

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015-A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

HB 33-A — Taxation

by Finance and Tax Committee; and Rep. Gaetz and others

The bill (Chapter 2015-221, L.O.F.) contains the following provisions:

- Reduces the communications services tax (CST) rate by 1.73 percentage points.
- Provides a 10-day “back-to-school” sales tax holiday.
- Exempts purchases of college textbooks from the sales tax beginning July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.
- Allows school support organizations to sell food, drink, and related supplies tax free by paying sales tax when they buy the items.
- Provides a sales tax exemption for motor vehicles imported by active members of the United States military or their spouses for vehicles purchased and used for six months or more in a foreign country.
- Exempts admissions to and membership fees for gun clubs from the sales tax.
- Extends the Community Contribution Tax Credit from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, and increases the annual credit limit from \$21.9 million to \$24.9 million for those two years.
- Increases the annual limit on the Research and Development Corporate Tax Credit to \$23 million for 2016, limits the credit to certain qualified target industries, and changes the distribution to qualifying applicants from first-come, first-served to pro rata.
- Increases the amount of tax credits available for Brownfield rehabilitation from \$5 million to \$21.6 million for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- Expands the definition of a subdivision’s “common elements” to include property located within the same county and used for at least 10 years exclusively for the benefit of lot owners within the subdivision. The effect of this is to apportion the value of property to the subdivision’s parcels for property tax purposes.
- Limits the amount of sales tax collected on each repair of a boat in this state to \$60,000.
- Provides that a business that entered into a contract with the Department of Economic Opportunity for various economic development programs between January 1, 2012, and July 1, 2015, for a project located in an area designated as an enterprise zone as of May 1, 2015, may receive enterprise zone tax benefits during the period from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018.
- Creates a permanent tax exemption for the portion of title insurance premiums retained by a title insurance agent or agency, if title insurance companies add at least 600 new employees by July 1, 2017.
- Provides a tax exemption for aviation fuel used for flight training purposes by certain educational institutions.
- Exempts aquacultural products and feed for aquacultural products from sales tax.
- Expands the farm equipment sales tax exemption to include storage equipment, irrigation equipment, parts and repairs, trailers, and plant stakes.
- Clarifies statutory language relating to the sales tax exemption for college meal plans.

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- Authorizes CST dealers to report taxes on a month-long period other than a calendar month.
- Authorizes CST dealers to retain a collection allowance in proportion to the amount of tax remitted timely.
- Makes appropriations to the Department of Revenue for administration of certain sections of the bill.
- Authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules to implement certain provisions.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2015, except where otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 34-2; House 91-2

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SB 2500-A — General Appropriations Act

by Senator Lee

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 provides for a total budget of \$78.7 billion, including:

- General revenue (GR): \$29.0 billion
- Trust funds (TF): \$49.7 billion
- Full time equivalent positions (FTE): 113,686.57

Major Issues Funded

Education Capital Outlay

- Total: \$471.2 million in PECO TF and \$3.0 million in GR:
 - Public School repairs and maintenance - \$50 million
 - Charter School repairs and maintenance - \$50 million
 - Developmental Research Schools - \$5.1 million
 - Public School Special Facilities - \$89.8 million
 - Florida College System repairs and maintenance - \$20 million
 - Florida College System Projects - \$84.8 million
 - University System repairs and maintenance - \$35 million
 - University System projects - \$129.9 million
 - School for the Deaf and Blind critical repairs and maintenance - \$5.4 million
 - Division of Blind Services - \$400,000
 - Public Broadcasting – Health and Safety Issues - \$3.15 million
 - Public Vocational School - \$600,000
- Total: \$32.1 million in authorization for SUS Capital Improvement Student Fee Projects

Florida Retirement System

- FRS Normal Costs and Unfunded Actuarial Liability – Total (\$64.9) million (\$58.0 million GR; \$6.9 million TF)
 - State Agencies - \$9.6 million GR; (\$6.9) million TF
 - School Boards K-12 - (\$60.5) million GR
 - State Universities - (\$2.5) million GR
 - Community Colleges - (\$4.5) million GR
- Health Insurance Subsidy – Total \$83.8 million (\$73.3 million GR; \$10.5 million TF)

Domestic Security

Total: \$30.9 million TF

State Match for Federally Declared Disasters

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Total: \$27.0 million GR

Education Appropriations

Total appropriations: \$19.3 billion (\$15.2 billion GR; \$4.1 billion TF)[\[1\]](#)

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$30.8 billion (\$19.3 billion state funds; \$11.5 billion local)[\[2\]](#)

Major Issues Funded

Early Learning Services

Total: \$1.03 billion (\$549.2 million GR; \$476.4 million TF)

- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$389.3 million GR; BSA funding maintained
- School Readiness Program - \$636.3 million (\$159.9 million GR; \$476.4 million TF)

Public Schools/K12 FEFP

Total Funding: \$19.7 billion (\$10.9 billion state funds; \$8.8 billion local)

- FEFP Increase is \$780 million or 4.13%
- FEFP Increase in Funds per FTE is \$207 or 3.0%
- Enrollment Workload Increase – additional 30,057 students for \$116.6 million
- No increase in millage
- Federally Connected Student Supplement - \$12.4 million
- Digital Classrooms Allocation - \$60 million
- Supplemental Academic Instruction and Reading Allocations - Extended Day Program for Intensive Reading for 300 Elementary Schools – \$90 million

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP/State Board of Education

- Mentoring Programs - \$13.6 million GR
- Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts - \$55 million GR for increased student participation and additional eligibility (broader autism definition, muscular dystrophy, and three/four year olds)
- Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program - \$44 million GR
- Administrator Professional Development - \$7 million GR
- Standard Student Attire Incentive Program - \$10 million GR
- School District Matching Grants - \$4.5 million GR
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$50.2 million (\$45.7 million GR; \$4.5 million TF)

District Workforce

Total: \$532.3 million (\$291.1 million GR; \$192.9 million TF; \$48.3 million tuition/fees)

- Workforce Development - \$365 million (\$285.9 million GR, \$79.1 million TF)
- CAPE Incentive Funds for Industry Certifications in Targeted Occupational Areas, including Health Science and Information Technology - \$4.5 million GR
- Workforce Education Student Information System - \$3.4 million GR

Florida College System

Total: \$2.02 billion (\$937 million GR; \$244.9 million TF; \$840.7 million tuition/fees)

- Operational Support Funds - \$22.3 million GR
- Performance Based Funding - \$40 million GR
 - \$20 million State Investment (GR)
 - \$20 million Institutional Investment

(Reprioritization from the base of each institution)

- CAPE Incentive Funds for Industry Certifications in Targeted Occupational Areas, including Health Science and Information Technology - \$5 million GR

State University System

Total: \$4.5 billion (\$2.4 billion GR; \$278.6 million TF; \$1.9 billion tuition/fees)

- Performance Based Funding - \$400 million
 - \$150 million State Investment (GR)
 - \$250 million Institutional Investment

(Reprioritized from the base of each institution)

- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program - \$8,000,000 GR
- Johnson Matching Gift Program - \$772,500 GR
- Additional Funds for Preeminent State Universities - \$10 million GR

Private Colleges

Total: \$152.2 million GR

- Florida Resident Access Grant – Workload Increase - \$2.9 million GR
- ABLE Grant - Workload Decrease Based on Estimating Conference Enrollment - (\$16,500)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Increase - \$1.8 million GR

Student Financial Aid

Total: \$421.5 million (\$111.9 million GR, \$309.6 million TF)

- Bright Futures – funding balanced to official estimate
- Florida National Merit Scholar Incentive Program – Workload Increase - \$5.5 million
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Workload Increase - \$353,397

- Need-based educational benefits to pay living expenses during semester breaks for active duty and honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces - \$1 million

Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: \$217.6 million (\$45 million GR, \$172.6 million TF)

- Additional Funds to Maximize Federal Award - \$921,085 GR to draw down \$3.4 million additional in federal funds.

