

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to homelessness; amending ss. 320.02,
3 322.08, and 322.18, F.S.; requiring the motor vehicle
4 registration form and registration renewal form, the
5 driver license application form, and the driver
6 license application form for renewal issuance or
7 renewal extension to include an option to make a
8 voluntary contribution to aid the homeless; providing
9 for such contributions to be deposited into the Grants
10 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children
11 and Family Services and used by the State Office on
12 Homelessness for certain purposes; providing that
13 voluntary contributions for the homeless are not
14 income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying
15 certain service charges; creating s. 414.161, F.S.;
16 establishing a homelessness prevention grant program;
17 requiring grant applicants to be ranked competitively;
18 providing preference for certain grant applicants;
19 providing eligibility requirements; providing grant
20 limitations and restrictions; requiring lead agencies
21 for local homeless assistance continuums of care to
22 track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a
23 specified period of time; amending s. 420.622, F.S.;
24 limiting the percentage of funding that lead agencies
25 may spend on administrative costs; amending s.
26 420.625, F.S.; deleting a cross-reference to conform;
27 repealing s. 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency
28 assistance program for families with children that

29 | have lost shelter or face loss of shelter due to an
 30 | emergency; transferring emergency assistance program
 31 | funds to the homelessness prevention grant program;
 32 | providing an effective date.

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 34 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 36 | Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (15) of
 37 | section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

38 | 320.02 Registration required; application for
 39 | registration; forms.—

40 | (15)

41 | (o) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for
 42 | motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must
 43 | include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per
 44 | applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to
 45 | this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 46 | Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Family Services and
 47 | used by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants
 48 | made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the
 49 | public about homelessness in the state, and provide literature
 50 | for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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 52 | For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.
 53 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
 54 | income of a revenue nature.

55 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.08, Florida
 56 | Statutes, is amended to read:

57 | 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
58 | and identification card forms.—

59 | (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or
60 | replacement driver's license or identification card shall
61 | include language permitting the following:

62 | (a) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
63 | contribution shall be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund
64 | for organ and tissue donor education and for maintaining the
65 | organ and tissue donor registry.

66 | (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
67 | contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the
68 | Blind.

69 | (c) A voluntary contribution of \$2 per applicant, which
70 | shall be distributed to the Hearing Research Institute,
71 | Incorporated.

72 | (d) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
73 | shall be distributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
74 | International.

75 | (e) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
76 | shall be distributed to the Children's Hearing Help Fund.

77 | (f) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
78 | shall be distributed to Family First, a nonprofit organization.

79 | (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop
80 | Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart
81 | Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

82 | (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior
83 | Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida
84 | Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-

85 profit organization.

86 (i) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for
87 services for persons with developmental disabilities, which
88 shall be distributed to The Arc of Florida.

89 (j) A voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Ronald McDonald
90 House, which shall be distributed each month to Ronald McDonald
91 House Charities of Tampa Bay, Inc.

92 (k) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
93 of \$1 per applicant, which shall be distributed to the League
94 Against Cancer/La Liga Contra el Cancer, a not-for-profit
95 organization.

96 (l) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to
97 Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, which shall be distributed to
98 Lauren's Kids, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

99 (m) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
100 shall be distributed to Prevent Blindness Florida, a not-for-
101 profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight
102 of the residents of this state.

103 (n) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
104 of \$1 per applicant to the state homes for veterans, to be
105 distributed on a quarterly basis by the department to the State
106 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is administered by the
107 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

108 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the
109 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall
110 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,
111 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

112 (p) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution

113 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made
 114 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants
 115 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and
 116 Family Services and used by the State Office on Homelessness to
 117 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide
 118 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and
 119 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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 121 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust
 122 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the
 123 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
 124 under paragraphs (b)-(p) ~~(b)-(e)~~ are not income of a revenue
 125 nature.

126 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.18,
 127 Florida Statutes, to read:

128 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
 129 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

130 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal
 131 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary
 132 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.
 133 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be
 134 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the
 135 Department of Children and Family Services and used by the State
 136 Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s.
 137 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public about
 138 homelessness in the state, and provide literature for homeless
 139 persons seeking assistance. For the purpose of applying the
 140 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received

141 under this paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

142 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created
143 to read:

144 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

145 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is created a grant
146 program to provide emergency financial assistance to families
147 facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or
148 other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness, with the
149 concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and
150 administer moneys appropriated to the Department of Children and
151 Family Services to provide homelessness prevention grants
152 annually to lead agencies for local homeless assistance
153 continuums of care, as recognized by the State Office on
154 Homelessness. These moneys shall consist of any sums that the
155 state may appropriate, as well as money received from donations,
156 gifts, bequests, or otherwise from any public or private source
157 that is intended to assist families to prevent them from
158 becoming homeless.

159 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked
160 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who
161 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who
162 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention
163 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the
164 commitment of other assistance and services to address family
165 health, employment, and education needs.

166 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead
167 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance
168 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The

169 homelessness prevention program must be included in the
170 continuum of care plan.

171 (4) GRANT LIMITS.—The maximum grant amount per lead agency
172 may not exceed \$300,000. The grant assistance may be used to pay
173 past due rent or mortgage payments, past due utility costs,
174 provision of case management services, and program
175 administration costs not to exceed 3 percent of the grant award.
176 The homelessness prevention program must develop a case plan for
177 each family to be assisted setting forth what costs will be
178 covered and the maximum level of assistance to be offered.

179 (5) PERFORMANCE.—The lead agency must track, monitor, and
180 report on each family assisted for at least 12 months after the
181 last assistance provided to the family. The goal for the
182 homelessness prevention program is to enable at least 85 percent
183 of the families assisted to remain in their homes and avoid
184 becoming homeless during the ensuing year.

185 Section 5. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4) of
186 section 420.622, Florida Statutes, to read:

187 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
188 Homelessness.—

189 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of
190 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence
191 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
192 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to
193 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care
194 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency
195 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county

196 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit
197 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

198 (d) A lead agency may spend a maximum of 8 percent of its
199 funding on administrative costs.

200 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
201 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

202 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

203 (3) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a grant-in-
204 aid program to help local communities in serving the needs of
205 the homeless through a variety of supportive services, which may
206 include, but are not limited to:

207 (d) Emergency financial assistance for persons who are
208 totally without shelter or facing loss of shelter, ~~but who are~~
209 ~~not eligible for such assistance under s. 414.16.~~

210 Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed,
211 and any balances remaining in the emergency assistance program
212 terminated by this act shall, on the date of termination, be
213 transferred to the homelessness prevention grant program created
214 under s. 414.161, Florida Statutes.

215 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.