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#### The Florida Senate

**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA** 

#### APPROPRIATIONS Senator Bradley, Chair Senator Simpson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE:	Thursday, January 23, 2020
TIME:	10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE:	Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Bradley, Chair; Senator Simpson, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Benacquisto, Book, Brandes, Braynon, Flores, Gainer, Gibson, Hutson, Lee, Mayfield, Montford, Passidomo, Powell, Rouson, Simmons, Stargel, Stewart, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION	
1	Presentation on Governor's Fiscal	Year 2020-2021 Budget Recommendations	Presented	
2	<b>SB 100</b> Harrell (Compare H 57)	Dispensing Medicinal Drugs; Authorizing individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a 48-hour supply, rather than a 24-hour supply, of such drugs to any patient, including a discharged patient, under certain circumstances; authorizing such individuals to dispense a 72-hour supply if a state of emergency has been declared in the area, etc. HP 10/15/2019 Favorable AHS 11/13/2019 Favorable AP 01/23/2020 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed	
	With subcommittee recommendatio	n – Health and Human Services		
3	<b>CS/SB 226</b> Health Policy / Harrell (Identical H 485, Compare CS/H 713, CS/S 230)	Athletic Trainers; Revising the definition of the term "athletic trainer"; requiring certain licensees to maintain certification in good standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of their athletic trainer licenses; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a specified scope of practice; requiring the direct supervision of an athletic training student to be in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic Training, etc.	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0	
		HP 10/22/2019 Fav/CS AP 01/23/2020 Favorable RC		

#### COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

Appropriations Thursday, January 23, 2020, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION	
4	<b>CS/SB 372</b> Education / Lee (Similar CS/H 171)	Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel; Requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform award of postsecondary credit or career education clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award uniform postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for specified courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their service in the military, etc.	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0	
		MS         11/13/2019 Favorable           ED         12/09/2019 Fav/CS           AP         01/23/2020 Favorable		
5	<b>SB 400</b> Gibson (Similar CS/H 253)	Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams; Authorizing the establishment of elder abuse fatality review teams in each judicial circuit, to be housed, for administrative purposes only, in the Department of Elderly Affairs; authorizing elder abuse fatality review teams in existence on a certain date to continue to exist; requiring each review team to annually submit to the department by a certain date a summary report containing specified information; providing immunity from monetary liability for review team members under certain conditions, etc.	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0	
		CF         11/05/2019 Favorable           JU         12/10/2019 Favorable           AP         01/23/2020 Favorable		
6	<b>SB 426</b> Montford (Compare H 1139)	Regional Rural Development Grants Program; Defining the term "regional economic development organization"; specifying that the concept of building the professional capacity of a regional economic development organization includes the hiring of professional staff to perform specified services; increasing the maximum amount of annual grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive; increasing the amount of funds the Department of Economic Opportunity may expend each fiscal year for certain purposes, etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0	
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7	<b>CS/SB 1056</b> Criminal Justice / Simpson (Identical CS/H 681)	PACE Center for Girls; Authorizing the Department of Juvenile Justice to contract with the PACE Center for Girls for specified services, etc.	Favorable Yeas 20 Nays 0	
		CJ 01/14/2020 Fav/CS AP 01/23/2020 Favorable		

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#### Appropriations

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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8	<b>SB 7016</b> Infrastructure and Security (Identical H 1073, Compare H 579, Linked CS/S 178)	Statewide Office of Resiliency; Establishing the office within the Executive Office of the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force within the office; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force's recommendations, etc. EN 01/13/2020 Favorable AP 01/23/2020 Not Considered	Not Considered

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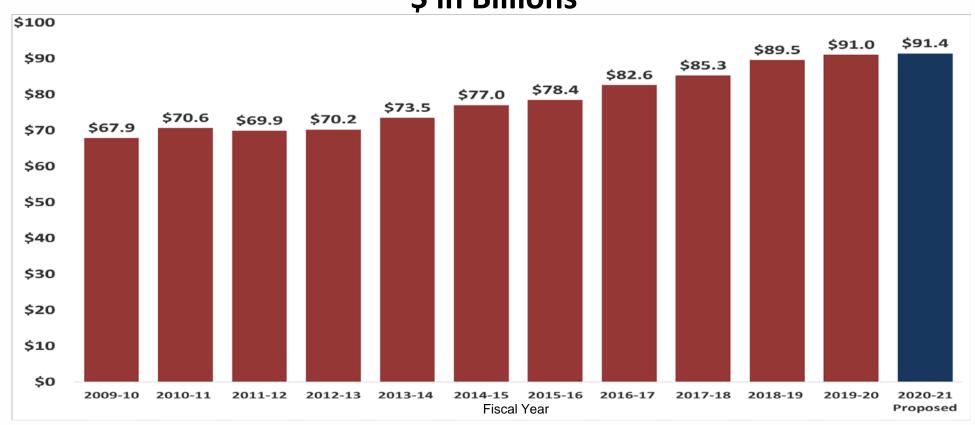
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2020-2021 BUDGET & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

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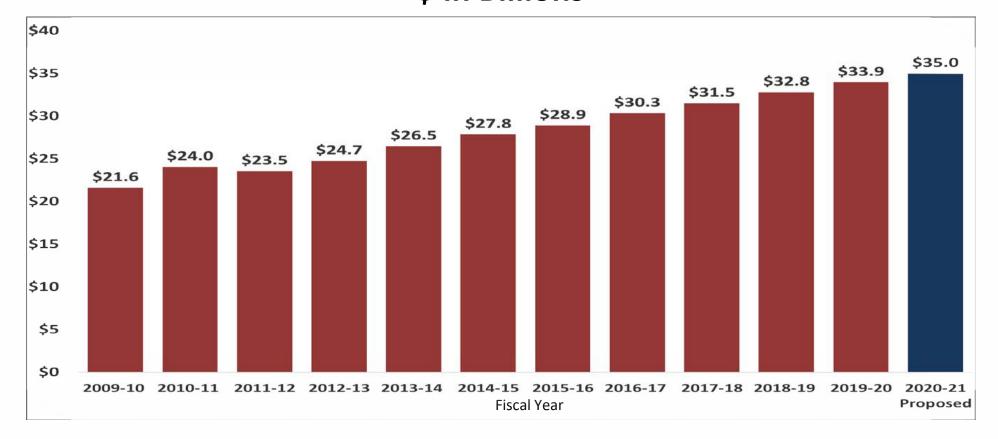


The proposed FY 2021 appropriations totaling \$91.4 billion are \$0.41 billion or 0.5% above FY 2020.

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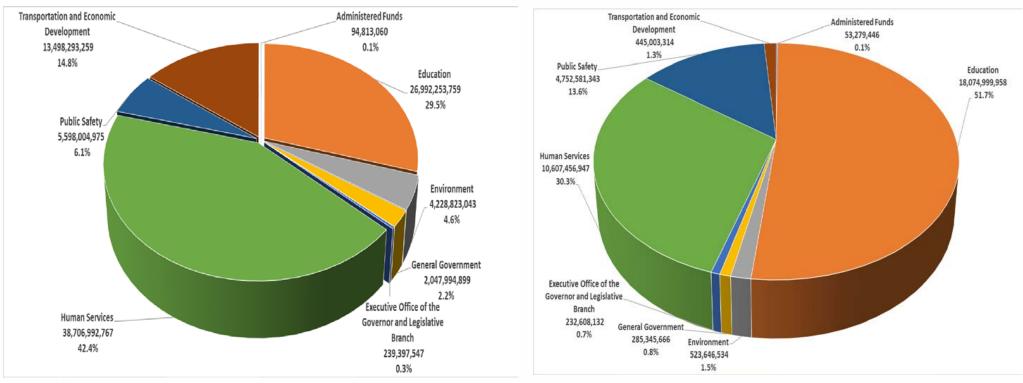
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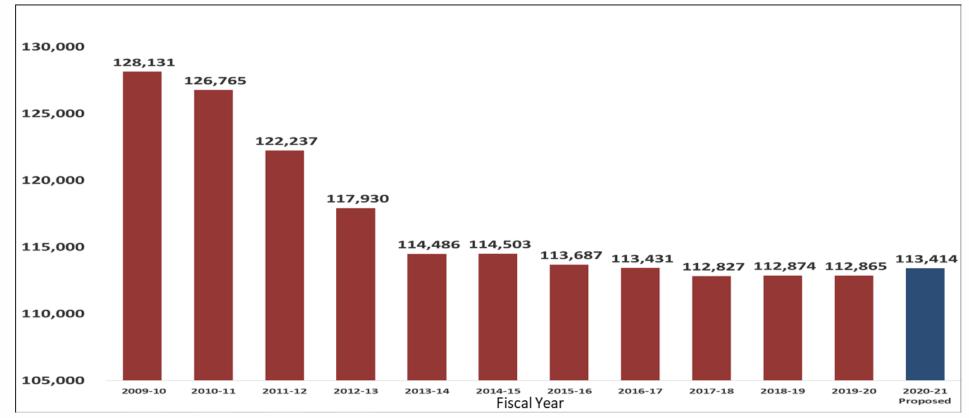
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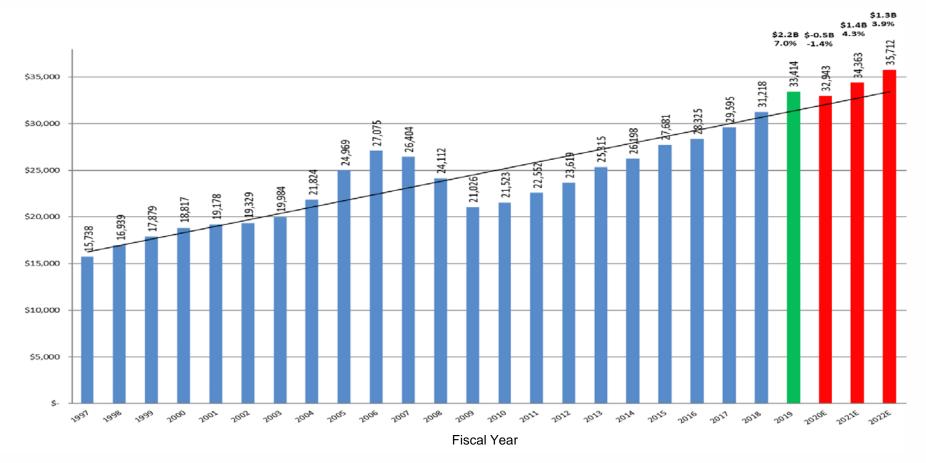
### Governor's Recommended Budget Number of Positions Fiscal Year 2020-21



The proposed FY 2021 authorized positions totaling 113,414 are 549 or 0.5% above FY 2020.

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### Governor's Recommended Budget August 2019 General Revenue Estimate



# General Revenue funds available for FY 2020-21 increased by \$1.4 billion or 4.3% from the previous year.

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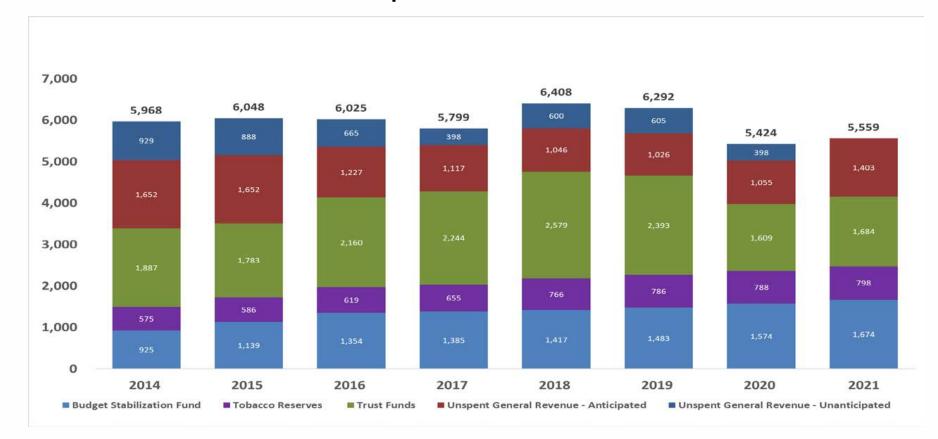
### **General Revenue**

### Fiscal Year 2020-21

#	(\$ in millions)	Recurring	Non- Recurring	Total
1	Balance Forward From FY 2018-19		1,576.5	1,576.5
2	Estimated Revenues - August 14, 2019	35,093.3	(607.6)	34,485.7
3	Total Revenue Estimate	35,093.3	968.9	36,062.2
4	Base Budget	32,914.0	0.0	32,914.0
5	Available Revenues (after Funding Base Budget)	2,179.3	968.9	3,148.2
6	Less Adjustments:			
7	Current Year Adjustments		99.1	99.1
8	Sales Tax Holidays		(50.0)	(50.0)
9	Net Hurricane Expenditures & Reimbursements		291.5	291.5
10	Trust Fund Sweeps		75.4	75.4
11	Transfer to Budget Stabilization Funds		(100.0)	(100.0)
12	Education Adjust Recurring & Nonrecurring	(180.6)	180.6	0.0
13	Total Revenue Available after Adjustments	1,998.7	1,465.5	3,464.2
14	Appropriations Over Base Budget			
15	Education	565.5	(21.3)	544.2
16	Environment	280.5	90.0	370.5
17	Transportation & Economic Development	12.6	356.5	369.1
18	Health and Human Services	384.8	83.6	468.4
19	Public Safety	177.7	56.6	234.3
20	General Government	(4.3)	46.6	42.3
21	Statewide Issues	32.2	0.0	32.2
22	Total Appropriations Over Base Budget	1,449.0	612.0	2,061.0
23	General Revenue Balance	549.8	853.5	1,403.3

The proposed FY 2021 General Revenue outlook anticipates \$1.4 billion for reserves.

### Actual and Anticipated Reserves Fiscal Year 2020-21 \$ in Millions



# The proposed FY 2021 reserves are \$5.56 billion or 6% of the total proposed budget of \$91.4 billion.

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### **Proposed Reductions**

### Fiscal Year 2020-21

#	Reduction	Positions	General Revenue	Trust Fund	Total
1	Administrative and Operational Efficiencies	(141)	(3,957,103)	(20,316,866)	(24,273,969)
2	Elimination of Earmarks		(84,737,598)	(100,000)	(84,837,598)
3	Elimination of Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Program		(284,500,000)	0	(284,500,000)
4	Debt Service Reduction		0	(54,616,108)	(54,616,108)
5	Workload Adjustments		(6,022,094)	0	(6,022,094)
6	Contract and Lease Savings		(229,468)	(19,365,962)	(19,595,430)
7	Subtotal	(141)	(379,446,263)	(94,398,936)	(473,845,199)
8	Unfunded Budget		0	(6,691,044)	(6,691,044)
	Grand Total	(141)	(379,446,263)	(101,089,980)	(480,536,243)

The proposed FY 2021 reductions are \$480.5 million, including \$379.4 million in General Revenue reductions.

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## Tax Relief Fiscal Year 2020-21

Measure	Amount
8-Day Back to School Sales Tax Holiday on clothing up to \$60, school supplies up to \$15, and computers up to \$1,000	\$(56.1) million
10-Day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday on items needed during disasters including generators up to \$750	\$(8.6) million
Property Tax Reduction for Education Required Local Effort	\$(247.3) million
Total Tax Relief	\$(312.0) million

### Building a High Quality Education System Increase of \$1 Billion in the FEFP

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	Amount \$22.9 Billion
K-12 Public Schools – State Funding Increase	\$792.3 million
K-12 Public Schools – Local Funding Increase	\$245 million
K-12 Public Schools – Per-Student Funding Increase	\$302.46 to \$7,979
K-12 Public Schools – Base Student Allocation Increase	\$50 per student
FEFP – Teacher Compensation – Raising the Minimum Salary to \$47,500	\$602 million
FEFP – Teacher and Principal Bonuses	\$300 million
FEFP – Safe Schools Allocation Increase	\$1.4 million to \$181.4 million
FEFP – Mental Health Allocation Increase	\$25 million to \$100 million

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### **Building a High Quality Education System**

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Gardiner Scholarships	\$24.9 million to \$172.8 million
Promoting Computer Science	\$10 million
Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant	\$10 million
Student Success Incentive Funds – Includes the Following Four Initiatives	Total Funding of \$45 million
Work Florida Student Success– School Districts	\$5 million
Work Florida Student Success– Colleges	\$10 million
2 + 2 Student Success - Colleges	\$20 million
Dual Enrollment - Colleges	\$10 million
Last Mile College Completion	\$1.5 million
Performance Funding: K-12 Workforce Programs College Workforce Programs State Universities	\$6.5 million \$14 million \$50 million to \$660 million

### **Building a High Quality Education System**

Education Capital Outlay	Amount
Education Infrastructure – Total	\$502.5 million
Safe School Hardening Grants for K-12 Schools	\$75 million
Public School Maintenance	\$50 million
Charter School Maintenance	\$173.9 million
Special Facility Construction	\$41.3 million
State College Maintenance	\$37.2 million
State University Maintenance	\$49.3 million

### **Protecting Water Resources**

Governor DeSantis called for a <u>\$2.5 billion</u> investment in Everglades Restoration and protection of water resources over four years

Budget Includes More Than \$625 Million Recurring for the Protection of Florida's Water Resources

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Everglades Restoration	\$322 million
Targeted Water Quality Improvements	\$200 million
Alternative Water Supply Grant Program	\$40 million
Springs Restoration	\$50 million
Innovative Solutions to Algae	\$10 million
Water Quality Enhancement & Accountability	\$11 million
FWC Center for Red Tide Research	\$2 million

# Environment Protecting Resources

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Florida Forever	\$100 million
State Park Enhancements	\$54 million
Beach Projects	\$50 million
Coral Reef Protection	\$9 million
Cleanup of Contaminated Sites	\$150 million
Citrus Protection and Research	\$20 million
Increased Python Removal Efforts	\$1 million

The Governor's recommended budget fully complies with Amendment 1 by including over \$1 billion for land and water programs funded from documentary stamp tax revenues.

