

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [HB 5003](#) [PCB BUC 25-02](#)

TITLE: Implementing the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act

SPONSOR(S): McClure

COMPANION BILL: [SB 2502](#)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION: 87 Y's 18 N's **GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Pending

SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill provides the statutory authority necessary to implement and execute the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The statutory changes are effective for a single year and will expire or revert to the language as it existed before the changes made by the bill on July 1, 2026.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

Because this bill implements provisions of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, there are no direct fiscal impacts created by this bill.

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EFFECT OF THE BILL:

HB 5003 passed as [SB 2502](#), as amended by the conference committee.

Section 1 provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the GAA for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Section 2 incorporates the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) work papers by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

Section 3 incorporates the school readiness provider rates included in the document titled "School Readiness Program Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2025-2026", consistent with the requirements of state law, in making appropriations for the school readiness program allocation.

Sections 4 & 5 require universities to designate a percentage of their annual state operating budget carry forward (as authorized by [s. 1011.45, F.S.](#)) to be applied towards the completion of previously-funded PECO projects, as funded pursuant to [s. 1001.706\(12\), F.S.](#), or towards deferred building maintenance costs.

Sections 6 & 7 amend [s. 1009.26, F.S.](#), to modify the fee waivers for students enrolled in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a state-approved teacher preparation program to specify that a university shall waive 100 percent of a student's out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all aid is applied.

Sections 8 & 9 amend [s. 1004.89, F.S.](#), to remove that requirement that Miami-Dade College partners with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom and approve a direct-support organization for the Institute for Freedom in the Americas.

Section 10 allows a university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a healthcare provider to accept the healthcare provider's procurement methods and construction contracts and reimburse the healthcare provider for its initial expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors.

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Section 11 notwithstanding ss. 1011.45 and [1012.975, F.S.](#), to allow the Board of Trustees of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to use carry forward or non-state funds for presidential remuneration.

Section 12 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding priorities within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address any projected surpluses and deficits and to maximize the use of state trust funds.

Section 13 authorizes AHCA to each submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida KidCare program appropriation categories, or to increase budget authority in the Children's Medical Services Network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds.

Section 14 amends [s. 381.986, F.S.](#), to provide that DOH is not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when promulgating rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories, and any such rules adopted prior to the effective date of the bill are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of [s. 120.541\(3\), F.S.](#)

Sections 15 & 16 provide limited emergency rulemaking authority to the DOH and applicable boards to adopt emergency rules to implement the Medical Use of Marijuana Act (2017). The department and applicable boards are not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when promulgating rules to replace emergency rules, and any such rules are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of ss. 120.54(3)(b) and [120.541, F.S.](#), until January 1, 2026. Requires initiation of nonemergency rulemaking by September 1, 2025

Section 17 authorizes AHCA to submit budget amendments to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals statewide, the Indirect Medical Education Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education program for certain institutions participating in a graduate medical education or nursing education program.

Section 18 authorizes AHCA to submit budget amendments to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet certain federal criteria.

Section 19 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment that includes specified information to implement the Low Income Pool Program.

Section 20 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and a directed payment program for physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental school, or a public hospital.

Section 21 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting budget authority for public emergency medical transportation services.

Section 22 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures to support the state match required.

Section 23 authorizes AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting spending authority to implement a Supplemental Payment Plan for specialty children's hospitals.

Section 24 authorizes AHCA to submit budget amendments to request additional budget authority to implement the Florida School-Based Services Program.

Sections 25 & 26 amend [s. 409.908, F.S.](#), to increase the nursing home prospective payment methodology for the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool and revise the quality score threshold for facilities to qualify for incentive payments.

Section 27 authorizes DCF to submit a budget amendment to realign funding between guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 board payments, and relative caregiver assistance payments for current caseload.

Section 28 authorizes DCF, DOH and AHCA to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority as necessary to meet caseload requirements for Refugee Programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. Requires the DCF to submit quarterly reports on caseload and expenditures.

