

**FOR CONSIDERATION** By the Committee on Appropriations

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A bill to be entitled  
An act implementing the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent; incorporating by reference certain calculations; amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the services required to be provided by regional consortium service organizations under certain circumstances; revising the allocation that certain regional consortium service organizations are eligible to receive from the General Appropriations Act; requiring regional consortium service organizations to submit certain annual reports to the Department of Education; requiring the carry forward of certain unexpended funds; requiring each regional consortium service organization to provide quarterly financial reports to member districts; requiring member districts to designate fiscal agent districts for certain purposes; providing for compensation of fiscal agent districts; providing for certain personnel recommendations, policies, salary schedules, and job descriptions; authorizing the purchase or lease of property and facilities; providing for the distribution of certain revenues upon dissolution of a regional consortium service organization; revising authorized means of revenue generation; requiring the establishment of a fund balance for certain purposes; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; creating s. 1001.4511, F.S.; creating the Regional Consortia Service Organization Supplemental

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30 Services Program; authorizing the use of program funds  
31 for specified purposes; requiring each regional  
32 consortium service organization to annually report  
33 certain information to the Legislature; authorizing  
34 the carryforward of certain funds; creating s.  
35 1009.635, F.S.; establishing the Rural Incentive for  
36 Professional Educators (RIPE) Program within the  
37 Department of Education for a specified purpose;  
38 providing eligibility requirements for the program;  
39 providing for student loan repayment assistance, up to  
40 a specified amount; requiring the department to verify  
41 certain participant information before disbursement of  
42 an award; specifying that the program is administered  
43 by the Office of Student Financial Assistance within  
44 the department; requiring the State Board of Education  
45 to adopt rules by a specified date; authorizing  
46 certain state university boards of trustees to accept  
47 a health care provider's procurement methods and  
48 construction contracts under certain circumstances;  
49 authorizing the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
50 University board of trustees to expend available  
51 reserves or carryforward certain balances for a  
52 specified purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health  
53 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to  
54 realign Medicaid funding for specified purposes,  
55 subject to certain limitations; authorizing the Agency  
56 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
57 amendment to realign funding within the Florida  
58 Kidcare program appropriation categories or to

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59       increase budget authority for certain purposes;  
60       specifying the time period within which such budget  
61       amendment must be submitted; amending s. 381.986,  
62       F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the exemption of  
63       certain rules pertaining to the medical use of  
64       marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;  
65       authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
66       to submit a budget amendment requesting additional  
67       spending authority to implement specified programs and  
68       payments; requiring institutions participating in a  
69       specified workforce expansion and education program to  
70       provide quarterly reports to the agency; authorizing  
71       the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a  
72       budget amendment for a specified purpose; authorizing  
73       the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a  
74       budget amendment requesting additional spending  
75       authority to implement the Low Income Pool component  
76       of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
77       Demonstration up to a certain amount; requiring that  
78       the amendment include a signed attestation and  
79       acknowledgment for entities relating to the Low Income  
80       Pool; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
81       Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting  
82       additional spending authority to implement certain  
83       payments and specified programs; authorizing the  
84       Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a  
85       budget amendment requesting additional spending  
86       authority to implement a certified expenditure program  
87       for emergency medical transportation services;

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88 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
89 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional  
90 spending authority to implement the Disproportionate  
91 Share Hospital Program; requiring such amendment to  
92 include specified information; authorizing the Agency  
93 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
94 amendment requesting additional spending authority to  
95 implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient  
96 supplemental payments for specialty hospitals;  
97 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
98 to submit budget amendments to increase budget  
99 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services  
100 program; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
101 Administration to create the Applied Behavior Analysis  
102 (ABA) Task Force for a certain purpose; requiring the  
103 task force to evaluate certain information and develop  
104 recommendations; providing for membership of the task  
105 force; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
106 Administration to provide staff support; authorizing  
107 staff from specified agencies to provide additional  
108 expertise; providing for meetings of the task force;  
109 providing that members of the task force serve without  
110 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of  
111 travel expenses; requiring the task force to provide a  
112 report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
113 specified date; authorizing the Department of Children  
114 and Families to submit a budget amendment to realign  
115 funding within specified areas of the department based  
116 on implementation of the Guardianship Assistance

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117       Program; authorizing the Department of Children and  
118       Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for  
119       Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments  
120       to increase budget authority to support certain  
121       refugee programs; requiring the Department of Children  
122       and Families to submit quarterly reports to the  
123       Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature;  
124       authorizing the Department of Children and Families to  
125       submit budget amendments to increase budget authority  
126       to support specified federal grant programs;  
127       reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S., relating to community  
128       services and treatment; providing for the future  
129       expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
130       amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal  
131       year the authority of a managing entity to carry  
132       forward certain unexpended funds; specifying that  
133       nonqualified funds carried forward are not included in  
134       a cumulative cap on the percentage that may be carried  
135       forward; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.; requiring that  
136       core services funding be allocated as provided in the  
137       General Appropriations Act; requiring the Department  
138       of Children and Families to continue to collect  
139       certain data from community-based care lead agencies  
140       and to use a certain Tiered Funding Model; requiring  
141       community-based care lead agencies to submit certain  
142       data to the department; requiring the department to  
143       conduct certain ongoing performance monitoring;  
144       requiring the department to provide monthly status  
145       reports to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring

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146       the department to submit a final report to the  
147       Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;  
148       amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring that certain  
149       funds held by a community-based care lead agency and  
150       carried forward be returned to the Department of  
151       Children and Families; requiring the department to  
152       hold such funds in a separate account and report  
153       certain information to specified entities; providing  
154       for the reversion of such funds to the General Revenue  
155       Fund; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
156       budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
157       Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and  
158       Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a  
159       certain condition is met; authorizing the Department  
160       of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase  
161       budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and  
162       Treatment Program if a certain condition is met;  
163       authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
164       budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
165       department if additional federal revenues specific to  
166       COVID-19 relief funds become available; requiring the  
167       Agency for Health Care Administration to replace the  
168       Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS)  
169       and fiscal agent operations with a specified new  
170       system; specifying items that may not be included in  
171       the new system; providing directives to the Agency for  
172       Health Care Administration related to the new Florida  
173       Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the  
174       Agency for Health Care Administration to meet certain

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175 requirements in replacing FMMIS and the current  
176 Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency for Health  
177 Care Administration to implement a specified program  
178 governance structure that includes an executive  
179 steering committee composed of specified members;  
180 providing the duties of the executive steering  
181 committee; requiring the establishment of specified  
182 working groups; providing the composition of such  
183 groups; providing requirements for such groups;  
184 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
185 contract for a certain assessment of the agency's  
186 Medicaid management information system (MMIS);  
187 providing requirements for the assessment; requiring  
188 submission of the assessment to specified entities by  
189 a certain date; requiring the agency to develop a new  
190 time-phased implementation roadmap for the MMIS  
191 replacement based on the assessment; requiring the  
192 agency to submit the roadmap to specified entities by  
193 a certain date; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
194 Administration, in consultation with the Department of  
195 Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
196 Department of Children and Families, and the  
197 Department of Corrections, to competitively procure a  
198 contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for certain  
199 prescribed drugs and biological products; providing  
200 specifications for such contract; authorizing the  
201 issuance or renewal of certain inactive or partially  
202 inactive licenses to skilled nursing providers and  
203 requiring the extension of certificate-of-need

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204                   validity periods under certain circumstances;  
205                   providing for subsequent renewal periods of such  
206                   inactive licenses and validity periods under certain  
207                   circumstances; authorizing the Agency for Persons with  
208                   Disabilities to submit budget amendments to transfer  
209                   funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
210                   categories for a specified purpose; authorizing the  
211                   Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget  
212                   amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum-Home and  
213                   Community-Based Waiver category for a specified  
214                   purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
215                   Administration and the Agency for Persons with  
216                   Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a  
217                   specified timeframe for a specified purpose;  
218                   authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
219                   submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative  
220                   Budget Commission approval, requesting certain  
221                   authority for certain purposes relating to veterans'  
222                   nursing homes; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending  
223                   for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain  
224                   funds used for the hospital directed payment program;  
225                   authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
226                   expend certain funds and submit budget amendments,  
227                   subject to certain approval, for the planning and  
228                   construction of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and  
229                   Adult Day Health Center in a specified county;  
230                   authorizing the department to apply for a specified  
231                   federal grant for the Collier County State Veterans'  
232                   Nursing Home; authorizing the Department of Elderly

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233 Affairs to submit a budget amendment requesting  
234 certain authority for an Adult Care Food Program or  
235 the Older Americans Act under certain circumstances;  
236 amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year  
237 the authority of the Department of Corrections to  
238 submit a budget amendment for additional positions and  
239 appropriations under certain circumstances; amending  
240 s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the  
241 authority and related repayment requirements for  
242 temporary trust fund loans to the state court system  
243 which are sufficient to meet the system's  
244 appropriation; requiring the Department of Juvenile  
245 Justice to review county juvenile detention payments  
246 to determine whether a county has met specified  
247 financial responsibilities; requiring that amounts  
248 owed by a certain county for such financial  
249 responsibilities be deducted from certain county  
250 funds; requiring the Department of Revenue to transfer  
251 withheld funds to a specified trust fund; requiring  
252 the Department of Revenue to ensure that such  
253 reductions in amounts distributed do not reduce  
254 distributions below amounts necessary for certain  
255 payments due on bonds and to comply with bond  
256 covenants; requiring the Department of Revenue to  
257 notify the Department of Juvenile Justice if bond  
258 payment requirements mandate a reduction in deductions  
259 for amounts owed by a county; requiring the Department  
260 of Juvenile Justice to take certain actions;  
261 reenacting s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and

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(7), F.S., relating to court-appointed counsel; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 27.5304, F.S., relating to the extension for 1 fiscal year of limitations on compensation for representation in criminal proceedings; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year provisions authorizing local law enforcement agencies to apply to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for certain certified correctional officers; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing the purpose of the program; providing eligibility requirements; requiring the department to develop an application process and allocate funds on a first-come, first-served basis; requiring that grants be matched by local funds in a specified percentage; authorizing the department to waive the matching funds requirement for certain agencies; defining the term "first responder agency"; authorizing the department to adopt rules; authorizing emergency rulemaking; requiring the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant broker services to renegotiate or reprocure certain private lease agreements for office or storage space; requiring the Department of Management Services to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature

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291 by a specified date; prohibiting an agency from  
292 transferring funds from a data processing category to  
293 another category other than another data processing  
294 category; authorizing the Executive Office of the  
295 Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain  
296 categories between departments for purposes of  
297 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance  
298 and for human resources services purchased per  
299 statewide contract; authorizing the Department of  
300 Management Services to use certain facility  
301 disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
302 Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses;  
303 authorizing the Department of Management Services to  
304 submit budget amendments for an increase in  
305 appropriation under certain circumstances; requiring  
306 that such amendments include specified information;  
307 requiring the Department of Financial Services to  
308 replace specified components of the Florida Accounting  
309 Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash  
310 Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated  
311 enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of  
312 Financial Services from including certain components  
313 in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing  
314 requirements for the Department of Financial Services  
315 related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the  
316 composition of an executive steering committee to  
317 oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing  
318 requirements for the executive steering committee  
319 chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the

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320 executive steering committee; reenacting s.  
321 282.709(3), F.S., relating to the state agency law  
322 enforcement radio system and interoperability network;  
323 providing for future expiration and reversion of  
324 specified statutory text; authorizing state agencies  
325 and other eligible users of the Statewide Law  
326 Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of  
327 Management Services contract to purchase equipment and  
328 services; requiring that a specified transaction fee  
329 percentage for use of the online procurement system be  
330 collected for a specified fiscal year; amending s.  
331 24.105, F.S.; specifying requirements for the adoption  
332 of rules of the Department of the Lottery, excluding  
333 certain rules for 1 fiscal year regarding the  
334 commission for lottery ticket sales; limiting  
335 additional retailer compensation in a specified  
336 manner; providing for the future expiration and  
337 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.  
338 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year the specified  
339 authority of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation;  
340 amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; extending for 1 year the  
341 homeowner eligibility criteria for a hurricane  
342 mitigation grant from the My Safe Florida Home  
343 Program; providing that certain funds appropriated to  
344 the Department of Financial Services may be carried  
345 forward through a specified fiscal year; authorizing  
346 the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds  
347 between departments to align the budget authority  
348 granted based on the estimated costs for data

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349 processing services for a specified fiscal year;  
350 limiting the auxiliary assessments that may be charged  
351 to state agencies related to contract management  
352 services provided to the Northwest Regional Data  
353 Center; reenacting and amending s. 284.51, F.S.,  
354 relating to the electroencephalogram combined  
355 transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment (eTMS)  
356 pilot program; extending for 1 year the expiration of  
357 the program; requiring the Department of Financial  
358 Services to continue its existing contract for the  
359 establishment of the eTMS pilot program for veterans  
360 and first responders; amending s. 717.123, F.S.;  
361 authorizing the Department of Financial Services to  
362 retain specified funds, not to exceed a certain  
363 amount; requiring that the funds be held in a separate  
364 account; requiring the department to make prompt  
365 payment of certain claims from the separate account;  
366 amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year  
367 certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust  
368 funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in  
369 certain circumstances; requiring the Department of  
370 Environmental Protection to transfer designated  
371 proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land  
372 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land  
373 acquisition trust funds in the Department of  
374 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
375 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
376 Commission according to specified parameters and  
377 calculations; defining the term "department";

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378       requiring the Department of Environmental Protection  
379       to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds  
380       monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer  
381       amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental  
382       Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition  
383       trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
384       Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified  
385       purposes; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; requiring that  
386       proceeds from a specified trust fund be distributed as  
387       provided in the General Appropriations Act for a  
388       specified fiscal year; amending s. 376.91, F.S.;  
389       extending for 1 year the date by which the Department  
390       of Environmental Protection shall adopt statewide  
391       cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain  
392       circumstances; providing for future expiration and  
393       reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting s.  
394       376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland  
395       Protection Trust Fund; providing for the future  
396       expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
397       requiring the Department of Citrus to enter into  
398       agreements for specified purposes by a certain date;  
399       requiring the Department of Citrus to file certain  
400       information with the department's Inspector General;  
401       reenacting s. 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan  
402       Mayfield Working Waterfronts; providing for the future  
403       expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
404       authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
405       Commission to use specified funds to provide grants  
406       for a specified purpose; amending s. 403.890, F.S.;

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407 authorizing the use of revenues deposited into or  
408 appropriated to the Water Protection and  
409 Sustainability Program Trust Fund as provided in the  
410 General Appropriations Act; amending s. 375.041, F.S.;  
411 extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds  
412 for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund be appropriated in  
413 a specified manner; authorizing the Department of  
414 Agriculture and Consumer Services to lease an existing  
415 facility and administer a specified program;  
416 authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
417 Services to submit budget amendments to increase  
418 budget authority for the National School Lunch  
419 Program; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1  
420 fiscal year a requirement that the use of funds in the  
421 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane  
422 Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending  
423 for 1 year the authority for the chair and vice chair  
424 of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve  
425 certain work program amendments under specified  
426 circumstances; authorizing the Department of  
427 Transportation to request a specified amount of budget  
428 authority to the extent necessary to advance or defer  
429 certain projects in the Work Program and align  
430 resources for a specified purpose; amending s.  
431 288.0655, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a  
432 requirement that certain appropriated funds relating  
433 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a  
434 specified manner; creating s. 288.013, F.S.; providing  
435 legislative findings; creating the Office of Rural

