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

3544 (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the health
3545 and status of the project.

3546 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates
3547 of the project.

3548 (h) The original and current estimated costs of the
3549 project.



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3550 (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project
3551 and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

3552
3553 For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related
3554 project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected
3555 to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing
3556 technology-related project does not include the continuance of
3557 existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the
3558 renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the
3559 replacement of desktop units with new technology that is
3560 substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This
3561 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3562 Section 120. In order to implement appropriations in the
3563 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the use of state funds
3564 must be consistent with the following principles of individual
3565 freedom:

3566 (1) No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive,
3567 whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or
3568 her race or sex.

3569 (2) No race is inherently superior to another race.

3570 (3) No person should be discriminated against or receive
3571 adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color,
3572 national origin, religion, disability, or sex.

3573 (4) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are not
3574 racist but fundamental to the right to pursue happiness and be
3575 rewarded for industry.

3576 (5) A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does not
3577 bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by other
3578 members of the same race or sex.



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3579 (6) A person should not be instructed that he or she must
3580 feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress
3581 for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the
3582 past by other members of the same race or sex.

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3584 This section expires July 1, 2026.

3585 Section 121. In order to implement appropriations for state
3586 agencies in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, a state
3587 agency may not use state funds to contract with an advertising
3588 agency or other contractor who acts as or uses the services of
3589 media reliability and bias monitors. The term "media reliability
3590 and bias monitor" means any contractor whose primary or
3591 principal function is to rate or rank news and information
3592 services for the factual accuracy of their content, whether the
3593 content is published online, in print, by audio, or digitally,
3594 or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming
3595 service, or any other way news is delivered to the public; or to
3596 provide ratings or a subjective evaluation of news and
3597 information services regarding misinformation, bias, adherence
3598 to journalistic standards, or ethics. The term includes, but is
3599 not limited to, organizations that engage in fact checking. The
3600 term does not include any contractor that rates media outlets
3601 for audience size, viewership, and demographic information; or
3602 that monitors media outlets for the purpose of compiling press
3603 or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purpose
3604 of public relations and public awareness. This section expires
3605 July 1, 2026.

3606 Section 122. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3607 2295 through 2308A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,



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3608 paragraph (d) of subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida
3609 Statutes, is amended to read:

3610 440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for
3611 violations; limitations.—

3612 (12) CREATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL; GUIDES OF MAXIMUM
3613 REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES.—

3614 (d)1. Outpatient reimbursement for scheduled surgeries
3615 shall be 60 percent of charges.

3616 2. Reimbursement for emergency services and care as defined
3617 in s. 395.002 which have not been assigned ~~which does not~~
3618 ~~include~~ a maximum reimbursement allowance must be 250 percent of
3619 Medicare, unless there is a contract, in which case the contract
3620 governs reimbursement. Upon this subparagraph taking effect, the
3621 department shall engage with an actuarial services firm to begin
3622 development of maximum reimbursement allowances for services
3623 subject to the reimbursement provisions of this subparagraph.
3624 Until the three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum
3625 reimbursement allowances, reimbursement for emergency services
3626 and care that have not been assigned a maximum reimbursement
3627 allowance and for which there is no Medicare billing code must
3628 be 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a
3629 contract, in which case the contract governs reimbursement. This
3630 subparagraph expires June 30, 2026.

3631
3632 The department, as requested, shall provide data to the panel,
3633 including, but not limited to, utilization trends in the
3634 workers' compensation health care delivery system. The
3635 department shall provide the panel with an annual report
3636 regarding the resolution of medical reimbursement disputes and



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3637 any actions pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall
3638 provide administrative support and service to the panel to the
3639 extent requested by the panel. The department may adopt rules
3640 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this
3641 subsection. For prescription medication purchased under the
3642 requirements of this subsection, a dispensing practitioner shall
3643 not possess such medication unless payment has been made by the
3644 practitioner, the practitioner's professional practice, or the
3645 practitioner's practice management company or employer to the
3646 supplying manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or drug
3647 repackager within 60 days of the dispensing practitioner taking
3648 possession of that medication.

3649 Section 123. The amendment to s. 440.13(12)(d), Florida
3650 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of
3651 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
3652 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
3653 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
3654 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
3655 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3656 Section 124. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3657 2423 and 2424 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

3658 (1) The Office of Policy and Budget within the Executive
3659 Office of the Governor may:

3660 (a) Conduct a review of the functions, procedures, and
3661 policies currently in effect for any local governmental entity,
3662 local governing authority, or unit of local general-purpose
3663 government, as those terms are defined in s. 218.31, Florida
3664 Statutes, and any expenditures by such bodies pertaining to
3665 local fiscal years ending on September 30, 2024, and September



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3666 30, 2025, to identify:

3667 1. Any use of resources to support diversity, equity, and
3668 inclusion initiatives inconsistent with law.