### **Transportation and Economic Development**

Major Issues Funded	Amount
State Match for Federally Declared Disasters (Total \$1.6 billion)	\$195 million
Hurricane Michael Recovery Grant Program	\$25 million
Florida Job Growth Grant Fund	\$50 million
VISIT Florida	\$50 million
State Transportation Work Program	\$8.8 billion
Election Oversight Activities	\$6.6 million
Affordable Housing Programs	\$387 million

### **Health and Human Services**

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Child Welfare	\$97.6 million
Opioid Epidemic	\$54.9 million
Supporting Individuals on the Home and Community Based Services Waitlist	\$56.6 million
Guardianship Services	\$6.5 million
Operations of Two New State Veteran Nursing Homes	\$18.3 million

### **Public Safety**

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Staff Retention for Correctional Employees	\$89.7 million
Safer Correctional Facilities	\$6.7 million
Reentry Programming at Corrections	\$9.3 million
Special Risk for Juvenile Detention Officers	\$6.2 million
Residential Services for At-Risk Youth	\$4.8 million
Florida's Law Enforcement Crime Databases	\$14.5 million
Law Enforcement Threat Assessment Strategy	\$8.3 million

### **Office of Policy and Budget**

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#### The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepar	ed By: The	Professional Staf	f of the Committe	e on Appropriations
BILL:	SB 100				
INTRODUCER:	Senators H	arrell, Cru	z, and Stewart		
SUBJECT:	Dispensing	Medicina	al Drugs		
DATE:	January 22	2020	REVISED:		
ANAL	YST	STAF	F DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
l. Rossitto-Va Winkle	an	Brown	L	HP	Favorable
2. Gerbrandt		Kidd		AHS	<b>Recommend:</b> Favorable
3. Gerbrandt		Kynoc	h	AP	Pre-meeting

#### I. Summary:

SB 100 amends section 465.019, Florida Statutes, to authorize individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a 48-hour supply, rather than a 24-hour supply, of medicinal drugs to any patient of, or a patient discharged from, a hospital emergency department that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy with a community pharmacy permit from the Department of Health (DOH), under certain conditions.

The bill authorizes individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense a 72-hour supply, rather than a 48-hour supply, during a declared state of emergency in the area, under certain conditions.

The bill has no fiscal impact on state government.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

#### II. Present Situation:

#### **Medicinal Prescribing and Dispensing Practitioners**

There are several professions in Florida that have prescriptive authority at various levels, including:

- Allopathic physicians;
- Osteopathic physicians;
- Podiatrists;
- Dentists;

- Advanced practice registered nurses;<sup>1</sup>
- Physician assistants;<sup>2</sup> and
- Pharmacists.<sup>3</sup>

A person may not dispense medicinal drugs unless licensed as a pharmacist, except that a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe drugs may dispense medicinal drugs to his or her patients in the regular course of her or his practice.<sup>4</sup> A practitioner, who dispenses medicinal drugs for human consumption for a fee or remuneration of any kind, whether directly or indirectly, must:

- Register with her or his professional licensing board as a dispensing practitioner and pay a board-established fee at the time of such registration and upon each renewal of his or her license;
- Comply with, and be subject to, all laws and rules applicable to pharmacists and pharmacies, including, but not limited to, chs. 456, 499, and 893, F.S., and all applicable federal laws and federal regulations; and
- Give each patient a written prescription and, orally or in writing, advise the patient that the prescription may be filled in the practitioner's office or at any pharmacy, before dispensing any drug.<sup>5</sup>

### Pharmacy

The practice of pharmacy and the licensure of pharmacies are regulated by ch. 465, F.S. The "practice of the profession of pharmacy" includes:

- Compounding, dispensing, and consulting the consumer concerning the contents, therapeutic values, and uses of any medicinal (prescription)<sup>6</sup> drug; and
- Other pharmaceutical services.<sup>7, 8</sup>

### The Board of Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy (board) is created within the DOH and is authorized to make rules to regulate the practice of professional pharmacy in pharmacies meeting minimum requirements for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 464.012(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See ss. 458.347(4)(e)4., and 459.022(4)(e)4., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See s. 465.186, F.S., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B8-36.001 (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 465.0276, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 465.0276(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Under s. 465.003(8), F.S., "medicinal drugs" means substances commonly known as "prescription" or "legend" drugs required by law to be dispensed by prescription only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 465.003(13), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In the context of pharmacy practice, "other pharmaceutical services" means the monitoring of the patient's drug therapy and assisting the patient in the management of his or her drug therapy, and includes review of the patient's drug therapy and communication with the patient's prescribing health care provider as licensed under chs. 458, 459, 461, or 466, F.S., or similar statutory provision in another jurisdiction, or such provider's agent or such other persons as specifically authorized by the patient, regarding the drug therapy. The "practice of the profession of pharmacy" also includes any other act, service, operation, research, or transaction incidental to, or forming a part of, any of the foregoing acts, requiring, involving, or employing the science or art of any branch of the pharmaceutical profession, study, or training, expressly permits a pharmacist to transmit information from persons authorized to prescribe medicinal drugs to their patients, and includes the administration of vaccines to adults. See s. 465.003(13), F.S.

safe practice.<sup>9</sup> All pharmacies must obtain a permit before operating, unless exempt by law. This is true whether opening a new establishment or simply changing locations or owners.<sup>10</sup>

#### **The Practice of Pharmacy**

There are seven types of pharmacies eligible for various operating permits issued by the DOH:

- Community pharmacy;<sup>11</sup>
- Institutional pharmacy;<sup>12</sup>
- Nuclear pharmacy;<sup>13</sup>
- Special pharmacy;<sup>14</sup>
- Internet pharmacy;<sup>15</sup>
- Non-resident sterile compounding pharmacy;<sup>16</sup> and
- Special sterile compounding pharmacy.<sup>17</sup>

#### **Institutional Pharmacies**

An "institutional pharmacy" includes any pharmacy located in a health care institution, which includes a hospital, clinic, nursing home, dispensary, sanitarium, extended care facility, or other facility where medicinal drugs are compounded, dispensed, stored, or sold.<sup>18</sup> Institutional pharmacy permits are required for any pharmacy located in any health care institution.<sup>19</sup>

All institutional pharmacies must designate a consultant pharmacist<sup>20</sup> who is responsible for maintaining all drug records required by law, and for establishing drug handling procedures for the safe handling and storage of drugs. The consultant pharmacist may also be responsible for ordering and evaluating any laboratory or clinical tests when such tests are necessary for the proper performance of his or her responsibilities.<sup>21</sup> Such laboratory or clinical tests may be ordered only with regard to patients residing in a nursing home, and then only when authorized

<sup>9</sup> See ss. 465.002, and 465.0155, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.100(1) (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The term "community pharmacy" includes every location where medicinal drugs are compounded, dispensed, stored, or sold or where prescriptions are filled or dispensed on an outpatient basis. *See* ss. 465.003(11)(a)1. and 465.018, F.S. <sup>12</sup> *See* ss. 465.003(11)(a)2., and 465.019, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The term "nuclear pharmacy" includes every location where radioactive drugs and chemicals within the classification of medicinal drugs are compounded, dispensed, stored, or sold, but does not include hospitals licensed under ch. 395, F.S., or the nuclear medicine facilities of such hospitals. *See* ss. 465.003(11)(a)3. and 465.0193, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The term "special pharmacy" includes every location where medicinal drugs are compounded, dispensed, stored, or sold if such locations are not otherwise defined by law. *See* ss. 465.003(11)(a)4. and 465.0196, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The term "internet pharmacy" includes locations not otherwise licensed or issued a permit under ch. 465, F.S., whether or not in Florida, which use the Internet to communicate with or obtain information from consumers in this state and use such communication or information to fill or refill prescriptions or to dispense, distribute, or otherwise engage in the practice of pharmacy in this state. *See* ss. 465.003(11)(a)5. and 465.0197, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The term "nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy" includes a pharmacy that ships, mails, delivers, or dispenses, in any manner, a compounded sterile product into Florida, and a nonresident pharmacy registered under s. 465.0156, F.S., or an outsourcing facility, must hold a nonresident sterile compounding permit. *See* s. 465.0158, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.100 and 64B16-28.802 (2019). An outsourcing facility is considered a pharmacy and must hold a special sterile compounding permit if it engages in sterile compounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section 465.003(11)(a)2., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.100(3) (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See ss. 465.003(11), and 465.0125, F.S.

 $<sup>^{21}</sup>$  *Id*.

by the facility's medical director. The consultant pharmacist must complete additional training and demonstrate additional qualifications in the practice of institutional pharmacy, as required by the board, and be licensed as a registered pharmacist.<sup>22, 23</sup>

Currently there are four types of institutional pharmacy permits issued by the board to institutional pharmacies: Institutional Class I, Class II, Modified Class II, and Class III.<sup>24</sup>

#### Institutional Class I Pharmacy

A Class I institutional pharmacy is an institutional pharmacy in which all medicinal drugs are administered from individual prescription containers to an individual patient and in which medicinal drugs are not dispensed on the premises, except licensed nursing homes<sup>25</sup> may purchase medical oxygen for administration to residents.<sup>26</sup>

#### Institutional Class II Pharmacy

A Class II institutional pharmacy is a pharmacy that employs the services of a registered pharmacist or pharmacists who, in practicing institutional pharmacy, provide dispensing and consulting services on the premises to patients of the institution, for use on the premises of the institution.<sup>27</sup> A Class II institutional pharmacy is required to be open sufficient hours to meet the needs of the hospital facility.<sup>28</sup> The consultant pharmacist of record is responsible for establishing a written policy and procedure manual.<sup>29</sup> An institutional Class II pharmacy may elect to participate in the Cancer Drug Donation Program within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.<sup>30</sup>

### Modified Institutional Class II Pharmacy Permits

Modified Institutional Class II pharmacies are those institutional pharmacies in short-term, primary care treatment centers that meet all the requirements for a Class II permit, except space and equipment requirements.<sup>31</sup> Modified Class II Institutional pharmacies are designated as Type A, Type B, and Type C according to the specialized type of the medicinal drug delivery

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 465.0125, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> As required by Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.501(1), (2), and (3) (2019), the consultant pharmacist must also "conduct Drug Regimen Reviews required by Federal or State law, inspect the facility and prepare a written report to be filed at the permitted facility at least monthly, . . . monitor the facility system for providing medication administration records and physician order sheets to ensure that the most current record of medications is available for the monthly drug regimen review, and may utilize additional consultant pharmacists to assist in this review and in the monthly facility inspection." A licensed consultant pharmacist may "remotely access a facility or pharmacy's electronic database from outside the facility or pharmacy to conduct any services additional or supplemental to regular drug regimen reviews, subject to the pharmacy or facility establishing policies and procedures to ensure the security and privacy of confidential patient records, including compliance with applicable Federal HIPAA regulations." The board must be notified in writing within ten days of any change in the consultant pharmacist of record, pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.100(3)(b) (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Section 465.019, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See part II, ch. 400, F.S., relating to nursing homes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Section 465.019(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See s. 565.019(2)(b), F.S. Exceptions apply when there is a state of emergency and for single doses of a drug ordered by physicians under limited circumstances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.603 (2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Section 465.019(5), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See s. 499.029, F.S., relating to the Cancer Drug Donation Program Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Section 465.019(2)(c), F.S.

system utilized at the facility, either a patient-specific or bulk drug system, and the quantity of the medicinal drug formulary at the facility.<sup>32</sup>

All Modified Class II institutional pharmacies must be under the control and supervision of a certified consultant pharmacist. The consultant pharmacist of record is responsible for developing and maintaining a current policy and procedure manual. The permittee must make available the policy and procedure manual to the appropriate state or federal agencies upon inspection.<sup>33</sup>

### Institutional Class III Pharmacies

Class III institutional pharmacies are those pharmacies, including central distribution facilities, affiliated with a hospital that provide the same services that are authorized by a Class II institutional pharmacy permit. Class III institutional pharmacies may also:

- Dispense, distribute, compound, and fill prescriptions for medicinal drugs;
- Prepare prepackaged drug products;
- Conduct other pharmaceutical services for the affiliated hospital and for entities under common control that are each permitted under ch. 465, F.S., to possess medicinal drugs; and
- Provide the services in Class I institutional pharmacies, Class II institutional pharmacies, and Modified Class II institutional pharmacies that hold an active health care clinic establishment permit.<sup>34,35</sup>

A Class III institutional pharmacy must also maintain policies and procedures addressing the following:

- The consultant pharmacist responsible for pharmaceutical services;
- Safe practices for the preparation, dispensing, prepackaging, distribution, and transportation of medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug products;
- Recordkeeping to monitor the movement, distribution, and transportation of medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug products;
- Recordkeeping of pharmacy staff responsible for each step in the preparation, dispensing, prepackaging, transportation, and distribution of medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug products; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> See Fla. Admin. Code R. 64B16-28.702(2) (2019). Modified Class II Institutional Pharmacies provide the following pharmacy services: (1) Type "A" Modified Class II Institutional Pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility which has a formulary of not more than 15 medicinal drugs, excluding those medicinal drugs contained in an emergency box, and in which the medicinal drugs are stored in bulk and in which the consultant pharmacist provides on-site consultations not less than once every month, unless otherwise directed by the board after review of the policy and procedure manual; (2) Type "B" Modified Class II Institutional Pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility in which medicinal drugs are stored in the facility in patient specific form and in bulk form and which has an expanded drug formulary, and in which the consultant pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility in which medicinal drugs are stored in the facility in patient specific form and in bulk form and which has an expanded drug formulary, and in which the consultant pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility in which medicinal drugs are stored in the facility in patient specific form and in bulk form once per month, unless otherwise directed by the board after review of the policy and procedure manual; and (3) Type "C" Modified Class II Institutional Pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility in which medicinal drugs are stored in the facility in patient specific form and which has an expanded drug formulary, and in which the consultant pharmacist provides onsite consultant pharmacies provides onsite consultations not less than once per month, unless otherwise directed by the board drug formulary, and in which the consultant pharmaciest provides onsite consultations not less than once per month, unless otherwise directed by the board after review of the policy and procedure manual; and (3) Type "C" Modified Class II Institutional Pharmacies provide pharmacy services in a facility in which medicinal drugs a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See Florida Board of Pharmacy, *Institutional Pharmacy Permit* <u>http://floridaspharmacy.gov/licensing/institutional-pharmacy-permit/</u> (last visited Oct. 3, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Section 465.019(2)(d)1., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See s. 499.01(2)(r), F.S.

• Medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug products that may not be safely distributed among Class III institutional pharmacies.<sup>36</sup>

### Institutional Pharmacies – Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

Class II and Class III institutional pharmacies are permitted to dispense medicinal drugs to outpatients only when that institution has been issued a community pharmacy permit from the DOH.<sup>37</sup> An individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs may dispense up to a 24-hour supply of a medicinal drug to any patient of an emergency department of a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy, provided the physician treating the patient in such hospital's emergency department determines the following:

- The medicinal drug is warranted; and
- Community pharmacy services are not readily accessible, geographically or otherwise, to the patient.<sup>38</sup>

Such dispensing from the emergency department must be in accordance with the procedures of the hospital. For any patient for whom a medicinal drug is determined to be warranted by the treating emergency department physician for a period to exceed 24 hours, an individual licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a 24-hour supply of such drug to the patient and must provide the patient with a prescription for the drug for use after the initial 24-hour period.<sup>39</sup> The board is authorized to adopt rules necessary to carry out these provisions.