Section 29 authorizes the DCF to submit budget amendments to increase funding for the following federal grants: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant, State Opioid Response Grant, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Mental Health Block Grant, Chafee Grant for independent living services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B Subparts 1 and 2 Grant, Elder Justice Act, STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Grant, and Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant.

Section 30 authorizes DCF to submit budget amendments to transfer funds and increase budget authority as needed to support the Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency (ACCESS) system.

Sections 31 & 32 amend [s. 393.066, F.S.](#), to establish a monthly reimbursement rate for Life Skills Development Levels 3 and 4 iBudget services for recipients attending at least 16 days per month, with existing hourly rates retained for fewer days; requires fiscal monitoring and quarterly reports. Also revises provider data reporting requirements, allowing providers to use their own systems if data is electronically transmitted in agency-approved formats, and updates billing, technical, and staff training requirements.

Section 33 amends [s. 394.9082, F.S.](#), to authorize a managing entity to carry forward funds from the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund and provides that such funds are exempt from the 8 percent carry forward cap.

Section 34 amends [s. 409.9913, F.S.](#), to require the DCF to develop and report on an alternative tiered funding methodology to allocate to lead agencies and submit a detailed report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2025.

Section 35 authorizes DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 36 authorizes DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues specific to the program become available.

Section 37 authorizes DOH to submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of [s. 216.177, F.S.](#), to increase budget authority for the department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19 relief funds become available.

Section 38 requires AHCA to replace the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System and provides requirements of the system (FX). Establishes the executive steering committee membership, including updated titles to reflect AHCA reorganization, duties and the process for steering committee meetings and decisions. Provides requirements for deliverables-based fixed prices contracts.

Section 39 requires ACHA, in consultation with DOH, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), DCF, and Department of Corrections (DOC), to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for prescription drugs, including insulin and epinephrine, for all participating agencies. The contract must require the vendor be compensated on a contingency basis paid from a portion of the savings achieved through the negotiation and purchase of prescription drugs.

Section 40 authorizes APD to submit budget amendments to transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation categories to categories used for contractual services in order to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the Developmental Disability Centers.

Section 41 authorizes APD to submit budget amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum-Home and Community Based Waiver category necessary to address any deficits or funding shortfalls within its existing appropriation.

Section 42 authorizes AHCA and APD to submit budget amendments at least three days before the effective date of the action to increase budget authority to support the implementation of Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Program of the APD.

Section 43 provides that the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) may submit a budget amendment requesting authority to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing homes, if FDVA projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its staffing ratios.

Section 44 provides that, notwithstanding [s. 409.915, F.S.](#), the term "state Medicaid expenditures" does not include funds specially assessed by a local government entity and used as the nonfederal share for the Directed Payment Program.

Section 45 authorizes FDVA to submit budget amendment, subject to federal approval, requesting additional spending authority to support the development and construction of a new State Veterans Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in Collier County.

Section 46 authorizes the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food Program if additional federal revenues will be expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Section 47 amends [s. 766.314, F.S.](#) to authorize the Neurological Injury Compensation Association to accept new claims during Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in excess of the total of all current estimates for the fiscal year.

Section 48 amends [s. 216.262, F.S.](#) to allow the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during the fiscal year for DOC if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to LBC review and approval.

Section 49 amends s. 215.18, F.S. to provide the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the authority to request a trust fund loan.

Section 50 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities. If the department determines that a county has not met its obligations, Department of Revenue must deduct the amount owed to DJJ from shared revenue funds provided to the county under [s. 218.23, F.S.](#)

Sections 51 & 52 reenact s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), and (5)-(7), F.S., to continue to require written certification of conflict by the public defender or regional conflict counsel before a court may appoint private conflict counsel.

Sections 53 & 54 reenact and amend [s. 27.5304, F.S.](#) to increase caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases.