3669 2. Any evidence of potential gross overspending, waste,
3670 fraud, abuse, or mismanagement of resources.

3671 3. Duplicative or redundant government functions.

3672 (b) For the purpose of these reviews, review the following
3673 records:

3674 1. Any personnel costs, administrative overhead costs,
3675 contracts and subcontracts, programs, grants and subgrants, any
3676 outsourcing with a nongovernment organization, and any other
3677 expenditures.

3678 2. Any financial documents, including, but not limited to,
3679 annual financial audits; annual budgets; millage reports; annual
3680 financial reports; audits of any financial accounts or records,
3681 including reports on compliance, internal controls, and
3682 management letters; and financial statements, audits,
3683 accountability, or status reports for local projects funded by
3684 any source.

3685 3. Any document setting forth personnel standards and
3686 expectations, position responsibilities, and employee training
3687 and development standards and materials.

3688 (2) (a) Each local government that received state funding
3689 during the current or previous fiscal year must, within 7
3690 business days after the request, provide the personnel of the
3691 Office of Policy and Budget access to:

3692 1. Its responsive personnel and subject matter experts.

3693 2. Its physical premises, subject to appropriate security
3694 considerations.



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3695 3. Its data systems and related data, subject to
3696 appropriate security considerations.

3697 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
3698 access to records that are confidential under federal or state
3699 laws.

3700 (c) Failure to provide access as required in paragraph (a)
3701 may subject the local government to a fine of \$1,000 per day for
3702 noncompliance. The Executive Office of the Governor may assess a
3703 fine, if such action is recommended by the Office of Policy and
3704 Budget and approved by a three-fourths vote of the
3705 Administration Commission. The assessment of a fine pursuant to
3706 this section constitutes final agency action pursuant to chapter
3707 120, Florida Statutes. Fines collected under this subsection
3708 must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. Fines imposed
3709 pursuant to this paragraph shall be enforced against the local
3710 government and not its employees.

3711 (d) Any request for public records by the Office of Policy
3712 and Budget to a local governmental entity, a local governing
3713 authority, or a unit of local general-purpose government shall
3714 be deemed a request to inspect its public records. Enforcement
3715 of these requests shall be subject to ss. 119.11 and 119.12,
3716 Florida Statutes.

3717 (3) The Office of Policy and Budget shall:

3718 (a) Compile and submit an initial report to the Governor,
3719 the Chief Financial Officer, the President of the Senate, and
3720 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 13, 2026.
3721 The report must, at a minimum:

- 3722 1. Identify each local government reviewed.
3723 2. Summarize each review.



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3724 3. Provide any specific instances of the use of resources
3725 for initiatives supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion
3726 inconsistent with law.

3727 4. Provide any specific evidence of potential gross
3728 overspending, waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement of
3729 resources.

3730 5. Identify duplicative or redundant government functions.

3731 6. Recommend any opportunities for good governance and
3732 methods to improve fiscal responsibility and streamline
3733 government services.

3734 (b) Provide the Legislative Auditing Committee any
3735 information described in subparagraph (a)4.

3736
3737 Nothing shall preclude the Office of Policy and Budget from
3738 engaging in additional activities in support of its duties under
3739 this section, including encouraging or receiving cooperation
3740 from a local government. This section expires July 1, 2026.

3741 Section 125. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3742 1311 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2)
3743 of section 551.118, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3744 551.118 Compulsive or addictive gambling prevention
3745 program.—

3746 (2)(a) The commission shall, subject to competitive
3747 bidding, contract for provision of services related to the
3748 prevention of compulsive and addictive gambling. The contract
3749 shall provide for an advertising program to encourage
3750 responsible gaming practices and to publicize a gambling
3751 telephone help line. Such advertisements must be made both
3752 publicly and inside the designated slot machine gaming areas of



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3753 the licensee's facilities. The terms of any contract for the
3754 provision of such services shall include accountability
3755 standards that must be met by any private provider. The failure
3756 of any private provider to meet any material terms of the
3757 contract, including the accountability standards, shall
3758 constitute a breach of contract or grounds for nonrenewal. The
3759 commission may consult with the Department of the Lottery in the
3760 development of the program and the development and analysis of
3761 any procurement for contractual services for the compulsive or
3762 addictive gambling prevention program.

3763 (b) For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the commission's
3764 contract for the provision of services related to the prevention
3765 of compulsive and addictive gambling shall be for 1 year. This
3766 paragraph expires July 1, 2026.