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436 Prosperity within the Department of Commerce;  
437 requiring the Governor to appoint a director, subject  
438 to Senate confirmation; providing that the director  
439 reports to and serves at the pleasure of the secretary  
440 of the department; providing duties of the office;  
441 requiring the office to establish and staff a certain  
442 number of regional rural community liaison centers for  
443 a specified purpose; providing the powers and duties  
444 of the liaison centers; requiring coordination between  
445 certain entities; requiring the liaison centers to  
446 engage with the Rural Economic Development Initiative  
447 (REDI); requiring at least one staff member of a  
448 liaison center to attend the monthly REDI meetings in  
449 person or by means of electronic communication;  
450 requiring the director of the office to submit a  
451 report to the Administration Commission within the  
452 Executive Office of the Governor; specifying  
453 requirements for the report; requiring that the report  
454 also be submitted to the Legislature by a specified  
455 date and published on the office's website; requiring  
456 the director of the office to attend the next  
457 Administration Commission meeting to present detailed  
458 information from the annual report; amending s.  
459 288.001, F.S.; requiring the Florida Small Business  
460 Development Center Network to use certain funds  
461 appropriated for a specified purpose; authorizing the  
462 network to dedicate funds to facilitate certain  
463 events; creating s. 288.014, F.S.; providing  
464 legislative findings; requiring the Office of Rural

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465       Prosperity to administer the Renaissance Grants  
466       Program to provide block grants to eligible  
467       communities; requiring the Office of Economic and  
468       Demographic Research to certify to the Office of Rural  
469       Prosperity certain information by a specified date;  
470       defining the term "growth-impeded"; requiring the  
471       Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify  
472       annually that a county remains growth-impeded until  
473       certain conditions are met; providing that a county is  
474       eligible to participate in the program for 1  
475       additional year under certain circumstances; requiring  
476       participating counties to enter into an agreement with  
477       the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive a block  
478       grant; giving such counties certain authority;  
479       prohibiting the Office of Rural Prosperity from  
480       determining how such counties implement the block  
481       grant; requiring regional rural community liaison  
482       center staff to provide certain assistance; requiring  
483       participating counties to report certain information  
484       to the Office of Rural Prosperity; providing that a  
485       participating county receives a specified amount from  
486       funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share  
487       of the funds appropriated under certain circumstances;  
488       requiring participating counties to limit certain  
489       expenses; authorizing participating counties to  
490       supplement the block grant with other funding sources;  
491       requiring participating counties to hire and retain a  
492       renaissance coordinator; providing the  
493       responsibilities of the renaissance coordinator;

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494                   requiring the regional rural community liaison center  
495                   staff to provide assistance and training to the  
496                   renaissance coordinator, upon request; requiring  
497                   participating counties to design a certain plan;  
498                   specifying requirements for such plan; requiring  
499                   participating counties to develop intergovernmental  
500                   agreements with certain entities to implement the  
501                   plan; requiring the Auditor General to conduct an  
502                   operational audit of each county's grant activities;  
503                   requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic  
504                   Research to submit a certain report to the  
505                   Legislature; specifying requirements for the report;  
506                   providing that funds appropriated from the program are  
507                   not subject to reversion; creating s. 288.0175, F.S.;  
508                   creating the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology  
509                   Grant Program within the Office of Rural Prosperity;  
510                   defining terms; requiring the office to contract with  
511                   one or more smart technology lead organizations to  
512                   administer the grant program for a specified purpose;  
513                   providing the criteria for such contracts; requiring  
514                   that a summary of projects funded by the grant program  
515                   be included in the office's annual report; amending s.  
516                   288.065, F.S.; establishing the Rural Community  
517                   Development Revolving Loan Fund within the Office of  
518                   Rural Prosperity, rather than the Department of  
519                   Commerce; defining the term "unit of local  
520                   government"; requiring the office to include in its  
521                   annual report certain information about the Rural  
522                   Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; providing

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523 for future expiration and reversion of specified  
524 statutory text; authorizing the Division of Emergency  
525 Management to submit budget amendments to increase  
526 budget authority for certain expenditures under  
527 certain circumstances; amending s. 282.201, F.S.;  
528 extending for 1 year the Division of Emergency  
529 Management's exemption from the use of the state data  
530 center; amending s. 443.1113, F.S.; providing that  
531 certain improvements to the Reemployment Assistance  
532 Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to  
533 appropriation; revising the date a certain report from  
534 the Department of Commerce is required to be  
535 submitted; revising the report requirements; providing  
536 for the future expiration and reversion of specified  
537 statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 445.08,  
538 F.S., relating to the Florida Law Enforcement  
539 Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; extending the  
540 program for 1 year; authorizing the Department of  
541 Commerce to submit budget amendments to increase  
542 budget authority to support specified federal grant  
543 programs; requiring the Department of Management  
544 Services to assess an administrative health insurance  
545 assessment on each state agency; providing the rate of  
546 such assessment; defining the term "state agency";  
547 requiring the Department of Management Services to  
548 take certain actions in case of delinquencies;  
549 requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer  
550 funds under specified circumstances; requiring state  
551 agencies to provide a list of positions that qualify

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552 for a certain exception by a specified date and to  
553 update the list monthly thereafter; requiring state  
554 agencies to include the administrative health  
555 insurance assessment in their indirect cost plan  
556 beginning for a specified fiscal year and annually  
557 thereafter; requiring agencies to notify the  
558 Department of Management Services, the Executive  
559 Office of the Governor, and the Legislature regarding  
560 the approval of their updated indirect cost plans;  
561 authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to  
562 transfer budget authority between agencies in  
563 specified circumstances; providing that the annual  
564 salaries of the members of the Legislature be  
565 maintained at a specified level for a specified fiscal  
566 year; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating to  
567 the authorization for transferring unappropriated cash  
568 balances from selected trust funds to the Budget  
569 Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing  
570 for the future expiration and reversion of specified  
571 statutory text; specifying the type of travel which  
572 may be used with state employee travel funds for a  
573 specified fiscal year; providing exceptions; providing  
574 applicability; providing a monetary cap on lodging  
575 costs for state employee travel to certain meetings  
576 organized or sponsored by a state agency or the  
577 judicial branch; authorizing employees to expend their  
578 own funds for lodging expenses that exceed the  
579 monetary caps; providing construction; amending s.  
580 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the

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581 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to  
582 approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital  
583 outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending  
584 for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain  
585 transfers; authorizing state agencies to purchase  
586 vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without  
587 prior approval from the Department of Management  
588 Services under certain circumstances; amending s.  
589 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency  
590 reporting requirements regarding implementation of  
591 legislation; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for  
592 1 fiscal year an exception from certain planning  
593 requirements; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; extending for  
594 1 year a requirement that certain entities include a  
595 specified inventory in their legislative budget  
596 requests; requiring that a specified percentage of  
597 funds appropriated for information technology projects  
598 be held in reserve and that general revenue funds not  
599 held in reserve be released; authorizing the Agency  
600 for Health Care Administration, Department of Children  
601 and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of  
602 Financial Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission,  
603 Department of Health, and Department of Revenue to  
604 submit a budget amendment to request release of funds;  
605 limiting the amount that may be requested; providing  
606 that release is contingent upon certain submissions;  
607 requiring entities receiving such funds to submit  
608 monthly project status reports to certain entities;  
609 providing requirements for such status reports;

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610 providing conditions under which the veto of certain  
611 appropriations or proviso language in the General  
612 Appropriations Act voids language that implements such  
613 appropriation; providing for the continued operation  
614 of certain provisions notwithstanding a future repeal  
615 or expiration provided by the act; providing for  
616 severability; providing for contingent retroactivity;  
617 providing effective dates.

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

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621 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
622 implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to  
623 the General Appropriations Act for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

624 Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5,  
625 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
626 calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the  
627 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled "Public  
628 School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)  
629 Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated February 13, 2026, and filed with  
630 the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for  
631 the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the  
632 Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state law, in  
633 making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program.  
634 This section expires July 1, 2027.

635 Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 80  
636 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the school  
637 readiness reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year  
638 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program

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639 Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated February 13,  
640 2026, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are  
641 incorporated by reference, consistent with the requirements of  
642 state law, in making appropriations for the school readiness  
643 program allocation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

644 Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 102  
645 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsections (1),  
646 (2), and (5) of section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, are amended  
647 to read:

648 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In  
649 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of  
650 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the  
651 development of new programs and services:

652 (1) School districts with 20,000 or fewer unweighted full-  
653 time equivalent students, developmental research (laboratory)  
654 schools established pursuant to s. 1002.32, and the Florida  
655 School for the Deaf and the Blind may enter into cooperative  
656 agreements to form a regional consortium service organization.  
657 Each regional consortium service organization shall provide any,  
658 ~~at a minimum, three~~ of the following services determined  
659 necessary and appropriate by the board of directors:

660 (a) Exceptional student education;  
661 (b) Safe schools support teacher education centers;  
662 ~~environmental education;~~  
663 (c) State and federal grant procurement and coordination;  
664 (d) Data services processing; health  
665 (e) Insurance services;  
666 (f) Risk management insurance;  
667 (g) Professional learning;

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668                    (h) College, career, and workforce development;  
669                    (i) Business and operational services staff development;  
670                    (j) Purchasing; or  
671                    (k) Planning and accountability.

672                    (2) (a) Each regional consortium service organization  
673 ~~composed that consists~~ of four or more school districts is  
674 eligible to receive, through the Department of Education,  
675 subject to the funds provided in the General Appropriations Act,  
676 an ~~allocation incentive grant of \$150,000~~ ~~\$50,000~~ per school  
677 district and eligible member to be used for the delivery of  
678 services within ~~the~~ participating school districts. The  
679 determination of services and use of such funds must shall be  
680 established by the board of directors of the regional consortium  
681 service organization. The funds must shall be distributed to  
682 each regional consortium service organization no later than 30  
683 days following the release of the funds to the department. Each  
684 regional consortium service organization shall submit an annual  
685 report to the department regarding the use of funds for  
686 consortia services. Unexpended amounts in any fund in a  
687 consortium's current year operating budget must be carried  
688 forward and included as the balance forward for that fund in the  
689 approved operating budget for the following year. Each regional  
690 consortium service organization shall provide quarterly  
691 financial reports to member districts.

692                    (b) Member districts shall designate a district to serve as  
693 a fiscal agent for contractual and reporting purposes. Such  
694 fiscal agent district is entitled to reasonable compensation for  
695 accounting and other services performed. The regional consortium  
696 service organization shall retain all funds received from grants

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697 or contracted services to cover indirect or administrative costs  
698 associated with the provision of such services. The regional  
699 consortium service organization board of directors shall  
700 determine the products and services to be provided by the  
701 consortium; however, in all contractual matters, the school  
702 board of the fiscal agent district shall act on proposed actions  
703 of the regional consortium service organization.

704 (c) The regional consortium service organization board of  
705 directors shall recommend establishment of positions and  
706 individuals for appointment to the fiscal agent district.  
707 Personnel must be employed under the personnel policies of the  
708 fiscal agent district and are deemed to be public employees of  
709 the fiscal agent district. The regional consortium service  
710 organization board of directors may recommend a salary schedule  
711 and job descriptions specific to its personnel.

712 (d) The regional consortium service organization may  
713 purchase or lease property and facilities essential for its  
714 operations and is responsible for their maintenance and  
715 associated overhead costs.

716 (e) If a regional consortium service organization is  
717 dissolved, any revenue from the sale of assets must be  
718 distributed among the member districts as determined by the  
719 board of directors. Application for incentive grants shall be  
720 made to the Commissioner of Education by July 30 of each year  
721 for distribution to qualifying regional consortium service  
722 organizations by January 1 of the fiscal year.

723 (5) The board of directors of a regional consortium service  
724 organization may use various means to generate revenue in  
725 support of its activities, including, but not limited to,

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726 contracting for services to nonmember districts. The board of  
727 directors may acquire, enjoy, use, and dispose of patents,  
728 copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and associated ~~ether~~  
729 rights or interests ~~thereunder or therein~~. Ownership of all such  
730 patents, copyrights, trademarks, licenses, and associated rights  
731 or interests ~~thereunder or therein~~ shall vest in the state, with  
732 the board of directors having full right of use and full right  
733 to retain associated ~~the~~ revenues ~~derived therefrom~~. Any funds  
734 realized from contracted services, patents, copyrights,  
735 trademarks, or licenses are ~~shall~~ be considered internal funds  
736 as provided in s. 1011.07. A fund balance must be established  
737 for maintaining or expanding services, facilities maintenance,  
738 terminal pay, and other liabilities ~~Such funds shall be used to~~  
739 ~~support the organization's marketing and research and~~  
740 ~~development activities in order to improve and increase services~~  
741 ~~to its member districts.~~

742 Section 5. The amendments to s. 1001.451, Florida Statutes,  
743 made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
744 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,  
745 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
746 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
747 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
748 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

749 Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 102  
750 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 1001.4511,  
751 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

752 1001.4511 Regional Consortia Service Organization  
753 Supplemental Services Program.—

754 (1) There is created the Regional Consortia Service

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755 Organization Supplemental Services Program to increase the  
756 ability of regional consortium service organizations under s.  
757 1001.451 to provide programs and services to consortia members  
758 through cooperative agreements. Program funds may be used to  
759 supplement member needs related to transportation; district  
760 finance personnel services; property insurance, including  
761 property insurance obtained from any source; cybersecurity  
762 support; school safety; college, career, and workforce  
763 development; academic support; and behavior support within  
764 exceptional student education services.

765 (2) Each regional consortium service organization shall  
766 annually report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
767 of the House of Representatives the distribution of funds,  
768 including members awarded and services provided.

769 (3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,  
770 funds allocated for this purpose which are not disbursed by June  
771 30 of the fiscal year in which the funds are allocated may be  
772 carried forward for up to 5 years after the effective date of  
773 the original appropriation.

774 (4) This section expires July 1, 2027.

775 Section 7. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 64A  
776 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 1009.635,  
777 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

778 1009.635 Rural Incentive for Professional Educators  
779 Program.—

780 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Rural Incentive for Professional  
781 Educators (RIPE) Program is established within the Department of  
782 Education to support the recruitment and retention of qualified  
783 instructional personnel in rural communities. The program shall

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784 provide financial assistance for the repayment of student loans  
785 for eligible participants who establish permanent residency and  
786 employment in rural areas of opportunity.

787 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible to participate  
788 in the RIPE Program if he or she does all of the following:

789 (a) Establishes permanent residency on or after July 1,  
790 2026, in a rural area of opportunity as designated pursuant to  
791 s. 288.0656. The address on an individual's state-issued  
792 identification card or driver license is evidence of residence.

793 (b) Secures full-time employment as a teacher or  
794 administrator in a private school as defined in s. 1002.01, or  
795 as instructional or administrative personnel as those terms are  
796 defined in s. 1012.01(2) and (3), respectively, in the public  
797 school district located within the same rural area of  
798 opportunity as he or she resides.

799 (c) Holds an associate degree, bachelor's degree,  
800 postgraduate degree, or certificate from an accredited  
801 institution earned before establishing residency.

802 (d) Has an active student loan balance incurred for the  
803 completion of the qualifying degree or certificate.

804 (3) LOAN REPAYMENT.—Eligible participants may receive up to  
805 \$15,000 in total student loan repayment assistance over 5 years,  
806 disbursed in annual payments not to exceed \$3,000 per year.  
807 Payments must be made directly to the lender servicing the  
808 participant's student loan.

809 (4) AWARD DISTRIBUTION.—Before disbursement of an award,  
810 the department shall verify that the participant:

811 (a) Has maintained continuous employment with the school  
812 district in an instructional or administrative position;

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813        (b) Has received a rating of effective or highly effective  
814        pursuant to s. 1012.34; and

815        (c) Has not been placed on probation, had his or her  
816        certificate suspended or revoked, or been placed on the  
817        disqualification list, pursuant to s. 1012.796.

818        (5) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be administered by  
819        the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Department  
820        of Education, which shall:

821        (a) Develop application procedures requiring documentation,  
822        including proof of residency, verification of employment,  
823        official academic transcripts, and details of outstanding  
824        student loans; and

825        (b) Monitor compliance with program requirements.

826        (6) RULEMAKING.—The State Board of Education shall adopt  
827        rules no later than January 31, 2027, to administer this  
828        section.