Section 55 amends [s. 934.50\(7\)\(f\), F.S.](#), notwithstanding subsection (7), to create the drone program within the Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and authorize the FDLE to provide any drones turned in to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity for analysis.

Section 56 amends [s. 908.1033, F.S.](#), to clarify the eligibility for bonus payments provided to local law enforcement from the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program include county correctional officers.

Section 57 requires DMS and agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements for office or storage space, in excess of 2,000 square feet, expiring between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2027.

Section 58 provides that, notwithstanding [s. 216.292\(2\)\(a\), F.S.](#), which authorizes transfers of up to five percent of approved budget between categories, agencies may not transfer funds from a data processing category to a category other than another data processing category or a cloud computing category for information technology resources hosted outside of an agency.

Section 59 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" between departments in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance.

Section 60 authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories - Transfer to DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract" of the GAA between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS for human resources management services.

Section 61 authorizes the DMS to use five percent of facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to offset relocation expenses associated with disposition of state office buildings.

Section 62 to ensure continued operations, and notwithstanding the provisions of Part I of Chapter 287, F.S., all agencies defined in s. 287.012(1), subject to appropriation, may purchase the current productivity and cybersecurity tools and services from a qualified provider under the state master agreement. The DMS shall ensure that the state master agreement for the current tools and services remains active and available for agencies to use when negotiating enterprise agreements.

Section 63 defines the components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource subsystem (FLAIR) and Cash Management System (CMS) included in the Department of Financial Services Planning Accounting and Ledger Management (PALM) system. This section also provides the executive steering committee membership and the procedures for executive steering committee meetings and decisions.

Sections 64 & 65 reenact [s. 282.709\(3\), F.S.](#), to carry forward the DMS's authority to execute a 15-year contract with the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) operator.

Section 66 authorizes state agencies and other eligible users of the SLERS network to utilize the DMS state SLERS contract for the purchase of equipment and services.

Section 67 authorizes a reduction of the MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) transaction fee from one percent to 0.70 percent for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Sections 68 & 69 amend [s. 24.105\(9\)\(i\), F.S.](#), to require the commission for lottery ticket sales to be set at 6 percent of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize by a retailer.

Section 70 amends s. 627.351(6)(II), F.S., to authorize Citizen's Property Insurance Corp. to adopt policy forms authorizing disputes regarding claim determinations to come before the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH).

Section 71 authorizes the DFS to provide for the deferral of an employee's compensation on either a pre-tax basis or an after-tax Roth contribution basis under a qualified program pursuant to [26 U.S. Code § 402A](#) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 72 amends [s. 110.116, F.S.](#), to require the DMS to contract with an independent software quality assurance testing provider to produce documentation for the People First system.

Section 73 amends [s. 215.5586, F.S.](#), to revise the eligibility requirements for the My Safe Florida Home Program. This section also provides hurricane mitigation inspections must have occurred within the previous 24 months from the date of application.

Section 74 notwithstanding [s. 216.031, F.S.](#), to prevent funds for local government fire equipment and services funded through the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) from reverting at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 75 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor to submit a budget amendment to transfer funds appropriated in the "Northwest Regional Data Center" category between departments in order to align the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data processing services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Section 76 provides that auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies related to contract management services provided to Northwest Regional Data Center shall not exceed three percent.

Section 77 reenacts [s. 284.51, F.S.](#), directing the Division of Risk Management at the DFS to select a provider to establish a statewide pilot program to make electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation (eTMS) available for veterans, first responders, and immediate family members thereof with certain medical conditions. The section also amends [s. 284.51, F.S.](#), to revise, for the purposes of this section, the definition of a first responder.

Section 78 authorizes the DFS to renew the existing eTMS contract for a period of two years and directs the DFS to amend the existing contract language to clarify that any funds paid by the Department pursuant to the contract do not constitute state financial assistance as provided in [s. 215.97, F.S.](#)

Section 79 notwithstanding the deadline in Chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida, for child support guideline review and modifies the report date to December 1, 2025.