3767 Section 126. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3768 1325 through 1329B of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
3769 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 373.0421, Florida
3770 Statutes, is amended to read:

3771 373.0421 Establishment and implementation of minimum flows
3772 and minimum water levels.—

3773 (2) If, at the time a minimum flow or minimum water level
3774 is initially established for a water body pursuant to s. 373.042
3775 or is revised, the existing flow or water level in the water
3776 body is below, or is projected to fall within 20 years below,
3777 the applicable minimum flow or minimum water level, the
3778 department or governing board, as part of the regional water
3779 supply plan described in s. 373.709, shall concurrently adopt or
3780 modify and implement a recovery or prevention strategy. If a
3781 minimum flow or minimum water level has been established for a



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3782 water body pursuant to s. 373.042, and the existing flow or
3783 water level in the water body falls below, or is projected to
3784 fall within 20 years below, the applicable minimum flow or
3785 minimum water level, the department or governing board shall
3786 expeditiously adopt a recovery or prevention strategy. A
3787 recovery or prevention strategy shall include the development of
3788 additional water supplies and other actions, consistent with the
3789 authority granted by this chapter, to:

3790 (b) Prevent the existing flow or water level from falling
3791 below the established minimum flow or minimum water level.

3792
3793 The recovery or prevention strategy must include a phased-in
3794 approach or a timetable which will allow for the provision of
3795 sufficient water supplies for all existing and projected
3796 reasonable-beneficial uses, including development of additional
3797 water supplies and implementation of conservation and other
3798 efficiency measures concurrent with and, to the maximum extent
3799 practical, to offset reductions in permitted withdrawals,
3800 consistent with this chapter. The recovery or prevention
3801 strategy may not depend solely on water shortage restrictions
3802 declared pursuant to s. 373.175 or s. 373.246. Agricultural
3803 producers who implement best management practices adopted in s.
3804 403.067(7)(c)2. shall be presumed to be in compliance with the
3805 recovery or prevention strategy.

3806 Section 127. The amendment to s. 373.0421(2)(b), Florida
3807 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of
3808 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
3809 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
3810 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the



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3811 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
3812 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3813 Section 128. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3814 2576 through 2596 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
3815 and notwithstanding any other law:

3816 (1) (a) The Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the
3817 Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex. The
3818 interior space allocated to each tenant on June 1, 2025, may not
3819 be reduced or moved without express consent of the tenant. For
3820 purposes of determining the interior space allocated to the
3821 House of Representatives, the total square footage shall include
3822 the contiguous office space described in paragraph (b). If
3823 additional interior space becomes vacant, the Legislature has
3824 the first right of refusal for use of the space.

3825 (b) No later than November 1, 2025, the Department of
3826 Management Services must offer for lease to the House of
3827 Representatives a minimum of 886 square feet of contiguous
3828 office space acceptable to the House of Representatives located
3829 on any floor from the Lower Level to the 21st floor of the
3830 Capitol Building. The space must be available for occupancy by
3831 the House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2025.

3832 (2) (a) Before the Department of Management Services may
3833 plan for or schedule any project in the Capitol Center that
3834 impacts space occupied by a permanent tenant of the Capitol
3835 Complex other than the Governor, the Department of Management
3836 Services must coordinate with the tenant and receive the
3837 tenant's approval on the scope, design, and timeline of the
3838 project. For purposes of space in which the Legislature is the
3839 tenant, the Department of Management Services must coordinate



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3840 with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for
3841 space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
3842 Representatives for space allocated to the House of
3843 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space
3844 allocated jointly to both chambers. For any project that impacts
3845 space in which the Legislature is the tenant, the Department of
3846 Management Services must consider the schedule and time
3847 constraints of the Legislature, as well as the Legislature's
3848 needs.

3849 (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
3850 House of Representatives may design, redesign, renovate, or
3851 upgrade any space allocated to their respective chambers in
3852 which the Senate or the House of Representatives is the tenant
3853 without approval by the Department of Management Services.

3854 (c) The Department of Management Services must consult with
3855 and receive approval from the President of the Senate for space
3856 allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
3857 Representatives for space allocated to the House of
3858 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space
3859 allocated jointly to both chambers before including in the
3860 report required under s. 272.09(3), Florida Statutes, any
3861 project that impacts any space in the Capitol Complex in which
3862 the Legislature is the tenant.

3863 (3) In carrying out the provisions of the Capitol Center
3864 long-range planning specified in s. 272.121, Florida Statutes,
3865 the Department of Management Services must solicit feedback from
3866 all permanent tenants of the Capitol Center, including the
3867 Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Attorney General, the
3868 Commissioner of Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and



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3869 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3870 (4) The parking spaces within the Capitol Center area
3871 allocated to the Legislature on June 1, 2025, may not be reduced
3872 or reassigned without the express consent of the Legislature. If
3873 additional parking spaces become available for assignment, the
3874 Legislature has the first right of refusal for the use of the
3875 parking spaces.