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill permits an individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs to dispense up to a 48-hour supply, rather than 24-hour supply, of medicinal drugs to any patient of, or patient discharged from, a hospital emergency department that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy with a community pharmacy permit from the DOH, provided that the emergency department physician treating the patient, or a physician treating a discharged patient, determines that:

- The medicinal drug is warranted; and
- Community pharmacy services are not readily accessible to the patient, geographically or otherwise.

If the dispensing of a medicinal drug to a patient is determined to be warranted by the treating emergency department physician, or a physician treating a discharged patient, for a period of longer than 48 hours, the individual licensed to prescribe the drug must dispense a 48-hour supply to the patient and must provide the patient with a prescription for the drug for use after the initial 48 hours.

The bill also authorizes individuals licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs, under the conditions described above, to dispense a 72-hour supply, rather than a 48-hour supply, during a declared state of emergency in the area. The dispensing of a 72-hour supply is subject to the same

- <sup>38</sup> Section 465.019(4), F.S.
- <sup>39</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Section 465.019(2)(d)2., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See s. 465.019, F.S., which prohibits a Class I institutional pharmacy from dispensing medicinal drugs.

conditions provided in the bill for dispensing a 48-hour supply to any patient of, or patient discharged from, a hospital emergency department that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy with a community pharmacy permit from the DOH.

The board may adopt rules necessary to implement the new provisions of the bill.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues: None.

#### V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill has no fiscal impact on state government.

### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

### VII. Related Issues:

None.

#### VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends section 465.019 of the Florida Statutes.

#### IX. Additional Information:

#### A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

House

The Committee on Appropriations (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 22 - 60

and insert:

However, an individual licensed to prescribe medicinal drugs in this state may be dispensed by dispense up to a 24-hour supply of a medicinal drug to any patient of an emergency department of a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy to a patient of the hospital's emergency department or a hospital inpatient upon discharge if a prescriber, as defined

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11	in s. 465.025(1), provided that the physician treating the
12	patient in such hospital hospital's emergency department
13	determines that the medicinal drug is warranted and that
14	community pharmacy services are not readily accessible,
15	geographically or otherwise, to the patient. Such prescribing
16	and dispensing from the emergency department must be in
17	accordance with the procedures of the hospital must be for a
18	supply of the drug that will last for the greater of the
19	following:
20	1. Up to 48 hours; or
21	2. Through the end of the next business day.
22	(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)1., if a state of
23	emergency has been declared and is in effect for an area of the
24	state pursuant to s. 252.36, a supply of a medicinal drug that
25	will last up to 72 hours may be prescribed and dispensed under
26	paragraph (a) in that area For any such patient for whom a
27	medicinal drug is warranted for a period to exceed 24 hours, an
28	individual licensed to prescribe such drug must dispense a 24-
29	hour supply of such drug to the patient and must provide the
30	patient with a prescription for such drug for use after the
31	initial 24-hour period.
32	(c) A prescriber as defined in s. 465.025(1) who prescribes
33	medicinal drugs under this subsection may provide the patient
34	with a prescription for such drug for use beyond the initial
35	prescription period if the prescriber determines that such use
36	is warranted.
37	(d) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement carry
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40	And the title is amended as follows:
41	Delete lines 3 - 11
42	and insert:
43	amending s. 465.019, F.S.; authorizing certain
44	hospitals to dispense supplies of prescribed medicinal
45	drugs in a specified amount to emergency department
46	patients or inpatients upon discharge under certain
47	circumstances; authorizing a greater specified supply
48	of medicinal drugs to be prescribed and dispensed in
49	areas in which a state of emergency has been declared
50	and is in effect; authorizing a prescriber to provide
51	a patient with a prescription for medicinal drugs
52	beyond the initial prescription period under certain
53	circumstances; providing an

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SENATOR GAYLE HARRELL 25th District

January 15, 2020

Senator Rob Bradley 201 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Chair Bradley,

I respectfully request that **SB 100 – Dispensing Medicinal Drugs** be placed on the next available agenda for the Appropriations Committee Meeting. SB 100 passed its last committee stops unanimously.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you,

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Senator Gayle Harrell Senate District 25

Cc: Cynthia Kynoch, Staff Director Alicia Weiss, Committee Administrative Assistant

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# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL:	CS/SB 220	6				
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SUBJECT:	Athletic T	rainers				
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# Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

### I. Summary:

CS/SB 226 requires an athletic trainer to work within his or her scope of practice as defined by the Board of Athletic Trainers (BOAT) and revises the educational and internship requirements for licensure.

The bill has an insignificant, nonrecurring, fiscal impact on the Department of Health (department) that can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

### II. Present Situation:

## **Athletic Trainers**

Section 468.703, F.S., establishes the BOAT within the department to license and regulate the practice of athletic trainers in Florida. Applicants for licensure as an athletic trainer are required to:<sup>1</sup>

- Submit to a background screening;
- Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university in professional athletic training accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 468.707, F.S.

have passed the national examination to be certified by the Board of Certification  $(BOC)^2$  for athletic trainers;

- Have a current certification from the BOC, if they graduated before 2004;<sup>3</sup> and
- Have current certifications in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

An athletic trainer must practice under the direction of an allopathic, osteopathic or chiropractic physician licensed under chs. 458, 459, or 460, F.S., or otherwise authorized by Florida law. The physician must communicate his or her direction through oral or written prescriptions or protocols for the provision of services and care by the athletic trainer, and the athletic trainer must provide service or care as dictated by the physician.<sup>4</sup>

The services of an athletic trainer must relate to the prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of a physically active person who sustained an injury, illness, or other condition involving exercise, sport, recreation, or related physical activity. In providing care and services, an athletic trainer may use physical modalities, including, but not limited to, heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, and mechanical devices.<sup>5</sup>

The BOAT is authorized to adopt rules to implement the provisions of part XIII, ch. 468, F.S. Such rules must include, but are not limited to: $^{6}$ 

- The allowable scope of practice regarding the use of equipment, procedures, and medication;
- Mandatory requirements and guidelines for communication between the athletic trainer and a physician, including the reporting to the physician of new or recurring injuries or conditions;
- Licensure requirements;
- Licensure examination;
- Continuing education requirements;
- Fees;
- Records and reports to be filed by licensees;
- Protocols; and,
- Any other requirements necessary to regulate the practice of athletic training.

At renewal, licensed athletic trainers must demonstrate a current BOC certification; however, there is no requirement for that certification to be held without lapse and in good standing.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) was incorporated in 1989 as a not-for-profit credentialing agency to provide a certification program for the entry level athletic training profession. The BOC establishes both the standards for the practice of athletic training and the continuing education requirements for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers (ATs). The BOC also works with state regulatory agencies to provide credential information, professional conduct guidelines and regulatory standards on certification issues. The BOC also has the only accredited certification program for ATs in the United States and has mutual recognition agreements with Canada and Ireland. *See* Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, *What is the BOC*? available at: <a href="http://www.bocatc.org/about-us#what-is-the-boc">http://www.bocatc.org/about-us#what-is-the-boc</a> (last visited Oct. 4, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supra note 1, at 4. Prior to 2004, and the inception of athletic training programs, athletic trainers obtained training through a BOC internship program to obtain licensure in Florida. Current law does not automatically allow athletic trainers who obtained training through the BOC internship program to become licensed in Florida.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 468.713, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 468.701, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 468.705, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 468.711, F.S.

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# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 468.701, F.S., to remove a substantive statutory provision from the definition of "athletic trainer" and relocate that provision to s. 468.713, F.S. The provision in question restricts a licensed athletic trainer from providing, offering to provide, or representing that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from providing.

The bill also specifies within s. 468.713, F.S., that an athletic trainer shall work within his or her allowable scope of practice as specified in BOAT rule under s. 468.705, F.S.

The bill amends the licensure requirements for an athletic trainer in s. 468.707, F.S., to create a new licensure pathway for applicants who hold a bachelor's degree, have completed the BOC internship requirements, and hold a current certification from the BOC to become licensed in Florida.

The bill amends s. 468.711, F.S., relating to licensure renewal requirements to require an athletic trainer to maintain his or her BOC certification in good standing without lapse. A licensee will have to demonstrate the continuous good-standing of his or her BOC certification at the time of renewal.

The bill amends s. 468.723, F.S., to give the BOAT rulemaking authority to further define the supervision between an athletic training student and a licensed athletic trainer, rather than relying on compliance with standards set by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

# IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

# E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

# V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

CS/SB 226 has an insignificant negative impact on state revenues and expenditures. The department will experience an insignificant increase in workload associated with rulemaking activities required in the bill. These costs can be absorbed within existing resources of the department.<sup>8</sup>

# VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

### VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 468.701, 468.707, 468.711, 468.713, and 468.723.

# IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

# **CS by Health Policy on October 22, 2019:** The CS:

- Amends s. 468.701, F.S., to remove a substantive statutory provision from the definition of "athletic trainer" and relocate that provision to s. 468.713, F.S.;
- Specifies within s. 468.713, F.S., that an athletic trainer must work within his or her allowable scope of practice as specified in BOAT rule under s. 468.705, F.S.; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Department of Health fiscal analysis (on file with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services).

- Deletes provisions in the underlying bill relating to a person's ability to administer emergency care to another person and the ability of third-party payers to reimburse athletic trainers for covered services.
- B. Amendments:

None.

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By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Harrell

588-00989-20 2020226c1 588-00989-20 2020226c1 1 A bill to be entitled 30 athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent 2 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s. 31 that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 32 he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to 3 provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is 33 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707, 34 providing. F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure 35 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring 36 read: certain licensees to maintain certification in good 37 468.707 Licensure requirements.-Any person desiring to be ç standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of 38 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on 10 their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713, 39 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also 11 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a 40 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board, 12 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing 41 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The 13 department shall license each applicant who: requirement that was stricken from another section; 42 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct 14 43 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the 15 supervision of an athletic training student to be in 44 required fees. 16 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic 45 (2) For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016, Has 17 Training; providing an effective date. submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The 46 18 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose 47 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 48 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action. 20 49 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's 21 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university 50 22 Statutes, is amended to read: professional athletic training degree program accredited by the 51 23 468.701 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term: 52 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or 24 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this 53 its successor organization recognized and approved by the United 25 part who has met the requirements of under this part, including 54 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition 26 the education requirements established as set forth by the 55 of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or 27 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or 56 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the 2.8 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the 57 national examination to be certified by the Board of Board of Certification. An individual who is licensed as an 29 58 Certification; or-Page 1 of 4 Page 2 of 4

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59	(b) <del>(4)</del> Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has	88	allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.
60	completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,	89	468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,
61	and holds If graduated before 2004, has a current certification	90	or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or
62	from the Board of Certification.	91	services that he or she lacks the education, training, or
63	(4) (5) Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary	92	experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited
64	resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator	93	by law from providing.
65	set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined	94	Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida
66	by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.	95	Statutes, is amended to read:
67	(5) (6) Has completed any other requirements as determined	96	468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit prevent or
68	by the department and approved by the board.	97	restrict:
69	Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida	98	(2) An athletic training student acting under the direct
70	Statutes, is amended to read:	99	supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this
71	468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education	100	subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of
72	(3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the	101	an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately
73	licensee must be currently certified by the Board of	102	available to the athletic training student and able to intervene
74	Certification or its successor agency and maintain that	103	on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must
75	certification in good standing without lapse.	104	comply with board rule in accordance with the standards set
76	Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended to	105	forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training
77	read:	106	Education or its successor.
78	468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers	107	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.
79	(1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction		
80	of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter		
81	460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice		
82	medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction		
83	through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed		
84	appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and		
85	care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide		
86	service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.		
87	(2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her		
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SENATOR GAYLE HARRELL 25th District

October 29, 2019

Senator Rob Bradley 201 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Chair Bradley,

I respectfully request that **SB 226 – Athletic Trainers** be placed on the next available agenda for the Appropriations Committee Meeting. SB 226 passed its last committee stop unanimously.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you,

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Senator Gayle Harrell Senate District 25

Cc: Cynthia Kynoch, Staff Director Alicia Weiss, Committee Administrative Assistant

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# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

	Prep	ared By: The Professional St	aff of the Committe	e on Appropriations				
BILL:	CS/SB 3	72						
INTRODUCER:	R: Education Committee; and Senators Lee, Cruz, Harrell, and others							
SUBJECT:	Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel							
DATE:	January 2	22, 2019 REVISED:						
ANAL	YST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION				
1. Brown		Caldwell	MS	Favorable				
2. Bouck		Sikes	ED	Fav/CS				
3. Underhill		Kynoch	AP	Favorable				

# Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

# I. Summary:

CS/SB 372 promotes uniformity in the application of military training and education toward postsecondary credit (credit) or career education clock hours (clock hours) by public postsecondary educational institutions and establishes a fee waiver for active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Specifically, the bill requires:

- The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) of the Florida Department of Education to convene a workgroup to develop a process for prioritizing and determining when military courses and occupations are appropriate for credit. The process must be approved by the Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- The ACC to approve a list of postsecondary course equivalencies and credit and clock hours awarded for military courses and occupations, which must be approved by the BOG and SBE in the statewide articulation agreement.
- State universities, Florida College System (FCS) institutions, and career centers to award credit or clock hours based on the approved list.
- A state university, FCS institution, career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center to waive transcript fees for active duty servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans, and their spouses and dependents.

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the BOG, SBE, state colleges, career centers and universities.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

# II. Present Situation:

Florida provides active duty servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans with a number of educational benefits.

# Academic College Credit for Training and Education Acquired in the Military

Florida law requires the Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE) to enable, through regulation and rule, eligible servicemembers and veterans to earn academic college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions based on college-level training and education acquired in the military.<sup>1</sup>

In adopting regulations and rules, the BOG and the SBE must include procedures to evaluate credentials and the award of academic college credit, including providing for the:

- Equivalency and alignment of military coursework with appropriate college courses;
- Course descriptions;
- Type and amount of college credit that may be awarded; and
- Transfer of credit.<sup>2</sup>

# **Articulation Coordinating Committee**

The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Chancellor of the State University System, establishes the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), whose primary role is to recommend statewide articulation policies.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the ACC must monitor the alignment between the exit requirements of one education system and admission requirements of another education system into which students typically transfer. The ACC also proposes guidelines for interinstitutional agreements between institutions, including universities, career, and technical centers, and recommends to the BOG and the SBE dual enrollment courses for approval.<sup>4</sup> The Office of K-20 Articulation within the Florida Department of Education provides administrative support to the ACC.<sup>5</sup>

# **Statewide Articulation Agreement**

The SBE and the BOG are required to enter into a statewide articulation agreement, which the SBE must adopt by rule.<sup>6</sup> The agreement must preserve Florida's "2+2" system of articulation and facilitate the seamless articulation of student credit across and among Florida's educational entities. Specifically, the statewide articulation agreement includes provisions that govern:

- Articulation between secondary and postsecondary education;
- The admission of associate in arts degree graduates to the upper division of a state university;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1004.096, F.S.; *see also* Board of Governors Regulation 6.013 and Rule 6A-14.0302, F.A.C.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 1007.01(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 1007.01(3)(a) and (b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 1007.01(3), F.S.; s. 20.15(3)(h), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 1007.23(1), F.S. See also Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C.

- Articulation of career credit to academic credit programs;
- The application of acceleration mechanisms to postsecondary credit; and
- General education requirements.

# **Tuition and Fee Waivers**

Florida law provides tuition and fee waivers to students in certain circumstances, including veterans and active duty members of the United States Armed Forces (Armed Forces) who meet specified criteria.<sup>7</sup> Some waivers are mandatory,<sup>8</sup> while others are permissive.<sup>9</sup>

The following fee waivers apply to current or former members of the Armed Forces or United States Reserve Forces:

- A person who resides in-state while enrolled in a program who is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces, the U.S. Reserve Forces, or the National Guard; or who uses the educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is eligible for, and must receive an out-of-state fee waiver from a state university, a Florida College System (FCS) institution, a career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center.<sup>10</sup>
- An active duty member of the Armed Forces residing or stationed out-of-state is eligible for, and must receive an out-of-state fee waiver from a state university, FCS institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center.<sup>11</sup>
- An active duty member of the Armed Forces using military tuition assistance provided by the United States Department of Defense is eligible for, and may receive a waiver of any portion of the student activity and service, fee, the financial aid fee, the technology fee, the capital improvement fee, and any other fees otherwise authorized in law from an FCS institution.<sup>12</sup>
- A recipient of a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence who is currently or was at the time of the military action a resident of the state is eligible for, and must receive a tuition waiver for an undergraduate or career certificate program from a state university, an FCS institution, a career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center.<sup>13</sup>

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

# Academic College Credit for Training and Education Acquired in the Military

The bill promotes uniformity in the application of military training and education toward postsecondary credit (credit) or career education clock hours (clock hours)<sup>14</sup> by public

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 1009.26, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 1009.26 (5), (7)-(8), (12)-(14), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 1009.26 (1)-(4), (6), (9)-(11), and (15), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section 1009.26(13)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Section 1009.26(14)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 1009.26(15), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 1009.26(8), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Postsecondary credit is the type of credit assigned by a postsecondary institution to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified program leading to a baccalaureate, associate degree, certificate, or Applied Technology Diploma (ATD). One college credit is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction. A clock hour is the unit assigned to courses or course equivalent learning that is part

postsecondary educational institutions, and requires the Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to create a system for the uniform award of credit or clock hours based on military training and education.