Health and Human Services Appropriations

Total Budget: \$32,907.7 million (\$8,761.2 million GR; \$24,146.5 million TF); 32,156.6 FTE

Major Issues Funded

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: \$25,436.6 million (\$5,919.2 million GR; \$19,517.4 million TF); 1,563 FTE

- Medicaid Price Level and Workload Adjustment – \$93.4 million GR; (\$1,717.2) million TF
- Children's Special Health Care – funding balanced to official estimate
- Low Income Pool - \$1,000.0 million TF
- Hospital Reimbursement Increases - \$400 million GR; \$610.9 million TF
- Other Provider Access – Community Primary Care Grants - \$28.6 million GR
- Children's Medical Services Administration - \$1.0 million GR; \$8.6 million TF
- Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) - \$5.7 million TF
- Rate Increase for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) - \$1.6 million GR; \$2.4 million TF (approximately a 1.6% increase).
- Long Term Care Waiver Wait List Reduction - \$1.3 million GR; \$2.0 million TF (will serve approximately 212 individuals)
- Supplemental Appropriation for Legal Representation - \$3.2 million TF
- Advanced Data Analytics and Detection Services - \$3.0 million TF
- Pediatric Physicians Fee Increase - \$1.2 million GR; \$1.8 million TF (approximately 2% increase)
- Achieved Savings Rebates Contract - \$2 million TF
- Rate Increase For Private Duty Nursing Services - \$.7 million GR; \$1.0 million TF (approximately 3% increase).
- Medicaid Outpatient Prospective Payment System - \$500,000 TF
- Agency Efficiencies - (\$3.6) million GR; (\$11.5) million TF; (81) FTE

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: \$1,210.6 million (\$505.9 million GR; \$704.7 million TF); 2,865.5 FTE

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- Transition Waitlist Individuals from Categories 3, 4, and 5 to the iBudget Waiver – \$16.1 million GR, \$24.6 million TF (will serve approximately 2,000 individuals)
- Support Coordination Rate Increase – \$3.2 million GR; \$4.9 million TF (approximately 18.2% increase)
- Personal Supports Rate Increase – \$2 million GR; \$3.1 million TF (approximately 2.5% increase)
- Client Data Management System – \$1.3 million TF (*\$.8 million GR; \$.8 million TF funded in the Back of the Bill*)
- Supported Employment Services for Waitlist Individuals – \$.5 million GR; \$.5 million TF
- William “Billy Joe” Rish Park Fixed Capital Repairs – \$.8 million GR
- Developmental Disability Centers Fixed Capital Repairs – \$.8 million TF
- Developmental Disability Centers Additional Staffing – 15 FTE; \$.6 million GR
- Regional Offices Additional Staffing – 12 FTE; \$.4 million GR

Department of Children and Families

Total: \$3,001.0 million (\$1,655.4 million GR; \$1,345.6 million TF); 11,830.5 FTE

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – \$1 million GR; \$40.6 million TF
- Child Welfare Training – \$16.6 million TF
- Maintenance Adoption Subsidies – \$5 million GR; \$11.4 million TF
- Community Based Care (CBC) Core Services Funding – \$5.6 million GR; \$10.6 million TF
- CBC Risk Pool – \$13 million TF
- Grant Program for Central Receiving Facilities – \$10 million GR
- Community Action Teams – \$6 million GR
- Adoption Incentive Programs - \$5.8 million GR
- Healthy Families Expansion – \$2 million GR; \$2 million TF
- Challenge Grant Program for Homeless Assistance – \$3.8 million TF
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education Funding – \$2.8 million TF
- Social Work Student Stipend Program – \$2.6 million TF
- Family Intensive Treatment (FIT) Team Expansion – \$2.4 million GR
- Maintenance and Repair of State Facilities – \$2.3 million TF
- Mental Health Forensic Beds – \$1.6 million GR
- Health Transitions Grant – \$1 million TF
- Youth Facility Increased Capacity – \$1 million GR
- Cost of Living Adjustment for Foster Parent Assistance – \$1 million GR
- Child Welfare Results Oriented Accountability System – \$.5 million GR
- Agency Efficiencies – (42) FTE; (\$.5) million GR; (\$.2) million TF

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: \$298.7 million (\$126.9 million GR; \$171.8 million TF); 433.5 FTE

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- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services (will serve approximately 167 individuals) – \$1.7 million GR
- Additional Clients in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program (will serve approximately 300 individuals) – \$2.0 million GR
- Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) - \$1.6 million GR; \$2.4 million TF – Funding to support the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by providing 150 additional slots in Palm Beach County and 50 slots in Pinellas County.
- Statewide Senior Legal Helpline - \$250,000 GR
- Agency Efficiencies – (7) FTE; (\$.2) million GR; (\$.4) million TF

Department of Health

Total: \$ 2,852.4 million (\$545.7 million GR; \$2,306.6 million TF); 14,358.57 FTE

- Federally Qualified Health Centers – \$18.3 million GR
- Child Nutrition Program – \$15 million TF
- County Health Departments and State Laboratories Fixed Capital Repairs – \$4.1 million GR; \$10.2 million TF
- Early Steps Program – \$13 million GR (will serve approximately 16,161 individuals)
- Poison Control Centers – \$3.2 million GR
- Medical Quality Assurance Licensure and Enforcement Information Database (LEID) System Upgrade – \$2.2 million TF
- Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program Medicaid Waiver Waitlist Reduction – \$.4 million GR; \$.6 million TF (will serve approximately 25 individuals)
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – \$.5 million GR
- Statewide Marketing Campaign for the Developmental Disabilities Information Clearinghouse – \$.3 million GR
- Vacant Position Reductions – (219.0) FTE; (\$5.4) million GR; (\$22.5) million TF
- Management & Efficiency – (597.0) FTE; (\$2.4) million GR; (\$11) million TF

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: \$108.5 million (\$8.2 million GR; \$100.2 million TF); 1,105.5 FTE

- Maintenance and Repair for State Veterans' Nursing Homes – \$12.4 million TF
- Continued construction of seventh State Veterans' Nursing Home – \$2 million TF

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Total Budget: \$4.755 billion (\$3.976.8 billion GR; \$778.6 million TF); 45,184.25 FTE

Major Issues Funded

- State Court Revenue Trust Fund revenue shortfall - \$18.5 million in recurring GR.
- Construction and renovation of the Third and Fourth DCA courthouses - \$14.7 million.

- Department of Corrections redirection of funds to address operational deficiencies - \$52.8 million.