Section 80 authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority to support the National School Lunch Program.

Section 81 amends [s. 215.18\(3\), F.S.](#) to authorize loans to land acquisition trust funds within several state agencies.

Section 82 provides that, in order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the DACS, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), and the Department of State (DOS), the DEP will transfer a proportionate share of revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP on a monthly basis, after subtracting required debt service payments, to each agency and retain a proportionate share within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the other agencies may not exceed the total appropriations for the fiscal year. The section further provides that the DEP may advance funds from the beginning unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) to the LATF within the FWC for cash flow purposes.

Section 83 amends [s. 259.105\(3\), F.S.](#), to notwithstanding the Florida Forever statutory distribution and authorize the use of funds from the trust fund as provided in the GAA.

Sections 84 & 85 extend the current requirement that the DEP adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not finalized standards by January 1, 2026.

Section 86 amends [s. 376.3071\(13\), F.S.](#), to notwithstanding the requirements of the program relating to deductibles, copayments, and monetary caps and provide that all costs relating to the program be absorbed by the Inland Protection Trust Fund.

Section 87 amends [s. 376.3072, F.S.](#) to notwithstanding the requirements of the program relating to deductibles, copayments, and monetary caps and provide that all costs relating to the program can be absorbed by the Inland Protection Trust Fund.

Sections 88 & 89 amend [s. 376.3071\(15\)\(g\), F.S.](#), to revise the requirements for the usage of the trust fund for ethanol or biodiesel damage.

Section 90 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., the Department of Citrus is authorized to enter into agreements to expedite the increased production of citrus trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening.

Sections 91 & 92 amend [s. 380.5105, F.S.](#), to clarify that grants under the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront program may be awarded for capital expenditure projects to support the commercial and marine aquaculture industries.

Section 93 amends section 10 of ch. 2022-272, Laws of Florida, to carry forward the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program.

Section 94 authorizes the FWC to use funds appropriated for derelict vessel removal for grants to local governments to remove themselves or pay private contractors to, remove, store, destroy, and dispose of derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance.

Section 95 notwithstanding ss. 403.0673 and [403.890, F.S.](#), to authorize funds appropriated the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to be used for projects as provided in the GAA.

Section 96 amends [s. 375.041\(3\)\(b\), F.S.](#), to provide that the distribution from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund is according the Fiscal Year 2025-22026 General Appropriations Act..

Section 97 amends [s. 288.80125\(3\), F.S.](#), to allow funds to be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael as provided in the GAA.

Section 98 amends [s. 339.135\(7\)\(h\), F.S.](#), to authorize the chair and vice chair of the LBC to approve, pursuant to [s. 216.177, F.S.](#), a Department of Transportation (DOT) work program amendment that adds a new project, or a phase of a new project, in excess of \$3 million, if the LBC does not meet or consider, within 30 days of submittal, the amendment by the DOT.

Section 99 authorizes flexibility the Department of Transportation to rebalance funds within the Work Program based on lower projected revenues. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to advance or defer up to \$200 million in programmed projects in the Adopted Work Program in order to realign resources and ensure a balanced financial plan.

Section 100 amends [s. 288.0655\(6\), F.S.](#), to authorize rural Florida Panhandle counties to participate in the Rural Infrastructure Fund grant program as authorized in the GAA.

Section 101 authorizes the Division of Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to federal reimbursements from federally declared disasters.

Section 102 exempts the Division of Emergency Management from [s. 282.201, F.S.](#), relating to the use of the state data center.

Section 103 amends [s. 251.001, F.S.](#), to specify the transfer of State Guard aircraft to FDLE for training and operational use except in specific times of natural emergencies.

Sections 104 & 105 amend [s. 443.1113, F.S.](#), to clarify that enhancements to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to appropriation, and revises submission timelines and annual reporting requirements for future modernization efforts.