3876 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

3877 Section 129. Any section of this act which implements a
3878 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
3879 language in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act is void if
3880 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
3881 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements
3882 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of
3883 specifically identified proviso language in the 2025-2026
3884 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific
3885 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso
3886 language are vetoed.

3887 Section 130. If any other act passed during the 2025
3888 Regular Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is
3889 substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that
3890 removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied
3891 to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the
3892 provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to
3893 operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

3894 Section 131. If any provision of this act or its
3895 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3896 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
3897 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision



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3898 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
3899 severable.

3900 Section 132. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
3901 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
3902 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
3903 2025, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that
3904 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate
3905 retroactively to July 1, 2025.

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3907 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

3908 And the title is amended as follows:

3909 Delete everything before the enacting clause
3910 and insert:

3911 A bill to be entitled
3912 An act implementing the 2025-2026 General
3913 Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;
3914 incorporating by reference certain calculations;
3915 amending s. 1011.45, F.S.; requiring a carry forward
3916 spending plan to commit certain excess reserve
3917 balances to specified projects in a specified manner;
3918 providing for the future expiration and reversion of
3919 specified statutory text; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.;
3920 requiring a state university to waive a student's out-
3921 of-pocket expenses under certain conditions; deleting
3922 a requirement for a certain fee waiver; providing for
3923 the future expiration and reversion of specified
3924 statutory text; amending s. 1004.89, F.S.; revising
3925 the duties of the Institute for Freedom in the
3926 Americas at Miami Dade College; deleting a provision



3927 requiring the college to approve a direct-support
3928 organization for a specified purpose; providing for
3929 the future expiration and reversion of specified
3930 statutory text; authorizing certain state university
3931 board of trustees to accept a health care provider's
3932 procurement methods and construction contracts under
3933 certain circumstances; authorizing the Florida
3934 Agricultural and Mechanical University board of
3935 trustees to expend available reserves or carryforward
3936 certain balances for a specified purpose; authorizing
3937 the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
3938 budget amendment to realign Medicaid funding for
3939 specified purposes, subject to certain limitations;
3940 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
3941 and the Department of Health to each submit a budget
3942 amendment to realign funding within the Florida
3943 Kidcare program appropriation categories or to
3944 increase budget authority for certain purposes;
3945 specifying the time period within which each budget
3946 amendment must be submitted; amending s. 381.986,
3947 F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the exemption of
3948 certain rules pertaining to the medical use of
3949 marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;
3950 amending s. 14(1), chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida;
3951 exempting certain rules pertaining to medical
3952 marijuana adopted to replace emergency rules from
3953 specified rulemaking requirements; providing for the
3954 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
3955 text; authorizing the Agency for Health Care



3956 Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting
3957 additional spending authority to implement specified
3958 programs and payments; requiring institutions
3959 participating in a specified workforce expansion and
3960 education program to provide quarterly reports to the
3961 agency; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
3962 Administration to a submit budget amendment for a
3963 specified purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health
3964 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment
3965 requesting additional spending authority to implement
3966 the Low Income Pool component of the Florida Managed
3967 Medical Assistance Demonstration up to a certain
3968 amount; requiring that the amendment include a signed
3969 attestation and acknowledgment for entities relating
3970 to the Low Income Pool; authorizing the Agency for
3971 Health Care Administration to submit a budget
3972 amendment requesting additional spending authority to
3973 implement certain payments and specified programs;
3974 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
3975 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional
3976 spending authority to implement a certified
3977 expenditure program for emergency medical
3978 transportation services; authorizing the Agency for
3979 Health Care Administration to submit a budget
3980 amendment requesting additional spending authority to
3981 implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program;
3982 requiring such amendment to include specified
3983 information; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
3984 Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting



3985 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-
3986 service inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments
3987 for specialty hospitals; authorizing the Agency for
3988 Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments
3989 to increase budget authority to support the Florida
3990 School-Based Services program; amending s. 409.908,
3991 F.S.; revising the Quality Incentive Program payment
3992 pool percentage for the reimbursement of Medicaid
3993 providers; providing for the future expiration and
3994 reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the
3995 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget
3996 amendment to realign funding within specified areas of
3997 the department based on implementation of the
3998 Guardianship Assistance Program; authorizing the
3999 Department of Children and Families, the Department of
4000 Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration
4001 to submit budget amendments to increase budget
4002 authority to support certain refugee programs;
4003 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
4004 submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of
4005 the Governor and the Legislature; authorizing the
4006 Department of Children and Families to submit budget
4007 amendments to increase budget authority to support
4008 specified federal grant programs; authorizing the
4009 Department of Children and Families to submit budget
4010 amendments to transfer funds between certain
4011 appropriation categories to support the operations of
4012 the Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-
4013 Sufficiency system; amending s. 393.066, F.S.;