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: \$204.20 million (\$50.3 million GR; \$153.9 million TF); 1,361.50 FTE

- Consumer Protection staff - 22 FTEs and \$1.4 million.
- Criminal and Capital Appeals -15 FTE and \$760,000.
- Fixed capital outlay for the Collins Building maintenance and security staffing – 2 FTE and \$1.7 million.
- Technology enhancements - \$1.1 million.

Department of Corrections

Total: \$2.35 billion (\$2.28 billion GR; \$70.4 million TF); 23,892.00 FTE

- Reduce salary lapse rate in essential positions (50% security) - \$16.5 million to fill 163 vacancies.
- Correctional officer certification training - \$500,000.
- Electronic monitoring -\$1.3 million.
- Motor vehicles - \$2.25 million.
- Health Services adjustment - \$2 million.
- Food Services, including kosher meals - \$11.0 million.
- Reentry programs - \$2.9 million.
- Residential substance abuse treatment services - \$1.6 million.
- Mental health transition services for inmates completing sentences - \$625,000.
- Fixed capital outlay for repair and maintenance of DOC facilities - \$10.0 million.
- Debt service reduction resulting from the reduction in the bond interest rate and completion of the Okeechobee bond payments in March - \$12.3 million.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

Total: \$270.4 million (\$104.5 million GR; \$165.9 million TF); 1,813.00 FTE

- Improved crime lab evidence security – 5 FTEs and \$859,000.
- Critical information systems upgrades and update of the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system - 6 FTEs and \$3.8 million.
- Latent prints laboratories - 6 FTEs and \$370,000.
- FDLE's Standards and Training Trust Fund shortfall - \$4.8 million.
- Workload from increases in non-criminal justice agencies accessing state/national criminal history records - 4 FTE and \$250,000.
- Federal grant authority for Homeland Security - \$1.8 million.
- Shortfall in annual credit card processing fees - \$420,000.
- Increased maintenance costs for laboratory equipment - \$500,000.
- Investigation of all deaths in the Department of Corrections - 17 FTE and \$2.3 million.

Department of Juvenile Justice

Total: \$544.4 million (\$394.4 million GR; \$150 million TF); 3,265.50 FTE

- DJJ's share of juvenile detention costs for FY 2015-16 - \$4.0 million.
- Medical services in DJJ's juvenile detention centers - \$2.9 million.
- PACE Centers for Girls - \$850,000.
- AMIkids Gender Specific Program in Clay and Hillsborough Counties - \$1.5 million.
- Security at the Juvenile Assessment Centers in Bay and Escambia Counties - \$735,000.

Supreme Court

Total: \$34.5 million (\$17.7 million GR; \$16.9 million TF); 281.50 FTE

- Operational support for the Supreme Court - 8 FTEs and \$987,076.
- IT infrastructure replacement - \$1.5 million.
- Supreme Court HVAC - \$30,113.

District Courts of Appeal

Total: \$61.2 million (\$46.0 million GR; \$15.2 million TF); 445.00 FTE

- Continued construction of the 4th District Court of Appeal (DCA) courthouse - \$12.0 million.
- Continued renovation of the 3rd DCA building - \$2.7 million.

Trial Courts

Total: \$419.6 million (\$353.5 million GR; \$66.1 million TF); 3,597.00 FTE

- Address revenue shortfalls in the State Court Revenue Trust Fund - \$18.5 million.
- Naltrexone injections to treat opioid- and alcohol-addicted offenders - \$2.0 million.
- Case management resources - \$2.0 million.

Capital Collateral Regional Counsels

Total: \$9.9 million (\$9.2 million GR; \$0.6 million TF); 88.00 FTE

- Capital Collateral Regional Counsel (CCRC) – North office workload - 6 FTEs and \$780,378.

Regional Conflict Counsel

Total: \$42.4 million (\$41.9 million GR; \$0.6 million TF); 425.00 FTE

- Regional Conflict Counsel workload - 10 FTEs and \$928,196.

Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations

Total Budget: \$12.3 billion (\$207.1 million GR; \$12.1 billion TF); 13,507.5 FTE

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Major Issues Funded

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.3 billion TF
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$175 million TF
- Economic Development Partners - \$128.9 million (TF & GR)
- Economic Development Incentive Programs, Projects and Initiatives - \$74 million (TF & GR)
- Library Grants and Assistance - \$29.5 million (TF & GR)
- Cultural and Museum Grants - \$52.3 million (TF & GR)
- Historic Preservation Grants – \$14.1 million (TF & GR)
- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase I - \$6.4 million TF
- National Guard Tuition Assistance - \$3.6 million GR

Department of Economic Opportunity

Total: \$1.13 billion (\$67.7 million GR; \$1.06 billion TF); 1,618.5 FTE

- Economic Development Partners - \$128.9 million (\$12.8 million GR; \$116.1 million TF) includes:
 - Enterprise Florida (EFI) - \$25 million (\$9 million GR; \$16 million TF), includes:
 - \$10 million to market and promote Florida's business brand (\$9 million GR, of which \$8.5 million is recurring; \$1 million TF)
 - VISIT Florida - \$74 million TF
 - Florida Sports Foundation - \$4.9 million TF
 - Space Florida - \$19.5 million (\$3.75 million GR; \$15.75 million TF), includes:
 - \$2.5 million to operate and maintain the Shuttle Landing Facility
 - \$2.5 million for the aerospace industry financing program
 - \$1.5 million for the Cecil Spaceport Landside Infrastructure project
 - \$500,000 of recurring GR for FAA Center of Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation
 - Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research - \$5.5 million TF
- Economic Development Incentive Programs, Projects and Initiatives - \$74 million (\$28.7 million GR; \$45.3 million TF) includes:
 - Economic Development Toolkit Payments - \$43 million (\$11 million GR; \$32 million TF)
 - Economic Development Projects and Initiatives - \$31 million (\$17.7 million GR; \$13.3 million TF)
- Workforce Development Programs, Projects and Initiatives - \$24.2 million TF:
 - Quick Response Training Program - \$12.1 million TF
 - Workforce Development Projects and Initiatives – \$7.2 million (\$2.9 million GR; \$4.3 million TF)
- Affordable Housing Programs - \$175 million TF:
 - SHIP - \$105 million TF (allocated to local governments), includes:
 - More flexibility in the SHIP program regarding rent subsidies and rental assistance
 - \$4 million allocated for homeless Challenge Grants

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- State Housing Programs - \$70 million TF, includes:
 - At least \$48 million for the SAIL Program
 - \$10 million for competitive grant program for housing developments designed for persons with developmental disabilities
- Housing and Community Development Programs, Projects and Initiatives - \$38 million (\$14.3 million GR; \$23.7 million TF) includes:
 - Housing and Community Development Projects and Initiatives - \$33.7million (\$14.3 million GR; \$19.4 million TF)
 - Technical and Planning Assistance, including Regional Planning Councils - \$4.3 million TF

