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 2 An act relating to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation
 3 Program; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; revising the use
 4 of certain funds from the Florida Hurricane
 5 Catastrophe Fund to include construction of certain
 6 facilities; revising the title of a certain annual
 7 report; revising provisions to require the
 8 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and
 9 Enhancement Program to be operated by Gulf Coast State
 10 College; deleting construction related to Citizens
 11 Property Insurance Corporation coverage rates;
 12 delaying the future repeal of the Hurricane Loss
 13 Mitigation Program; directing the transfer of
 14 specified powers, duties, functions, records,
 15 property, issues, and funds relating to the
 16 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and
 17 Enhancement Program from Tallahassee Community College
 18 to the Gulf Coast State College; providing an
 19 effective date.

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

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 23 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), subsection
 24 (2), and subsection (7) of section 215.559, Florida Statutes,
 25 are amended to read:

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26 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.—A Hurricane
 27 Loss Mitigation Program is established in the Division of
 28 Emergency Management.

29 (1) The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million
 30 of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s.
 31 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the
 32 division for the purposes set forth in this section. Of the
 33 amount:

34 (b) Three million dollars in funds shall be used to
 35 construct or retrofit ~~existing~~ facilities used as public
 36 hurricane shelters. Each year the division shall prioritize the
 37 use of these funds for projects included in the annual report of
 38 the Shelter Development Retrofit Report prepared in accordance
 39 with s. 252.385(3). The division must give funding priority to
 40 projects in regional planning council regions that have shelter
 41 deficits and to projects that maximize the use of state funds.

42 (2)(a) Forty percent of the total appropriation in
 43 paragraph (1)(a) shall be used to inspect and improve tie-downs
 44 for mobile homes.

45 (b)1. The Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation
 46 and Enhancement Program is established. The program shall
 47 require the mitigation of damage to or the enhancement of homes
 48 for the areas of concern raised by the Department of Highway
 49 Safety and Motor Vehicles in the 2004-2005 Hurricane Reports on
 50 the effects of the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes on manufactured and

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51 mobile homes in this state. The mitigation or enhancement must
 52 include, but need not be limited to, problems associated with
 53 weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components caused
 54 by wood rot or termite damage; site-built additions; or tie-down
 55 systems and may also address any other issues deemed appropriate
 56 by the Gulf Coast State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~,
 57 the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc., the
 58 Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and the Department of
 59 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The program shall include an
 60 education and outreach component to ensure that owners of
 61 manufactured and mobile homes are aware of the benefits of
 62 participation.

63 2. The program shall be a grant program that ensures that
 64 entire manufactured home communities and mobile home parks may
 65 be improved wherever practicable. The moneys appropriated for
 66 this program shall be distributed directly to the Gulf Coast
 67 State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ for the uses set
 68 forth under this subsection.

69 3. Upon evidence of completion of the program, the
 70 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation shall grant, on a pro
 71 rata basis, actuarially reasonable discounts, credits, or other
 72 rate differentials or appropriate reductions in deductibles for
 73 the properties of owners of manufactured homes or mobile homes
 74 on which fixtures or construction techniques that have been
 75 demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm have

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76 | been installed or implemented. The discount on the premium must
 77 | be applied to subsequent renewal premium amounts. Premiums of
 78 | the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation must reflect the
 79 | location of the home and the fact that the home has been
 80 | installed in compliance with building codes adopted after
 81 | Hurricane Andrew. ~~Rates resulting from the completion of the~~
 82 | ~~Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement~~
 83 | ~~Program are not considered competitive rates for the purposes of~~
 84 | ~~s. 627.351(6)(d)1. and 2.~~

85 | 4. On or before January 1 of each year, the Gulf Coast
 86 | State College Tallahassee Community College shall provide a
 87 | report of activities under this subsection to the Governor, the
 88 | President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 89 | Representatives. The report must set forth the number of homes
 90 | that have taken advantage of the program, the types of
 91 | enhancements and improvements made to the manufactured or mobile
 92 | homes and attachments to such homes, and whether there has been
 93 | an increase in availability of insurance products to owners of
 94 | manufactured or mobile homes.

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 96 | The Gulf Coast State College Tallahassee Community College shall
 97 | develop the programs set forth in this subsection in
 98 | consultation with the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of
 99 | Florida, Inc., the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and
 100 | the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The moneys

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101 appropriated for the programs set forth in this subsection shall
102 be distributed directly to the Gulf Coast State College
103 ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ to be used as set forth in this
104 subsection.

105 (7) This section is repealed June 30, 2032 ~~2022~~.

106 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2022, all powers, duties,
107 functions, records, property, pending issues, and unexpended
108 balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds in
109 Tallahassee Community College related to the programs authorized
110 under s. 215.559(2), Florida Statutes, are transferred to the
111 Gulf Coast State College.

112 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.