829        (7) EXPIRATION.—This section expires July 1, 2027.

830        Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17  
831        of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a state university  
832        board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay  
833        project with a health care provider may accept the health care  
834        provider's procurement methods and construction contracts  
835        entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care provider  
836        for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance  
837        approved by the Board of Governors. This section expires July 1,  
838        2027.

839        Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152  
840        of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
841        ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the Florida

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842 Agricultural and Mechanical University board of trustees may  
843 expend available reserves or carry forward balances from  
844 previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or  
845 other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated  
846 from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or from  
847 tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the president of the  
848 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section  
849 expires July 1, 2027.

850 Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
851 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
852 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
853 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
854 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
855 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
856 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address  
857 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to  
858 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment  
859 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal  
860 year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

861 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
862 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
863 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
864 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
865 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
866 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
867 within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories, or  
868 to increase budget authority in the Children's Medical Services  
869 network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits  
870 within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds.

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871 A single budget amendment must be submitted in the last quarter  
872 of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,  
873 2027.

874 Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
875 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
876 subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended  
877 to read:

878 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

879 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,  
880 2027 2026, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This  
881 subsection expires July 1, 2027 2026.

882 Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
883 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
884 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
885 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
886 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
887 approved directed payment program for hospitals statewide  
888 providing inpatient and outpatient services to Medicaid managed  
889 care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education (IME) Program,  
890 and a nursing workforce expansion and education program for  
891 certain institutions participating in a graduate medical  
892 education or nursing education program. For institutions  
893 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
894 program, the budget amendment must identify the educational  
895 institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions  
896 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
897 program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing  
898 the number of nurses participating in the program. This section  
899 expires July 1, 2027.

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900       Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
901 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
902 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
903 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
904 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
905 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service  
906 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the  
907 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1)(B) (v). This section  
908 expires July 1, 2027.

909       Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
910 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
911 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
912 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
913 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
914 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
915 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the  
916 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget  
917 amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low  
918 Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a  
919 listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to  
920 support the state match required. In addition, for each entity  
921 included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be  
922 provided which includes the charity care cost upon which the Low  
923 Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should  
924 the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low  
925 Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for  
926 returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the  
927 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section  
928 expires July 1, 2027.

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929       Section 16. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
930 222 and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
931 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
932 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
933 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
934 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for  
935 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners  
936 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental  
937 school, or a public hospital. This section expires July 1, 2027.

938       Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
939 220, 223, and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
940 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
941 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
942 additional spending authority to implement a certified  
943 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation  
944 services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

945       Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
946 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
947 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
948 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
949 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
950 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, requesting  
951 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate  
952 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a  
953 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities  
954 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public  
955 expenditures to support the state match required. This section  
956 expires July 1, 2027.

957       Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes, providing comprehensive acute care services to children with Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 201 and 228 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within the Agency for Health Care Administration to evaluate the delivery of applied behavior analysis services in a manner that promotes high-quality, family-centered care while ensuring long-term financial sustainability of the Medicaid program and cost predictability without disrupting access for current enrollees and families.

(2) The task force shall evaluate:

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987        (a) Clinical care models that lead to best practices for  
988        the provision of therapy at the appropriate ages;  
989        (b) Appropriate transitions for enrollees receiving ABA  
990        services across developmental, educational, and community  
991        settings;  
992        (c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;  
993        (d) Limits and utilization controls related to the length  
994        of time ABA services may be authorized;  
995        (e) Potential caps on the number of months an enrollee may  
996        receive ABA services; and  
997        (f) Ways to enhance Medicaid provider enrollment and  
998        billing standards for ABA services to promote program integrity  
999        and fiscal accountability.

1000        (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for  
1001        revising the state's service delivery model to improve care  
1002        experience and service continuity for enrollees and families  
1003        receiving ABA services, while safeguarding long-term program  
1004        sustainability.

1005        (4) The task force shall consist of 10 members as provided  
1006        in this subsection.

1007        (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or  
1008        her designee, shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of  
1009        the task force and shall serve as the chair.

1010        (b) The remainder of the task force membership shall be  
1011        composed as follows:

1012        1. Two members appointed by the Governor, three members  
1013        appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members  
1014        appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, based  
1015        upon the criteria of this subparagraph. The appointing officers

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1016 must make their appointments prioritizing members who have the  
1017 following experience or expertise:  
1018 a. Persons with academic credentials or scientific  
1019 expertise relating to autism and applied behavior analysis;  
1020 b. Representatives of the applied behavior analysis  
1021 provider community;  
1022 c. Representatives of Medicaid managed care plans with  
1023 managerial experience and expertise relating to autism and  
1024 applied behavior analysis; or  
1025 d. Physicians licensed under chapter 458, Florida Statutes,  
1026 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, with expertise relating to  
1027 autism and applied behavior analysis.

1028 2. One family member of a Medicaid managed care plan  
1029 enrollee who receives applied behavior analysis services,  
1030 appointed by the Governor.

1031 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration shall  
1032 coordinate with the appointing officers to ensure the task  
1033 force's membership adequately represents the criteria provided  
1034 under paragraph (b).

1035 (d) Any vacancy occurring on the task force must be filled  
1036 in the same manner as the original appointment.

1037 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration must provide  
1038 staff support for the work of the task force, and staff from the  
1039 Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families,  
1040 the Department of Education, and the Agency for Persons with  
1041 Disabilities may provide additional expertise.

1042 (6) Meetings of the task force may be held through  
1043 teleconference or other electronic means. The task force shall  
1044 convene for its initial meeting by August 15, 2026, and

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1045 thereafter, upon the call of the chair. Notices for any task  
1046 force meetings must be published in advance on the Agency for  
1047 Health Care Administration's website.

1048 (7) Members of the task force shall serve without  
1049 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as  
1050 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

1051 (8) The task force shall report its findings and  
1052 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
1053 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,  
1054 2026. The report must include advantages and disadvantages of  
1055 each recommendation.

1056 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1057 Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1058 339, 339B, 368 through 369 of the 2026-2027 General  
1059 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1060 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may  
1061 submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and  
1062 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign  
1063 funding within the department based on the implementation of the  
1064 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific  
1065 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care  
1066 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,  
1067 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,  
1068 2027.

1069 Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1070 209 through 212, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475,  
1071 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General  
1072 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1073 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the

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1074 Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care  
1075 Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1076 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1077 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee  
1078 programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee  
1079 Resettlement due to the ongoing instability of federal  
1080 immigration policy and the resulting inability of the state to  
1081 reasonably predict, with certainty, the budgetary needs of this  
1082 state with respect to the number of refugees relocated to the  
1083 state as part of those federal programs. The Department of  
1084 Children and Families shall submit quarterly reports to the  
1085 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
1086 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the number of  
1087 refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of such  
1088 refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section  
1089 expires July 1, 2027.

1090       Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1091 295 through 390A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1092 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
1093 the Department of Children and Families may submit budget  
1094 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
1095 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
1096 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the  
1097 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic  
1098 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the  
1099 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and  
1100 Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living  
1101 Services, the Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-  
1102 B Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, the Elder Justice Act, the STOP

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1103 Violence Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor  
1104 Housing Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section  
1105 expires July 1, 2027.

1106 Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1107 267 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1108 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 32 of chapter  
1109 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 393.066,  
1110 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1111 393.066 Community services and treatment.—

1112 (2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than  
1113 provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services  
1114 is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All  
1115 purchased services must be approved by the agency. As a  
1116 condition of payment and before billing, persons or entities  
1117 under contract with the agency to provide services shall use  
1118 agency data management systems to document service provision to  
1119 clients or shall maintain such information in its own data  
1120 management system and electronically transmit it to the agency  
1121 data management system in an industry standard electronic format  
1122 designated by the agency. The agency may not require training on  
1123 the use of agency data management systems by persons or entities  
1124 that choose to maintain data in their own data management  
1125 system, provided that they electronically transmit required  
1126 information in a format and frequency designated by the agency.  
1127 Contracted persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware  
1128 and software technical requirements established by the agency  
1129 for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also  
1130 meet any requirements established by the agency for training and  
1131 professional development of staff providing direct services to

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1132 clients.

1133       Section 26. The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes, as  
1134 carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this  
1135 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall  
1136 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any  
1137 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
1138 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1139 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1140 expire pursuant to this section.

1141       Section 27. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in  
1142 order to implement Specific Appropriation 382 of the 2026-2027  
1143 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of  
1144 section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1145       394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

1146       (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

1147       (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2026-2027 2025-  
1148 2026 fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented  
1149 unexpended funds appropriated from the State Opioid Settlement  
1150 Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the next. Nonqualified funds  
1151 carried forward pursuant to this paragraph are not included in  
1152 the 8 percent cumulative cap that may be carried forward. This  
1153 paragraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.

1154       Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1155 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A of the 2026-2027 General  
1156 Appropriations Act, subsection (10) is added to section  
1157 409.9913, Florida Statutes, to read:

1158       409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead  
1159 agencies.—

1160       (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core

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1161 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General  
1162 Appropriations Act. The department shall use the Tiered Funding  
1163 Model developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant to  
1164 section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the baseline  
1165 framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements to the  
1166 model and shall continue to collect detailed cost, expenditure,  
1167 and census data from community-based care lead agencies.

1168 (a) Each lead agency shall submit any cost, expenditure,  
1169 and census data requested by the department to support the  
1170 continued development and refinement of the Tiered Funding  
1171 Model. Lead agencies shall complete and validate a standardized  
1172 expenditure report template in the form and manner prescribed by  
1173 the department.

1174 (b) The department shall conduct ongoing performance  
1175 monitoring by comparing trends in individual metrics against  
1176 broader indicators of system health and shall analyze emerging  
1177 market trends that may impact organizational financial  
1178 stability. The department's analysis and reporting shall include  
1179 a comprehensive explanation of the methodology used to establish  
1180 residential group home rates, a description of the current rate-  
1181 setting processes employed by each community-based care lead  
1182 agency, and recommendations to enhance the fiscal sustainability  
1183 and transparency of those processes.

1184 (c) Beginning in July 2026 and continuing through November  
1185 2026, the department shall provide monthly status reports to the  
1186 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1187 House of Representatives detailing activities and progress  
1188 related to the development of the funding methodology, including  
1189 preliminary recommendations for adjustments for the subsequent

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1190 fiscal year.

1191 (d) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a  
1192 final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
1193 the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes  
1194 recommendations for adjustments to the funding methodology for  
1195 the next fiscal year. The recommendations shall continue the  
1196 Tiered Funding Model approach while proposing enhancements  
1197 intended to strengthen operational and financial outcomes.

1198 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1199 Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1200 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A and section 74 of the 2026-2027  
1201 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section  
1202 409.990, Florida Statutes, to read:

1203 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established  
1204 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a  
1205 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or  
1206 applicable federal funding sources.

1207 (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a  
1208 lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of  
1209 July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. The department  
1210 must hold such funds in a separate account and, by August 1,  
1211 2026, report to the chair of the Senate Committee on  
1212 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget  
1213 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of  
1214 Policy and Budget the amount of funds returned by each lead  
1215 agency. As of September 30, 2026, all funds returned pursuant to  
1216 this subsection shall revert to the General Revenue Fund. This  
1217 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1218 Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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1219 465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1220 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1221 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1222 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1223 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1224 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children  
1225 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal  
1226 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1227 section expires July 1, 2027.

1228 Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1229 476 and 526 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1230 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1231 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1232 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1233 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS  
1234 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues  
1235 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available  
1236 in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1237 Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1238 432 through 593 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1239 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1240 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1241 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1242 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1243 department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19  
1244 relief funds become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1245 section expires July 1, 2027.

1246 Section 33. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1247 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

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1248        (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall replace  
1249 the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System  
1250 (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a system that is  
1251 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid  
1252 program and that complies with all applicable federal and state  
1253 laws and requirements. The agency may not include in the program  
1254 to replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

1255        (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the information  
1256 systems of the other health and human services state agencies;

1257        (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to  
1258 Medicaid programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid  
1259 technology infrastructure for other purposes without legislative  
1260 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these  
1261 requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care Connection  
1262 (FX) system, must provide better integration with subsystems  
1263 supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity, consistency,  
1264 and improved access to data; and compatibility with the Centers  
1265 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid Information  
1266 Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures and expands  
1267 its functionality; or

1268        (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not including  
1269 staff augmentation services purchased off the Department of  
1270 Management Services Information Technology staff augmentation  
1271 state term contract which are not deliverables based fixed price  
1272 contracts.

1273        (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current  
1274 Medicaid fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration  
1275 shall:

1276        (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the

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1277 current functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the  
1278 current Medicaid fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend  
1279 all or portions of the current fiscal agent contract.

1280 (b) Comply with and not exceed the Centers for Medicare and  
1281 Medicaid Services funding authorizations for the FX system.

1282 (c) Develop and mature an enterprise architecture framework  
1283 to align the requirements of the FX project phases and  
1284 overarching program objectives, including completing and  
1285 maintaining key components such as the Business Capability Model  
1286 and Business Value Model.

1287 (d) Apply value-based measures to support informed  
1288 decisionmaking around release readiness and go-live criteria.  
1289 These measures must be tracked and reported quarterly to the  
1290 executive steering committee established in paragraph (k) post-  
1291 implementation to support performance monitoring and continuous  
1292 improvement.

1293 (e) Through documented FX architecture governance  
1294 practices, ensure that the Medicaid business needs and the  
1295 business architecture are the primary drivers of information and  
1296 technical architecture design decisions. All such decisions must  
1297 be documented with traceable rationale to promote transparency  
1298 and accountability across the program. The business,  
1299 information, and technical architectures must align with the  
1300 MITA framework where applicable. In areas where MITA guidance is  
1301 not available, alignment will be maintained through adherence to  
1302 The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF).

1303 (f) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published  
1304 MITA framework and guidelines. The agency shall:

1305 1. Implement an Enterprise Architecture (EA) management

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1306 tool that supports an integrated approach to FX program  
1307 architecture. The EA tool must serve as a centralized repository  
1308 for the FX Business Process Inventory and support the integrated  
1309 management and oversight of the FX business, technical, and  
1310 information architectures.

1311 2. Establish governance structures and define user roles  
1312 within the EA tool for the business, technical, and information  
1313 architecture components.

1314 (g) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
1315 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies  
1316 for their review and input and approved by the executive  
1317 steering committee.

1318 (h) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's  
1319 working group for interagency information technology integration  
1320 for the development of competitive solicitations that provide  
1321 for data interoperability and shared information technology  
1322 services across the state's health and human services agencies.

1323 (i) Implement a data governance structure for the program  
1324 to coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state  
1325 health care entities.

1326 (j) Establish a continuing oversight team for each contract  
1327 pursuant to s. 287.057(26), Florida Statutes. The teams must  
1328 provide quarterly reports to the executive steering committee,  
1329 summarizing the status of the contract, the pace of  
1330 deliverables, the quality of deliverables, contractor  
1331 responsiveness, and contractor performance.

1332 (k) Implement a program governance structure that includes  
1333 an executive steering committee composed of:

1334 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or the

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1335 executive sponsor of the program.

1336 2. A representative of the Division of Health Care Finance  
1337 and Data of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed  
1338 by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

1339 3. Two representatives from the Division of Medicaid  
1340 Policy, Quality, and Operations of the Agency for Health Care  
1341 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
1342 Administration.

1343 4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy  
1344 and Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration,  
1345 appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

1346 5. A representative of the Florida Center for Health  
1347 Information and Transparency of the Agency for Health Care  
1348 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
1349 Administration.

1350 6. The Chief Information Officer of the Agency for Health  
1351 Care Administration, or his or her designee.

1352 (3) (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or the  
1353 executive sponsor of the program shall serve as chair of the  
1354 executive steering committee, and the committee shall take  
1355 action by a vote of at least 5 affirmative votes with the chair  
1356 voting on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive  
1357 steering committee consists of at least 5 members.