Department of State

Total: \$151.7 million (\$109.8 million GR; \$41.9 million TF); 406 FTE

- State Aid to Libraries - \$24.5 million (\$22.3 million GR; \$2.2 million TF)
- Library Construction and Cooperative Grants - \$5 million GR
 - Library Construction Grant List fully funded – 4 projects
- Cultural and Museum Program Support Grants and Initiatives – \$14.8 million (\$14.6 million GR; \$200,000 TF)
 - Prorated Ranked List (340 projects) - \$12.8 million GR
 - Cultural and Museum Programs, Projects and Initiatives – \$2.1 million (\$1.9 million GR; \$200,000 TF)
- Cultural Facilities Fixed Capital Outlay Grants – \$34.1 million (\$34.1 million GR; \$2.2 million TF)
 - Ranked List - \$18.8 million GR (fully funds list – 51 projects)
 - Cultural Facilities Projects - \$17.4 million (\$15.2 million GR; \$2.2 million TF)
- Culture Builds Florida - \$1.5 million GR (fully funds list – 70 projects)
- Cultural Endowment Grants - \$1.9 million GR (fully funds list – 8 projects)
- Historic Preservation Small Matching Grants – \$1.9 million TF (fully funds list – 57 projects)
- Historic Preservation Fixed Capital Outlay Grants - \$12.1 million (\$5.3 million GR; \$6.8 million TF)
 - Ranked List - \$8.3 million (\$5 million GR; \$3.3 million TF)
 - Fully funds 32 of 55 projects on list
 - Historic Preservation Projects - \$3.8 million (\$300,000 GR; \$3.5 million TF)

Department of Transportation

Total: \$10.1 billion TF; 6,454 FTE

- Transportation Work Program - \$9.3 billion TF, includes:
 - Highway Construction - \$3.6 billion TF

- Bridge Construction - \$244.8 million TF
- County Transportation Programs - \$186.4 million TF, includes:
 - Small County Resurface Assistance Program (SCRAP) - \$50.6 million TF
 - Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - \$65.3 million TF
 - Small County Outreach (SCOP) for Small Cities - \$9 million TF
 - Other County Transportation Programs - \$61.5 million TF
- Resurfacing State Roads/Highways - \$633.6 million TF
- Aviation Development Grants - \$369.1 million TF, includes:
 - Space Florida – additional \$10 million
- Seaport and Intermodal Development Grants - \$177.4 million TF
- Public Transit Development Grants - \$523.9 million TF
- Rail Development Grants - \$191.4 million TF
- Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail (*SunTrail*) Network - \$25 million TF
- Economic Development Transportation (“Road Fund”) Projects - \$35 million TF

Department of Military Affairs

Total: \$96.2 million (\$29.1 million GR; \$67.1 million TF; 458 FTE

- New Armory in Flagler County - \$20.9 million (\$2.9 million GR; \$18 million TF)
- Armories – funds provided for:
 - Revitalization - \$5.5 million (\$4 million GR; \$1.5 million TF)
 - Maintenance and repair - \$1.7 million GR
- Community Outreach Programs (Forward March and About Face) - \$2 million GR
- Tuition Assistance for Florida National Guard - \$3.6 million GR

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Total: \$447.7 million TF; 4,414 FTE

- Florida Highway Patrol:
 - Pursuit Vehicles - \$5.4 million TF
 - Tasers - \$3.2 million TF
 - Trooper Incidental and Court Overtime Pay - \$850,000 TF
- Motorist Modernization Project - Phase I - \$6.4 million TF
- Maintenance and Repairs of Facilities - \$5.4 million TF

Division of Emergency Management

Total: \$340.7 million (\$5 million GR, \$340.2 million TF); 157 FTE

- Federally Declared Disaster Funding, including state match - \$261 million:
 - Communities - \$245.8 million
 - State Operations - \$15.2 million
- Statewide Notification and Alert System - \$4.5 million TF
- Residential Construction Mitigation - \$4.5 million TF

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General Government Appropriations

Total Budget: \$5.4 billion (\$659.7 million GR; \$724.5 LATF; \$4 billion Other TF); 20,149 positions

Major Issues Funded***Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services***

Total: \$1.6 billion (\$134.9 million GR; \$113.8 million LATF; \$1.3 billion TF); 3,614 positions

- Water & Land Conservation/Budget Restructure - \$64.8 million LATF
- Wildfire Suppression Equipment - \$.5 million GR and \$1.5 million TF
- Firefighter Salary Adjustment - \$1.6 million GR
- Agriculture Promotion Campaign - \$3.5 million GR and \$1.5 million TF
- Citrus Greening Research - \$8 million TF
- Farm Share and Food Banks - \$2.7 million GR
- Springs Protection and Water Conservation - 2 positions and \$5.2 million LATF
- Agricultural Best Management Practices - \$1.4 million TF and \$4 million LATF
- Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Areas - 2 positions and \$4.5 million LATF
- Okeechobee Restoration Projects - \$1.9 million GR and \$5 million LATF
- Passive Dispersed Water - \$4.5 million LATF
- Rural and Family Lands - \$15 million LATF
- Land Management Improvements - \$3.4 million LATF
- Licensing Regulatory Management System and Concealed Weapons License Renewal Workload - \$2.9 million TF
- Citrus Health Response Program - \$9.4 million TF
- State Farmers Markets Facility Improvements - \$5.2 million TF
- Agricultural Promotion and Education Facilities - \$3.6 million GR
- Critical Building Repairs and Maintenance - \$2.3 million GR
- African Snail Eradication Program - \$2.3 million TF
- Child Nutrition Program Grants - 14 positions and \$2.6 million TF
- Energy Grants - \$1 million TF

Department of Business & Professional Regulation

Total: \$151.4 million (\$2.1 million GR; \$149.2 million TF); 1,620 positions

- Business Information Portal - 2 positions and \$1.5 million GR
- Electronic Data Submission System - 2 positions and \$.2 million TF
- Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Contract - \$.2 million TF
- Visit Florida - \$2 million TF

Department of Citrus

Total: \$45.6 million (\$41.8 million TF; \$3.8 million GR); 55 positions

- Consumer Awareness Campaigns - \$2.5 million GR
- Economic and Market Research - \$.5 million GR
- New Varieties Development - \$.5 million GR

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: \$1.5 billion (\$193.4 million GR; \$522.9 million LATF; \$785.6 million TF); 2,974.5 positions

- Water & Land Conservation/Budget Restructure - \$167.4 million LATF
- Everglades Restoration - \$81.8 million (\$22.9 million GR and \$58.9 million LATF)
- Land Acquisition - \$55 million
 - Florida Forever/Conservation Lands - \$17.4 million (\$2.2 million GR and \$15.2 million LATF)
 - Florida Forever/Rural and Family Lands - \$15 million LATF (DACS)
 - Kissimmee River - \$20 million LATF
 - Helena Preserve and Howell Creek Wetlands Preservation - \$2.6 million (\$2 million GR and \$.6 million LATF)
- Springs Restoration - \$50 million (\$6.4 million GR and \$43.6 million LATF; includes DACS)
- Water Projects - \$73.3 million GR
- Beach Projects - \$32.1 million (\$7.1 million GR and \$25 million LATF)
- Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) - \$5.5 million GR
- Dispersed Water Management - \$13.7 million GR and \$13.7 million LATF
- Land Management Improvements Increase - \$23.5 million LATF
- Land Management/State Parks Maintenance & Repairs - \$1 million GR and \$25.3 million LATF
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$125 million TF
- Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) - \$9.4 million LATF
- Drinking Water & Wastewater Revolving Loan Programs - \$16.9 million GR and \$76.5 million TF
- Small County Solid Waste Management Grants - \$3 million TF
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$16 million TF
- Muck Dredging/Removal - \$19.6 million GR
- Nonmandatory Land Reclamation - \$4.2 million TF