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4014 authorizing certain persons or entities to maintain an
4015 alternate data system that meets specified standards;
4016 prohibiting the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
4017 from requiring training on a specified system in
4018 certain circumstances; requiring the Agency for Health
4019 Care Administration to amend the Florida Medicaid
4020 Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver
4021 Services Provider Rate Table for a specified purpose;
4022 requiring providers to be reimbursed at the existing
4023 hourly rate for certain recipients; requiring the
4024 agency to develop a methodology to monitor and
4025 evaluate the fiscal impact of the revised
4026 reimbursement methodology and submit quarterly reports
4027 to the Legislature and the Executive Office of the
4028 Governor's Office of Policy and Budget; providing for
4029 the future expiration and reversion of specified
4030 statutory text; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.;

4031 authorizing a managing entity to carry forward certain
4032 unexpended funds; providing construction; amending s.
4033 409.9913, F.S.; requiring core services funding to be
4034 allocated as provided in the General Appropriations
4035 Act; requiring the Department of Children and Families
4036 to develop and report on an alternative tiered funding
4037 methodology and to provide certain information;
4038 providing requirements for the methodology; requiring
4039 lead agencies and providers to submit detailed cost
4040 and expenditure data as requested by the department
4041 for a specified purpose; providing reporting
4042 requirements; authorizing the Department of Health to



4043 submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority
4044 for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
4045 Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food
4046 Program if a certain condition is met; authorizing the
4047 Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to
4048 increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention
4049 and Treatment Program if a certain condition is met;
4050 authorizing the Department of Health to submit a
4051 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the
4052 department if additional federal revenues specific to
4053 COVID-19 relief funds become available; requiring the
4054 Agency for Health Care Administration to replace the
4055 Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS)
4056 and fiscal agent operations with a specified new
4057 system; specifying items that may not be included in
4058 the new system; providing directives to the Agency for
4059 Health Care Administration related to the new Florida
4060 Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the
4061 Agency for Health Care Administration to meet certain
4062 requirements in replacing FMMIS and the current
4063 Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency for Health
4064 Care Administration to implement a specified program
4065 governance structure that includes an executive
4066 steering committee composed of specified members;
4067 providing the duties of the executive steering
4068 committee; requiring the establishment of specified
4069 working groups; providing the composition of such
4070 groups; providing requirements for such groups;
4071 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration,



4072 in consultation with the Department of Health, the
4073 Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department
4074 of Children and Families, and the Department of
4075 Corrections, to competitively procure a contract with
4076 a vendor to negotiate prices for certain prescribed
4077 drugs and biological products; providing
4078 specifications for such contract; authorizing the
4079 Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget
4080 amendments to transfer funding from the Salaries and
4081 Benefits appropriation categories for a specified
4082 purpose; authorizing the Agency for Persons with
4083 Disabilities to submit budget amendments to request
4084 funds from the Lump Sum-Home and Community Based
4085 Waiver category for a specified purpose; authorizing
4086 the Agency for Health Care Administration and the
4087 Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget
4088 amendments within a specified timeframe for a
4089 specified purpose; authorizing the Department of
4090 Veterans' Affairs to submit a budget amendment,
4091 subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval,
4092 requesting certain authority for certain purposes
4093 relating to veterans' nursing homes; amending s.
4094 409.915, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of
4095 an exception for certain funds used for the hospital
4096 directed payment program; authorizing the Department
4097 of Veterans' Affairs to submit budget amendments,
4098 subject to certain approval, for the development and
4099 construction of a new State Veterans Nursing Home and
4100 Adult Day Health Care Center in a specified county;



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4101 authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs to
4102 submit a budget amendment requesting certain authority
4103 for an Adult Care Food Program under certain
4104 circumstances; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; authorizing
4105 the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury
4106 Compensation Association to accept new claims during a
4107 specified fiscal year under certain circumstances;
4108 amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year
4109 the authority of the Department of Corrections to
4110 submit a budget amendment for additional positions and
4111 appropriations under certain circumstances; amending
4112 s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the
4113 authority and related repayment requirements for
4114 temporary trust fund loans to the state court system
4115 which are sufficient to meet the system's
4116 appropriation; requiring the Department of Juvenile
4117 Justice to review county juvenile detention payments
4118 to determine whether a county has met specified
4119 financial responsibilities; requiring that amounts
4120 owed by certain county for such financial
4121 responsibilities be deducted from certain county
4122 funds; requiring the Department of Revenue to transfer
4123 withheld funds to a specified trust fund; requiring
4124 the Department of Revenue to ensure that such
4125 reductions in amounts distributed do not reduce
4126 distributions below amounts necessary for certain
4127 payments due on bonds and to comply with bond
4128 covenants; requiring the Department of Revenue to
4129 notify the Department of Juvenile Justice if bond