The bill requires the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to convene a workgroup by July 15, 2020, that is responsible for developing a process for prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum credit or clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals while in the military. The workgroup must provide recommendations to the BOG and the SBE by December 1, 2020, for approval at each board's next meeting that allows for adequate public notice.

The workgroup must consist of the following 13 members:

- The chair of the ACC, or his or her designee, serving as chair;
- Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from state universities, appointed by the chair of the BOG;
- Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from FCS institutions, appointed by the chair of the SBE;
- Two members representing faculty from career centers, appointed by the SBE; and
- Two members representing veterans, appointed by the executive director of the FDVA.

The Office of K-20 Articulation must provide administrative support for the workgroup.

Upon BOG and SBE approval of the recommended process, the ACC must facilitate a review of military courses and occupations for postsecondary equivalencies and the minimum credit or clock hours that must be awarded.

Within one year after BOG and SBE approval of the ACC workgroup recommended process, the bill requires the ACC to approve a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum credit or clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken or occupations held by individuals during their service in the military. The list must then be adopted in the statewide articulation agreement by the BOG and SBE at the next meeting of each board allowing for adequate public notice. The list must be updated annually.

The bill requires state universities,<sup>15</sup> FCS institutions, and career centers to award credit or clock hours, as applicable, for approved courses and occupations included in the list, if the credit or clock hours are applicable to the student's degree or certificate. Institutions may also grant additional credit or clock hours, if appropriate. Credit awarded on these bases is guaranteed to transfer to other public postsecondary institutions as if the credit was earned at the receiving institution.

of an organized and specified program leading to an ATD or a career and technical certificate. One clock hour is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of thirty (30) hours of instruction. Rule 6A-14.030, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> It is unclear if such credit awarded would be included in the calculation of excess hours as required in s. 1009.286(4), F.S., and BOG Regulation 7.003(21). Board of Governors, *2020 Agency Analysis of SB 372* (Nov. 4, 2019), at 7. Credit hours earned through examinations (e.g., Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate) or courses taken by active-duty military personnel are not included in the calculation of excess hours at a state university. Section 1009.286(4)(a) and (e), F.S.

Requiring the BOG and the SBE to adopt a uniform system and specified course equivalencies could lend greater consistency to the process of awarding academic credit based on military courses or occupations across all public postsecondary institutions.

# **Fee Waivers**

The bill provides active duty servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans, and their spouses and dependents a fee waiver on a transcript from a state university, FCS institution, career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center. Each of these institutions must annually report to the BOG and the SBE the number and value of transcript fee waivers granted. The BOG and the SBE are required to adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to administer the transcript fee waivers.

The transcript fee waiver may further assist with making higher education more affordable for active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the Armed Forces.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

# IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

# V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

# B. Private Sector Impact:

Qualifying servicemembers and veterans may save money if additional postsecondary credit or clock hours are awarded for training and education they acquired in the military. In addition, qualifying servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans may save money through the transcript fee waiver, which will also apply to spouses and dependents.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and the State Board of Education (SBE) may incur fiscal costs from the bill, based on the provisions that require the BOG and the SBE to amend or adopt new regulations and rules, and that require a workgroup to convene and draft recommendations.

In addition, institutions will have to waive the transcript fee for active duty servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans, and their spouses and dependents, and annually report the number of waivers to the BOG and the SBE. Based on 2017-18 student enrollment data, the BOG estimates that approximately 8,000 veterans or active duty members generate between \$48,000 to \$80,000 in transcript fees.<sup>16</sup>

# VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

# VII. Related Issues:

None.

# VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 1004.096 and 1009.26.

# IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

# CS by Education on December 9, 2019:

The committee substitute modifies the postsecondary course and credit evaluation process established in the bill. Specifically, the committee substitute:

- Includes an option for the application of military training and education to career education clock hours (clock hours), rather than only academic credit.
- Removes the requirement that the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) workgroup review recommendations of the American Council on Education.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Board of Governors, 2020 Legislative Bill Analysis of SB 372 (Nov. 4, 2019), at 9.

- Modifies the process for review and approval of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit (credit) and clock hours to be awarded, to:
  - Require an ACC workgroup to submit to the Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) and State Board of Education (SBE) a process for prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies for military courses and occupations by December 1, 2020, which must be approved timely by the BOG and SBE.
  - Upon BOG and SBE approval of the workgroup's recommendations, require the ACC to facilitate a review of military courses and occupations, and postsecondary course equivalencies and credit and clock hour awards.
  - Require the ACC to approve a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalencies and minimum credit and clock hour awards within one year of BOG and SBE approval of the workgroup's recommendations.
  - Require the BOG and SBE to timely approve in the statewide articulation agreement the list approved by the ACC.
  - Remove the January 1, 2022, date by which postsecondary institutions must award credit, and requires the award of credit and clock hours based on BOG and SBE approval.
- Changes the effective date from July 1, 2020, to upon becoming a law.
- B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

 $\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{y}$  the Committee on Education; and Senators Lee, Cruz, Harrell, and Broxson

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31	by individuals during their service in the military;
32	authorizing the award of additional credits or career
33	education clock hours; requiring certain credits and
34	career education clock hours to transfer between
35	specified postsecondary institutions; amending s.
36	1009.26, F.S.; requiring specified postsecondary
37	institutions to waive the transcript fee for active
38	duty members of the United States Armed Forces,
39	certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents;
40	providing reporting requirements for such fee waivers;
41	requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board
42	of Education to adopt regulations and rules,
13	respectively; providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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7	Section 1. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended
18	to read:
19	1004.096 College credit for military training and education
50	courses
51	(1) In consultation with the Department of Veterans'
52	Affairs, the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the
53	State Board of Education shall adopt rules that create a process
54	that enables enable eligible servicemembers or veterans of the
55	United States Armed Forces to earn uniform postsecondary
56	academic college credit across all Florida at public
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9 and rules shall include procedures for credential evaluation and	ł				
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4 descriptions, type and amount of college credit that may be					
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7 workgroup by July 15, 2020, which is responsible for developing					
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(a) The workgroup shall be composed of the following 13					
3 members:					
4 <u>1. The chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee, or</u>	<u>_</u>				
5 his or her designee, who shall serve as chair.					
6 2. Four members representing academic affairs					
7 administrators and faculty from state universities, appointed by	2				
8 the chair of the Board of Governors.					
9 3. Four members representing academic affairs					
administrators and faculty from Florida College System					
1 institutions, appointed by the chair of the State Board of					
2 Education.					
3 4. Two members representing faculty from career centers,					
4 appointed by the State Board of Education.					
5 5. Two members representing veterans, appointed by the					
6 executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.					
7 (b) The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide					

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88	administrative support for the workgroup.
89	(c) The workgroup shall establish a process for
90	prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies
91	and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock
92	hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations
93	held by individuals during their service in the military. The
94	workgroup shall provide recommendations to the Board of
95	Governors and the State Board of Education by December 1, 2020,
96	for approval at the next meeting of each board to allow for
97	adequate public notice.
98	(d) Upon approval of the workgroup's recommendations by the
99	Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, the
100	Articulation Coordinating Committee shall facilitate the review
101	of courses taken and occupations held by individuals during
102	their service in the military for postsecondary course
103	equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career
104	education clock hours that must be awarded in accordance with
105	the approved process.
106	(e) Within 1 year after approval of the workgroup's
107	recommendations by the Board of Governors and the State Board of
108	Education pursuant to paragraph (c), the Articulation
109	Coordinating Committee shall approve a prioritized list of
110	postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary
111	credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for
112	courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their
113	service in the military. The list must be updated annually. The
114	Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall timely
115	adopt the list approved by the Articulation Coordinating
116	Committee at the next meeting of each board to allow for
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151	Education, respectively, the number and value of fee waivers
152	granted annually under this subsection.
153	(c) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education
154	shall adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to administer
155	this subsection.
156	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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The Florida Senate

# **Committee Agenda Request**

To:	Senator Rob Bradley, Chair
	Appropriations Committee

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: December 9, 2019

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #372**, relating to Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel, be placed on the:



committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.



next committee agenda.

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Senator Tom Lee Florida Senate, District 20

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#### The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepa	ared By: The	Professional Sta	aff of the Committe	e on Appropriatio	ns	
BILL:	SB 400						
INTRODUCER: Senator Gi		ibson					
SUBJECT:	Elder Abu	se Fatality	Review Team	IS			
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# I. Summary:

SB 400 authorizes, but does not require, a state attorney in each judicial circuit to initiate the establishment of an elder abuse fatality review team, composed of volunteer members. The teams would review closed cases of fatal incidents of elder abuse or neglect and make policy and other recommendations to help prevent future incidents of elder abuse-related fatalities. The review teams are housed within the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) for administrative purposes only. The DOEA must submit a report, annually by November 1, that summarizes the findings and recommendations of the review teams to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of Children and Families.

According to the Department of Elder Affairs, the bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact that can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

# II. Present Situation:

The Adult Protective Services Act, ch. 415, F.S., charges the Department of Children and Families (DCF), to investigate reports of abuse or exploitation of a vulnerable adult or elderly person. The mandatory reporting requirement of persons who are required to investigate reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation also extends to deaths due to alleged abuse or neglect.<sup>1</sup>

# Florida Abuse Hotline and Investigations

The Florida Abuse Hotline, administered by the DCF, screens allegations of adult abuse and neglect to determine if the allegations meet the criteria for an abuse report. If the allegations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 415.1034, F.S.

meet the criteria, a protective investigation is initiated to confirm whether the evidence substantiates that abuse has occurred, whether the situation presents an immediate or long-term risk to the victim, and whether the victim needs additional services for protection.<sup>2</sup>

Section 415.1034, F.S., requires any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited to report to the central abuse hotline. Additionally, if the DCF investigates elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation and has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable adult died as a result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, they must immediately report the suspicion to the appropriate medical examiner, the appropriate criminal justice agency, and to the DCF.<sup>3</sup>

The DCF is required, upon receipt of a report alleging abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, to begin within 24 hours a protective investigation of the matter.<sup>4</sup> For each report it receives, the DCF must perform an onsite investigation to determine, among other things, if the person meets the definition of a vulnerable adult and, if so, if the person is in need of services; whether there is an indication that the vulnerable adult was abused, neglected, or exploited; and if protective, treatment, and ameliorative services are necessary to safeguard and ensure the vulnerable adult's well-being.<sup>5</sup>

### **Adult Protection Teams**

Section 415.1102, F.S., authorizes the DCF to develop, maintain, and coordinate the services of one or more multidisciplinary adult protection teams in each of its regions. A "multidisciplinary adult protection team" is defined as a team of two or more persons trained in the prevention, identification, and treatment of abuse of elderly persons.<sup>6</sup> The multidisciplinary teams may be composed of, but are not limited to, psychiatrists, psychologists, or other trained counseling personnel; law enforcement officers; medical personal with experience or training to provide health services; social workers who have experience or training in the prevention of abuse of the elderly or dependent persons; and public and professional guardians.<sup>7</sup> The multidisciplinary team is convened to supplement the protective services activities of the Adult Protective Services program of the DCF.<sup>8</sup>

### **Records Access**

Section 415.107(3), F.S., enumerates persons and entities that may have access to records concerning reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, including reports made to the central abuse hotline, otherwise held confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), F.S. The identity of any person reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable person shall not be released to these persons and entities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See s. 415.103, F.S. and Florida Department of Children and Families; Protecting Vulnerable Adults, <u>https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/adult-protective-services/protecting-vulnerable-adults.shtml</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 415.1034(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 415.104(1), F.S.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 415.1102(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 415.1102(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 415.1102(3), F.S.

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

## **Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams**

## Creation

The bill creates s. 415.1103, F.S., to authorize the establishment of an elder abuse fatality review team, made up of volunteers, in each of the 20 judicial circuits. The teams are authorized to review fatal incidents of abuse or neglect against the elderly. The establishment of the review teams may be initiated by the local state attorney, or his or her designee, and the teams are housed within the Department of Elder Affairs for administrative purposes only. At the initial meeting, the members must choose two co-chairs and must establish a schedule for future meetings. The review team must meet at least once during each fiscal year.

# Composition

Each review team is composed of volunteers from numerous state and local agencies as well as community partners.<sup>9</sup> Each volunteer serves without compensation for a two-year term, and the co-chairs will determine the team's staggered terms. Co-chairs may be reelected by a majority vote for up to two consecutive terms. Members may not be reimbursed for per diem or travel expenses. Any administrative costs for operating the review team must be borne by the team members themselves or the entities that they represent.

The bill allows elder abuse fatality review teams already operating before July 1, 2019, to continue operating as long as they comply with the requirements established under the bill.

### **Operations**

Each team will determine how it operates and the process to select cases. The cases, however, must be limited to closed cases in which an elderly person's death is found to have been caused by, or related, to abuse or neglect. All information that would identify the person must be redacted in the documents that the team reviews.

### **Responsibilities**

The elder abuse fatality team must:

- Review deaths of elderly people in its judicial circuit that were found to have been caused by, or related to, abuse or neglect;
- Consider events leading up to the fatal incident, available community resources, current law and policies, and the actions taken by systems or individuals related to the fatal incident;
- Identify potential gaps, deficiencies, or problems in the delivery of services to the elderly by agencies which may be related to the deaths;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The bill provides that membership may include, but is not be limited to, the following or their representatives: law enforcement agencies; the state attorney; the medical examiner; a county court judge; adult protective services; area agency on aging; the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; the Agency for Health Care Administration; the Office of the Attorney General; the Office of State Courts Administrator; the clerk of the court; a victim services program; an elder law attorney; emergency services personnel; a certified domestic violence center; an advocacy organization for victims of sexual violence; a funeral home director; a forensic pathologist; a geriatrician; a geriatric nurse; a geriatric psychiatrist or other individual licensed to offer behavioral health services; a hospital discharge planner; a public guardian; and other persons with relevant expertise who are recommended by the review team.

- Develop communitywide approaches to address causes and contributing factors related to deaths reviewed by the team; and
- Develop recommendations and possible changes in law, rules, and policies to support the care of the elderly and prevent elder abuse deaths.

#### **Prohibited Contact**

Team members are prohibited from directly contacting someone in the deceased person's family as part of the review unless the team member is authorized to do so in the course of his or her employment duties. However, nothing in the bill prohibits a family member from voluntarily providing information or records to the review team. If a family member provides information to the review team, he or she must be informed that the information is subject to public disclosure unless a public records exemption applies to the information.

#### **Reporting Requirements**

Each team is required to submit its findings and recommendations to the DOEA annually by September 1. The report may include descriptive statistics, current policies, procedures, rules, or statutes that contribute to the incidence of elder abuse and deaths with recommendation for improvements, and any other recommendations to prevent deaths from elder abuse or neglect.

Additionally, by November 1 of each year, the DOEA must prepare a summary report of the information provided by the review teams, and submit the report to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of Children and Families.

#### Protection from Liability for Team Members

Unless a team member acts in bad faith, with wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, he or she is not liable financially or subject to a cause of action for damages due to the performance of duties as a review team member with regard to any discussions by, deliberations, or recommendations of the team or the member.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

#### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

Not applicable. The bill does not require counties and municipalities to spend funds, reduce counties' or municipalities' ability to raise revenue, or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties and municipalities.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

The information received by the elder abuse fatality review teams would be from closed cases and therefore previously redacted; all information received by the teams is public record subject to copying and inspection.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

#### V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The elder abuse fatality review teams are volunteers who serve without compensation or reimbursement. However, the Department of Elder Affairs may incur additional costs associated with providing administrative support to the review teams and with submitting the annual report.

According to the Department of Elder Affairs, the bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact that can be absorbed within existing resources.<sup>10</sup>

#### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

While the bill does allow each state attorney or his or her designee to initiate the establishment of a review team, the bill does not specify who the appointing authority will be.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

#### VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates section 415.1103 of the Florida Statutes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Email from Scott Read, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Department of Elder Affairs (December 17, 2019), (on file with the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services).