Department of Financial Services

Total: \$328.7 million (\$24.2 million GR; \$304.4 million TF); 2,609.5 positions

- Fire College and Arson Lab Repairs and Maintenance - \$.4 million TF
- FLAIR Replacement - 25 positions and \$11.3 million TF
- Risk Management Information System - \$.6 million TF
- Risk Management - 4 positions & \$.3 million TF

- Workers' Compensation - 7 positions & \$.5 million TF
- Funeral and Cemeteries Regulation - 3 positions & \$.2 million TF
- Office of Insurance Regulation Resources - 4 positions & 1.2 million TF

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: \$358 million (\$30 million GR; \$87.7 million LATF; \$240.3 million TF); 2,118.5 positions

- Water & Land Conservation/Budget Restructure - \$78.9 million LATF
- Boating Infrastructure and Improvement Program - \$5.6 million TF
- Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network - 4 positions & \$.5 million TF
- Artificial Fishing Reef Construction - \$.6 million TF
- Law Enforcement Vehicle Replacement - \$1.8 million TF
- Land Management and Improvements - \$8.9 million LATF & \$3.7 million TF
- Oyster Monitoring - 2 positions & \$.3 million TF

Department of the Lottery

Total: \$169.5 million TF; 420 positions

- Promotion and Advertising Increase - \$4 million General Revenue
- Independent Security Audit and IT replacement - \$.8 million TF

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: \$605.7 million (\$54.7 million GR; \$551 million TF); 842 positions

- Florida Facilities Pool - \$18.4 million GR and \$8.2 million TF
- Florida Interoperability Network and Mutual Aid - \$3.5 million GR
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Staff Augmentation - \$.8 million TF
- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio Equipment Replacement - \$7 million GR
- Procurement Resources - 2 positions & \$.3 million TF
- People First Transition - \$9.9 million TF
- MyFloridaNet Staff Augmentation - \$.3 million TF

Division of Administrative Hearings

Total Budget: \$25.8 million (\$25.8 million TF); 241 positions

Agency for State Technology

Total: \$73.8 million (\$4.3 million GR; \$66.9 million TF); 241 positions

- Technology Replacement and Refresh - \$7 million TF
- Disaster Recovery - \$2.9 million TF
- Application Modernization and Migration Study - \$.8 million GR

Public Service Commission

Total: \$25.1 million (\$.2 million GR; \$24.9 million TF); 280 positions

Department of Revenue

Total: \$575.3 million (\$212 million GR; \$363.3 million TF); 5,133 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$26.4 million GR
- Aerial Photography - \$1.1 million GR

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015, except where otherwise expressly provided.

[\[1\]](#) Excludes appropriated university tuition/fees.

[\[2\]](#) Local revenues include required and discretionary local effort for public schools and tuition/fees for district workforce, colleges, and universities.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 96-17

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015-A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2502-A — Implementing the General Appropriations Act

by Senator Lee

Section 1 provides legislative intent that the implementing and administrative provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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

Section 3 provides that funds provided for instructional materials shall be released and expended as required in the proviso language attached to Specific Appropriation 90.

Section 4 provides that any district school board that generates less than \$2 million dollars in revenue from one mill of ad valorem tax shall contribute 0.75 mill, rather than 1.5 mills, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the cost of funded special facilities projects.

Section 5 modifies Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA) to expand program eligibility and the authorized use of program funds, establish eligibility priority, update the eligibility verification process, strengthen safeguards against unauthorized expenditures, and advance the release of funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Section 6 modifies the surety bond requirements for nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations

Section 7, 8, and 9 make several changes to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) including extending the extra hour of reading for the lowest 300 performing elementary schools, adjusting the sparsity supplement calculation, creating the federal connected student supplement, amending the digital classrooms allocation, and extending for an additional year the authority for school districts to levy the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage (PPFAM) before the final taxable value is certified with technical clarifications to ensure that the PPFAM is not levied multiple times for the same year.

Section 10 requires the Department of Education to administer an educator liability insurance program.

Section 11 notwithstanding ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, Florida Statutes, relating to community service work requirements for Bright Futures initial eligibility. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, a student may fulfill the community service work requirement by completing a program of volunteer service work which may include, but is not limited to, a business or government internship, work for a nonprofit community service organization, or activity on behalf of a candidate for public office.

Sections 12 and 13 extend to March 15 the deadline for the Board of Governors annual accountability report under s. 1008.46, F.S.

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Section 14 establishes the State University System Performance-Based Incentive.

Section 15 establishes the Florida College System Performance-Based Incentive.

Section 16 authorizes the Office of Early Learning to allocate or reallocate funds held by the Child Care Executive Partnership Program to prevent disenrollment of children from the school readiness program or child care funded through the Child Care Executive Partnership Program.

Section 17 provides requirements governing the continuation of the Department of Health's "Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Reduction Strategies Study."

Section 18 amends s. 20.453(4)(a), F.S., to provide that for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the uses authorized for the Department of Health's Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund include the provision of health care services to DOH clients.

Section 19 provides that the Agency for Health Care Administration is authorized to submit a budget amendment to realign Medicaid funding based on the parameters of various hospital funding programs included in the document titled "Medicaid Hospital Funding Programs" incorporated by reference in SB 2508-A, consistent with legislative intent.

Section 20 provides parameters to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for removing clients from the wait list for home and community-based waiver services and provides client prioritization for that process.

Section 21 provides requirements to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for setting iBudget amounts for clients receiving home and community-based waiver services and provides parameters under which a client's iBudget amount may be increased.

Section 22 amends s. 296.37(3), F.S., for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, to maintain the personal needs allowance for residents of state veterans' nursing homes at \$105 per month. Otherwise, the amount would fall to \$35 per month on July 1, 2015.

Sections 23 and 24 amend s. 393.067(15), F.S., to provide that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities is not required to contract with licensed comprehensive transitional education programs.

Sections 25 and 26 amend ss. 393.18(4)-(6), F.S., to provide that for comprehensive transitional education programs (CTEP), the total number of residents being provided with services may not in any instance exceed the licensed capacity of 120 residents, and each residential unit within a CTEP may not in any instance exceed 15 residents, except that a program authorized to operate residential units with more than 15 residents prior to July 1, 2015, may continue to operate such units. These sections also delete provisions authorizing licensure of CTEPs under specified conditions.

Section 27 requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to ensure that nursing facility residents eligible for funds to transition to home and community-based services waivers must first have resided in a skilled nursing facility for at least 60 consecutive days.

Section 28 requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to prioritize individuals for enrollment in the Long Term Care waiver using a frailty based screening instrument resulting in a prioritization score and shall enroll individuals in the Long Term Care waiver in accordance with the assigned priority score as funds are available. The AHCA may adopt rules, pursuant to s. 409.919, F.S., and enter into interagency agreements necessary to administer s. 409.979(3), F.S. Any rules or interagency agreements adopted by the AHCA relating to the scoring process may delegate to the DOEA, pursuant to 409.978, F.S., responsibility for implementing and administering the scoring process, providing notice of Medicaid fair hearing rights, and responsibility for defending, as needed, the scores assigned to persons on the Long Term Care waiver waitlist in any resulting Medicaid fair hearings. The DOEA may delegate the provision of notice of Medicaid fair hearing rights to its contractors.