1358 (b) 1. The chair shall establish a program finance and  
1359 contracting working group composed of:

1360 a. The FX program director.

1361 b. A representative from the agency's Office of the General  
1362 Counsel.

1363 c. A representative from the agency's Division of

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1364       Administration.

1365       d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.

1366       e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.

1367       f. The FX program project managers.

1368       g. The FX program risk manager.

1369       h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.

1370       2. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review

1371       the program status and all contract and program operations,

1372       policies, risks, and issues related to the budget, spending

1373       plans and contractual obligations, and shall develop

1374       recommendations to the executive steering committee for

1375       improvement. The working group shall review all change requests

1376       that impact the program's scope, schedule, or budget related to

1377       contract management and vendor payments and submit those

1378       recommended for adoption to the executive steering committee.

1379       The chair shall request input from the working group on agenda

1380       items for each scheduled meeting. The program shall make

1381       available program staff to the group, as needed, for the group

1382       to fulfill its duties.

1383       (c)1. The chair shall establish a state agency stakeholder

1384       working group composed of:

1385       a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.

1386       b. A representative of the Department of Children and

1387       Families, appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.

1388       c. A representative of the Department of Health, appointed

1389       by the State Surgeon General.

1390       d. A representative of the Agency for Persons with

1391       Disabilities, appointed by the director of the Agency for

1392       Persons with Disabilities.

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1393        e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids  
1394        Corporation.

1395        f. A representative from the Department of Elderly Affairs,  
1396        appointed by the Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

1397        g. The state chief information officer, or his or her  
1398        designee.

1399        h. A representative of the Department of Financial Services  
1400        who has experience with the state's financial processes,  
1401        including development of the PALM system, appointed by the Chief  
1402        Financial Officer.

1403        2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to  
1404        review the program status and all program operations, policies,  
1405        risks, and issues that may impact the operations external to the  
1406        Agency for Health Care Administration FX program, and shall  
1407        develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for  
1408        improvement. The chair shall request input from the working  
1409        group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program  
1410        shall make available program staff to the group to provide  
1411        system demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed,  
1412        for the group to fulfill its duties.

1413        (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
1414        responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS  
1415        and the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business  
1416        objectives and shall:

1417        (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
1418        Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1419        House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to  
1420        implement the modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest  
1421        extent possible, the state's health care data and business

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1422 processes.

1423 (b) Review and approve any changes to the program's scope,  
1424 schedule, and budget.

1425 (c) Review and approve any changes to the program's  
1426 strategic roadmap.

1427 (d) Review and approve change requests that impact the  
1428 program's scope, schedule, or budget recommended for adoption by  
1429 the program finance and contracting working group.

1430 (e) Review recommendations provided by the program working  
1431 groups.

1432 (f) Review vendor scorecards, reports, and notifications  
1433 produced by the continuing oversight teams.

1434 (g) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
1435 all phases of the program.

1436 (h) Approve all major program deliverables.

1437 (i) Review and verify that all procurement and contractual  
1438 documents associated with the replacement of the current FMMIS  
1439 and Medicaid fiscal agent align with the scope, schedule, and  
1440 anticipated budget for the program.

1441 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1442 Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1443 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for  
1444 Health Care Administration shall contract for a comprehensive,  
1445 independent technical architecture and feasibility assessment of  
1446 the agency's Medicaid management information system (MMIS),  
1447 including components completed under the FX project.

1448 (1) The assessment must evaluate the agency's current  
1449 technical architecture and technology standards related to its  
1450 MMIS replacement activities and assess alignment with all

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1451 applicable federal and state laws and requirements, including,  
1452 but not limited to, the federal Centers for Medicare and  
1453 Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Patient Access Rule  
1454 (CMS-9115), the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture  
1455 (MITA) frameworks and guidelines, and recognized industry and  
1456 governmental best practices, including CMS modularity guidance  
1457 and National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity  
1458 standards.

1459 (2) The assessment must, at a minimum:

1460 (a) Identify and document current deficiencies in the  
1461 technical architecture, system design, and standards that may  
1462 affect long-term sustainability, including issues related to  
1463 maintainability, scalability, security, interoperability,  
1464 technical debt, vendor dependency, and compliance with evolving  
1465 federal and state requirements.

1466 (b) Develop a future-state technical architecture that is  
1467 driven by and aligned with the business architecture, Medicaid  
1468 program needs, and CMS modularity and interoperability  
1469 principles, including identification of core components,  
1470 interfaces, data flows, and applicable standards.

1471 (c) Evaluate the feasibility of transitioning from the  
1472 current-state architecture to the future-state architecture,  
1473 including phased or modular implementation options, associated  
1474 risks, estimated costs, implementation timelines, operational  
1475 impacts, and implications for federal funding eligibility.

1476 (d) Prioritize replacement of the functionality provided  
1477 under the current fiscal agent contract and recommend a  
1478 sustainable path forward, including identification of any  
1479 prerequisite governance, policy, or remediation actions required

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1480 prior to implementation.

1481 (e) Assess the agency's readiness to implement and operate  
1482 the recommended solution, including evaluation of governance  
1483 structures, staffing capacity, and resource sufficiency.

1484 (3) The completed assessment must be submitted  
1485 simultaneously to the Agency for Health Care Administration, the  
1486 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of  
1487 the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive  
1488 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by January  
1489 8, 2027.

1490 (4) Based on the results of the assessment, the Agency for  
1491 Health Care Administration shall develop a new time-phased  
1492 implementation roadmap with measurable success criteria for the  
1493 MMIS replacement that aligns investments with the agency's  
1494 Medicaid program goals and business strategy. The agency must  
1495 submit the roadmap to chair of the Senate Committee on  
1496 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget  
1497 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of  
1498 Policy and Budget by February 2, 2027.

1499 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1500 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1501 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027  
1502 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care  
1503 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,  
1504 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of  
1505 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall  
1506 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for  
1507 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological  
1508 products excluded from the program established under s.

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1509 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s.  
1510 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The  
1511 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these  
1512 products for participating agencies when feasible and  
1513 advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a  
1514 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved  
1515 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs  
1516 and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1517 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1518 238 through 245 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1519 notwithstanding ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), Florida Statutes:

1520 (1) (a) An inactive license or a partially inactive license  
1521 with an expiration date on or after June 1, 2024, may be issued  
1522 or renewed to a skilled nursing provider subject to the  
1523 certificate-of-need provisions in part I of chapter 408, Florida  
1524 Statutes, if the provider currently holds an active or inactive  
1525 license, does not have a provisional license, and will be  
1526 temporarily unable to provide services due to impacts from a  
1527 natural disaster or state of emergency; or will be deactivating  
1528 or has deactivated beds to improve and modernize the licensees  
1529 physical plant, but is reasonably expected to resume services  
1530 within 48 months.

1531 (b) Such issuance or renewal may be made for a period of 12  
1532 months and may be further renewed for up to 36 additional months  
1533 upon demonstration by the licensee of the provider's progress  
1534 toward reopening. During each 12-month renewal cycle, the  
1535 applicant shall attest that good-faith progress towards  
1536 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1537 delayed by litigation or by governmental action or inaction with

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1538 respect to regulations or permitting that precludes commencement  
1539 of the project.

1540 (2) (a) The certificate-of-need validity period for a  
1541 project shall be extended by the agency if the certificateholder  
1542 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that good-faith  
1543 progress toward the commencement of the project is ongoing or  
1544 that the project is delayed by litigation or by government  
1545 action or inaction with respect to regulations or permitting  
1546 that precludes commencement of the project.

1547 (b) Such extension may be made for a period of 12 months  
1548 and may be renewed for up to 36 additional months upon  
1549 demonstration by the certificateholder of the progress towards  
1550 opening. During each 12-month validity period renewal cycle, the  
1551 certificateholder shall attest that good-faith progress towards  
1552 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1553 being delayed by litigation or by governmental action or  
1554 inaction.

1555 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1556 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1557 272, 277, 278, 283, 288, and 289 of the 2026-2027 General  
1558 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1559 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may  
1560 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
1561 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
1562 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
1563 categories to categories used for contractual services in order  
1564 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the  
1565 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,  
1566 2027.

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1567                   Section 38. In order to implement section 66 of the 2026-  
1568 2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181  
1569 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with  
1570 Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1571 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1572 Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump  
1573 Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address  
1574 any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1,  
1575 2027.

1576                   Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1577 231 and 254 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1578 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1579 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons  
1580 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1581 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1582 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the  
1583 action, to increase budget authority to support the  
1584 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid  
1585 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This  
1586 section expires July 1, 2027.

1587                   Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1588 594 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1589 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
1590 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1591 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority  
1592 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the  
1593 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and  
1594 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate  
1595 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing

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1596       homes, if the department projects that additional direct care  
1597       staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This  
1598       section expires July 1, 2027.

1599       Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1600       223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)  
1601       of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1602       409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the  
1603       state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of  
1604       the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state  
1605       shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to  
1606       acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1607       (1) (a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid  
1608       expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds  
1609       for the federal Medicaid program.

1610       (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by  
1611       any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share  
1612       for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.  
1613       This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.

1614       Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1615       594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1616       and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
1617       the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to:

1618       (1) Expend funds pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement  
1619       between the department and the Collier County Board of County  
1620       Commissioners, as well as funds appropriated in chapter 2023-  
1621       239, Laws of Florida, for the planning and construction of a new  
1622       State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Center in  
1623       Collier County.

1624       (2) Apply for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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1625 Construction Grant for the Collier County State Veterans'  
1626 Nursing Home.

1627 (3) Submit budget amendments subject to the notice, review,  
1628 and objection procedures in s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,  
1629 subject to federal approval, requesting additional spending  
1630 authority to support the development and construction of a new  
1631 State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in  
1632 Collier County.

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1634 This section expires July 1, 2027.

1635 Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1636 404 and 406 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1637 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1638 Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,  
1639 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1640 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1641 United States Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food  
1642 Program or the Older Americans Act if additional federal  
1643 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1644 section expires July 1, 2027.

1645 Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1646 626 through 718 and 729 through 782 of the 2026-2027 General  
1647 Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida  
1648 Statutes, is amended to read:

1649 216.262 Authorized positions.—

1650 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating  
1651 to increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the  
1652 2026-2027 2025-2026 fiscal year only, if the actual inmate  
1653 population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate

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1654 population projections of the December 23 ~~February~~ 21, 2025,  
1655 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2  
1656 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive  
1657 Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative  
1658 Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice  
1659 Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible  
1660 to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then  
1661 submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of  
1662 positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature  
1663 and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue  
1664 sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed capital  
1665 improvements, and other resources to provide classification,  
1666 security, food services, health services, and other variable  
1667 expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated  
1668 increase in the inmate population. All actions taken pursuant to  
1669 this subsection are subject to review and approval by the  
1670 Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1,  
1671 2027 2026.

1672 Section 45. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1673 3340 through 3409 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1674 subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1675 to read:

1676 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

1677 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one  
1678 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system  
1679 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2026-2027  
1680 ~~2025-2026~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice  
1681 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the  
1682 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.

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1683 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which  
1684 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts  
1685 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned  
1686 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5  
1687 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If  
1688 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial  
1689 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds  
1690 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid  
1691 by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year. This  
1692 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1693 Section 46. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1694 1183 through 1194 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

1695 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall review county  
1696 juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill  
1697 their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865,  
1698 Florida Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile Justice  
1699 determines that a county has not met its obligations, the  
1700 department shall direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the  
1701 amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the funds  
1702 provided to the county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes. The  
1703 Department of Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld to the  
1704 Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

1705 (2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties  
1706 before July 1, 2026, for which distributions made pursuant to s.  
1707 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund  
1708 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded  
1709 and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each  
1710 fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county  
1711 shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to

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1712 any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department  
1713 of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an  
1714 affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed  
1715 pursuant to subsection (1) does not reduce the amount of  
1716 distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the  
1717 timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds  
1718 and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the  
1719 bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of  
1720 the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution  
1721 must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the  
1722 Department of Revenue must notify the Department of Juvenile  
1723 Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the Department of  
1724 Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of such amount to  
1725 the affected county.

1726 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1727 Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1728 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the  
1729 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the  
1730 expiration date in section 52 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of  
1731 Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),  
1732 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and  
1733 (7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

1734 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum  
1735 requirements; appointment by court.—

1736 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual  
1737 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed  
1738 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized  
1739 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to  
1740 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office

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1741 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be  
1742 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision  
1743 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public  
1744 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public  
1745 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict  
1746 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The  
1747 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific  
1748 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a  
1749 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this  
1750 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

1751 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent  
1752 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-  
1753 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict  
1754 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified  
1755 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil  
1756 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a  
1757 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional  
1758 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of  
1759 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly  
1760 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall  
1761 submit this information to the Justice Administrative  
1762 Commission.

1763 (3) In using a registry:

1764 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of  
1765 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of  
1766 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each  
1767 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number  
1768 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a  
1769 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

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1770        1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief  
1771        judge and by general law for court appointment;  
1772        2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases  
1773        requiring court appointment of private counsel; and  
1774        3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for  
1775        services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

1776  
1777        To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a  
1778        contract for services with the Justice Administrative  
1779        Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for  
1780        services may result in termination of the contract and removal  
1781        from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible  
1782        for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice  
1783        Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.  
1784        Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination  
1785        of the contract for services and removal from the registry until  
1786        the requirement is fulfilled.

1787        (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve  
1788        uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of  
1789        private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms  
1790        for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for  
1791        attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the  
1792        attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform  
1793        contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with  
1794        s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and  
1795        must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's  
1796        performance and obligation to pay under this contract is  
1797        contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

1798        (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately

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1799 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance  
1800 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms  
1801 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1802 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the  
1803 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as  
1804 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection  
1805 (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the  
1806 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under  
1807 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment  
1808 that there were no registry attorneys available for  
1809 representation for that case and only if the requirements of  
1810 subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

1811 (b) 1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
1812 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be  
1813 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate  
1814 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly  
1815 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the  
1816 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed  
1817 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek  
1818 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304  
1819 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents  
1820 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission  
1821 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client  
1822 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall  
1823 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the  
1824 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in  
1825 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and  
1826 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact  
1827 information from the records and documents only to the extent

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1828 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice  
1829 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall  
1830 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1831 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the  
1832 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to  
1833 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by  
1834 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that  
1835 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming  
1836 the presumption.

1837 2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit the  
1838 commission or the Auditor General to review documentation for a  
1839 case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives the  
1840 right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation in  
1841 excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General  
1842 Appropriations Act for that case.

1843 3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived  
1844 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee  
1845 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as  
1846 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,  
1847 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and  
1848 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1849 presumption.

1850 Section 48. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),  
1851 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1852 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and  
1853 the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,  
1854 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that  
1855 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
1856 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such

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1857        amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1858        expire pursuant to this section.

1859        Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1860        793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the  
1861        2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the  
1862        expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of  
1863        Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,  
1864        is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11) and  
1865        paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section  
1866        are reenacted, to read:

1867        27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;  
1868        notice.—

1869        (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the manner  
1870        prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated by the  
1871        Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in this  
1872        section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees  
1873        prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The  
1874        specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established  
1875        annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also  
1876        shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in  
1877        accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a  
1878        defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,  
1879        the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the  
1880        most serious offense for which he or she represented the  
1881        defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee  
1882        limits established by this section.

1883        (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility  
1884        for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney  
1885        fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory

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1886 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-  
1887 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final  
1888 disposition of a case.

1889 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a court  
1890 appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1891 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation for  
1892 dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first  
1893 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700  
1894 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon  
1895 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case  
1896 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,  
1897 including any children born during the pendency of the  
1898 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an  
1899 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial  
1900 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for  
1901 dependency proceedings.

1902 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450  
1903 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

1904 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1905 following the first judicial review in the second year following  
1906 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1907 case remains under protective supervision.