#### IX. **Additional Information:**

#### Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.) Α.

None.

#### Β. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Gibson

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6-00142-20 2020400 30 to read: 31 415.1103 Elder abuse fatality review teams.-32 (1) (a) An elder abuse fatality review team may be established in each judicial circuit to review deaths of elderly 33 34 persons found to have been caused by, or related to, abuse or 35 neglect. The review teams shall be housed, for administrative 36 purposes only, in the Department of Elderly Affairs. 37 (b) An elder abuse fatality review team may include, but is not limited to, representatives from any of the following 38 39 entities in the review team's judicial circuit: 40 1. Law enforcement agencies. 41 2. The state attorney. 3. The medical examiner. 42 43 4. A county court judge. 44 5. Adult protective services. 45 6. The area agency on aging. 46 7. The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. 47 8. The Agency for Health Care Administration. 48 9. The Office of the Attorney General. 49 10. The Office of the State Courts Administrator. 50 11. The clerk of the court. 51 12. A victim services program. 52 13. An elder law attorney. 53 14. Emergency services personnel. 54 15. A certified domestic violence center. 55 16. An advocacy organization for victims of sexual 56 violence. 57 17. A funeral home director. 18. A forensic pathologist. 58

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59	19. A geriatrician.
60	20. A geriatric nurse.
61	21. A geriatric psychiatrist or other individual licensed
62	to offer behavioral health services.
63	22. A hospital discharge planner.
64	23. A public quardian.
65	24. Any other persons who have knowledge regarding fatal
66	incidents of elder abuse, domestic violence, or sexual violence,
67	including knowledge of research, policy, law, and other matters
68	connected with such incidents involving elders, or who are
69	recommended for inclusion by the review team.
70	(c) A state attorney, or his or her designee, may initiate
71	the establishment of a review team in his or her judicial
72	circuit and may call the first organizational meeting of the
73	team. At the initial meeting, members of a review team shall
74	choose two members to serve as co-chairs and shall establish a
75	schedule for future meetings.
76	(d) Participation in a review team is voluntary. Members of
77	a review team shall serve without compensation and may not be
8	reimbursed for per diem or travel expenses.
79	(e) Members shall serve for terms of 2 years, to be
B 0	staggered as determined by the co-chairs. Chairs may be
31	reelected by a majority vote of a review team for not more than
82	two consecutive terms.
33	(f) Each review team shall determine its local operations,
34	including, but not limited to, the process for case selection.
35	Reviews must be limited to closed cases in which an elderly
86	person's death is found to have been caused by, or related to,
87	abuse or neglect. All identifying information concerning the
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88 person must be redacted in documents received for review. Each
89 review team shall meet at least once each fiscal year.
90 (g) Administrative costs of operating the review team must
91 be borne by the team members or entities that they represent.
92 (2) An elder abuse fatality review team in existence on
93 July 1, 2019, may continue to exist and must comply with the
94 requirements of this section.
95 (3) An elder abuse fatality review team shall do all of th
96 <u>following:</u>
97 (a) Review deaths of elderly persons in its judicial
98 circuit which are found to have been caused by, or related to,
99 <u>abuse or neglect.</u>
00 (b) Take into consideration the events leading up to a
01 fatal incident, available community resources, current law and
02 policies, and the actions taken by systems or individuals
03 related to the fatal incident.
04 (c) Identify potential gaps, deficiencies, or problems in
05 the delivery of services to elderly persons by public and
06 private agencies which may be related to deaths reviewed by the
07 <u>team.</u>
08 (d) Whenever possible, develop communitywide approaches to
09 address the causes of, and contributing factors to, deaths
10 <u>reviewed by the team.</u>
11 (e) Develop recommendations and potential changes in law,
12 rules, and policies to support the care of elderly persons and
13 to prevent elder abuse deaths.
14 (4) (a) A review team may share with other review teams in
15 this state any relevant information that pertains to the review
16 of the death of an elderly person.
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117	(b) A review team member may not contact, interview, or
118	obtain information by request directly from a member of the
119	deceased elder's family as part of the review unless a team
120	member is authorized to do so in the course of his or her
121	employment duties. A member of the deceased elder's family may
122	voluntarily provide information or any record to a review team
123	but must be informed that such information or any record is
124	subject to public disclosure unless a public records exemption
125	applies.
126	(5) (a) Annually by September 1, each elder abuse fatality
127	review team shall submit a summary report to the Department of
128	Elderly Affairs which includes, but is not limited to:
129	1. Descriptive statistics regarding cases reviewed by the
130	team, including demographic information on victims and the
131	causes and nature of their deaths;
132	2. Current policies, procedures, rules, or statutes the
133	review team has identified as contributing to the incidence of
134	elder abuse and elder deaths, and recommendations for system
135	improvements and needed resources, training, or information
136	dissemination to address such identified issues; and
137	3. Any other recommendations to prevent deaths from elder
138	abuse or neglect, based on an analysis of the data and
139	information presented in the report.
140	(b) Annually by November 1, the Department of Elderly
141	Affairs shall prepare a summary report of the review team
142	information submitted under paragraph (a). The department shall
143	submit its summary report to the Governor, the President of the
144	Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
145	Department of Children and Families.
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146	(6) There is no monetary liability on the part of, and a
147	cause of action for damages may not arise against, any member of
148	an elder abuse fatality review team due to the performance of
149	his or her duties as a review team member in regard to any
150	discussions by, or deliberations or recommendations of, the team
151	or the member unless such member acted in bad faith, with wanton
152	and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property.
153	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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#### The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.) Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Appropriations **CS/SB** 426 BILL: Appropriations Committee; and Senators Montford, Albritton, and Stewart INTRODUCER: **Regional Rural Development Grants Program** SUBJECT: January 27, 2020 DATE: **REVISED:** ANALYST STAFF DIRECTOR REFERENCE ACTION 1. Reeve CM Favorable McKay Kraemer Imhof IT Favorable 2. 3. Hrdlicka AP Fav/CS Kynoch

## Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

### I. Summary:

CS/SB 426 amends the Regional Rural Development Grant Program and the Rural Infrastructure Fund.

The bill modifies the operations and funding requirements of the Regional Rural Development Grants Program (grants program) to:

- Require grant recipients to serve or be located in a rural area of opportunity;
- Revises the entities eligible to receive grants and the annual maximum grant amounts available;
- Increase the maximum amount of funds the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) may expend for the program from \$750,000 to \$1 million annually;
- Reduce the percentage of grant funds that must be matched with non-state funds from 100 percent to 25 percent of the state's contribution; and
- Specify that a regional economic development organization may use grant funds to build its professional capacity and provide technical assistance.

The bill amends the Rural Infrastructure Fund program to:

- Increase the grant awards to 50 percent of infrastructure project costs (currently 30 percent).
- Clarify that eligible infrastructure projects include access to broadband Internet service and require such projects that improve service and access to be through a partnership that was publicly noticed and competitively bid.

• Require the DEO to review the grant program application and award procedures by September 1, 2021.

The bill requires contracts or agreements for the Regional Rural Development Grant Program or the Rural Infrastructure Fund program that expend state grant funds to contain certain specific contract provisions and be posted online.

The bill does not alter existing, recurring appropriations for the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund, the Regional Rural Development Grant Program, and the Rural Infrastructure Fund. However, the bill changes how those appropriations may be used and may reduce the number of eligible organizations and increase competition for the funds available. See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.

The bill is effective July 1, 2020.

### II. Present Situation:

#### **Rural Economic Development Initiative**

The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) was established by the 1999 Legislature to encourage and facilitate the location and expansion of major economic development projects of significant scale in rural communities.<sup>1</sup> The REDI is responsible for coordinating and focusing the efforts and resources of state and regional agencies on the problems that affect the fiscal, economic, and community viability of Florida's economically distressed rural communities.<sup>2</sup> The REDI works with local governments, community-based organizations, and private organizations that have an interest in the growth and development of these communities to find ways to balance environmental and growth management issues with local needs.

### **Rural Areas of Opportunity**

A rural area of opportunity (RAO) is a rural community, or a region of rural communities, that has been adversely affected by an extraordinary economic event, severe or chronic distress, or a natural disaster, or that presents a unique economic development opportunity of regional impact.<sup>3</sup> The Governor may designate by executive order up to three RAOs, establishing the areas as priority assignments for the REDI. The Governor may waive criteria, requirements, or similar provisions of any economic development incentive for projects located in an RAO.<sup>4</sup> The designated RAOs are:<sup>5</sup>

• The Northwest RAO, comprised of Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and that part of Walton County north of the Intracoastal Waterway, including the cities of DeFuniak Springs, Freeport, and Paxton;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 288.0656, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Agencies required to participate in the REDI are listed in s. 288.0656(6)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 288.0656(1)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 288.0656(7)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, *Rural Areas of Opportunity*, <u>http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity</u> (last visited Jan. 18, 2020).

- The South Central RAO, comprised of DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay in Palm Beach County, and the city of Immokalee in Collier County; and
- The North Central RAO, comprised of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties.

There are currently three regional economic development organizations operating in areas that coincide with the areas designated as RAOs. Opportunity Florida serves the Northwest RAO, Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc., serves the South Central RAO, and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. serves the North Central RAO.<sup>6</sup> These public/private 501(c)(6) organizations provide economic development support to local governments within the RAOs.

#### **Regional Rural Development Grants Program**

The grants program was established to provide funding, through matching grants, to build the professional capacity of regionally based economic development organizations. These grants may also be used by economic development organizations to provide technical assistance to businesses within the rural counties and communities they serve.<sup>7</sup>

To be approved for a matching grant an applicant must provide the DEO with proof of:<sup>8</sup>

- A demonstrated need for assistance;
- Official commitments of support from each of the units of local government represented by the organization;
- Financial or in-kind commitments from the private sector and each of the units of local government represented by the organization;
- Documentation of the organization's existence and active involvement in economic development activities in the region; and
- The manner in which the organization coordinates its efforts with those of other local or state organizations.

The maximum amount any organization may receive annually is \$50,000, or \$150,000 if an organization is located in a rural area of opportunity, and the grant funds must be matched by an equivalent amount of non-state resources.<sup>9</sup> The DEO may expend up to \$750,000 each fiscal year from funds appropriated to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for the program.<sup>10</sup> The DEO may also contract with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the state's principal economic development organization, to administer the program.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id. See also generally* websites for each organization at <u>http://www.opportunityflorida.com/</u> (last visited Jan. 18, 2020), <u>http://flaheartland.com/</u> (last visited Jan. 18, 2020), and <u>http://www.nflp.org/Home.aspx</u> (last visited Jan. 18, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 288.018(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 288.018(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 288.018(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section 288.018(4), F.S. Section 288.065, F.S., establishes the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund to facilitate the use of existing federal, state, and local financial resources by providing local governments with financial assistance to further promote the economic vitality of rural communities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Id. Enterprise Florida, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation, not a unit of state government, established under s. 288.901, F.S.

#### **Rural Infrastructure Fund**<sup>12</sup>

The Rural Infrastructure Fund was created to facilitate the planning, preparation, and financing of tourism infrastructure and economic development projects that encourage job growth and capital investment in rural communities. The DEO administers the fund and awards grants to local governments to maximize the use of federal, local, and private resources.

The DEO awards three grants from this fund: the total project participation grant, the infrastructure feasibility grant, and the preclearance review grant.<sup>13</sup>

The total project participation grant allows for awards of up to 30 percent of the total infrastructure project cost for projects related to access to federal funds and up to 40 percent if the project is an RAO catalyst site.<sup>14</sup> Eligible projects must be related to specific job creation or retention opportunities, and may include improving certain inadequate infrastructure that is prohibiting economic or community growth or reducing costs to community users of proposed infrastructure improvements that exceed costs in comparable communities. Infrastructure can include public or public-private partnership facilities, like storm water systems, roads, nature-based tourism facilities, and broadband facilities.

The infrastructure feasibility grant provides awards of up to 30 percent of the total project costs for infrastructure feasibility studies, design and engineering activities, or other infrastructure planning and preparation activities.<sup>15</sup> Maximum awards are dependent on the number of jobs that a business commits to create and may be up to \$300,000 if the project is located in an RAO. The total project participation grant and infrastructure feasibility grant may be used together.

The preclearance review grant provides awards to help a local government participate in expedited permitting processes through technical assistance in preparing permit applications and local comprehensive plan amendments.<sup>16</sup> Grants may be used for surveys, feasibility studies, and other activities related to the identification and preclearance review of land use modifications. Grants are limited to \$75,000 (or \$300,000 for a project in an RAO) and must be matched 50 percent with local funds (or 33 percent for a project in an RAO, or waived for a project in a catalyst site).

The DEO reviews and certifies the grant applications in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VISIT FLORIDA), the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, as appropriate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 288.0655, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Department of Economic Opportunity, *Rural Infrastructure Fund*, available at <u>http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-infrastructure-fund</u> (last visited Jan. 24, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 288.0655(2)(b), F.S. A "catalyst site" is "a parcel or parcels of land within a rural area of opportunity that has been prioritized as a geographic site for economic development through partnerships with state, regional, and local organizations. The site must be reviewed by REDI and approved by the [DEO] for the purposes of locating a catalyst project." Section 288.0656(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section 288.0655(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 288.0655(2)(e), F.S. Expedited permitting is pursuant to s. 403.973(18), F.S.

#### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

#### **Regional Rural Development Grant Program**

**Section 1** makes changes to how the grants program in s. 288.018, F.S., operates. The bill clarifies that the concept of building the "professional capacity" of an economic development organization includes hiring professional staff to develop, deliver, and provide economic development professional services. Professional services include technical assistance, education and leadership development, marketing, and project recruitment.

Currently, grant funds may be used to provide technical assistance to businesses within the rural counties and communities a regional economic development organization serves.<sup>17</sup> Under the bill, grant funds may also be used to provide technical assistance to local governments, local economic development organizations, and existing and prospective businesses.

The bill defines a "regional economic development organization" as an economic development organization located in or contracted to serve a RAO. It also removes references to "regionally based economic development organizations" and "economic development organizations," and replaces them with "regional economic development organizations."

The grants program currently authorizes the DEO to approve grants of up to \$50,000 for economic development organizations not located in an RAO and grants of up to \$150,000 for certain eligible organizations located in an RAO.<sup>18</sup>

Under the bill, organizations that represent rural counties and communities, but are not located in or serve an RAO, would not meet the definition of "regional economic development organizations" and therefore would no longer be eligible to receive grant funds.

The bill reduces the maximum annual grant amount for organizations located in or contracted to serve an RAO from a maximum grant of up to \$150,000 to a maximum grant of up to \$50,000.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the three regional economic development organizations recognized by the DEO as serving an entire RAO (currently Opportunity Florida, Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc., and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc.) to receive grants of up to \$250,000 per year. See Related Issues below.

The percentage of grant funds received by a regional economic development organization that must be matched with non-state funds is reduced from 100 percent (a one to one match) to 25 percent of the state's contribution.

The amount the DEO may expend on the program each fiscal year is increased from \$750,000 to up to \$1 million. These funds are from the funds appropriated to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 288.018(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Id.

#### **Rural Infrastructure Fund**

**Section 2** amends the total project participation grant of the Rural Infrastructure Fund program in s. 288.0655, F.S., to increase the amount of the total infrastructure project costs that grant funds can be used for from 30 percent to 50 percent. Accordingly, the bill repeals the existing provision for a grant award of up to 40 percent of total infrastructure project costs if the project is a RAO catalyst site.

The bill specifies that eligible projects may include the costs associated with improving access to and the availability of broadband Internet service. Further, eligible uses of funds are expanded to include "improvements to broadband Internet service and access in unserved or underserved rural communities." Eligible uses related to broadband Internet service and access must be conducted through a partnership or partnerships with one or more dealers of communications services,<sup>19</sup> and the partnership must be established by a publicly noticed and competitively selected process.

The bill requires the DEO, in consultation with Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VISIT FLORIDA), the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, to review and edit any guidelines or criteria for grant applications by September 1, 2021.

# Contracts or Agreements under the Regional Rural Development Grant Program and the Rural Infrastructure Fund

**Sections 1 and 2** amend both ss. 288.018 and 288.0655, F.S., relating to the Regional Rural Development Grant Program and the Rural Infrastructure Fund, respectively, to establish the same requirements for contracts or agreements that expend grant funds in each program.

The bill provides new requirements for contracts entered into for the purpose of expending grant funds. Under the bill, contracts and agreements must include:

- The purpose of the contract or agreement;
- Specific performance standards and responsibilities for all parties involved;
- A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable;
- The value of any services provided; and
- The projected travel expenses for employees and board members, if applicable.

These required contract provisions apply to any contract or agreement that expends grant funds, including any contract or agreement between another entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit of local government, or an economic development organization substantially underwritten by a unit of local government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> A "dealer of communications services" is defined as a person registered with the Department of Revenue as a provider of communications services in this state. *See* s. 202.11, F.S.