4130 payment requirements mandate a reduction in deductions
4131 for amounts owed by a county; requiring the Department
4132 of Juvenile Justice to take certain actions;
4133 reenacting s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and
4134 (7), F.S., relating to court-appointed counsel;
4135 extending for 1 fiscal year provisions governing the
4136 appointment of court-appointed counsel; providing for
4137 the future expiration and reversion of specified
4138 statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 27.5304,
4139 F.S., relating to the extension for 1 fiscal year
4140 limitations on compensation for representation in
4141 criminal proceedings; revising the maximum
4142 compensation for certain proceedings; providing for
4143 the future expiration and reversion of specified
4144 statutory text; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; providing
4145 how certain appropriated funds may be used; extending
4146 for 1 year the expiration of a certain grant program;
4147 amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; authorizing local law
4148 enforcement agencies to apply to the State Board of
4149 Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for
4150 certain certified correctional officers; specifying a
4151 maximum amount for such bonus per officer; requiring
4152 the local law enforcement agency to certify certain
4153 information; requiring the Department of Management
4154 Services, with the cooperation of certain agencies, to
4155 use tenant broker services to renegotiate or reprocure
4156 certain private lease agreements for office or storage
4157 space; requiring the Department of Management Services
4158 to provide a report to the Governor and the



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4159 Legislature by a specified date; prohibiting an agency
4160 from transferring funds from a data processing
4161 category to another category other than another data
4162 processing category; authorizing the Executive Office
4163 of the Governor to transfer funds appropriated in
4164 certain categories between departments for purposes of
4165 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance
4166 and for human resources services purchased per
4167 statewide contract; authorizing the Department of
4168 Management Services to use certain facility
4169 disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
4170 Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses;
4171 authorizing the Department of Management Services to
4172 submit budget amendments for an increase in
4173 appropriation under certain circumstances; requiring
4174 that such amendments include specified information;
4175 authorizing all agencies to continue to purchase
4176 productivity and cybersecurity tools and services;
4177 requiring the Department of Management Services to
4178 maintain the state master agreement; requiring the
4179 Department of Financial Services to replace specified
4180 components of the Florida Accounting Information
4181 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash Management
4182 Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated enterprise
4183 system; prohibiting the Department of Financial
4184 Services from including certain components in the
4185 replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing requirements
4186 for the Department of Financial services related to
4187 replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the composition



4188 of an executive steering committee to oversee FLAIR
4189 and CMS replacement; providing requirements for the
4190 executive steering committee chair; providing duties
4191 and responsibilities of the executive steering
4192 committee; reenacting s. 282.709(3), F.S., relating to
4193 the state agency law enforcement radio system and
4194 interoperability network; providing for future
4195 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
4196 authorizing state agencies and other eligible users of
4197 the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System to use the
4198 Department of Management Services contract to purchase
4199 equipment and services; requiring that a specified
4200 transaction fee percentage for use of the online
4201 procurement system be collected for a specified fiscal
4202 year; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying
4203 requirements for the adoption of rules of the
4204 Department of the Lottery, excluding certain rules for
4205 1 fiscal year regarding the commission for lottery
4206 ticket sales; limiting additional retailer
4207 compensation in a specified manner; providing for the
4208 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
4209 text; reenacting and amending s. 627.351, F.S.;
4210 extending for 1 year the specified authority of
4211 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; authorizing
4212 the Division of Treasury within the Department of
4213 Financial Services to allow employee contributions
4214 into the state deferred compensation plan on a
4215 specified basis under a specified program; providing
4216 requirements for such employee contributions; amending



4217 s. 110.116, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4218 Management Services to contract with an independent
4219 software quality assurance and testing provider for
4220 specified purposes; deleting legislative findings and
4221 contracting and reporting requirements; amending s.
4222 215.5586, F.S.; revising homeowner eligibility
4223 criteria for a hurricane mitigation grant from the My
4224 Safe Florida Home Program; providing that certain
4225 funds appropriated to the Department of Financial
4226 Services may be carried forward through a specified
4227 fiscal year; authorizing the Executive Office of the
4228 Governor to transfer funds between departments to
4229 align the budget authority granted based on the
4230 estimated costs for data processing services for a
4231 specified fiscal year; limiting the auxiliary
4232 assessments that may be charged to state agencies
4233 related to contract management services provided to
4234 the Northwest Regional Data Center; amending s.
4235 284.51, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
4236 "first responder" as used in the electroencephalogram
4237 combined Transactional Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS)
4238 treatment pilot program; extending the pilot program
4239 for 1 year; requiring the Department of Financial
4240 Services to renew, for a specified timeframe, its
4241 existing contract for the establishment of the eTMS
4242 pilot program for veterans and first responders;
4243 requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic
4244 Research to submit a final report on certain child
4245 support guidelines to the Legislature by a specified