Section 106 amends [s. 445.08, F.S.](#), to modify the July 1, 2025, expiration date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Program. Provides a definition for the term "break in service" and establishes time periods related to employment requirements.

Section 107 amends [s. 420.5096, F.S.](#), to limit eligibility for the Florida Hometown Hero Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to borrowers employed in certain professions or who are servicemembers or veterans.

Section 108 requires the DMS to assess an administrative health assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position.

Section 109 provides that notwithstanding [s. 11.13, F.S.](#), salaries of legislators must be maintained at the same level as July 1, 2010.

Sections 110 & 111 reenact [s. 215.32\(2\)\(b\), F.S.](#), in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 112 provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. The section prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff training, or other administrative functions unless the agency head approves in writing. The agency head is required to consider the use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet the needs of the activity before approving travel.

Section 113 provides that, notwithstanding [s. 112.061, F.S.](#), costs for lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$225.

Section 114 authorizes the LBC to approve budget amendments for new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects.

Section 115 requires reviews for transfers comply with ch. 216, maximize the use of available and appropriate funds, and not be contrary to legislative policy and intent.

Section 116 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., state agencies are authorized to purchase vehicles from non-State Term Contract vendors provided certain conditions are met.

Section 117 amends [s. 11.52, F.S.](#), to require state agencies to provide information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation.

Section 118 amends [s. 216.013, F.S.](#), to provide that state executive agencies and the judicial branch are not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2025, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, except in circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.

Section 119 amends [s. 216.023, F.S.](#), to require each state agency and the judicial branch, as part of their legislative budget request, to include an inventory of all ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The inventory must include specified information.

Section 120 provides that the use of state funds must be consistent with the following principles of individual freedom: No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex; No race is inherently superior to another race; No person should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or sex; Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are not racist but fundamental to the right to pursue

happiness and be rewarded for industry; A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does not bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex; A person should not be instructed that he or she must feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.

Section 121 prohibits a state agency for using state funds or contracting with certain advertising agencies or other contractors who use the services of media reliability and bias monitors.

Sections 122 & 123 amend [s. 440.13, F.S.](#), to specify that until the three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum reimbursement allowances, certain emergency services will be reimbursed for 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a contract.

Section 124 authorizes the Office of Policy and Budget within the Executive Office of the Governor to conduct a review of the functions, procedures, expenditures, and policies of a local government and to submit a report to the Governor, Chief Financial Officer, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 13, 2026.

Section 125 amends [s. 551.118, F.S.](#), to require the Gaming Control Commission's contract for the provision of services related the prevention of compulsive and addictive gambling to be for one year.

Sections 126 & 127 amend [s. 373.0421, F.S.](#), to specify that agricultural producers who implement best management practices adopted in [s. 403.067\(7\)\(c\)2., F.S.](#), shall be presumed to be in compliance with the recovery or prevention strategy.

Section 128 Amends [s. 272.04, F.S.](#), to provide that the Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex; that the interior space allocated to each tenant on June 1, 2025, may not be reduced or moved without express consent of the tenant; that if additional interior space becomes vacant, the Legislature has the first right of refusal for use of the space; and provides for coordination between DMS and the Legislature for construction projects.

Section 129 specifies that section of the act shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

Section 130 provides that a permanent change made by another law to any of the statutes amended by this act will take precedence over the provision in this act.

Section 131 provides a severability clause.

Section 132 provides effective dates.

Subject to the Governor's veto powers, the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

[Section 12 of Article III of the Florida Constitution](#) states that “[l]aws making appropriations for salaries of public officers and other current expenses of the state shall contain provisions on no other subject.” This language has been interpreted to defeat proviso language attached to appropriations that have the effect of amending general law. For this reason, when general law changes are required to effectuate appropriations, those changes are placed in a general bill implementing the appropriations act instead of in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The changes made in the “implementing bill” are effective for only one year and either expire on July 1 of the next fiscal year or revert to the language as it existed before the changes made by the bill.