The bill requires any contract or agreement involving the expenditure of grant funds to be posted on the website for either the contracting regional economic development organization or the DEO at least 14 days before execution.

The bill also requires specific contracts or agreements that exceed \$35,000 and expend grant funds to be posted on the contracting regional economic development organization's or the DEO's website in a "plain language version." This applies to a contract or agreement with a private entity, a municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs (including marketing) or a contract or agreement for the purchase, lease, or use of lands, facilities, or properties.

Specific contracts and agreements estimated to exceed \$35,000 must also be posted on the contracting regional economic development organization's or the DEO's website in a "plain-language version." This applies to a contract or agreement with a private entity, a municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs (including marketing) or a contract or agreement for the purchase, lease, or use of lands, facilities, or properties.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill is effective July 1, 2020.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues: None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

#### B. Private Sector Impact:

The percentage of funds disbursed through the grants program that must be matched with non-state funds is reduced from 100 percent (a one to one match) to 25 percent of the state's contribution.

#### C. Government Sector Impact:

#### **Regional Rural Development Grant Program**

According to the DEO, additional state expenditures for the grants program (from funds appropriated to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund) may increase by up to \$250,000, as authorized in the bill.<sup>20</sup>

The Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund receives a recurring appropriation of \$1.17 million (\$360,000 from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund and \$810,000 from the Economic Development Trust Fund), of which the DEO is statutorily authorized to expend \$750,000 on the grants program. The bill increases the amount the DEO may expend on the grants program to up to \$1 million annually. If the DEO expends the maximum amount allowable on the program each year, the amount remaining in the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund would decrease by up to \$250,000 per year. Based upon the existing \$1.17 million recurring appropriation to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund, the difference between funds available for the loan program and the grant program under current law and under the bill would be:

	Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund	Rural Development Grant Program
<b>Current law</b>	Minimum of \$420,000	Maximum of \$750,000
Under the bill	Minimum of \$170,000	Maximum of \$1,000,000

Under the bill, an organization located in or contracted to serve a RAO may receive up to \$150,000 and the three regional economic development organizations recognized by the DEO that serve the entire region of a RAO may receive up to \$250,000 annually.

#### **Rural Infrastructure Fund**

The Rural Infrastructure Fund receives a recurring appropriation of \$1.6 million from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund. Specific inclusion of certain broadband Internet infrastructure projects as eligible for the total project participation grant may increase competition for grant funds in the Rural Infrastructure Fund. Additionally, the bill increases the amount of total infrastructure project costs for which grant funds may be used to 50 percent from the current 30 percent (or 40 percent if the project is at a catalyst site in a RAO). If the amount of the existing appropriation for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See 2020 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis (Department of Economic Opportunity) for SB 426, Oct. 3, 2019 (on file with Senate Committee on Innovation, Industries, and Technology) at page 3.

Rural Infrastructure Fund remains \$1.6 million, then this change may lead to fewer grants being awarded.

### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

On lines 73-74, the bill provides for annual maximum grants of "\$250,000 for any three regional economic development organizations" serving an entire RAO if they are recognized by the DEO as serving such a region. The phrasing of "any three" could be read two different ways: that a total of \$750,000, or up to \$250,000 each, is available to be granted to each recognized organization separately; or that a total of up to \$250,000 is available to be granted to all three recognized organizations collectively. If the former is intended, replacement of the phrase "any three" with the words "up to three" should be considered to provide clarity. If the latter is intended, replacement of the phrase "for any three" with "to each of the three" should be considered to provide clarity.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

#### VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 288.018 and 288.0655.

#### IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

#### CS by Appropriations on January 23, 2020:

Related to the grants program, the committee substitute:

- Removes the prohibition that the bill was adding for organizations that provide taxpayer-funded incentives from receiving grants under the program.
- Reduces the maximum grant amount for organizations that are located in or serve an RAO from \$150,000 to \$50,000 per year.
- Makes other nonsubstantive edits to the amendatory provisions.

The committee substitute also amends the Rural Infrastructure Fund to:

- Increase the grant awards to 50 percent of infrastructure project costs (currently 30 percent).
- Add as an eligible project one that improves access to and availability of broadband Internet service.
- Add as eligible use of funds upgrades to or development of public tourism infrastructure (this is undefined); and improvements to broadband Internet service and access in unserved and underserved rural communities.
- Require projects that improve service and access to be through a partnership that was publicly noticed and competitively bid.

- Require the DEO to review the grant program application and award procedures by September 1, 2020.
- Require contracts or agreements for the Rural Infrastructure Fund program that expend state grant funds to contain certain specific contract provisions and be posted online.

#### B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/23/2020 House

The Committee on Appropriations (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 288.018, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 288.018 Regional Rural Development Grants Program.-(1)(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "regional economic development organization" means an economic development organization located in or contracted to serve a rural area of

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11 opportunity, as defined in s. 288.0656(2)(d).

12 (b) The department shall establish a matching grant program to provide funding to regional regionally based economic 13 14 development organizations representing rural counties and 15 communities for the purpose of building the professional 16 capacity of those their organizations. Building the professional 17 capacity of a regional economic development organization 18 includes hiring professional staff to develop, deliver, and provide needed economic development professional services, 19 20 including technical assistance, education and leadership 21 development, marketing, and project recruitment. Such Matching 22 grants may also be used by a regional an economic development 23 organization to provide technical assistance to local 24 governments, local economic development organizations, and 25 existing and prospective businesses within the rural counties 26 and communities that it serves.

(c) A regional economic development organization may apply annually to the department for a matching grant. The department is authorized to approve, on an annual basis, grants to such regional regionally based economic development organizations. The maximum amount an organization may receive in any year will be \$50,000, or \$250,000 for any three regional economic development organizations that serve an entire region of a rural area of opportunity designated pursuant to s. 288.0656(7) if they are recognized by the department as serving such a region. (d) Grant funds received by a regional economic development organization \$150,000 in a rural area of opportunity recommended by the Rural Economic Development Initiative and designated by the Governor, and must be matched each year by an equivalent

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40	amount of nonstate resources in an amount equal to 25 percent of
41	the state contribution.
42	(3)(a) A contract or agreement that involves the
43	expenditure of grant funds provided under this section,
44	including a contract or agreement entered into between another
45	entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit
46	of local government, or an economic development organization
47	substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, must
48	include:
49	1. The purpose of the contract or agreement.
50	2. Specific performance standards and responsibilities for
51	each entity under the contract or agreement.
52	3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.
53	4. The value of any services provided.
54	5. The projected travel expenses for employees and board
55	members, if applicable.
56	(b) At least 14 days before executing a contract or
57	agreement, the contracting regional economic development
58	organization shall post on its website:
59	1. Any contract or agreement that involves the expenditure
60	of grant funds provided under this section.
61	2. A plain-language version of any contract or agreement
62	that is estimated to exceed \$35,000 with a private entity, a
63	municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs,
64	including marketing, or for the purchase or lease or use of
65	lands, facilities, or properties which involves the expenditure
66	of grant funds provided under this section and which is
67	estimated to exceed \$35,000 The department may also contract for
68	the development of an enterprise zone web portal or websites for

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69 each enterprise zone which will be used to market the program 70 for job creation in disadvantaged urban and rural enterprise 71 zones. Each enterprise zone web page should include downloadable 72 links to state forms and information, as well as local message 73 boards that help businesses and residents receive information 74 concerning zone boundaries, job openings, zone programs, and 75 neighborhood improvement activities.

76 (4) The department may expend up to \$1 million  $\frac{5750,000}{5750,000}$ 77 each fiscal year from funds appropriated to the Rural Community 78 Development Revolving Loan Fund for the purposes outlined in this section. The department may contract with Enterprise 79 80 Florida, Inc., for the administration of the purposes specified in this section. Funds released to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for 81 82 this purpose shall be released quarterly and shall be calculated 83 based on the applications in process.

Section 2. Present subsection (5) of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and paragraph (b) of subsection (2), subsection (4), and present subsection (6) are amended, to read:

288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.-

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91 (b) To facilitate access of rural communities and rural
92 areas of opportunity as defined by the Rural Economic
93 Development Initiative to infrastructure funding programs of the
94 Federal Government, such as those offered by the United States
95 Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of
96 Commerce, and state programs, including those offered by Rural
97 Economic Development Initiative agencies, and to facilitate

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98 local government or private infrastructure funding efforts, the 99 department may award grants for up to 50 30 percent of the total infrastructure project cost. If an application for funding is 100 101 for a catalyst site, as defined in s. 288.0656, the department 102 may award grants for up to 40 percent of the total 103 infrastructure project cost. Eligible projects must be related 104 to specific job-creation or job-retention opportunities. 105 Eligible projects may also include improving any inadequate 106 infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action that 107 prohibits economic or community growth, or reducing the costs to 108 community users of proposed infrastructure improvements that exceed such costs in comparable communities, and improving 109 110 access to and the availability of broadband Internet service. 111 Eligible uses of funds shall include improvements to public 112 infrastructure for industrial or commercial sites, upgrades to 113 or development of public tourism infrastructure, and 114 improvements to broadband Internet service and access in 115 unserved or underserved rural communities. Improvements to 116 broadband Internet service and access must be conducted through 117 a partnership or partnerships with one or more dealers, as 118 defined in s. 202.11(2), and the partnership or partnerships 119 must be established through a competitive selection process that 120 is publicly noticed and upgrades to or development of public 121 tourism infrastructure. Authorized infrastructure may include 122 the following public or public-private partnership facilities: 123 storm water systems; telecommunications facilities; broadband 124 facilities; roads or other remedies to transportation 125 impediments; nature-based tourism facilities; or other physical 126 requirements necessary to facilitate tourism, trade, and

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127 economic development activities in the community. Authorized 128 infrastructure may also include publicly or privately owned self-powered nature-based tourism facilities, publicly owned 129 130 telecommunications facilities, and broadband facilities, and 131 additions to the distribution facilities of the existing natural 132 gas utility as defined in s. 366.04(3)(c), the existing electric utility as defined in s. 366.02, or the existing water or 133 134 wastewater utility as defined in s. 367.021(12), or any other 135 existing water or wastewater facility, which owns a gas or 136 electric distribution system or a water or wastewater system in 137 this state where:

138 1. A contribution-in-aid of construction is required to 139 serve public or public-private partnership facilities under the tariffs of any natural gas, electric, water, or wastewater 141 utility as defined herein; and

142 2. Such utilities as defined herein are willing and able to 143 provide such service.

(4) By September 1, 2021 <del>2012</del>, the department shall, in 144 145 consultation with the organizations listed in subsection (3), 146 and other organizations, reevaluate existing guidelines and 147 criteria governing submission of applications for funding, review and evaluation of such applications, and approval of 148 149 funding under this section. The department shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the project's potential 150 151 for enhanced job creation or increased capital investment, the 152 demonstration and level of local public and private commitment, 153 154 community development corporation service area, or in an urban 155 high-crime area as designated under s. 212.097, the unemployment

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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156	rate of the county in which the project would be located, and
157	the poverty rate of the community.
158	(5)(a) A contract or agreement that involves the
159	expenditure of grant funds provided under this section,
160	including a contract or agreement entered into between another
161	entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit
162	of local government, or an economic development organization
163	substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, must
164	include:
165	1. The purpose of the contract or agreement.
166	2. Specific performance standards and responsibilities for
167	each entity.
168	3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.
169	4. The value of any services provided.
170	5. The projected travel expenses for employees and board
171	members, if applicable.
172	(b) At least 14 days before execution, the contracting
173	regional economic development organization shall post on its
174	website:
175	1. Any contract or agreement that involves the expenditure
176	of grant funds provided under this section.
177	2. A plain-language version of a contract or agreement that
178	is estimated to exceed \$35,000 with a private entity, a
179	municipality, or a vendor of services, supplies, or programs,
180	including marketing, or for the purchase or lease or use of
181	lands, facilities, or properties which involves the expenditure
182	of grant funds provided under this section.
183	(6) For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the funds appropriated
184	for the grant program for Florida Panhandle counties shall be
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185	distributed pursuant to and for the purposes described in the
186	proviso language associated with Specific Appropriation 2314 of
187	the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act. This subsection
188	expires July 1, 2020.
189	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.
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191	=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
192	And the title is amended as follows:
193	Delete everything before the enacting clause
194	and insert:
195	A bill to be entitled
196	An act relating to regional rural development grants;
197	amending s. 288.018, F.S.; defining the term "regional
198	economic development organization"; specifying that
199	the concept of building the professional capacity of a
200	regional economic development organization includes
201	the hiring of professional staff to perform specified
202	services; providing that matching grants may be used
203	to provide technical assistance to local governments
204	and economic development organizations and to existing
205	and prospective businesses; increasing the maximum
206	amount of annual grant funding that specified economic
207	development organizations may receive; revising the
208	required amount of nonstate matching funds; requiring
209	that certain information be included in contracts or
210	agreements involving grant funds; requiring that
211	contracts or agreements involving the expenditure of
212	grant funds, and a plain-language version of certain
213	contracts or agreements, be placed on the contracting
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214 regional economic development organization's website 215 for a specified period before execution; deleting an 216 obsolete provision; increasing the amount of funds the 217 Department of Economic Opportunity may expend each 218 fiscal year from the Rural Community Development 219 Revolving Loan Fund for certain purposes; amending s. 220 288.0655, F.S.; revising the maximum percentage of 221 total infrastructure project costs for which the 2.2.2 department may award grants; specifying that improving 223 access to and availability of broadband Internet 224 services is an eligible project for certain grant 225 funds; providing that grants for improvements to 226 broadband Internet service and access must be 227 conducted through certain partnerships; requiring the 228 department to reevaluate certain guidelines by a 229 specified date; requiring that certain information be 230 included in contracts or agreements involving grant 231 funds; requiring a regional economic development 232 organization to post contracts or agreements involving 233 the expenditure of grant funds, and a plain-language 234 version of certain contracts or agreements, on the 235 ogranization's website for a specified period before 236 execution; providing an effective date.

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By Senator Montford

3-00491A-20 2020426 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Regional Rural Development Grants Program; amending s. 288.018, F.S.; defining the term "regional economic development organization"; specifying that the concept of building the professional capacity of a regional economic development organization includes the hiring of 8 professional staff to perform specified services; ç providing that matching grants may be used to provide 10 technical assistance to local governments and economic 11 development organizations and to existing and 12 prospective businesses; specifying that a regional 13 economic development organization that provides 14 taxpayer-funded incentives is not eligible to 15 participate in the matching grant program; increasing 16 the maximum amount of annual grant funding that 17 specified economic development organizations may 18 receive; revising the required amount of nonstate 19 matching funds; requiring that certain information be 20 included in a contract or agreement involving the 21 expenditure of grant funds; requiring that contracts 22 or agreements involving the expenditure of grant 23 funds, and a plain-language version of certain 24 contracts or agreements, be placed on the contracting 2.5 regional economic development organization's website 26 for a specified period before execution; deleting an 27 obsolete provision; increasing the amount of funds the 28 Department of Economic Opportunity may expend each 29 fiscal year for certain purposes; providing an Page 1 of 5 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

3-00491A-20 2020426 30 effective date. 31 32 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 33 34 Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 35 288.018, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 36 288.018 Regional Rural Development Grants Program.-37 (1) (a) For the purposes of this section, a "regional economic development organization" means an economic development 38 39 organization located in or contracted to serve a rural area of 40 opportunity, as defined in s. 288.0656. 41 (b) The department shall establish a matching grant program to provide funding to regional regionally based economic 42 43 development organizations representing rural counties and 44 communities to build for the purpose of building the 45 professional capacity of those their organizations. Efforts to build the professional capacity of regional economic development 46 47 organizations include the hiring of professional staff to 48 develop, facilitate the delivery of, and directly provide needed 49 economic development professional services, including technical assistance, education and leadership development, marketing, and 50 51 project recruitment. Such Matching grants may also be used by a 52 regional an economic development organization to provide 53 technical assistance to local governments, local economic 54 development organizations, and existing and prospective businesses within the rural counties and communities that it 55 56 serves. A regional economic development organization that 57 provides taxpayer-funded incentives to existing or prospective businesses is not eligible to participate in the matching grant 58 Page 2 of 5

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59	program.
60	(c) A regional economic development organization may apply
61	annually to the department for a matching grant. The department
62	is authorized to approve an application for a grant of: $\overline{, on an}$
63	annual basis, grants
64	1. Up to \$150,000 to an organization located to such
65	regionally based economic development organizations. The maximum
66	amount an organization may receive in any year will be \$50,000,
67	<del>or \$150,000</del> in <u>or contracted to serve</u> a rural area of
68	opportunity designated pursuant to s. 288.0656(7).
69	2. Up to \$250,000 to any of the three regional economic
70	development organizations that serve an entire region of a rural
71	area of opportunity designated pursuant to s. 288.0656(7) and
72	that are recognized by the department as serving such a region.
73	(d) Grant funds received by a regional economic development
74	organization recommended by the Rural Economic Development
75	Initiative and designated by the Governor, and must be matched
76	each year by <del>an equivalent amount of</del> nonstate resources <u>in an</u>
77	amount equal to 25 percent of the state contribution.
78	(3) (a) A contract or agreement that involves the
79	expenditure of grant funds provided under this section,
80	including a contract or agreement entered into between another
81	entity and a regional economic development organization, a unit
82	of local government, or an economic development organization
83	substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, must
84	include:
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88	3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.		
89	4. The value of any services provided.		
90	5. The projected travel expenses for employees and board		
91	members, if applicable.		
92	(b) At least 14 days before execution, the contracting		
93	regional economic development organization shall post on its		
94	website:		
95	1. Any contract or agreement that involves the expenditure		
96	of grant funds provided under this section.		
97	2. A plain-language version of a contract or agreement with		
98	a private entity, a municipality, or a vendor of services,		
99	supplies, or programs, including marketing, or for the purchase		
100	or lease or use of lands, facilities, or properties which		
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105	to market the program for job creation in disadvantaged urban		
106	and rural enterprise zones. Each enterprise zone web page should		
107	include downloadable links to state forms and information, as		
108	well as local message boards that help businesses and residents		
109	receive information concerning zone boundaries, job openings,		
110	zone programs, and neighborhood improvement activities.		
111	(4) The department may expend up to $\frac{1}{1}$ million $\frac{750,000}{1}$		
112	each fiscal year from funds appropriated to the Rural Community		
113	Development Revolving Loan Fund for the purposes outlined in		
114	this section. The department may contract with Enterprise		
115	Florida, Inc., for the administration of the purposes specified		
116	in this section. Funds released to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for		
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117 this purpose shall be released quarterly and shall be calculated

- 118 based on the applications in process.
- 119 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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SENATOR BILL MONTFORD Minority Leader Pro Tempore 3rd District

December 19, 2019

Senator Rob Bradley, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee 414 Senate Office Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Chair Bradley,

I respectfully request that the following bills be placed on the next Appropriations Agenda.