4246 date; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and
4247 Consumer Services to submit budget amendments to
4248 increase budget authority for the National School
4249 Lunch Program; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for
4250 1 fiscal year certain authority to transfer funds from
4251 certain trust funds in the State Treasury to other
4252 trust funds in certain circumstances; requiring the
4253 Department of Environmental Protection to transfer
4254 designated proportions of the revenues deposited in
4255 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department
4256 to land acquisition trust funds in the Department of
4257 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
4258 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
4259 Commission according to specified parameters and
4260 calculations; defining the term "department";
4261 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection
4262 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds
4263 monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer
4264 amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental
4265 Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition
4266 trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
4267 Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified
4268 purposes; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; requiring that
4269 proceeds from a specified trust fund be distributed as
4270 provided in the General Appropriations Act for a
4271 specified fiscal year; amending s. 376.91, F.S.;
4272 extending for 1 year the date by which the Department
4273 of Environmental Protection shall adopt statewide
4274 cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain



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4275 circumstances; providing for future expiration and
4276 reversion of specified statutory text; amending ss.
4277 376.3071 and 376.3072, F.S.; prohibiting certain
4278 deductibles and copays; prohibiting enforcement of
4279 certain monetary caps; requiring that certain costs be
4280 absorbed at the expense of the Inland Protection Trust
4281 Fund; providing exceptions; reenacting s.
4282 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland
4283 Protection Trust Fund; providing for the future
4284 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
4285 requiring the Department of Citrus to enter into
4286 agreements for specified purposes by a certain date;
4287 requiring the Department of Citrus to file certain
4288 information with the department's Inspector General;
4289 reenacting and amending s. 380.5105, F.S., relating to
4290 the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; revising the
4291 intent of the program; providing for the future
4292 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
4293 amending s. 10, ch. 2022-272, Laws of Florida;
4294 extending the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement
4295 Grant Program for 1 fiscal year; authorizing the Fish
4296 and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use specified
4297 funds to provide grants for a specified purpose;
4298 amending s. 403.0673, F.S.; requiring that funds
4299 appropriated for the water quality improvement grant
4300 program be used for a specified fiscal year as
4301 provided in the General Appropriations Act; amending
4302 s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring funds for the Land
4303 Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated in a



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4304 specified manner; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.;

4305 extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that the use

4306 of funds in the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be

4307 related to Hurricane Michael recovery; amending s.

4308 339.135, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the

4309 authority for the chair and vice chair of the

4310 Legislative Budget Commission to approve certain work

4311 program amendments under specified circumstances;

4312 authorizing the Department of Transportation to

4313 rebalance funds within the Work Program for specified

4314 purposes; providing requirements for such rebalancing;

4315 authorizing the department to request a specified

4316 amount of budget authority to the extent necessary to

4317 advance or defer certain projects in the Work Program

4318 and align resources for a specified purpose; amending

4319 s. 288.0655, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a

4320 requirement that certain appropriated funds relating

4321 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a

4322 specified manner; authorizing the Division of

4323 Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to

4324 increase budget authority for certain expenditures;

4325 amending s. 282.201, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year

4326 the Division of Emergency Management's exemption from

4327 the use of the state data center; amending s. 251.001,

4328 F.S.; providing that the Florida State Guard aircraft

4329 is assigned to a specified department for certain

4330 uses; requiring the Florida State Guard to sign a

4331 certain memorandum of understanding; amending s.