1908 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective  
1909 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not  
1910 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an  
1911 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1912 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a  
1913 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,  
1914 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel

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1915 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle  
1916 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must  
1917 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

1918 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in  
1919 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed  
1920 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and  
1921 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall  
1922 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of  
1923 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of  
1924 children involved, including any children born during the  
1925 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal  
1926 from an order granting or denying termination of parental  
1927 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered  
1928 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights  
1929 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings  
1930 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered  
1931 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long  
1932 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

1933 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30  
1934 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for  
1935 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must  
1936 include the trial counsel's certification that:

1937 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or  
1938 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and  
1939 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and a  
1940 motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the  
1941 signature of the parent, have been filed.

1942 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1943 following the first judicial review in the second year after the

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1944 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1945 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1946 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,  
1947 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

1948 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon  
1949 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1950 withdraw.

1951 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat  
1952 fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

1953 (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of  
1954 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1955 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon  
1956 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1957 withdraw.

1958 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat  
1959 fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1960 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the state  
1961 for representation pursuant to court appointment made in  
1962 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a  
1963 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter  
1964 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter  
1965 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the  
1966 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such  
1967 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

1968 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat fees  
1969 prescribed under this section and the General Appropriations Act  
1970 comprise the full and complete compensation for private court-  
1971 appointed counsel. It is further the intent of the Legislature  
1972 that the fees in this section are prescribed for the purpose of

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1973 providing counsel with notice of the limit on the amount of  
1974 compensation for representation in particular proceedings and  
1975 the sole procedure and requirements for obtaining payment for  
1976 the same.

1977 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to  
1978 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion  
1979 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not  
1980 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under  
1981 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1982 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from  
1983 representation prior to the full performance of his or her  
1984 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints  
1985 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial  
1986 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee  
1987 established under this section and the General Appropriations  
1988 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

1989  
1990 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed  
1991 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat  
1992 fee.

1993 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an  
1994 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and  
1995 unusual effort.

1996 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits  
1997 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief  
1998 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess  
1999 of these limits.

2000 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a  
2001 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting

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2002 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice  
2003 Administrative Commission.

2004 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the  
2005 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and  
2006 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall  
2007 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
2008 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission  
2009 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection  
2010 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the  
2011 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file  
2012 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission  
2013 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of  
2014 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating  
2015 its objection.

2016 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee  
2017 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an  
2018 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge  
2019 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this  
2020 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit  
2021 may have up to two designees.

2022 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must  
2023 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case  
2024 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or  
2025 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of  
2026 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and  
2027 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a  
2028 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial  
2029 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal  
2030 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number

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2031 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's  
2032 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

2033       2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative  
2034 Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by  
2035 the attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the  
2036 court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial  
2037 evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption. The chief  
2038 judge or single designee shall enter a written order detailing  
2039 his or her findings and identifying the extraordinary nature of  
2040 the time and efforts of the attorney in the case which warrant  
2041 exceeding the flat fee established by this section and the  
2042 General Appropriations Act.

2043       (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on  
2044 the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days  
2045 before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative  
2046 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may  
2047 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing  
2048 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order  
2049 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses  
2050 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of  
2051 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice  
2052 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or  
2053 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for  
2054 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving  
2055 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact  
2056 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to  
2057 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the  
2058 documentation is not binding on the court.

2059       (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that

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2060       counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that  
2061       the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief  
2062       judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid  
2063       to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,  
2064       depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort  
2065       required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to  
2066       ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.  
2067       The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established  
2068       flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat  
2069       fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or  
2070       single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee  
2071       would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of  
2072       compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for  
2073       a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,  
2074       the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be  
2075       only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid  
2076       are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.  
2077       27.40(7).

2078               (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must be  
2079       attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the  
2080       Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the  
2081       requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

2082               (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in subsection  
2083       (5) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the  
2084       compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may not  
2085       exceed the following:

2086               (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the trial  
2087       level: \$2,000.

2088               (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the

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2089 trial level: \$15,000.

2090 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:

2091 \$15,000.

2092 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:

2093 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any  
2094 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state  
2095 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

2096 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

2097 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2098 Section 50. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and  
2099 (12) (a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
2100 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),  
2101 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws  
2102 of Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2103 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to  
2104 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
2105 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
2106 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
2107 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
2108 this section.

2109 Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2110 1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2111 subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2112 to read:

2113 908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

2114 (3) (a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the  
2115 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments  
2116 for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate  
2117 in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task

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2118 force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for  
2119 a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer  
2120 employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency  
2121 must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer  
2122 participated in one or more operations and provide any  
2123 information required by the board. Eligible participation does  
2124 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
2125 facilities or county detention facilities.

2126 (b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65  
2127 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance  
2128 Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

2129 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2026-2027  
2130 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply  
2131 to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus  
2132 payments for the agency's certified correctional officers under  
2133 s. 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under s. 287(g)  
2134 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an  
2135 immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under s.  
2136 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357.  
2137 The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to  
2138 \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with  
2139 that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency  
2140 must certify to the board that the certified correctional  
2141 officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or  
2142 an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at  
2143 least 6 months preceding the application and provide any  
2144 information required by the board. Eligible participation does  
2145 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
2146 facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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2147                   Section 52. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2148 1336A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (g)  
2149 is added to subsection (7) of section 934.50, Florida Statutes,  
2150 to read:

2151                   934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

2152                   (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

2153                   (g) Subject to appropriation, the Drone as First Responder

2154 Grant Program is created within the Department of Law

2155 Enforcement.

2156                   1. The grant program shall provide funds to law enforcement  
2157 agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews, or other  
2158 first responders that apply for funding to acquire new drones  
2159 that comply with this section. To be eligible, the applicant  
2160 must provide the department with any information the department  
2161 deems necessary. A law enforcement agency, fire service,  
2162 ambulance service, or other first responder agency may apply  
2163 directly to the department or a local governmental entity may  
2164 submit an application on behalf of one or more of its agencies  
2165 to purchase one or more new drones.

2166                   2. The department shall expeditiously develop an  
2167 application process. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come,  
2168 first-served basis, determined by the date the department  
2169 receives the application.

2170                   3. Grants must be matched by at least 50 percent local  
2171 funds, but the department may waive this requirement for  
2172 agencies solely serving within a fiscally constrained county as  
2173 described in s. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes. Each grant is  
2174 limited to a total of \$250,000 per agency and a maximum \$50,000  
2175 per drone.

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2176        4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "first  
2177 responder agency" has the same meaning as in s. 365.179(1)(a).

2178        5. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
2179 paragraph. The department is authorized, and all conditions are  
2180 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 120.54(4) for the  
2181 purpose of implementing this paragraph. Notwithstanding any  
2182 other law, emergency rules adopted under this section are  
2183 effective for 12 months after adoption and may be renewed during  
2184 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing  
2185 the subject of the emergency rules.

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2187        This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

2188        Section 53. In order to implement appropriations used to  
2189 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess  
2190 of 2,000 square feet in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
2191 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation  
2192 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office  
2193 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to  
2194 renegotiate or reprocure all private lease agreements for office  
2195 or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2027, and  
2196 June 30, 2029, in order to reduce costs in future years. The  
2197 department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2026  
2198 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida  
2199 Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the  
2200 possibilities of colocating office or storage space, to review  
2201 the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and  
2202 terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department  
2203 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,  
2204 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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2205 Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease  
2206 contract for private office or storage space, the status of  
2207 renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires  
2208 July 1, 2027.

2209 Section 54. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
2210 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for data center  
2211 services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida  
2212 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data  
2213 processing category to a category other than another data  
2214 processing category or a cloud computing category for  
2215 information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This  
2216 section expires July 1, 2027.

2217 Section 55. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2218 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk  
2219 Management Insurance" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
2220 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
2221 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
2222 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category  
2223 between departments in order to align the budget authority  
2224 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk  
2225 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2226 Section 56. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2227 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer  
2228 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services  
2229 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General  
2230 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and  
2231 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the  
2232 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated  
2233 in that category between departments in order to align the

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2234 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid  
2235 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for  
2236 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,  
2237 2027.

2238 Section 57. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2239 2935 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act in the Building  
2240 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental  
2241 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in  
2242 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

2243 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,  
2244 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of  
2245 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
2246 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of  
2247 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and  
2248 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the  
2249 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.  
2250 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted  
2251 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

2252 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit budget  
2253 amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary for the  
2254 implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216, Florida  
2255 Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in appropriation  
2256 shall include a detailed plan providing all estimated costs and  
2257 relocation proposals.

2258 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2259 Section 58. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2260 2513 through 2516 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

2261 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the  
2262 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information

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2263 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,  
2264 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and  
2265 shall replace the cash management and accounting management  
2266 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an  
2267 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,  
2268 define, and standardize its financial management business  
2269 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida  
2270 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of  
2271 FLAIR and CMS:

2272 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other  
2273 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management  
2274 Information System; or

2275 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the  
2276 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the  
2277 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations  
2278 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2279 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the Department  
2280 of Financial Services shall:

2281 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation  
2282 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,  
2283 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,  
2284 version 031.

2285 (b) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
2286 specifications have been provided to all state agencies for  
2287 their review and input and approved by the executive steering  
2288 committee established in paragraph (c), including any updates to  
2289 these documents.

2290 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes  
2291 an executive steering committee composed of:

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2292       1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of  
2293       the project.

2294       2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the  
2295       Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief  
2296       Financial Officer.

2297       3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of  
2298       Financial Services and the Department of Environmental  
2299       Protection.

2300       4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and  
2301       Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by  
2302       the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience  
2303       relating to at least one of the four main components that  
2304       compose FLAIR.

2305       5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the Governor,  
2306       appointed by the Governor. One employee must have experience  
2307       relating to the Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and  
2308       Budgeting Subsystem.

2309       6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed  
2310       by the executive director, who has experience using or  
2311       maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

2312       7. Two employees from the Department of Management  
2313       Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One  
2314       employee must have experience relating to the department's  
2315       personnel information subsystem and one employee must have  
2316       experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

2317       8. A state agency administrative services director,  
2318       appointed by the Governor.

2319       9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care  
2320       Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the

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2321 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

2322 10. The state chief information officer, or his or her  
2323 designee, as a nonvoting member. The state chief information  
2324 officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status  
2325 reports to the executive steering committee pursuant to the  
2326 oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

2327 11. One employee from the Department of Business and  
2328 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and  
2329 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and  
2330 Professional Regulation.

2331 12. One employee from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2332 Commission who has experience using or maintaining the  
2333 commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by the  
2334 chair of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

2335 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or  
2336 his or her designee.

2337 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor  
2338 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering  
2339 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at  
2340 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer  
2341 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing  
2342 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee consists of  
2343 at least 10 members.

2344 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the executive  
2345 steering committee, the chair shall request input from committee  
2346 members on agenda items for the next scheduled meeting.

2347 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of  
2348 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain  
2349 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four

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2350 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The  
2351 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM  
2352 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial  
2353 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations  
2354 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair  
2355 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for  
2356 each scheduled meeting. The Florida PALM project team shall  
2357 dedicate a staff member to the group and provide system  
2358 demonstrations and any project documentation, as needed, for the  
2359 group to fulfill its duties.

2360 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to  
2361 provide bimonthly status reports to the executive steering  
2362 committee. The form and format of the bimonthly status reports  
2363 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to  
2364 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such  
2365 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive  
2366 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the  
2367 agency to prepare its systems and impacted employees for the  
2368 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first bimonthly  
2369 status report is due September 1, 2026, and bimonthly  
2370 thereafter.

2371 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
2372 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR  
2373 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

2374 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
2375 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
2376 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to  
2377 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to  
2378 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management

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2379 business processes.

2380 (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,  
2381 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements  
2382 of subsection (1).

2383 (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
2384 all phases of the project.

2385 (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost  
2386 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

2387 (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all  
2388 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of  
2389 FLAIR and CMS.

2390 (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the  
2391 bimonthly agency status reports to include objective and  
2392 quantifiable information on each agency's progress in planning  
2393 for the Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's  
2394 people, processes, technology, and data transformation  
2395 activities.

2396 (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,  
2397 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

2398 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2399 Section 59. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2400 3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2401 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter  
2402 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,  
2403 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2404 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and  
2405 interoperability network.—

2406 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide  
2407 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature

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2408 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,  
2409 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the  
2410 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.  
2411 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to  
2412 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public  
2413 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of  
2414 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is  
2415 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to  
2416 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

2417 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall enter  
2418 into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating the  
2419 statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021. The  
2420 contract must include:

- 2421 1. The purchase of radios;
- 2422 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
- 2423 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for  
system users;
- 2425 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual  
rate;
- 2427 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the  
department; and
- 2429 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the  
department.

2431 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust  
2432 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges  
2433 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon  
2434 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the  
2435 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,  
2436 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,

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2437 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the  
2438 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs  
2439 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the  
2440 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the  
2441 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

2442 Section 60. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes, as  
2443 carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by this  
2444 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall  
2445 revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that any  
2446 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
2447 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
2448 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
2449 expire pursuant to this section.

2450 Section 61. In order to implement appropriations relating  
2451 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the  
2452 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in  
2453 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.  
2454 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible  
2455 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management  
2456 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.  
2457 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2458 Section 62. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2459 2954 through 2965 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2460 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,  
2461 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24) (c), Florida  
2462 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement  
2463 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only.  
2464 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2465 Section 63. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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2466 2866 through 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2467 and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by  
2468 section 69 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)  
2469 of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is  
2470 amended to read:

2471 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department  
2472 shall:

2473 (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation  
2474 of the state lottery, including:

2475 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,  
2476 except for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only, effective July 1,  
2477 2026, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent  
2478 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize  
2479 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited  
2480 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program  
2481 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2892 of the 2026-2027  
2482 General Appropriations Act.

2483 Section 64. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida  
2484 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2485 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
2486 2022, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
2487 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2488 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2489 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2490 Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2491 3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2492 paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida  
2493 Statutes, is amended to read:

2494 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

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## 2495 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

2496 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative  
2497 dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may  
2498 adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes  
2499 regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding  
2500 coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a  
2501 proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any  
2502 such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings  
2503 in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such  
2504 policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the  
2505 courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120  
2506 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil  
2507 Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,  
2508 except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,  
2509 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer  
2510 shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the  
2511 request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings  
2512 and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set  
2513 for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such  
2514 proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant  
2515 to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the  
2516 office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

2517 2. The corporation may contract with the division to  
2518 conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim  
2519 determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies  
2520 of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.

2521 Section 66. In order to implement section 125 of the 2026–  
2522 2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (2)  
2523 of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2524                    215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established  
2525 within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida  
2526 Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal  
2527 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership  
2528 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does  
2529 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the  
2530 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of  
2531 residential property in this state. Implementation of this  
2532 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is  
2533 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability  
2534 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed  
2535 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of  
2536 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects  
2537 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in  
2538 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by  
2539 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other  
2540 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of  
2541 available funds. If, after applications are processed and  
2542 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept  
2543 applications up to the available amount. The program shall  
2544 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach  
2545 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements  
2546 provided in this section.

2547                    (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be  
2548 used by homeowners to make improvements recommended by an  
2549 inspection which increase resistance to hurricane damage.

2550                    (a) A homeowner is eligible for a hurricane mitigation  
2551 grant if all of the following criteria are met:

2552                    1. The home must be eligible for an inspection under

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2553 subsection (1).