Section 29 authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign funding based on the implementation of the Managed Medical Assistance component of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program in order to reflect the actual enrollment changes due to the transfer of beneficiaries from fee-for-service to capitated managed care plans for medical assistance services.

Section 30 provides that, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and notwithstanding s. 409.991, F.S., funds provided from the Department of Children and Families to community-based care lead agencies for personnel training purposes will be allocated based on a training needs assessment conducted by the department.

Section 31 provides, subject to federal approval, that a current Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organization which is authorized to provide PACE services in Southeast Florida and which is granted authority under section 18 of chapter 2012-33, Laws of Florida, for up to 150 enrollee slots to serve frail elders residing in Broward County, may also utilize those PACE slots for enrollees residing in Miami-Dade County, subject to a contract amendment with the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Section 32 creates s. 893.055(17), F.S., to provide that, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year only, the Department of Health may use state funds appropriated in the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act to administer the prescription drug monitoring program. Also, this section provides that neither the state attorney general nor the department may use funds received as part of a settlement agreement to administer the program.

Section 33 amends s. 216.262, F.S., to allow the Executive Office of the Governor to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the Department of Corrections (DOC) if the actual inmate population of the DOC

exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to Legislative Budget Commission review and approval.

Section 34 authorizes the Department of Legal Affairs to expend appropriated funds in those specific appropriations on the same programs that were funded by the department pursuant to specific appropriations made in general appropriations acts in prior years.

Section 35 amends s. 932.7055, F.S., relating to the disbursement of proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, to extend for another year the authorization for a municipality to expend funds in a special law enforcement trust fund to reimburse the general fund of the municipality for moneys advanced from the general fund to the special law enforcement trust fund prior to October 1, 2001.

Section 36 amends s. 215.18, F.S., to provide the Chief Justice the authority to request a trust fund loan.

Section 37 prohibits the Department of Corrections from transferring funds from salaries and benefits to any other appropriations category without the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission.

Section 38 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities and report any deficiencies to the Department of Revenue. If the Department of Juvenile Justice determines that a county has not met its obligations, it must direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from shared revenue funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, F.S.

Section 39 requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) and agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements, in excess of 2,000 square feet, expiring before June 30, 2018.

Sections 40 and 41 require that the fee for service of process against the Department of Financial Services or Office of Insurance Regulation be deposited to the Administrative Trust Fund rather than the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund.

Sections 42 and 43 reenact s. 282.709, F.S., relating to the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications by removing a representative from the Department of Transportation from the task force and adding a representative from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the task force.

Section 44 provides that the online procurement system transaction fee authorized in ss. 287.042(1)(h)1 and 287.057, F.S., currently set at one percent per rule of the Department of

Management Services will be reduced to .7 percent for the 2015-2016 fiscal year only, effective November 1, 2015.

Section 45 provides the authority for the Agency for State Technology to transfer up to \$2.5 million from a special appropriation category upon the completion of an application assessment, due January 15, 2016. The transfer requires a 14 day notice and is subject to objection pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S.

Section 46 notwithstands s. 161.143, F.S., which requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to make available at least 10 percent of the total amount appropriated for beach restoration projects in each fiscal year for inlet management projects.

Section 47 amends s. 259.105, F.S., related to the distribution of proceeds in the Florida Forever Trust Fund, to provide \$17.4 million to only the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund's Florida Forever Priority List land acquisition projects.

Section 48 authorizes the Legislative Budget Commission to increase amounts appropriated to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the DEP for fixed capital outlay projects. The increase in fixed capital outlay budget authority is authorized for funds provided to the state from the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund related to the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act), or from British Petroleum Corporation (BP) for natural resources damage assessment early restoration projects. Any continuing commitment for future appropriations by the Legislature must be specifically identified.

Section 49 amends s. 376.3071, F.S., related to the Inland Protection Trust Fund stating that the Department of Environmental Protection may not seek recovery or reimbursement of funds from another state agency.

Sections 50 and 51 amend s. 381.0065, F.S., revising the effective date for the prohibition of the land application of septage from onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems from January 1, 2016, to June 30, 2016.

Section 52 amends s. 388.261, F.S., to increase the percentage of annual funds appropriated to local governments that may be used for arthropod control research or demonstration projects.

Section 53 establishes a solid waste management closure account within the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection to provide funding for the closing and long-term care of solid waste management facilities.

Section 54 authorizes the Governor to temporarily transfer moneys, from one or more of the trust funds in the State Treasury, to a land acquisition trust fund (LATF) within the Department of

Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency that would render the LATF temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust fund. These funds must be expended solely and exclusively in accordance with Art. X, s. 28, State Constitution. This transfer is a temporary loan and the funds must be repaid to the trust funds from which the moneys were loaned by the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Any action proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, F.S., and the Governor shall provide notice of such action at least seven days before the effective date of the transfer of trust funds.

Section 55 provides that, in order to implement the provisions in SB 2516-A, SB 2520-A, SB 2522-A, or similar legislation related to Art. X, s. 28, State Constitution, enacted during the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature or the 2015 Special Session A, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of State may submit one or more budget amendments, as necessary, to: realign funding; increase operating or nonoperating, budget authority from trust funds; or transfer trust funds between agencies or budget entities, as needed. A budget amendment is subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, F.S.

Section 56 provides that, in order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of State, the DEP will transfer a proportionate share of revenues deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP on a monthly basis, after subtracting required debt service payments, to each agency and retain a proportionate share within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the other agencies may not exceed the total appropriations from that trust fund for the fiscal year.

Section 57 provides that, notwithstanding chapters 253 and 270.22, F.S., the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund is directed to sell a portion of the Bronson Diagnostic Lab property located in Osceola County and deposit proceeds from the sale into the General Inspection Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 58 provides that, notwithstanding provisions of Chapter 253 and 270.22, F. S., the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund must provide the University of South Florida with the proceeds from the sale of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus bookstore/Viking property, to the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority.

Section 59 provides that, notwithstanding s. 287.057, F.S., the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may extend its existing contract for driver license and identification card equipment and consumables through December 31, 2017, provided that the current price of each

driver license and identification card does not increase. The contract extension must be executed by August 1, 2015.

Section 60 requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to continue to contract with Prison Rehabilitation Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., (PRIDE) for manufacturing license plates, provided that the cost is the same as that paid by the department during fiscal year 2013-2014. This section requires PRIDE to seek bids for the reflectorized sheeting used on the license plates and return 70 percent of savings to the department.

Section 61 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund a statewide system of multi-use trails and related facilities, notwithstanding ss. 339.135(4)(a) and (5)(a), F.S., relating to geographic equity requirements for funding transportation projects. The section also provides that this funding may not impact any existing projects for multi-use trails and related facilities that are in the work program as of July 1, 2015.

Section 62 provides that, notwithstanding s. 339.2818(2)(a), F.S., the DOT may use appropriated funds to serve any county with a population of 165,000 or less through the Small County Outreach Program in the 5-year work program for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Sections 63 and 64 reenact s. 341.102, F.S., to authorize the DOT to approve and provide matching grant funding for railroad quiet zones.