4332 443.1113, F.S.; providing that certain improvements to



4333 the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
4334 Information System are subject to appropriation;
4335 revising the date a certain report from the Department
4336 of Commerce is required to be submitted; revising the
4337 report requirements; providing for the future
4338 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
4339 amending s. 445.08, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement
4340 officer to provide documentation justifying a break in
4341 service for purposes of the Florida Law Enforcement
4342 Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; defining the term
4343 "break in service"; providing that the time period for
4344 such a break in service does not count toward
4345 satisfying certain requirements; extending the program
4346 for 1 fiscal year; amending s. 420.5096, F.S.;

4347 revising eligibility for the Florida Hometown Hero
4348 Program for a specified fiscal year; requiring the
4349 Department of Management Services to assess an
4350 administrative health insurance assessment on each
4351 state agency; providing the rate of such assessment;
4352 defining the term "state agency"; requiring the
4353 Department of Management Services to take certain
4354 actions in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief
4355 Financial Officer to transfer funds under specified
4356 circumstances; requiring state agencies to provide a
4357 list of positions that qualify for a certain exception
4358 by a specified date and to update the list monthly
4359 thereafter; requiring state agencies to include the
4360 administrative health insurance assessment in their
4361 indirect cost plan beginning for a specified fiscal



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4362 year and annually thereafter; requiring agencies to
4363 notify the Department of Management Services, the
4364 Executive Office of the Governor, and the Legislature
4365 regarding the approval of their updated indirect cost
4366 plans; authorizing the Executive Office of the
4367 Governor to transfer budget authority between agencies
4368 in specified circumstances; providing that the annual
4369 salaries of the members of the Legislature be
4370 maintained at a specified level for a specified fiscal
4371 year; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating to
4372 the authorization for transferring unappropriated cash
4373 balances from selected trust funds to the Budget
4374 Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing
4375 for future expiration and reversion of specific
4376 statutory text; specifying the type of travel which
4377 may be used with state employee travel funds for a
4378 specified fiscal year; providing exceptions; providing
4379 applicability; providing a monetary cap on lodging
4380 costs for state employee travel to certain meetings
4381 organized or sponsored by a state agency or the
4382 judicial branch; authorizing employees to expend their
4383 own funds for lodging expenses that exceed the
4384 monetary caps; providing construction; amending s.
4385 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the
4386 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to
4387 approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital
4388 outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending
4389 for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain
4390 transfers; authorizing state agencies to purchase



4391 vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without
4392 prior approval from the Department of Management
4393 Services under certain circumstances; amending s.
4394 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency
4395 reporting requirements regarding implementation of
4396 legislation; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for
4397 1 fiscal year an exception from certain planning
4398 requirements; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; extending for
4399 1 year the a requirement that certain entities include
4400 a specified inventory in their legislative budget
4401 requests; providing that the use of state funds must
4402 be consistent with specified principles of individual
4403 freedom; prohibiting a state agency from using state
4404 funds to contract with an advertising agency or other
4405 contractor who acts as or uses the services of media
4406 reliability and bias monitors; defining the term
4407 "media reliability and bias monitor"; amending s.
4408 440.13, F.S.; providing a percentage for reimbursement
4409 for emergency services and care under certain
4410 circumstances; providing for future expiration and
4411 reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the
4412 Office of Policy and Budget within the Executive
4413 Office of the Governor to conduct a review of the
4414 functions, procedures, and policies in effect for
4415 certain local entities to identify specified
4416 information; specifying the records that the office
4417 may review; requiring certain local governments to
4418 provide the office with access to specified
4419 information within a specified timeframe after a



4420 request from the office; providing construction;
4421 providing for civil fines against the local
4422 government, not its employees, for noncompliance;
4423 requiring such fines to be deposited into the General
4424 Revenue Fund; requiring the office to submit an
4425 initial report to the Governor, the Chief financial
4426 Office, and the Legislature by a specified date;
4427 providing requirements for the report; providing
4428 construction; amending s. 551.118, F.S.; specifying
4429 the contract timeframe for the Florida Gaming Control
4430 Commission's contract for the provision of services
4431 related to the prevention of compulsive and addictive
4432 gambling; amending s. 373.0421, F.S.; providing that
4433 agricultural producers who implement specified best
4434 management practices are presumed to be in compliance
4435 with certain recovery and prevention strategies;
4436 providing for future expiration and reversion of
4437 specified statutory text; providing that the Governor,
4438 the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature are
4439 permanent tenants of the Capital Complex; prohibiting
4440 the interior space allotted to each tenant as of a
4441 specified date from being reduced or moved without the
4442 tenant's express consent; requiring the Department of
4443 Management Services to offer for lease to the House of
4444 Representatives certain office space by a specified
4445 date; requiring the department to coordinate with
4446 specified entities before planning or scheduling any
4447 projects in the Capitol Center; requiring the office
4448 to solicit specified feedback in carrying out the



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4449 provisions of the Capitol Center long-range planning;
4450 prohibiting certain parking spaces from being reduced
4451 or reassigned without the express consent of the
4452 Legislature; providing conditions under which the veto
4453 of certain appropriations or proviso language in the
4454 General Appropriations Act voids language that
4455 implements such appropriation; providing for the
4456 continued operation of certain provisions
4457 notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided
4458 by the act; providing for severability; providing for
4459 contingent retroactivity; providing effective dates.