SB 426 – A bill relating to Regional Rural Development Grants Program.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Montford

William J. Montford III

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#### The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.) Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Appropriations CS/SB 1056 BILL: Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Simpson INTRODUCER: PACE Center for Girls SUBJECT: January 22, 2020 DATE: **REVISED:** ANALYST STAFF DIRECTOR REFERENCE ACTION 1. Stokes CJ Fav/CS Jones AP 2. Jameson Kynoch Favorable

# Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

### I. Summary:

CS/SB 1056 creates section 985.175, Florida Statutes, which authorizes the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to contract with PACE Center for Girls, to provide services including, but not limited to, education, counseling, training, and advocacy as an alternative to commitment and institutionalization of girls and young women. Contracts under this section must be authorized by and consistent with funding appropriated in the General Appropriations Act and be in accordance with section 985.644, Florida Statutes.

This bill is effective July 1, 2020.

# II. Present Situation:

The PACE Center for Girls (PACE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy. PACE has 21 centers in Florida, which serve over 3,000 girls and young women per year. PACE is recognized as a national model for reducing recidivism and improving school success, employment, and self-sufficiency among girls by multiple agencies, including the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.<sup>1</sup>

The DJJ currently contracts with the PACE for the following services:

• Community-based, gender-specific prevention and intervention services;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> About Us, Pace Center for Girls, available at <u>https://www.pacecenter.org/about-us</u> (last accessed January 6, 2020).

- Case management; non-clinical/clinical therapy;
- Transition planning; referral services; career exploration; Girls Circle (trauma management and behavioral management); and
- The REACH Program (which is a diversion program that includes case management, biopsychosocial assessment, group therapy, non-clinical mentoring/skills building, and parent/youth engagement activities).<sup>2</sup>

# **Department of Juvenile Justice Contracting Powers**

Section 985.644, F.S., authorizes the DJJ to contract with the Federal Government, other state departments and agencies, county and municipal governments and agencies, public and private agencies, and private individuals and corporations to carry out its purpose and responsibilities.<sup>3</sup>

Entities that enter into contracts with the DJJ must ensure that its owners, operators, and personnel who have direct contact with children are subject to background screening.<sup>4</sup> All employees of the DJJ and personnel of contract providers for any program for children, including all owners, operators, employees, persons who have access to confidential juvenile records, and volunteers, must complete:

- A level 2 employment screening.
- A national criminal records check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation every 5 years following the date of the person's employment.<sup>5</sup>

Additionally this section provides what action the DJJ must take if there are policy changes that affect a contracted entity. The DJJ must provide notice of policy changes that affect contracted delinquency services and programs. This procedure must include:

- Public notice of policy development.
- Opportunity for public comment on the proposed policy.
- Assessment for fiscal impact upon the DJJ and providers.
- The DJJ's response to comments received.<sup>6</sup>

# **General Appropriations**

Florida is constitutionally required to balance its budget each fiscal year.<sup>7</sup> Florida's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The State budget is grouped into three categories of funding:

- General Revenue Funds;
- State trust funds; and
- Federal funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Department of Juvenile Justice, 2020 Agency Analysis of SB 1056 (December 20, 2019). On file with the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 985.644(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 985.644(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 985.644(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 985.644(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> FLA. CONST., art. III, s. 19(a).

The Governor is required to present his or her budget recommendations to the Legislature 30 days prior to the start of a legislative session.<sup>8</sup> During the legislative session, both the House and Senate work to pass their own appropriations bills within their respective chambers. The General Appropriations Act is enacted annually and establishes the funding sources, specific uses of funds, and the spending authority for state agencies for each state fiscal year.

The 2019-20 General Appropriations Act appropriated \$2,500,000 for nonrecurring fixed capital outlay funding and \$21,319,808 in recurring General Revenue funding for PACE services.<sup>9</sup>

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill creates s. 985.175, F.S., which authorizes the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to contract with PACE Center for Girls, to provide services including, but not limited to, education, counseling, training, and advocacy as an alternative to commitment and institutionalization of girls and young women. Contracts under this section must be authorized by and consistent with funding appropriated in the General Appropriations Act and be in accordance with s. 985.644, F.S.

This bill is effective July 1, 2020.

# IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 216.162, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Chapter 2019-115, L.O.F.

# V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

# VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

# VII. Related Issues:

None.

# VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates section 985.175 of the Florida Statutes.

# IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

### CS by Criminal Justice on January 14, 2020:

The committee substitute specifies that the contracts with PACE are in accordance with s. 985.644, F.S. The committee substitute adds the language "including, but not limited to," to ensure that contracts with PACE are not limited to the services listed in the bill.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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#### CS for SB 1056

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Simpson

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# **Committee Agenda Request**

То:	Senator Bradley, Chair Committee on Appropriations
Subject:	Committee Agenda Request

**Date:** January 16, 2020

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill 1056**, relating to **PACE Center for Girls**, be placed on the:

committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.

next committee agenda.

Senator Wilton Simpson Florida Senate, District 10

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	Prep	ared By: The P	rofessional Sta	aff of the Committe	e on Appropriations	
BILL:	SB 7016					
INTRODUCER:	Infrastructure and Security Committee					
SUBJECT:	Statewide	e Office of Re	siliency			
DATE:	January 2	22, 2020	REVISED:			
ANAL	YST	STAFF [	DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION	
Price		Miller			IS Submitted as Committee Bill	
Schreiber		Rogers		EN	Favorable	
Reagan		Kynoch		AP	Pre-meeting	

# I. Summary:

SB 7016 establishes the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor. The office must be headed by a Chief Resilience Officer, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

The bill creates the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force, adjunct to the Statewide Office of Resiliency, to recommend consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along Florida's coastline. The bill provides for task force membership and requires that all appointments be made by August 1, 2020. The Chief Resilience Officer must chair the task force and convene it no later than October 1, 2020, after which it must meet upon the call of the chair.

The task force must develop and recommend consensus baseline projections of the expected sealevel rise for planning horizons designated by the task force. The task force is authorized to designate technical advisory groups to inform its decision-making and to request the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to contract for services to assist in developing the recommended baseline projections. The DEP must serve as contract administrator for such contracts.

The task force must submit its recommended projections to the Environmental Regulation Commission (Commission) for adoption or rejection by January 1, 2021. If adopted, the task force's projections must serve as the state's official estimate of sea-level rise and flooding impacts along Florida's coastline for the purpose of developing future state projects, plans, and programs. The task force must review the adopted projections as it deems appropriate and submit any recommended revisions to the Commission. The bill repeals the provisions relating to the task force on July 1, 2023. For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the bill appropriates \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DEP for the authorized contracting and for task force administrative expenses.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2020

# II. Present Situation:

# Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Flooding

With 1,350 miles of coastline and relatively low elevations, Florida is particularly vulnerable to coastal flooding.<sup>1</sup> There are three primary ways that climate change influences coastal flooding: sea-level rise, storm surge intensity, and rainfall intensity and frequency.<sup>2</sup>

Sea-level rise is an observed increase in the average local sea level or global sea level trend.<sup>3</sup> The two major causes of global sea-level rise are thermal expansion caused by the warming of the oceans (water expands as it warms) and the loss of land-based ice (ice sheets and glaciers) due to melting.<sup>4</sup> Since 1880, the average global sea level has risen about eight to nine inches, and the rate of global sea-level rise has been accelerating.<sup>5</sup> The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) utilizes tide gauges to measure changes in sea level, and provides data on local sea-level rise trends.<sup>6</sup> Analysis of this data shows some low-lying areas in the southeastern U.S. experience higher local rates of sea-level rise than the global average.<sup>7</sup>

Florida's coastal communities are experiencing high-tide flooding events, sometimes referred to as "sunny day" or "nuisance" flooding, with increasing frequency because sea-level rise

<sup>7</sup> NCA4, at 757.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Florida Division of Emergency Management, *Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan*, *State of Florida*, 107-108, 162 (2018) [hereinafter *SHMP*], *available at* <u>https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/dem/mitigation/mitigate-fl--</u> shmp/shmp-2018-full\_final\_approved.6.11.2018.pdf. This measurement of Florida's coastline increases to over 8,000 miles when considering the intricacies of Florida's coastline, including bays, inlets, and waterways. <sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DEP, *Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook*, Glossary (2018) [hereinafter *DEP Guidebook*], *available at* <u>https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/AdaptationPlanningGuidebook.pdf</u>; *see* NASA, Facts, *Vital Signs: Sea Level*, <u>https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/sea-level/</u> (last visited Dec. 20, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *DEP Guidebook*, at Glossary; NOAA, *Climate Change: Ocean Heat Content*, <u>https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-ocean-heat-content</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019). More than 90 percent of the warming that has happened on Earth over the past 50 years has occurred in the ocean; IPCC, *The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*, SPM-8, SPM-10, SPM-19, SPM -21, SPM-23, 1-14, 4-3, 4-4, 4-14 (Sept. 2019) [hereinafter *IPCC Ocean and Cryosphere*], *available at <u>https://report.ipcc.ch/srocc/pdf/SROCC FinalDraft FullReport.pdf</u>. Uncertainty regarding projected sea-level rise by 2100 is mainly determined by ice sheets, especially in Antarctica and Greenland, which are losing ice at increasing rates. The sum of glacier and ice sheet contributions is now the dominant source of global mean sea-level rise.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. Global Change Research Program, *Fourth National Climate Assessment*, 757 (2018)[hereinafter NCA4], *available at* <u>https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/NCA4\_2018\_FullReport.pdf</u>; *IPCC Ocean and Cryosphere*, at SPM-10, 4-3. <sup>6</sup> NOAA, *What is a Tide Gauge*?, <u>https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/tide-gauge.html</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019); NOAA,

Tides and Currents, *Sea Level Trends*, <u>https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019); *see DEP Guidebook*, at 8, 16.

increases the height of high tides.<sup>8</sup> The areas of the state most at risk from sea-level rise include the 35 coastal counties that contain approximately 76 percent of Florida's population.<sup>9</sup> In the United States, sea-level rise and flooding threaten an estimated \$1 trillion in coastal real estate value, and analyses estimate that there is a chance Florida could lose more than \$300 billion in property value by 2100.<sup>10</sup> Sea-level rise affects the salinity of both surface water and groundwater through saltwater intrusion, posing a risk particularly for shallow coastal aquifers.<sup>11</sup> Sea-level rise also pushes saltwater further upstream in tidal rivers and streams, raises coastal groundwater tables, and pushes saltwater further inland at the margins of coastal wetlands.<sup>12</sup>

Storm surge intensity and the intensity and precipitation rates of hurricanes are generally projected to increase,<sup>13</sup> and studies suggest the overall extent of destruction from hurricanes is also rising.<sup>14</sup> Higher sea levels will cause storm surges to travel farther inland and impact more properties than in the past.<sup>15</sup> Stronger storms and sea-level rise are likely to lead to increased coastal erosion.<sup>16</sup>

Increases in evaporation rates and water vapor in the atmosphere increase rainfall intensity and extreme precipitation events, and the sudden onset of water can overwhelm stormwater infrastructure.<sup>17</sup> As sea levels and groundwater levels rise, low areas drain more slowly, and the combined effects of rising sea levels and extreme rainfall events are increasing the frequency and magnitude of coastal and lowland flood events.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>9</sup> DEP Guidebook, at III, available at <u>https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/AdaptationPlanningGuidebook.pdf</u>.

https://www.zillow.com/research/climate-change-underwater-homes-12890/ (last visited Dec. 20, 2019) (stating that by 2100 \$883 billion in U.S. homes are at risk of being underwater with the total value of potentially underwater properties in Florida at \$413 billion); Union of Concerned Scientists, *New Study Finds 1 Million Florida Homes Worth \$351 Billion Will Be At Risk From Tidal Flooding* (2018), https://www.ucsusa.org/about/news/1-million-florida-homes-risk-tidal-flooding (last visited Dec. 20, 2019).

<sup>11</sup> *SHMP*, at 106, *available at* <u>https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/dem/mitigation/mitigate-fl--shmp/shmp-2018-full\_final\_approved.6.11.2018.pdf</u>.

http://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/Show/IS/MeetingPacket/4649/8266\_MeetingPacket\_4649\_2.pdf.

<sup>18</sup> *SHMP*, at 106; *NCA4*, at 763.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> SHMP, at 108, 101, *available at* <u>https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/dem/mitigation/mitigate-fl--shmp/shmp-2018-full\_final\_approved.6.11.2018.pdf;</u> NOAA, *High-Tide Flooding*, <u>https://toolkit.climate.gov/topics/coastal-flood-risk/shallow-coastal-flooding-nuisance-flooding</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> NCA4, at 324, 758; Zillow, Climate Change and Housing: Will a Rising Tide Sink All Homes? (2017),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 108.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 106, 141; *IPCC Ocean and Cryosphere*, at 6-21, *available at* <u>https://report.ipcc.ch/srocc/pdf/SROCC\_FinalDraft\_FullReport.pdf</u>; *NCA4*, at 95, 97, 116-117, 1482, *available at* <u>https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/NCA4\_2018\_FullReport.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Aslak Grinsted et. al., Normalized US Hurricane Damage Estimates Using Area of Total Destruction, 1900-2018, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Nov. 2019, 116 (48) 23942-23946, available at <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/48/23942">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/48/23942</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> NCA4, at 758; SHMP, at 107; see also NOAA, Florida Marine Debris Emergency Response Guide: Comprehensive Guidance Document (Jan. 2019), available at <u>https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/publications-</u>files/FL Marine Debris Emergency Response Guide 2019.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> NCA4, 331, 340-341, 833, 1054, 1495; SHMP, at 108, 221; IPCC, *Climate Change and Land*, 4-44–4-45 (Aug. 2019), *available at* https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2019/08/Fullreport-1.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> SHMP, at 99, 106, 116, 141, 181; NCA4, at 88, 762-763; see Florida Senate, Committee on Infrastructure and Security, *Meeting Packet for October 14, 2019*, 16-20, 23, *available at* 

# Sea-Level Rise Projections

Sea-Level Rise Projections					
Source	Scale	Years	Low (feet)	High (feet)	
Intergovernmental		2046-2065	0.79	1.05	
Panel on Climate	Global	2081-2100	1.28	2.32	
Change <sup>19</sup>		2100	1.41	2.76	
U.S. Clobal Change		2030	0.3	0.6	
U.S. Global Change Research Program <sup>20</sup>	Global	2050	0.5	1.2	
Research Flogram		2100	1	4.3	
Southeast Florida Regional Climate		2030	0.5	0.83	
Change Compact Sea	Southeast Florida	2060	1.17	2.83	
Level Rise Work Group <sup>21</sup> (SFRCCC)		2100	2.58	6.75	
Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory	Tampa Bay	2050	1	2.5	
Panel <sup>22</sup>	Region	2100	2	8.5	

Below is a table of projections for future sea-level rise, globally and in regions of Florida:

As seen in these projections, there are considerable variations in estimates of future sea-level rise. In addition, certain research indicates that current sea-level rise projections significantly underestimate future coastal exposure to impacts associated with rising sea levels.<sup>23</sup> Although some local governments and state agencies have adopted sea-level rise estimates for planning purposes, the State of Florida has no officially-established estimates of projected sea-level rise for use by state agencies in developing, planning, and implementing their respective duties and responsibilities.