Sections 65 and 66 amend s. 339.2816, F.S., to allow the DOT to use up to \$50 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund for the purposes of funding the Small County Road Assistance Program in the 5-year work program for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Section 67 amends s. 420.9072, F.S., relating to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, to provide exceptions to the limitations on using SHIP funds for rent subsidies and to allow counties and eligible municipalities to use up to 25 percent of available SHIP funds for rental housing.

Section 68 amends s. 420.5087, F.S., relating to the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program, to change requirements for reserving percentages of available SAIL funding for specified tenant groups to reflect the projected housing needs for those groups.

Section 69 delays the implementation of three provisions of the building code until June 30, 2016, while the Department of Economic Opportunity completes a study of the regulatory compliance costs of those provisions and the impacts of those costs on the construction industry and consumers. The provisions subject to delayed implementation relate to mandatory blower door testing for residential buildings or dwelling units, second fire service access elevators, and mechanical ventilation for residential buildings or dwelling units.

Sections 70 and 71 reenact amendments to s. 216.292, F.S., that remove language limiting scope of legislative review of “five percent” budget transfers. The Legislature would continue to be

able to object that a proposed action exceeds delegated authority or is contrary to legislative policy and intent.

Section 72 provides that no state agency may initiate a competitive solicitation for a product or service if the completion of such competitive solicitation would require a change in law or require a change to the agency's budget other than a transfer authorized in s. 216.292(2) or (3), F.S., unless the initiation of such competitive solicitation is specifically authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act or by the Legislative Budget Commission.

Section 73 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" between departments in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance.

Section 74 authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer to DMS-Human Resources Services Purchased Per Statewide Contract" of the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS for human resources management services.

Section 75 amends s. 112.24, F.S., to provide that the reassignment of an employee of a state agency may be made if recommended by the Governor or Chief Justice, as appropriate, and approved by the chairs of the Senate and House budget committees. Such actions shall be deemed approved if neither chair provides written notice of objection within 14 days after receiving notice of the action, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S. This requirement applies to state employee reassignments regardless of which agency (sending or receiving) is responsible for pay and benefits of assigned employee.

Section 76 maintains legislative salaries at the July 1, 2010 level.

Sections 77 and 78 amend s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act.

Section 79 provides that, in order to implement the issuance of new debt authorized in the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the requirements of s. 215.98, F.S., the Legislature determines that the authorization and issuance of debt for the 2015-2016 fiscal year should be implemented and is in the best interest of the state.

Section 80 provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. The section prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff-training, or other administrative functions unless the agency head approves in writing. The agency head is required to consider the use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet needs of activity before approving travel.

Section 81 provides that the EOG is authorized to transfer funds appropriated in any appropriation category used to pay for data processing in the General Appropriations Act between agencies in order to align the budget authority granted with the utilization rate of each department.

Section 82 provides that the EOG is authorized to transfer funds in the specific appropriation category "Data Processing Services - State Data Center - AST" between agencies in order to align the budget authority granted with the AST estimated billing cycle and methodology.

Section 83 notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), F.S., which authorizes agency budget transfers of up to 5 percent of approved budget between categories. Except for transfers approved pursuant to section 81 and 82 of the Implementing Bill, agencies are prohibited from transferring funds from a data center appropriation category to a category other than a data center appropriation category.

Section 84 provides that the EOG is authorized to transfer funds appropriated in the appropriations category "expenses" between agencies in order to allocate a reduction relating to SUNCOM Services.

Sections 85 and 86 reenact amendments to s. 110.12315, F.S., that: modify copayments associated with the state employees' group health insurance program consistent with decisions that have been made in the General Appropriations Act; authorize the Department of Management Services, for the state employees' prescription drug program, to negotiate the pharmacy dispensing fee, to implement a 90-day supply limit program for certain maintenance drugs at retail pharmacies for state employees under certain circumstances, and to maintain a list of maintenance drugs and preferred brand name drugs; and provide that copayments for state employees for a 90-day supply of prescription drugs at a retail pharmacy will be the same as a 90-day supply through mail order.

Section 87 specifies that no section of the bill shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

Section 88 provides that a permanent change made by another law to any of the same statutes amended by this bill will take precedence over the provision in this bill.

Section 89 provides that if any law amended by the Implementing Bill was also amended during the 2015 Regular Session, those laws will be construed as if enacted during the same legislative session and full effect will be given to both, if possible.

Section 90 provides a severability clause.

Section 91 provides an effective date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015, except where otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 94-19

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015-A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2504-A — State Employees

by Senator Lee

The bill resolves the collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and the bargaining representatives for state employees for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that have not been resolved in the General Appropriations Act or other legislation.

The bill does not change substantive law.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015-A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2506-A — Florida Business Information Portal

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Directs the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (department) to establish and implement, by June 30, 2017, the Florida Business Information Portal (portal) that provides the information needed to start and operate a business in Florida.
- Requires the portal to include, but is not limited to the following:
 - A downloadable guide to starting and operating a business in Florida.
 - A list of business types and an associated checklist for starting each type of business.
 - Links to guide users to appropriate state licensing, permitting, and registration agencies' websites.
 - Information regarding business tax registration and filing.
 - Information on registering with the Department of State.
- Specifies the state agencies that must cooperate with the department in the development, implementation, and ongoing content updates.
- Requires the department to submit a report with recommendations and estimated costs for including local government information in the portal to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2017.
- Repeals s. 215.1995, F.S., which established the One-Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund in the Department of Revenue.
- Repeals s. 288.109, F.S., which directed the Department of Revenue to establish and implement the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

THE FLORIDA SENATE
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SB 2508-A — Medicaid

by Lee

The bill:

- Amends the definition of “rural hospital” to delete the provision that hospitals classified as “sole community hospitals” under federal guidelines are automatically qualified as rural hospitals under Florida law if they have no more than 340 beds.
- Authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to receive intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) of funds from local governmental entities for the advancement of the Medicaid program and directs AHCA to seek federal waiver authority to maintain a low-income pool under parameters provided in the General Appropriations Act for offsetting shortfalls in Medicaid reimbursement or paying for otherwise uncompensated care.
- Confirms and clarifies existing law regarding reimbursement provisions, provider notification requirements, and the administrative challenge process for Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital rates. Specifies that the written notice of the hospital reimbursement rates provided by AHCA constitutes final agency action for purposes of administrative challenges to the hospital reimbursement rates.
- Reenacts three statutory provisions for the purpose of incorporating the bill’s clarifications to reimbursement provisions, provider notification requirements, and the administrative challenge process for Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital rates.
- Removes community intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled from the list of providers for which AHCA is required to set rates at levels that ensure no increase in statewide expenditures resulting from changes in unit costs.
- Provides that quality assessments paid by nursing homes to AHCA are due on the 20th of each month, instead of the 15th of each month as under current law.
- Creates the Graduate Medical Education Startup Bonus Program within the Statewide Medicaid Residency Program (SMRP). In any fiscal year in which funds are appropriated for the startup bonus program, hospitals eligible to participate in the SMRP may apply for up to \$100,000 per newly created residency slot that is dedicated to a physician specialty in statewide supply/demand deficit. Such physician specialties and subspecialties are those identified in the General Appropriations Act.
- Amends statutes relating to the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program and requires AHCA to use the average of the 2007, 2008, and 2009 audited disproportionate share data to determine each hospital’s Medicaid days and charity care for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, instead of the average of the 2005, 2006, and 2007 data as under current law.
- Amends the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program to:
 - Provide that achieved savings rebates that are refunded to the state by Medicaid managed care plans will be placed in the General Revenue Fund, unallocated;
 - Provide that funds contributed by managed care plans for the purpose of supporting Medicaid indigent care will be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund;