2554 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of  
2555 \$700,000 or less. Homeowners who are low-income persons, as  
2556 defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.2557 3. The home must undergo an acceptable hurricane mitigation  
2558 inspection as provided in subsection (1).2559 4. The building permit application for initial construction  
2560 of the home must have been made before January 1, 2008.2561 5. The homeowner must agree to make his or her home  
2562 available for inspection once a mitigation project is completed.2563 6. The homeowner must agree to provide to the department  
2564 information received from the homeowner's insurer identifying  
2565 the discounts realized by the homeowner because of the  
2566 mitigation improvements funded through the program.2567 7.a. The homeowner must be a low-income person or moderate-  
2568 income person as defined in s. 420.0004.2569 b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred  
2570 within the previous 24 months from the date of application.2571 c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-  
2572 income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt  
2573 from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an  
2574 insured value of \$700,000 or less.2575 d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.2576 Section 67. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in  
2577 order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027  
2578 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301,  
2579 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of  
2580 Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A and section  
2581 74 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act will not revert

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2582 and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

2583 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2584 Section 68. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2585 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data  
2586 Center" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2587 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
2588 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor  
2589 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between  
2590 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based  
2591 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the  
2592 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2593 Section 69. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
2594 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state data  
2595 center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies  
2596 related to contract management services provided to Northwest  
2597 Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This section  
2598 expires July 1, 2027.

2599 Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2600 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
2601 284.51, Florida Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

2602 284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic  
2603 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

2604 (1) As used in this section, the term:

2605 (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of the  
2606 Department of Financial Services.

2607 (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic  
2608 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial  
2609 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's  
2610 physiology and biometric data.

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2611 (c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a  
2612 part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law  
2613 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as  
2614 defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as  
2615 defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or  
2616 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local  
2617 government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law  
2618 enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
2619 technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the  
2620 state or a local government.

(d) "Veteran" means:

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

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

- (a) Substance use disorders.
- (b) Mental illness.
- (c) Sleep disorders.
- (d) Traumatic brain injuries.

(f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying comorbidities.

- (g) Concussions.
- (h) Other brain trauma.
- (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,

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2640 including issues related to or resulting from problems with  
2641 cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or  
2642 focus.

2643 (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran  
2644 and first responder populations at a statewide level. The  
2645 provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite  
2646 care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration  
2647 shall be provided to locations with a large population of first  
2648 responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS  
2649 devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic  
2650 Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations  
2651 in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment  
2652 or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to  
2653 establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate  
2654 outcomes of such clinical practice.

2655 (4) The pilot program shall include:

2656 (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by  
2657 the provider made available to all individuals receiving  
2658 treatment under the program.

2659 (b) The requirement that each individual who receives  
2660 treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological  
2661 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other  
2662 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness  
2663 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also  
2664 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by  
2665 the provider.

2666 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use of  
2667 adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based on  
2668 EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing, as

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2669 well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

2670 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2671 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2672 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the  
2673 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2674 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics  
2675 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received  
2676 from the department.

2677 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2678 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2679 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be  
2680 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug  
2681 Administration studies or trials.

2682 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this section.

2683 (6) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2684 Section 71. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2685 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
2686 Department of Financial Services shall continue its existing  
2687 contract for the establishment of the Electroencephalogram  
2688 Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Treatment pilot  
2689 program for veterans and first responders. The department's  
2690 existing contract, and all funds paid by the department pursuant  
2691 to that contract, do not constitute state financial assistance  
2692 as provided in s. 215.97, Florida Statutes. This section expires  
2693 July 1, 2027.

2694 Section 72. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in  
2695 order to implement Specific Appropriations 2505 through 2512 of  
2696 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is  
2697 added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:

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2698           717.123 Deposit of funds.—

2699           (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), and for the 2025-2026  
2700 and 2026-2027 fiscal years, the department shall retain, from  
2701 the funds received under this chapter, an amount not to exceed  
2702 the amount estimated to be received as atypical receipts for the  
2703 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years by the Revenue Estimating  
2704 Conference resulting from the implementation of chapter 2024-  
2705 140, Laws of Florida. This amount must be held in a separate  
2706 account and is in addition to the \$15 million the department is  
2707 authorized to retain pursuant to subsection (1). From the  
2708 separate account the department shall make prompt payment of  
2709 claims relating to the atypical receipts allowed by the  
2710 department. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

2711           Section 73. In order to implement specific appropriations  
2712 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of  
2713 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
2714 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish  
2715 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the  
2716 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section  
2717 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2718           215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

2719           (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to  
2720 a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture  
2721 and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental  
2722 Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife  
2723 Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a  
2724 land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund  
2725 temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements,  
2726 including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust

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2727 fund, and other trust funds in the State Treasury have moneys  
2728 that are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the  
2729 amounts necessary to meet the just requirements, including  
2730 appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds, the  
2731 Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one or  
2732 more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust fund  
2733 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
2734 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,  
2735 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action  
2736 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,  
2737 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor  
2738 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the  
2739 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that  
2740 during July 2026 ~~2025~~, notice of such action shall be provided  
2741 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless  
2742 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the  
2743 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a  
2744 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and  
2745 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,  
2746 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2747 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the  
2748 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal  
2749 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the  
2750 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
2751 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
2752 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
2753 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2754 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of  
2755 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys

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2756 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
2757 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in  
2758 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This  
2759 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2760 Section 74. (1) In order to implement specific  
2761 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the  
2762 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department  
2763 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the  
2764 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in  
2765 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of  
2766 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land  
2767 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land  
2768 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2769 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2770 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As  
2771 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department  
2772 of Environmental Protection.

2773 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,  
2774 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each  
2775 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the  
2776 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for  
2777 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land  
2778 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land  
2779 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2780 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2781 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The  
2782 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the  
2783 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the  
2784 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land

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2785 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2786 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2787 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its  
2788 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition  
2789 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land  
2790 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and  
2791 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2792 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total  
2793 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

2794 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the  
2795 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds  
2796 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
2797 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2798 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts  
2799 appropriated in chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida, to the  
2800 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land  
2801 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred  
2802 between those trust funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

2803 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning  
2804 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to  
2805 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
2806 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a  
2807 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts  
2808 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2809 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,  
2810 2027.

2811 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2812 Section 75. In order to implement specific appropriations  
2813 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of

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2814       Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027  
2815       General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of  
2816       section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2817       259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

2818       (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding  
2819       reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the  
2820       proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this  
2821       section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund  
2822       created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the  
2823       Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

2824       (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2026-  
2825       2025-~~2026~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as  
2826       provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph  
2827       expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2828       Section 76. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2829       1776 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2830       notwithstanding the expiration date in section 85 of chapter  
2831       2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of  
2832       section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2833       376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and  
2834       polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

2835       (2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

2836       (a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
2837       has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water,  
2838       groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, the department  
2839       shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in  
2840       drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth  
2841       in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules  
2842       for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until

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2843 ratified by the Legislature.

2844 Section 77. The amendment to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida  
2845 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2846 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
2847 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
2848 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2849 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2850 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2851 Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2852 1831A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2853 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 89 of chapter  
2854 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of  
2855 section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2856 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
2857 funding.—

2858 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The  
2859 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10  
2860 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor  
2861 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems  
2862 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended  
2863 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce  
2864 the potential for such damage.

2865 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

2866 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the  
2867 application and required documentation;

2868 2. Certified public accountant costs;

2869 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess  
2870 of the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or  
2871 which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;

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2872        4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or  
2873 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or  
2874 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;

2875        5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department  
2876 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been  
2877 resolved; or

2878        6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage  
2879 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the  
2880 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

2881        Section 79. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida  
2882 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of  
2883 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
2884 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but  
2885 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-  
2886 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted  
2887 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
2888 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
2889 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

2890        Section 80. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2891 2320 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2892 notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
2893 Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing  
2894 production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
2895 greening and to commercialize technologies that produce  
2896 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The  
2897 department shall enter into these agreements no later than  
2898 January 1, 2027, and shall file with the department's Inspector  
2899 General a certification of conditions and circumstances  
2900 justifying each agreement entered into without competitive

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2901 solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2902       Section 81. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2903 1715 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2904 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter  
2905 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,  
2906 as amended by chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of Florida,  
2907 is reenacted to read:

2908       380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida  
2909 Forever program.—

2910       (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it  
2911 is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall administer  
2912 the working waterfronts land acquisition program as set forth in  
2913 this section.

2914       (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and  
2915 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically  
2916 establishing an application process and a process for the  
2917 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.  
2918 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph  
2919 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a  
2920 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to  
2921 projects:

2922       1. Within a municipality with a population less than  
2923 30,000;

2924       2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and  
2925 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,  
2926 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate  
2927 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

2928       3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency  
2929 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

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2930       4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an  
2931 aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2932       5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local  
2933 economy.

2934       (b) For projects that will require more than the grant  
2935 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in  
2936 their project application funding sources that will provide the  
2937 difference between the grant award and the estimated project  
2938 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those  
2939 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2940       (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on  
2941 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and  
2942 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to  
2943 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of  
2944 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present  
2945 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of  
2946 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board  
2947 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may  
2948 not add projects.

2949       (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of less-  
2950 than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust. Waterfront  
2951 communities that receive grant awards must submit annual  
2952 progress reports to the trust identifying project activities  
2953 which are complete, and the progress achieved in meeting the  
2954 goals outlined in the project application. The trust must  
2955 implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance of  
2956 grant recipients in completing projects that are funded through  
2957 the working waterfronts program.

2958       (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it

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2959 is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of  
2960 Environmental Protection shall administer the working  
2961 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this  
2962 section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture  
2963 industries, including the infrastructure for receiving or  
2964 unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood  
2965 economy.

2966 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program is  
2967 created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater  
2968 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer  
2969 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their  
2970 operations.

2971 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital  
2972 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited  
2973 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the  
2974 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent  
2975 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation  
2976 of shoreside facilities.

2977 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local  
2978 economy.

2979 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports to  
2980 the department identifying project activities that are complete  
2981 and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined in the  
2982 project application.

2983 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor and  
2984 evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing  
2985 projects funded through the program.

2986 Section 82. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as  
2987 carried forward from chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of

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2988 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
2989 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024,  
2990 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
2991 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2992 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2993 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2994 Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2995 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and  
2996 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4) (c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and  
2997 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for  
2998 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local  
2999 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to  
3000 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose  
3001 of, derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance  
3002 pursuant to s. 327.73(1) (aa), Florida Statutes. This section  
3003 expires July 1, 2027.

3004 Section 84. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3005 1744A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection  
3006 (4) is added to section 403.890, Florida Statutes, to read:

3007 403.890 Water Protection and Sustainability Program.—  
3008 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), revenues  
3009 deposited into or appropriated to the Water Protection and  
3010 Sustainability Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the  
3011 General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1,  
3012 2027.

3013 Section 85. In order to implement appropriations from the  
3014 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of  
3015 Environmental Protection in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
3016 Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida

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3017 Statutes, is amended to read:

3018 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

3019 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
3020 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

3021 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
3022 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
3023 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

3024 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
3025 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that  
3026 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
3027 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
3028 Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
3029 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
3030 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
3031 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
3032 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
3033 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
3034 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed  
3035 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
3036 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
3037 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
3038 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
3039 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
3040 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the  
3041 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake  
3042 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage  
3043 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the  
3044 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand  
3045 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection

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3046 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give  
3047 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce  
3048 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.  
3049 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the  
3050 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this  
3051 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to  
3052 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3053 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the  
3054 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph  
3055 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
3056 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3057 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3058 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

3059 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
3060 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
3061 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
3062 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
3063 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
3064 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3065 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
3066 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
3067 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal  
3068 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
3069 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3070 subparagraph.

3071 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually  
3072 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.  
3073 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to  
3074 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be

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3075 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3076 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3077 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3078 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be  
3079 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019  
3080 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA  
3081 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining  
3082 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of  
3083 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in  
3084 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws  
3085 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such  
3086 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount  
3087 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be  
3088 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3089 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the  
3090 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3091 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually to  
3092 the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake  
3093 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.  
3094 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal  
3095 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
3096 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this  
3097 subparagraph.

3098 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually  
3099 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the  
3100 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.

3101 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 6. ~~subparagraphs 3. and 6.~~,  
3102 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be  
3103 appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This

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3104 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.

3105 Section 86. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3106 1650 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3107 notwithstanding chapter 255, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3108 Agriculture and Consumer Services may lease an existing facility  
3109 that meets the requirements of s. 581.1843(6), Florida Statutes,  
3110 and may administer a program to expedite the expansion of the  
3111 propagation of *Citrus sinensis* or *Citrus sinensis*-like budwood  
3112 trees and seedlings that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
3113 greening, and to commercialize technologies that produce  
3114 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. This  
3115 section expires July 1, 2027.

3116 Section 87. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3117 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3118 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
3119 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit  
3120 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
3121 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
3122 authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This  
3123 section expires July 1, 2027.

3124 Section 88. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3125 2331 through 2338 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
3126 subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is  
3127 amended to read:

3128 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

3129 (3) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be  
3130 used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to  
3131 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael  
3132 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection

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3133 expires July 1, 2027 2026.3134 Section 89. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3135 2055 through 2068, 2069D through 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092  
3136 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General  
3137 Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section  
3138 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:3139 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
3140 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

## 3141 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

3142 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new  
3143 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess  
3144 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget  
3145 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this  
3146 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of  
3147 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work  
3148 program which are eligible for the funds within the  
3149 appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment.  
3150 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for  
3151 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of  
3152 the proposed amendment.3153 2. If the department submits an amendment to the  
3154 Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet  
3155 or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal,  
3156 the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the  
3157 amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This  
3158 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.3159 Section 90. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3160 2055 through 2068, 2069D, 2069E, 2080 through 2082, 2092 through  
3161 2100 and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General

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3162 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b),  
3163 Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized  
3164 to request up to \$100 million of budget authority to the extent  
3165 necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work  
3166 Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations  
3167 and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced  
3168 to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments  
3169 to realign budget authority consistent with this section and  
3170 pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section  
3171 expires July 1, 2027.

3172 Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3173 2396 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)  
3174 of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3175 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

3176 (6) For the 2026-2027 2025-2026 fiscal year, the funds  
3177 appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle  
3178 counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes  
3179 described in the proviso language associated with Specific  
3180 Appropriation 2396 2113 of the 2026-2027 2025-2026 General  
3181 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 2026.

3182 Section 92. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3183 2396A through 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
3184 section 288.013, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

3185 288.013 Office of Rural Prosperity.—

3186 (1) The Legislature finds that the unique characteristics  
3187 of the rural communities in this state are integral to making  
3188 Florida an attractive place to visit, work, and live. The  
3189 Legislature further finds that fostering a prosperous rural  
3190 economy and vibrant rural communities serves the best interests

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3191 of this state. Rural prosperity supports this state's  
3192 infrastructure, housing, agricultural, and food-processing needs  
3193 and advances the overall health of Florida's economy. It is  
3194 essential that rural areas be able to grow and thrive, whether  
3195 independently or through regional partnerships. To better serve  
3196 rural communities, and in recognition of the unique challenges  
3197 and opportunities they face, the Office of Rural Prosperity is  
3198 established to ensure that state efforts to support rural  
3199 Florida are coordinated, focused, and effective.

3200 (2) Notwithstanding s. 20.60, the Office of Rural  
3201 Prosperity is created within the Department of Commerce to  
3202 support rural communities by helping rural stakeholders navigate  
3203 available programs and resources and by representing rural  
3204 interests across state government.

3205 (3) The Governor shall appoint a director to lead the  
3206 office, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The director  
3207 shall report to the secretary of the department and shall serve  
3208 at the pleasure of the secretary.

3209 (4) The office shall do all of the following:  
3210 (a) Serve as the state's point of contact for rural local  
3211 governments.

3212 (b) Provide administrative support to the Rural Economic  
3213 Development Initiative (REDI) pursuant to s. 288.0656.