# State, Regional, and Local Programs

Many state, regional, and local programs and policies are in place that address issues relating to sea-level rise and coastal flooding. Examples include the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> *IPCC Ocean and Cryosphere*, at SPM-7, 4-4, CCB9-21, AI-23. These projected ranges are based on climate models using "representative concentration pathways (RCPs)," which are scenarios of future emissions and concentrations of the full suite of greenhouse gases and aerosols and chemically active gases, as well as land use/land cover.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> NCA4, at 406, 758, available at <u>https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/downloads/NCA4\_2018\_FullReport.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Sea Level Rise Work Group, *Unified Sea Level Rise Projection*, *Southeast Florida*, 4-5 (2015), *available at* <u>https://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2015-Compact-Unified-Sea-Level-Rise-Projection.pdf</u>. These projections are compared to the mean sea level in 1992; *see* SFRCCC, *Unified Sea Level Rise Projections*, <u>https://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/resources/unified-sea-level-rise-projections/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019). The SFRCCC will soon release updated projections.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel, *Recommended Projections of Sea Level Rise in the Tampa Bay Region*, 1, 7 (Apr. 2019), *available at* http://www.tbrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CSAP\_SLR\_Recommendation\_2019.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See Scott A. Kulp & Benjamin H. Strauss, *New Elevation Data Triple Estimates of Global Vulnerability to Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Flooding*, Nature Communications 10, 4844 (Oct. 2019), *available at <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-019-12808-z.pdf</u>.* 

- The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection implements numerous programs related to sea-level rise and coastal issues, including the Coastal Construction Control Line Program and the Beach Management Funding Assistance Program.<sup>24</sup>
- The DEP's Florida Resilient Coastlines Program helps prepare coastal communities and habitats for the effects of climate change, especially sea-level rise, by offering technical assistance and funding to communities dealing with coastal flooding, erosion, and ecosystem changes.<sup>25</sup>
- Other state agencies are working on coastal resilience in Florida, including the following examples. The Department of Transportation plans for resilience to prepare Florida's transportation system for potential hazards.<sup>26</sup> The Department of Economic Opportunity assists communities with adaptation planning and works with the DEP on the Community Resiliency Initiative.<sup>27</sup> The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is Florida's lead agency on addressing the impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife, including adaptation strategies for Florida's coastal ecosystems.<sup>28</sup> The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services develops Florida's energy policy and works on climate change issues.<sup>29</sup> The Division of Emergency Management in the Executive Office of the Governor maintains a statewide emergency management program, and its roles include administering federal mitigation grant programs and serving as Florida's state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program.<sup>30</sup>
- The water management districts address flood protection as a core part of their respective missions, and many of their activities are related to resilience efforts. For example, the St. John's River Water Management District provides resources and cost-sharing to increase community resilience.<sup>31</sup> The South Florida Water Management District is implementing comprehensive plans for addressing sea-level rise, including a flood protection level of service program, incorporating sea-level rise projections into planning, conducting vulnerability assessments, and assisting local governments.<sup>32</sup>
- In 2010, through a proactive regional collaboration to address climate change, the four counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach formed the Southeast Florida

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> DEP, *Beaches*, <u>https://floridadep.gov/rcp/beaches</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> DEP, *Florida Resilient Coastlines Program*, <u>https://floridadep.gov/rcp/florida-resilient-coastlines-program</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> DOT, *Florida Transportation Plan (FTP): Resilience*, <u>http://www.floridatransportationplan.com/resilience.htm</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019); DOT, *Florida Transportation Plan (FTP): Resilience Subcommittee Members*,

http://www.floridatransportationplan.com/resilience\_committee.htm (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> DEO, *Adaptation Planning*, <u>http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/community-planning-table-of-contents/adaptation-planning</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> FWC, *What FWC is Doing*, <u>https://myfwc.com/conservation/special-initiatives/climate-change/fwc/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019); FWC, *A Guide to Climate Change Adaptation for Conservation*, 6-81–6-108, 9-35–9-51 (2016), *available at* <u>https://myfwc.com/media/5864/adaptation-guide.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> DACS, Office of Energy, <u>https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Energy</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> DEM, *Mitigation*, <u>https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019); DEM, *State Flood Plain Management Program*, <u>https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/floodplain/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> St. John's River Water Management District, *Sea-Level Rise*, <u>https://www.sjrwmd.com/localgovernments/sea-level-rise/#projects</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Akintunde Owosina, South Florida Water Management District, Governing Board Meeting, June 13, 2019, Chief, Hydrology and Hydraulics Bureau, *Impact of Sea Level Rise on the SFWMD Mission, Focus on Flood Protection*, 2, 6-10 (June 13, 2019), *available at* https://apps.sfwmd.gov/webapps/publicMeetings/viewFile/21964.

Regional Climate Change Compact.<sup>33</sup> The Compact's innovative work includes developing a Regional Climate Action Plan and developing a Unified Sea-Level Rise Projection.<sup>34</sup> Many local governments in southeast Florida have incorporated the Compact's projections into their planning documents and policies.<sup>35</sup>

• Florida's local governments in coastal areas must have in their comprehensive plans a coastal management element that uses principles to reduce flood risk and eliminate unsafe development in coastal areas.<sup>36</sup> In certain coastal areas, local governments are authorized to establish an "adaptation action area" designation in their comprehensive plan, to develop policies and funding priorities that improve coastal resilience and plan for sea-level rise.<sup>37</sup>

In January of 2019, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-12, creating the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection to help prepare Florida's coastal communities and habitats for impacts from sea-level rise by providing funding, technical assistance, and coordination among state, regional, and local entities.<sup>38</sup> In August of 2019, the Governor appointed Florida's first Chief Resilience Officer, which will report to the Executive Officer of the Governor and collaborate with state agencies, local communities, and stakeholders to prepare for the impacts of sea-level rise and climate change.<sup>39</sup>

# The Environmental Regulation Commission

The Environmental Regulation Commission (Commission) is an unpaid citizen board within the DEP.<sup>40</sup> Under specified statutory provisions and with certain exceptions, the Commission must exercise the standard-setting authority of the DEP - approving, modifying, or disapproving proposed rules that contain standards.<sup>41</sup> In exercising its authority, the Commission must consider scientific and technical validity, economic impacts, and relative risks and benefits to the public and the environment.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Regional Climate Leadership Summit, *Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact* (2010), *available at* <u>http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/compact.pdf</u>; SFRCCC, *What is the Compact?*, <u>http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/about-us/what-is-the-compact/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> SFRCCC, *Regional Climate Action Plan*, <u>http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/regional-climate-action-plan/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See SFRCCC, ST-1: Incorporate Projections Into Plans,

http://southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/recommendations/incorporate-projections-into-plans/ (last visited Dec. 20, 2019). <sup>36</sup> See ss. 380.24, 163.3177(6)(g), and 163.3178(2)(f), F.S.; see Ch. 2015-69, Laws of Fla.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> State of Florida, Office of the Governor, *Executive Order Number 19-12*, 5 (2019), *available at* <u>https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EO-19-12-.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Governor Ron DeSantis, News Releases, *Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Dr. Julia Nesheiwat as Florida's First Chief Resilience Officer* (Aug. 1, 2019), <u>https://flgov.com/2019/08/01/governor-ron-desantis-announces-dr-julia-nesheiwat-as-floridas-first-chief-resilience-officer/</u> (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Section 20.255(6), F.S.; DEP, *Environmental Regulation Commission*,

https://floridadep.gov/ogc/ogc/content/environmental-regulation-commission (last visited Dec. 19, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Sections 403.803(13), 403.804, and 403.805(1), F.S. "Standard" is defined as any DEP rule relating to air and water quality, noise, solid-waste management, and electric and magnetic fields associated with electrical transmission and distribution lines and substations. The term does not include rules relating to internal management or procedural matters. <sup>42</sup> Section 403.804, F.S.

The Commission is composed of seven state residents appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>43</sup> The appointees must provide reasonable representation from all sections of the state, and be representative of agriculture, the development industry, local government, the environmental community, lay citizens, and members of the scientific and technical community who have substantial expertise related to water pollutants, toxicology, epidemiology, geology, biology, environmental sciences, or engineering.<sup>44</sup> Most issues that go before the Commission relate to air pollution, water quality, or waste management.<sup>45</sup> Generally, the Commission meets on the last Thursday of each month, and the public is encouraged to attend and participate.<sup>46</sup>

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

**Section 1** creates s. 14.2031, F.S., entitled "Statewide Office of Resiliency." The bill establishes the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor. The office must be headed by a Chief Resilience Officer. The Chief Resilience Officer is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor, and must perform duties and responsibilities assigned by the Governor.

Adjunct to the Statewide Office of Resiliency, the bill creates the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force.<sup>47</sup> The purpose of the task force is to recommend consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along Florida's coastline.

The task force is composed of the following nine members:

- The Chief Resilience Officer, serving as the chair of the task force;
- The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Chief Science Officer, serving as vice-chair of the task force;
- One member appointed by the President of the Florida Senate;
- One member appointed by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; and
- One representative each, appointed by their respective agency head, division director, executive director, or commission chair, from:
  - The Department of Transportation;
  - The Division of Emergency Management;
  - The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
  - The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
  - The Department of Economic Opportunity.

<sup>46</sup> Id.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Section 20.03(8), F.S. The bill defines the task force using the following definition: "an advisory body…created by specific statutory enactment for a time not to exceed 3 years and appointed to study a specific problem and recommend a solution or policy alternative with respect to that problem. Its existence terminates upon the completion of its assignment"; s. 20.052, F.S. Except as otherwise provided in the bill, the bill requires the task force to operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052, F.S., which specifies requirements for the establishment, evaluation, and maintenance of certain bodies created by specific statutory enactment as an adjunct to an executive agency.

All appointments to the task force must be made no later than August 1, 2020. The bill requires that any vacancy on the task force be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The bill requires the Chief Resilience Officer to convene the task force by no later than October 1, 2020, and the task force must meet thereafter upon the call of the chair. The task force must develop official scientific information, from appropriate sources as determined by the task force, necessary to recommend consensus baseline projections, or a range of projections, of the expected rise in sea level along the state's coastline for planning horizons designated by the task force. The projections may address various geographic areas of the state, as determined by the task force.

The DEP is required to provide administrative support to the task force. The bill authorizes the task force to request the DEP to contract for services to assist in developing the recommended official baseline projections. The DEP must serve as the contract administrator for any such contracts. The task force is also authorized to designate technical advisory groups, as it deems necessary, to assist in the gathering of scientific data to inform the task force's decision-making.

The bill requires the task force to submit its recommended consensus baseline projections to the Environmental Regulation Commission (Commission) by January 1, 2021. The task force must include in its report supporting data and assumptions it used in developing the recommended projections. The Commission must adopt or reject the task force's recommended projections. Following adoption by the Commission, the projections must serve as the state's official estimate of sea-level rise and flooding impacts along the state's coastline and must be used for developing future state projects, plans, and programs. The task force must review the adopted consensus baseline projections as it deems appropriate, and submit any recommended revisions to the projections to the Commission.

The bill repeals all of the provisions regarding the task force on July 1, 2023. However, the provisions establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency and the Chief Resilience Officer will remain in effect after that date.

**Section 2** contains an appropriation. For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the bill appropriates \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DEP to fund any contracts for services that the DEP enters into to assist the task force in developing its recommended official baseline projections and for the administrative expenses of the task force.

Section 3 states that the bill will take effect July 1, 2020.

# IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

# V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill creates a new office within the Executive Office of the Governor, and designates a Chief Resilience Officer within that office.

The bill requires the Chief Resilience Officer to convene the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force composed of the identified members. Indeterminate but likely insignificant expenses may be incurred by the entities appointing members to the task force. If the task force designates technical advisory groups as authorized by the bill, the entities represented by members of such a group may incur indeterminate expenses.

The bill authorizes the task force to request the DEP to contract for services to develop the recommended projections and requires the specified report be submitted to the Commission. The task force may decide to recommend revision of the projections before expiration of the task force on July 1, 2023. In addition, the bill requires the DEP to provide administrative support to the task force, which will be absorbed within existing resources.

For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the bill contains an appropriation for \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the DEP for the expenses associated with contracting for services to develop the projections and for task force administrative expenses.

# VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

# VII. Related Issues:

None.

### VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates section 14.2031 of the Florida Statutes.

# IX. Additional Information:

### A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

SB 7016

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security

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88	rise and flooding impacts along the state's coastline and must
89	be used for the purpose of developing future state projects,
90	plans, and programs. In its report, the task force must include
91	supporting data and assumptions used by the task force in
92	developing the recommended projections. The task force shall
93	review the adopted consensus baseline projections as it deems
94	appropriate, and shall submit any recommended revisions to the
95	projections to the commission.
96	(6) Subsections (1) through (5) and this subsection are
97	repealed July 1, 2023.
98	Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of
99	\$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
100	Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for
101	the purpose of funding any contracts for services entered into
102	by the department to assist the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task
103	Force in developing its recommended official baseline
104	projections and for the administrative expenses of the task
105	force.
106	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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# **Committee Agenda Request**

To:	Senator Rob Bradley, Chair
	Committee on Appropriations

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

**Date:** January 17, 2020

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #7016**, relating to Statewide Office of Resiliency, be placed on the:

committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.



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Senator Tom Lee Florida Senate, District 20

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Meeting Date	Bill Number (if applicable)
TOPIC STATEMEDE OFFICE OF RESILIENCY	Amendment Barcode (if applicable)
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Job Title	26-1717 7730
Address PO. 132x 10390	Phone
Address PO. Bax 10390 Street TAMAHASSEE FL 32301 City State Zip	Email lenne jejassoc. con
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Representing CITY of ST AUGUSTINE	
	red with Legislature: 🔀 Yes 🦳 No

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1 23 20 (Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting) 7016
Meeting Date Bill Number (if applicable)
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Name Aliki Monorief (a-LEE-Key)
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City State Zip
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Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No
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Topic <u>INFRISTRVCTURE</u> James OHO Amendment Barcode (if applicable)
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Address 2904-2910 Hury 21 Phone 9844153221
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Job Title					
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Tority State	Zip Email Mudd@MucllL.com
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Job Title Legislative Dilector	
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City State Zip	
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SENATOR TRAVIS HUTSON 7th District

January 21, 2020

The Honorable Rob Bradley, 404 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Bradley,

I am writing to request to be excused from the Appropriations meeting on January 23rd, 2020 at 10:00am due to the birth of my child on Monday. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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□ 4875 Palm Coast Parkway, NW, Suite 5, Palm Coast, Florida 32137 (386) 446-7610 FAX: (888) 263-3475 □ 314 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5007

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11:51:08 AM	Natalie King, Vice President, United Way Suncoast (waives in support)		
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11:52:58 AM	Nick Johnson, Attorney, Florida Justice Association (waives in support)		
11:53:01 AM	Ivonne Fernandez, Associate State Director, American Association of Retired Persons (waives in support)		
11:53:52 AM	S 426		
11:53:57 AM	Sen. Montford		
11:54:39 AM	Am. 330518		
11:55:01 AM	Laura Youmans, Florida Association of Counties (waives in support)		
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11:55:07 AM	Jeff Hendry, Executive Director, North Florida Economic Development Partnership (waives in support)		

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- 11:55:38 AM James Otto, Sex and Buds Clay County FL
- 11:57:02 AM R. Williams (waives in support)
- 11:57:08 AM Natalie Fausel, Palm Beach County (waives in support)
- 11:57:14 AM Carolyn Johnson, Policy Director, Florida Chamber of Commerce (waives in support)
- 11:57:16 AM Chris Doolin, Consultant, Small County Coalition (waives in support)
- **11:57:22 AM** L. Youmans (waives in support)
- 11:57:24 AM Darrick McGhee, COO, Florida's Great Northwest (waives in support)
- 11:58:15 AM S 1056
- 11:58:19 AM Sen. Simpson
- 11:58:37 AM Jodi Stevens, Director of Government Affairs, Pace Center for Girls (waives in support)
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