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- Provide that when payments from AHCA to managed care plans within the Long-Term Care Managed Care (LTCMC) component are reconciled to reimburse plans for actual payments to nursing facilities, the reconciliations must result from changes in nursing home per diem rates and that payments may not be reconciled to actual nursing home bed-days experienced by the LTCMC plans; and
- Repeal s. 409.97, F.S., relating to state and local Medicaid partnerships.
- Deletes a statutory provision requiring AHCA to use certified public expenditures of general revenue appropriated for Healthy Start services, including any associated federal match, for the purpose of supporting AHCA's contract with an administrative services organization representing all Healthy Start coalitions.
- Provides that AHCA may partner with a state or territory for the purpose of providing Medicaid fiscal agent operations only if Florida may terminate such a partnership if the state decides it is not in the best interest of the state.
- Provides that the model, methodology, and framework for hospital funding programs contained in the document titled "Medicaid Hospital Funding Programs," dated June 16, 2015, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying, demonstrating, and explaining the calculations used by the Legislature when making appropriations in the General Appropriations Act for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for various Medicaid programs. Provides Legislative intent regarding the appropriations for various Medicaid programs and provides for the bill to be deemed invalid, non-severable, and to have never become law under specified conditions.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 81-32

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015-A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2510-A — Department of Children and Families

by Lee

The bill:

- Amends the allocation methodology for core services funding for community-based care lead agencies (CBC).
- Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 there will be no adjustment to the base core service funding for each CBC.
- Twenty percent of new core services funding shall be allocated to all CBCs, and eighty percent shall be allocated to only CBCs that have base funding that is below their equitable share as determined by the equity allocation model.
- Amends the equity allocation model, placing a greater emphasis on the number of children in the care of CBCs.
- Requires DCF to obtain legislative approval before seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing any waiver of work requirements established by the SNAP Program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0

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SB 2512-A — Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits

by Senator Lee

Sections 1 through 4 increase the employer contribution to the Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund, from 1.26 percent to 1.66 percent of employees' salaries.

Section 5 sets the employer-paid contribution rates for the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund for each membership class of the FRS.

Sections 6 and 7 provide findings that the bill fulfills important state interests.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

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SB 2514-A — Department of Transportation

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Redirects an additional portion of the \$225 additional fee imposed on initial registration of motor vehicles (referred to as the “New Wheels Fee”) that is currently deposited into the General Revenue Fund to the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) within the FDOT.
- The additional revenues directed to the STTF increases the New Wheels Fee revenues for the STTF from \$107 million to \$206 million annually, or an increase of \$99 million.
- Specifies how the revenues from this fee are to be used by the FDOT. The designated uses include the following programs and amounts:
 - The Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network - \$25 million.
 - The New Starts Transit Program - 3.4 percent (\$7.1 million).
 - The Small County Outreach Program - 5 percent (\$10.2 million).
 - The Florida Strategic Intermodal System - 20.6 percent (\$42.5 million).
 - The Transportation Regional Incentive Program - 6.9 percent (\$14.2 million).
 - All remaining funds for any transportation purpose authorized by law.
- Creates the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail (SunTrail) network as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System.
- The SunTrail network consists of multiuse trails or shared-use paths separated from motor vehicle traffic and constructed with asphalt, concrete or other hard surface which provides nonmotorized transportation opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians statewide.
- Includes provisions for the planning, development, operation, and maintenance of the SunTrail network components.
- Requires the FDOT to allocate \$25 million annually in the FDOT work program for the SunTrail network.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

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**SB 2516-A — Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation
Constitutional Amendment**

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Implements Art. X, s. 28, State Constitution. The constitutional amendment requires that 33 percent of documentary stamp tax revenue be distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and prohibits funds from the LATF from being used for other than specified purposes provided in the amendment. In addition, the amendment prohibits the comingling of the LATF with the General Revenue Fund.
- Restructures trust funds to implement the constitutional requirement that documentary stamp taxes directed for environmental purposes must not be comingled with the General Revenue Fund. The bill also ensures that the documentary stamp taxes are not comingled with other revenue sources and can be tracked from distribution into the LATF to appropriations within the General Appropriations Act. The bill terminates certain trust funds currently receiving documentary stamp tax revenue intended for expenditure on environmental programs and redirects those moneys and moneys from other sources deposited into those terminated trust funds to other appropriate trust funds. The terminated trust funds include within the:
 - Department of Environmental Protection the:
 - Florida Communities Trust Fund;
 - Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Trust Fund;
 - Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund;
 - Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; and
 - Water Management Lands Trust Fund.
 - Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection the:
 - Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Trust Fund.
 - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the:
 - Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Trust Fund.
- Revises the statutory distributions of revenues derived from the documentary stamp tax to satisfy the water and land conservation constitutional amendment. The bill:
 - Requires the LATF to receive 33 percent of net revenues from the documentary stamp tax.
 - Requires payment of debt service for Florida Forever and Everglades bonds from the LATF.
 - Repeals the existing distributions of documentary stamp taxes to terminated trust funds that serve environmental purposes other than the distribution to the LATF.
 - Removes the existing documentary stamp tax distribution for payments in lieu of taxes to local governments.

- Maintains the existing effective percentage distributions to the State Transportation Trust Fund and the Department of Economic Opportunity's Grants and Donations Trust Fund, while reducing the actual distribution to these trust funds.
- Increases the percentage distributions to the State Housing Trust Fund so that the same dollar amounts are distributed to that trust fund as would have been distributed under current law.
- Maintains the percentage distribution from the State Housing Trust Fund to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund.
- Specifies that funds in any LATF must be invested separately with the interest deposited into the General Revenue Fund.
- Revises the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP and the FWC to comply with the constitutional amendment.
- Revises all environmental bonding provisions to comply with the constitutional amendment and repeals all obsolete bonding provisions.
- Redirects the phosphate rock severance tax distribution from the CARL Trust Fund to the State Park Trust Fund within the DEP.
- Specifies that all Land Acquisition Trust Fund balances as of June 30, 2015, in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are transferred to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund effective when the bill becomes law.
- Removes language that funds shall be made available from the CARL Trust Fund within the DEP for payment in lieu of taxes to qualifying counties and local governments; however, the bill adds language that the Legislature may appropriate funds annually for the payment in lieu of taxes.
- Removes obsolete language and cross references.
- Corrects cross references and conforms provisions to changes made by the act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015, except as otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 93-20

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SB 2520-A — Land Acquisition Trust Fund/Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Creates the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS).
- Establishes the trust fund as a depository for funds received from the LATF within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- Requires that expenditures from the fund are for the purposes specified in Art. X, s. 28, State Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0

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SB 2522-A — Land Acquisition Trust Fund/Department of State

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Creates the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) within the Department of State (DOS).
- Establishes the trust fund as a depository for funds received from the LATF within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- Requires that expenditures from the fund are for the purposes specified in Art. X, s. 28, State Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0