3214 (c) Provide training and technical assistance to rural  
3215 local governments on a broad range of community and economic  
3216 development activities. The training and technical assistance  
3217 may be offered using communications technology or in person. In  
3218 addition, the office shall post a recorded training and  
3219 technical assistance video to the office's website which covers

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3220 all of the required topics. The training and technical  
3221 assistance must include, at a minimum, the following topics:

3222 1. How to access state and federal resources, including  
3223 training on the online rural resource directory required under  
3224 paragraph (d).

3225 2. Best practices for comprehensive planning, economic  
3226 development, and land development in rural communities.

3227 3. Strategies to address staffing shortages and strengthen  
3228 management functions in rural local governments.

3229 4. Requirements of, and updates on recent changes to, the  
3230 Community Planning Act under s. 163.3161.

3231 5. Updates on other recent state and federal laws affecting  
3232 rural local governments.

3233 (d) Create and maintain an online rural resource directory  
3234 to serve as an interactive tool for users to navigate state and  
3235 federal resources, tools, and services available to rural local  
3236 governments. The office shall ensure the directory is regularly  
3237 updated and, to the greatest extent possible, includes current  
3238 information on programs, resources, and services that address  
3239 the needs of rural communities in all areas of governance. Each  
3240 state agency shall routinely provide information and updates to  
3241 the office to support maintenance of the directory. The  
3242 directory must allow users to search by indicators, such as  
3243 agency name, resource type, or topic, and include a notification  
3244 feature that alerts users when new or updated resources are  
3245 available. To the greatest extent possible, the directory must  
3246 identify any financial match requirements associated with listed  
3247 programs.

3248 (5) (a) By October 1, 2026, the office shall establish and

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3249 provide staff for seven regional rural community liaison centers  
3250 across this state to provide specialized in-person state support  
3251 to rural local governments located in rural areas of opportunity  
3252 as defined in s. 288.0656. The department shall, by rule, divide  
3253 the state into seven regions and assign a liaison center to each  
3254 region. Each liaison center shall serve the local governments  
3255 within its geographic area and shall be staffed with at least  
3256 two full-time department employees. At a minimum, each liaison  
3257 center has the following powers and duties:

3258 1. Assist local governments in planning and achieving goals  
3259 related to local or regional growth, economic development, and  
3260 rural prosperity.

3261 2. Facilitate access to state and federal resources,  
3262 including grants, loans, and other available assistance.

3263 3. Advise local governments on available program waivers,  
3264 including financial match waivers or reductions for projects  
3265 using state or federal funds through REDI under s. 288.0656.

3266 4. Coordinate technical assistance needs with the  
3267 department and other state or federal agencies.

3268 5. Promote model ordinances, policies, and strategies  
3269 related to economic development.

3270 6. Assist local governments with regulatory and reporting  
3271 compliance requirements.

3272 (b) To the greatest extent possible, each regional rural  
3273 community liaison center shall coordinate with local and  
3274 regional governmental entities, regional economic development  
3275 organizations as defined in s. 288.018, and other appropriate  
3276 entities to establish a network that fosters community-driven  
3277 solutions promoting viable and sustainable rural communities.

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3278        (c) Each regional rural community liaison center shall  
3279 regularly engage with REDI established in s. 288.0656, and at  
3280 least one staff member from each liaison center shall attend the  
3281 monthly REDI meeting, either in person or by means of electronic  
3282 communication.

3283        (6) By December 1, 2026, the director of the office shall  
3284 submit to the Administration Commission within the Executive  
3285 Office of the Governor a written report describing the office's  
3286 operations and accomplishments for the preceding year. In  
3287 consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
3288 Services, the office shall also include in the report  
3289 recommendations for policies, programs, and funding initiatives  
3290 to further support the needs of rural communities in this state.  
3291 The office shall also submit the report to the President of the  
3292 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
3293 December 1 of each year and publish it on the office's website.  
3294 At the next scheduled meeting of the Administration Commission  
3295 following submission of the report, the director shall, in  
3296 person, present detailed information from the report required  
3297 under this subsection.

3298        (7) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3299        Section 93. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3300 2396E of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (f)  
3301 is added to subsection (7) of section 288.001, Florida Statutes,  
3302 to read:

3303        288.001 The Florida Small Business Development Center  
3304 Network.—

3305        (7) ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS; USES; PAY-PER-PERFORMANCE  
3306 INCENTIVES; STATEWIDE SERVICE; SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS; BEST

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3307 PRACTICES; ELIGIBILITY.—

3308       (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the  
3309 network shall use funds directly appropriated for the specific  
3310 purpose of expanding service in rural communities as defined in  
3311 s. 288.0656, in addition to any funds allocated by the network  
3312 from other sources. The network shall use the funds to develop  
3313 an activity plan focused on network consultants and resources in  
3314 rural communities. In collaboration with regional economic  
3315 development organizations as defined in s. 288.018, the plan  
3316 must provide for either full- or part-time consultants to be  
3317 available for at least 20 hours per week in rural areas or to be  
3318 permanently stationed in rural areas. This may include  
3319 establishing a circuit in specific rural locations to ensure the  
3320 consultants' availability on a regular basis. By using the funds  
3321 to create a regular presence in rural areas, the network will  
3322 strengthen community collaboration, raise awareness of available  
3323 resources to provide opportunities for new business development  
3324 or existing business growth, and make professional experience,  
3325 education, and business information available in these essential  
3326 communities. The network may dedicate funds to facilitate local  
3327 or regional events that focus on small business topics, provide  
3328 consulting services, and leverage partner organizations, such as  
3329 the regional economic development organizations, local workforce  
3330 development boards as described in s. 445.007, and Florida  
3331 College System institutions. This paragraph expires July 1,  
3332 2027.

3333       Section 94. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3334 2396F of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
3335 288.014, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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3336        288.014 Renaissance Grants Program.—

3337        (1) The Legislature finds that it has historically provided  
3338        programs to assist rural communities with economic development  
3339        and to enhance their ability to attract businesses and that, by  
3340        providing that extra component of economic viability, rural  
3341        communities are able to attract new businesses and grow existing  
3342        ones. However, the Legislature further finds that a subset of  
3343        rural communities has decreased in population over the past  
3344        decade, contributing to a decline in local business activity and  
3345        economic development. The Legislature therefore determines that  
3346        state assistance must evolve to support these communities in  
3347        achieving the foundation necessary for economic viability. The  
3348        intent of the Renaissance Grants Program is to reverse economic  
3349        deterioration in such rural communities by retaining and  
3350        attracting residents by giving them a reason to stay, which will  
3351        stimulate natural economic growth, business opportunities, and  
3352        improved quality of life.

3353        (2) The Office of Rural Prosperity within the department  
3354        shall administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block  
3355        grants to eligible counties. By August 1, 2026, the Office of  
3356        Economic and Demographic Research shall certify to the Office of  
3357        Rural Prosperity which counties are growth-impeded. For the  
3358        purposes of this section, the term "growth-impeded" means a  
3359        county that, as of the most recent population estimate, has  
3360        experienced a declining population over the previous 10 years.  
3361        After the initial certification, the Office of Economic and  
3362        Demographic Research shall annually certify whether the county  
3363        remains growth-impeded, until the office certifies the county  
3364        has had 3 consecutive years of population growth. Upon such

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3365 certification of population growth, the county remains eligible  
3366 for the program for 1 additional year to prepare for the end of  
3367 block grant funding.

3368 (3) (a) Each participating county shall enter into an  
3369 agreement with the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive block  
3370 grant funds. Counties have broad authority to design their  
3371 specific plan to achieve population growth consistent with this  
3372 section. The Office of Rural Prosperity may not determine the  
3373 manner in which a county implements its plan. However, regional  
3374 rural community liaison center staff shall provide assistance in  
3375 developing the county's plan, upon the county's request.

3376 (b) Each participating county shall submit a report to the  
3377 Office of Rural Prosperity detailing program activities,  
3378 intergovernmental agreements, and other information as required  
3379 by the office.

3380 (c) Each participating county shall receive \$1 million from  
3381 the funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share of the  
3382 funds appropriated if insufficient to provide that amount.  
3383 Counties shall make all attempts to limit expenses for  
3384 administrative costs, consistent with the need for prudent  
3385 management and accountability in the use of public funds.  
3386 Counties may supplement the block grant with other funding  
3387 sources, including local, state, or federal grants, and may seek  
3388 public or private contributions or in-kind support to advance  
3389 program activities.

3390 (4) (a) Each participating county shall hire and retain a  
3391 renaissance coordinator, who may be funded from block grant  
3392 proceeds. The renaissance coordinator is responsible for:

3393 1. Ensuring that block grant funds are used as provided in

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3394 this section;3395 2. Coordinating with other local governments, school  
3396 boards, Florida College System institutions, and other partners;  
3397 and3398 3. Reporting as necessary to the state, including  
3399 information necessary pursuant to subsection (7).3400 (b) The Office of Rural Prosperity regional rural community  
3401 liaison center staff shall, upon request, provide assistance and  
3402 training to the renaissance coordinator to support successful  
3403 implementation of the block grant.3404 (5) Each participating county shall design a plan for  
3405 targeted community investments designed to achieve population  
3406 growth and increase economic vitality. The plan must include the  
3407 following key features for use of the state support:3408 (a) Technology centers located within schools or on school  
3409 premises, administered by the local school board, providing  
3410 extended hours and access for students.3411 (b) Facilities that collocate adult day care with child care  
3412 facilities. The site-sharing facilities must be managed to also  
3413 encourage interaction between generations and increase the  
3414 health and well-being of younger and older participants, reduce  
3415 social isolation, and create cost and time efficiencies for  
3416 working families. The regional rural community liaison center  
3417 staff of the Office of Rural Prosperity shall, upon request,  
3418 assist the county with bringing recommendations to the Rural  
3419 Economic Development Initiative or the appropriate state agency  
3420 to streamline all required state permits, licenses, regulations,  
3421 or other requirements.3422 (c) Technology labs operated in partnership with the

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3423     nearest Florida College System institution or a career center  
3424     under s. 1001.44. Repurposed vacant industrial sites or existing  
3425     office space must be given priority in the selection of lab  
3426     locations. Each local technology lab must be staffed and open  
3427     for extended hours with the capacity to provide:

3428         1. Access to trainers and equipment necessary for earning  
3429         certificates or online degrees in technology;

3430         2. Hands-on assistance in securing remote work  
3431         opportunities; and

3432         3. Studio space equipped for remote technology-based work  
3433         available for graduates and other qualifying residents.

3434     Participating counties may determine which residents receive  
3435     priority access. Collaboration with community partners,  
3436     including the local workforce development board as described in  
3437     s. 445.007, to provide training opportunities, in-kind support  
3438     such as transportation to and from the lab, financing of  
3439     equipment for in-home use, or basic maintenance of such  
3440     equipment is required.

3441         (6) In addition to hiring a renaissance coordinator, each  
3442         participating county shall develop intergovernmental agreements  
3443         for shared responsibilities with its municipalities, school  
3444         board, and Florida College System institution or career center  
3445         and enter into necessary contracts with providers and community  
3446         partners in order to implement the plan.

3447         (7) (a) Beginning in 2027, the Auditor General shall conduct  
3448         an operational audit as defined in s. 11.45 of each county's  
3449         grant activities.

3450         (b) By July 1, 2027, the Office of Economic and Demographic  
3451         Research shall submit a report to the President of the Senate

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3452 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing  
3453 renaissance block grant recipients by county. The report must  
3454 provide key economic indicators that measure progress in  
3455 reversing long-term trends in the county. The Office of Rural  
3456 Prosperity shall, upon request, provide any data necessary to  
3457 complete the report.

3458 (8) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the  
3459 purposes of this section are not subject to reversion.

3460 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3461 Section 95. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3462 2396G of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
3463 288.0175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

3464 288.0175 Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant  
3465 Program.—

3466 (1) The Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant  
3467 Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity  
3468 within the department to fund and support public infrastructure  
3469 smart technology projects in communities located in rural areas  
3470 of opportunity, subject to legislative appropriation.

3471 (2) As used in this section, the term:

3472 (a) “Public infrastructure smart technology” means systems  
3473 or applications that use connectivity, data analytics, or  
3474 automation to improve public infrastructure by increasing  
3475 efficiency, enhancing public services, and promoting sustainable  
3476 development.

3477 (b) “Rural area of opportunity” has the same meaning as in  
3478 s. 288.0656.

3479 (c) “Smart region” means a geographic area that uses  
3480 technology and innovative ideas to improve the quality of life

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3481 for its citizens by addressing regional challenges through  
3482 collaboration among government, businesses, and communities.

3483 (d) "Smart technology lead organization" means a not-for-  
3484 profit corporation organized under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal  
3485 Revenue Code which has been in existence for at least 3 years  
3486 and specializes in smart region planning.

3487 (3)(a) By October 1, 2026, the Office of Rural Prosperity  
3488 shall contract with one or more smart technology lead  
3489 organizations to administer the grant program for the purpose of  
3490 deploying public infrastructure smart technology in rural  
3491 communities. Under such contracts, the smart technology lead  
3492 organization shall award grants to counties and municipalities  
3493 located within a rural area of opportunity for eligible public  
3494 infrastructure smart technology projects.

3495 (b) Each contract must specify deliverables, reporting  
3496 requirements, timeframes, and any other term the office deems  
3497 necessary. At a minimum, the contract must require the smart  
3498 technology lead organization to:

3499 1. Collaborate with counties and municipalities in rural  
3500 areas of opportunity to identify cost-effective smart technology  
3501 solutions for improving public services and infrastructure.

3502 2. Provide technical assistance to counties and  
3503 municipalities located in rural areas of opportunity in  
3504 developing public infrastructure smart technology project plans.

3505 3. Facilitate connections between rural communities and  
3506 other entities, including companies and regional partners to  
3507 maximize the impact of funded projects.

3508 (4) The Office of Rural Prosperity shall include a summary  
3509 of projects funded under this section in its report required by

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3510 s. 288.013(6) .3511 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.3512 Section 96. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3513 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
3514 288.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3515 288.065 Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund.—

3516 (1) The Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund  
3517 Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity  
3518 ~~department~~ to facilitate the use of existing federal, state, and  
3519 local financial resources by providing local governments with  
3520 financial assistance to further promote the economic viability  
3521 of rural communities. These funds may be used to finance  
3522 initiatives directed toward maintaining or developing the  
3523 economic base of rural communities, especially initiatives  
3524 addressing employment opportunities for residents of these  
3525 communities.3526 (2) (a) The program shall provide for long-term loans, loan  
3527 guarantees, and loan loss reserves to units of local  
3528 governments, or economic development organizations substantially  
3529 underwritten by a unit of local government.—3530 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "unit of local  
3531 government" means any of the following:3532 1. A county within counties with a population populations  
3533 ~~of 75,000 or less. fewer, or within any~~3534 2. A county with a population of 125,000 or less fewer  
3535 which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or  
3536 ~~less. fewer~~3537 3. A municipality within a county described in subparagraph  
3538 1. or subparagraph 2.

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3539       4. A county or municipality within a rural area of  
3540 opportunity designated under s. 288.0656.

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3542 For purposes of this paragraph, population is determined in  
3543 accordance with the most recent official estimates pursuant to  
3544 s. 186.901 and must include those residing in incorporated and  
3545 unincorporated areas of a county, based on the most recent  
3546 official population estimate as determined under s. 186.901,  
3547 including those residing in incorporated areas and those  
3548 residing in unincorporated areas of the county, or to units of  
3549 local government, or economic development organizations  
3550 substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, within  
3551 a rural area of opportunity.

3552       (c) Requests for loans must shall be made by application  
3553 to the office department. Loans must shall be made pursuant to  
3554 agreements specifying the terms and conditions agreed to between  
3555 the applicant and the office department. The loans are shall be  
3556 the legal obligations of the applicant.

3557       (d) All repayments of principal and interest must shall  
3558 be returned to the loan fund and made available for loans to  
3559 other applicants. However, in a rural area of opportunity  
3560 designated under s. 288.0656 by the Governor, and upon approval  
3561 by the office department, repayments of principal and interest  
3562 may be retained by the applicant if such repayments are  
3563 dedicated and matched to fund regionally based economic  
3564 development organizations representing the rural area of  
3565 opportunity.

3566       (3) The office department shall manage the fund,  
3567 establishing loan practices that must include, but are not

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3568 limited to, procedures for establishing loan interest rates,  
3569 uses of funding, application procedures, and application review  
3570 procedures. The office has ~~department shall~~ have final approval  
3571 authority for any loan under this section.

3572 (4) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 216.301, funds  
3573 appropriated for this loan fund ~~may purpose~~ shall not be subject  
3574 to reversion.

3575 (5) The office shall include in its report required under  
3576 s. 288.013 detailed information about the fund, including loans  
3577 made during the previous fiscal year, loans active, loans  
3578 terminated or repaid, and the amount of funds not obligated as  
3579 of 14 days before the date the report is due.

3580 Section 97. The amendments to s. 288.065, Florida Statutes,  
3581 made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
3582 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,  
3583 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
3584 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
3585 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
3586 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3587 Section 98. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3588 2759 through 2764 and sections 154 and 155 of the 2026-2027  
3589 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and  
3590 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management  
3591 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
3592 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
3593 increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to  
3594 reimbursements from federally declared disasters if additional  
3595 federal revenues specific to such programs become available in  
3596 the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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3597                   Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3598 2750 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2)  
3599 of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3600                   282.201 State data center.—The state data center is  
3601 established within the department. The provision of data center  
3602 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,  
3603 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,  
3604 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint  
3605 a director of the state data center who has experience in  
3606 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-  
3607 computing management.

3608                   (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

3609                   (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data  
3610 center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the  
3611 Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the  
3612 Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management  
3613 centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll  
3614 Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board  
3615 of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal  
3616 conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional  
3617 counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

3618                   (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the  
3619 use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,  
3620 2027 2026.

3621                   Section 100. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3622 2367 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and upon the  
3623 expiration and reversion of the amendments to s. 443.1113,  
3624 Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 105 of chapter 2025-199,  
3625 Laws of Florida, subsections (4) and (5) of section 443.1113,

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3626 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3627 443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
3628 Information System.—

3629 (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual  
3630 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization  
3631 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and  
3632 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These  
3633 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but  
3634 need not be limited to:

- 3635 1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.
- 3636 2. Software improvements.
- 3637 3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.
- 3638 4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

3639 (b) The department shall seek input on recommended  
3640 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

3641 1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of  
3642 Management Services.

3643 2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within the  
3644 Department of Revenue.

3645 3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the  
3646 Department of Financial Services.

3647 (5) By September 1, 2026 ~~October 1, 2023~~, and each year  
3648 thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall submit a  
3649 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System  
3650 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
3651 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must, at a  
3652 minimum, include:

3653 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and  
3654 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and

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3655 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

3656 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years ~~3-year outlook~~ of  
3657 recommended enhancements or modernization efforts that includes  
3658 projected nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and  
3659 timeframes for completion of each enhancement or modernization  
3660 effort in priority order, and the projected recurring operations  
3661 and maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement  
3662 or modernization effort.

3663 Section 101. The amendments to s. 443.1113(4) and (5),  
3664 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the  
3665 text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on  
3666 June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted  
3667 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
3668 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
3669 upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3670 Section 102. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3671 2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9)  
3672 of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections  
3673 (2) and (4) of that section are reenacted, to read:

3674 445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment  
3675 Program.—

3676 (2) (a) There is created within the department the Florida  
3677 Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the  
3678 recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The  
3679 purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments  
3680 of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

3681 (b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed  
3682 officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and  
3683 shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the

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3684 program.

3685 (4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the  
3686 administration of the program and distribution of bonus  
3687 payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the  
3688 department with the collection of any data necessary to  
3689 determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus  
3690 payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any  
3691 information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of  
3692 this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

3693 (a) The method for determining the estimated number of  
3694 newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time  
3695 employment during the applicable fiscal year.

3696 (b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed  
3697 officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which  
3698 must include:

3699 1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment as  
3700 a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

3701 2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal  
3702 justice agency.

3703 3. Maintaining full-time employment as a law enforcement  
3704 officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for at least 2  
3705 years from the date on which the officer obtained certification.  
3706 The required 2-year employment period may be satisfied by  
3707 maintaining full-time employment at one or more employing  
3708 agencies, but such period must not contain any break in service  
3709 longer than 180 calendar days.

3710 (c) The standards by which the department will determine  
3711 under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law  
3712 enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department

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3713 justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the  
3714 term "break in service" means a period of time during which the  
3715 person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is  
3716 not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period  
3717 of time during which the person is in between employment as a  
3718 full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days.  
3719 The time period for any break in service does not count toward  
3720 satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this  
3721 section.

3722 (d) The method that will be used to determine the bonus  
3723 payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

3724 (e) The method that will be used to distribute bonus  
3725 payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to  
3726 eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing  
3727 bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and  
3728 quickest manner possible.

3729 (f) The estimated cost to the department associated with  
3730 developing and administering the program and distributing bonus  
3731 payment funds.

3732 (g) The method by which an officer must reimburse the state  
3733 if he or she received a bonus payment under the program, but  
3734 failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-year  
3735 period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer is  
3736 discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other  
3737 than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation  
3738 completed by the employing agency and maintained by the  
3739 commission.

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3741 The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to

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3742 determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

3743 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027 2026.

3744 Section 103. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3745 2384 through 2386 and sections 144, 145, 146, 152, and 153 of  
3746 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
3747 ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3748 Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice,  
3749 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
3750 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the following  
3751 federal grant programs: the Broadband Equity, Access, and  
3752 Deployment Program (BEAD), Capital Projects Fund Program,  
3753 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program  
3754 (CDBG-DR), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Home Energy  
3755 Assistance Programs - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
3756 (LIHEAP), and Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, Pub. L.  
3757 No. 117-2. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3758 Section 104. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the  
3759 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026,  
3760 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of  
3761 Management Services shall assess an administrative health  
3762 insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the  
3763 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for  
3764 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage  
3765 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this  
3766 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the  
3767 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the  
3768 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities  
3769 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative  
3770 Commission, and the state courts system.

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3771                   (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed  
3772                   administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)  
3773                   to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the  
3774                   State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and  
3775                   110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated moneys for  
3776                   salaries and benefits within 30 days after receipt of the  
3777                   assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should  
3778                   any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment  
3779                   of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall  
3780                   certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the  
3781                   Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the  
3782                   Department of Management Services.

3783                   (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall  
3784                   apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether  
3785                   fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions  
3786                   partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the  
3787                   assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage  
3788                   share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No  
3789                   assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with  
3790                   federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of  
3791                   Management Services with a complete list of position numbers  
3792                   that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and  
3793                   include the percentage of federal funding for each position no  
3794                   later than July 31, 2026, and shall update the list on the last  
3795                   day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant  
3796                   positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state  
3797                   agency shall immediately take steps to include the  
3798                   administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost  
3799                   plan for the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year

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3800 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of  
3801 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the  
3802 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the chair  
3803 of the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval  
3804 of the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not  
3805 able to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the  
3806 state agency must notify the Department of Management Services,  
3807 the Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and  
3808 budget chairs no later than January 15, 2027.

3809 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
3810 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
3811 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in  
3812 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between  
3813 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the  
3814 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department  
3815 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance  
3816 assessment.

3817 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3818 Section 105. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3819 2852 and 2855 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3820 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized  
3821 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2026-2027 fiscal  
3822 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.  
3823 This section expires July 1, 2027.

3824 Section 106. In order to implement the transfer of funds  
3825 from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2026-2027  
3826 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration  
3827 date in section 111 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida,  
3828 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida

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3829 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3830 215.32 State funds; segregation.—

3831 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as  
3832 follows:

3833 (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by  
3834 the state which under law or under trust agreement are  
3835 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or  
3836 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys  
3837 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.  
3838 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state  
3839 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,  
3840 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the  
3841 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper  
3842 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief  
3843 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only  
3844 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at  
3845 the level of the account.

3846 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the  
3847 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds  
3848 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

3849 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a  
3850 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by  
3851 program revenues, with the exception of administrative  
3852 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a  
3853 proprietary fund.

3854 b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a  
3855 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

3856 c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3857 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental

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3858 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments  
3859 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the  
3860 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

3861 d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a depository  
3862 for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor agreement  
3863 activities funded by restricted contractual revenue from private  
3864 and public nonfederal sources.

3865 e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a  
3866 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.

3867 f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3868 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful  
3869 recipients.

3870 g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3871 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by  
3872 restricted program revenues from federal sources.

3873

3874 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal  
3875 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the  
3876 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have  
3877 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such  
3878 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the  
3879 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next  
3880 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.  
3881 215.3206.

3882 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended  
3883 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they  
3884 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216  
3885 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable  
3886 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the

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3887 State Treasury.

3888       4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the  
3889 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash  
3890 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the  
3891 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and  
3892 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

3893       b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds required  
3894 by federal programs or mandates; trust funds established for  
3895 bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose revenues are  
3896 legally pledged by the state or public body to meet debt service  
3897 or other financial requirements of any debt obligations of the  
3898 state or any public body; the Division of Licensing Trust Fund  
3899 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
3900 State Transportation Trust Fund; the trust fund containing the  
3901 net annual proceeds from the Florida Education Lotteries; the  
3902 Florida Retirement System Trust Fund; trust funds under the  
3903 management of the State Board of Education or the Board of  
3904 Governors of the State University System, where such trust funds  
3905 are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance, and contracts,  
3906 grants, and donations, as those terms are defined by general  
3907 law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or accounts for  
3908 the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies; trust funds that  
3909 account for assets held by the state in a trustee capacity as an  
3910 agent or fiduciary for individuals, private organizations, or  
3911 other governmental units; and other trust funds authorized by  
3912 the State Constitution.

3913       Section 107. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes,  
3914 as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by  
3915 this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph

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3916 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, except that  
3917 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
3918 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
3919 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
3920 expire pursuant to this section.

3921 Section 108. In order to implement appropriations in the  
3922 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,  
3923 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used  
3924 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027  
3925 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each  
3926 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by  
3927 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,  
3928 staff training activities, or other administrative functions  
3929 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such  
3930 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head  
3931 shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of  
3932 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed  
3933 activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section  
3934 does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military  
3935 purposes, emergency management activities, or public health  
3936 activities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3937 Section 109. In order to implement appropriations in the  
3938 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel  
3939 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for  
3940 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention  
3941 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or  
3942 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may  
3943 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess  
3944 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does

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3945 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,  
3946 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities  
3947 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section  
3948 expires July 1, 2027.

3949 Section 110. In order to implement the appropriations and  
3950 reappropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General  
3951 Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section  
3952 216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3953 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital  
3954 outlay.—

3955 (11)

3956 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2) (b), and  
3957 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the Legislative  
3958 Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for new fixed  
3959 capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to  
3960 state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects. This paragraph  
3961 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3962 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and  
3963 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

3964 Section 111. In order to implement the salaries and  
3965 benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted  
3966 services, special categories, and operating capital outlay  
3967 categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
3968 paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida  
3969 Statutes, is amended to read:

3970 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

3971 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by  
3972 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme

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3974 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed  
3975 conditions:

3976 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical  
3977 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,  
3978 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original  
3979 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as  
3980 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

3981 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget  
3982 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
3983 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
3984 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
3985 this subsection.

3986 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of  
3987 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
3988 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
3989 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
3990 this subsection.

3991 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant to  
3992 s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be  
3993 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.  
3994 in the subsequent fiscal year.

3995 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and  
3996 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and  
3997 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least  
3998 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an  
3999 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring  
4000 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this  
4001 paragraph.

4002 5. For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the review

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4003 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph  
4004 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and  
4005 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative  
4006 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 2026.

4007 Section 112. In order to implement appropriations in the  
4008 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of  
4009 motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida  
4010 Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a  
4011 state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from  
4012 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the  
4013 Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the  
4014 motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar  
4015 class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the  
4016 funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This  
4017 section expires July 1, 2027.

4018 Section 113. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4019 agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
4020 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4021 11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state  
4022 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of  
4023 the Governor with information about the status of implementation  
4024 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must  
4025 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the  
4026 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all  
4027 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The  
4028 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for  
4029 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to  
4030 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for  
4031 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,

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4032 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the  
4033 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to  
4034 implement or administer the legislation, programs started,  
4035 offices established, or other organization administrative  
4036 changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers  
4037 requested; any expenditures made directly related to the  
4038 implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,  
4039 including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative  
4040 rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular  
4041 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of  
4042 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature  
4043 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding  
4044 the implementation of the legislation and the status of any  
4045 litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy  
4046 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure  
4047 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This  
4048 section expires July 1, 2027 2026.

4049 Section 114. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4050 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General  
4051 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida  
4052 Statutes, is amended to read:

4053 216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the  
4054 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to  
4055 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that  
4056 includes the development of integrated agency program service  
4057 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,  
4058 accountable, and developed through careful examination and  
4059 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

4060 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each

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4061 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required  
4062 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,  
4063 2026 2025, for the 2027-2028 ~~2026-2027~~ fiscal year, except in  
4064 circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions  
4065 prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation  
4066 with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.  
4067 This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4068 Section 115. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4069 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General  
4070 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida  
4071 Statutes, is amended to read:

4072 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to  
4073 Legislature by agencies.—

4074 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state  
4075 agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all  
4076 ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative  
4077 estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The  
4078 inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following  
4079 information:

4080 (a) The name of the technology system.

4081 (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the  
4082 system.

4083 (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

4084 (d) The initiation date of the project.

4085 (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

4086 (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the health  
4087 and status of the project.

4088 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates  
4089 of the project.

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

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

For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing technology-related project does not include the continuance of existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the replacement of desktop units with new technology that is substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 2026.

Section 116. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
203, 583, 642, 1455A, 2514, and 3235, and sections 72 and 94 of  
the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve. All general revenue funds not held in reserve shall be fully released. The Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of Financial Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission, Department of Health, and Department of Revenue are authorized to submit a budget amendment to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes. The amount requested to be released in each budget amendment may not exceed the agency's projected quarterly expenditures, reduced by any unexpended funds from prior releases. Release is contingent upon submission of the

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4119 following:

4120       (a) An updated and comprehensive operational work plan;  
4121       (b) A detailed monthly spend plan with expenditures broken  
4122 down by deliverable which identifies all planned and actual  
4123 project work and costs specified in the current project  
4124 schedule; and

4125       (c) A copy of the project status report from the most  
4126 recently completed month at the time of submission which  
4127 provides justification for any variance from the most recently  
4128 submitted project schedule and spend plan.

4129       (2) The agencies receiving funds pursuant to this section  
4130 must submit monthly project status reports to the Executive  
4131 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair  
4132 of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House  
4133 Budget Committee, and any other designated project oversight  
4134 entity no later than 30 days after the close of the previous  
4135 month. Each status report must include copies of any new or  
4136 updated relevant task order, contract, or purchase order. The  
4137 status report must also describe progress made to date for each  
4138 project milestone and deliverable, planned and actual completion  
4139 dates, planned and actual costs incurred, and any current  
4140 project issues or risks.

4141       (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4142       Section 117. Any section of this act which implements a  
4143 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
4144 language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if  
4145 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
4146 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements  
4147 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of

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4148 specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027  
4149 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific  
4150 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
4151 language are vetoed.

4152 Section 118. If any other act passed during the 2026  
4153 Regular Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is  
4154 substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that  
4155 removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied  
4156 to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the  
4157 provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to  
4158 operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

4159 Section 119. If any provision of this act or its  
4160 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
4161 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
4162 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
4163 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
4164 severable.

4165 Section 120. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
4166 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
4167 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
4168 2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that  
4169 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate  
4170 retroactively to July 1, 2026.