1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the executive branch of 3 state government; amending ss. 20.21 and 20.37, 4 F.S.; providing that the head of the Department 5 of Revenue and the Department of Veterans' 6 Affairs shall be a secretary appointed by the 7 Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate; amending s. 20.10, F.S.; repealing s. 8 9 20.24, F.S.; creating s. 20.241, F.S.; abolishing the Department of Highway Safety and 10 Motor Vehicles and creating a Department of 11 12 Highway Safety; transferring the Division of Driver Licenses and Division of Motor Vehicles 13 14 to the Department of State; transferring the 15 Florida Highway Patrol to the Department of Highway Safety; providing for transfer of 16 positions and trust funds and for interagency 17 agreements; providing for availability of 18 19 driver's license information to the Department 20 of Highway Safety; directing that reviser's 21 bills be prepared to conform the Florida 22 Statutes; amending s. 322.125, F.S.; providing 23 for appointment of members of the Medical Advisory Board within the Department of State 24 25 by the Secretary of State; amending ss. 20.32, 26 947.02, 947.021, 947.03, and 947.04, F.S.; providing for appointment of the Parole 27 28 Commission, parole qualifications committees, 29 and officers thereof by the Governor, rather 30 than the Governor and Cabinet; amending s. 110.181, F.S.; providing for appointment of 31

seven members of the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign steering committee by the Governor and Cabinet members rather than the Administration Commission; amending ss. 110.112, 110.161, 110.209, 110.21, 110.211, and 110.219, F.S.; removing the requirement that the Administration Commission approve rules relating to agency affirmative action plans, the pretax benefits program, pay plans, shared employment, recruitment, and attendance and leave; amending s. 110.1225, F.S.; providing that the Governor, rather than the Administration Commission, may propose employee furlough plans; providing that a Cabinet member may propose such plans for his or her agency; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; removing the requirement that the Administration Commission approve certain positions exempt from the Career Service System; amending s. 110.209, F.S.; providing that the Governor, rather than the Administration Commission, shall review actions relating to pay grade assignments; amending s. 112.175, F.S.; providing that the Department of Management Services, rather than the Administration Commission, shall adopt rules relating to withholding of wages to repay educational loans; amending ss. 215.18 and 215.32, F.S.; providing that the Governor, rather than the Administration Commission, shall order certain transfers between funds and approve trust fund consolidations; amending ss.

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transportation systems; amending ss. 212.0599, 213.065, and 213.066, F.S.; removing references to adoption by the Governor and Cabinet of certain implementing rules of the Department of Revenue; amending ss. 161.101 and 366.055, F.S.; providing that the Governor, rather than the Governor and Cabinet, shall have responsibility for declaration of a shoreline emergency and declaration of an energy emergency; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; removing responsibilities of the Administration Commission with respect to approval of proposed amendments by the Department of Transportation to an adopted work program when objection has been made thereto; amending s. 945.6035, F.S.; providing for appeals to the Governor, rather than the Administration Commission, for resolution of disputes between the Department of Corrections and the Correctional Medical Authority; providing effective dates.

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WHEREAS, the Citizens Commission on Cabinet Reform was established by resolution of the Governor and Cabinet to review the hundreds of statutory responsibilities now assigned to the Governor and Cabinet and to determine whether modifications were needed, and

WHEREAS, the Commission, led by its Chair, Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, and Vice Chair, Honorable Bob Martinez, presented a Final Report to the Governor and Cabinet on December 12, 1995, and

WHEREAS, the Commission determined that certain administrative responsibilities now assigned to the Governor and Cabinet could be transferred or eliminated so that the Governor and Cabinet could focus on important questions of statewide policy, and

WHEREAS, the transfer or elimination of such duties would enhance governmental accountability and efficiency, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 20.21, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 16 of chapter 95-272, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

- 20.21 Department of Revenue.--There is created a Department of Revenue.
- (1) The head of the Department of Revenue is the Secretary of Revenue Governor and Cabinet. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (5) The position of taxpayers' rights advocate is created within the Department of Revenue. The taxpayers' rights advocate shall be appointed by and report to the secretary executive director of the department. The responsibilities of the taxpayers' rights advocate include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) Facilitating the resolution of taxpayer complaints and problems which have not been resolved through normal administrative channels within the department, including any

taxpayer complaints regarding unsatisfactory treatment of taxpayers by employees of the department.

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(b) Issuing a stay action on behalf of a taxpayer who has suffered or is about to suffer irreparable loss as a result of action by the department.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 20.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.37 Department of Veterans' Affairs.--There is created a Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- (1) The head of the department is the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Governor and Cabinet. The secretary executive director of the department shall be appointed by the Governor, with the approval of three members of the Cabinet and subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor 16 <0>and Cabinet.

Section 3. The Division of Statutory Revision of the Joint Legislative Management Committee is directed to conform provisions of the Florida Statutes to reflect the changes made by this act relating to the heads of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The division shall prepare reviser's bills to implement this section in consultation with the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

Section 4. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is abolished.

(1) All statutory powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Division of Driver Licenses of the department, and all existing authority and actions of those

divisions, including, but not limited to, all pending and completed actions on orders and rules, all enforcement matters, and delegations, interagency agreements, and contracts with federal, state, regional, and local governments and private entities, are transferred to the Department of State.

- (2) All statutory powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the Florida Highway Patrol of the department, and all existing legal authorities and actions of the Florida Highway Patrol, including, but not limited to, all pending and completed action on orders and rules, all enforcement matters, and all delegations, interagency agreements, and contracts with federal, state, regional, and local governments and private entities are transferred to the Department of Highway Safety. Those positions primarily supporting the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are hereby transferred to the Department of Highway Safety.
- authority to shift positions, consistent with the notice and review requirements of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, between the former Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles now located within the Department of State and the Department of Highway Safety as created by this act to promote the efficient and effective operation of both departments.
- (4) The Department of State and the Department of
  Highway Safety shall have the authority to enter into
  interagency agreements with each other concerning any matter
  affected by the transfer of the Department of Highway Safety

and Motor Vehicles to the Department of State and the creation of the Department of Highway Safety to promote the efficient and effective operation of both departments.

(5) Those trust funds or portions of trust funds which were used to fund the operation of the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are transferred to the Administration Trust Fund of the Department of Highway Safety.

Section 5. Paragraphs (h) and (i) are added to subsection (2) of section 20.10, Florida Statutes, and subsection (3) is added to said section, to read:

- 20.10 Department of State.--There is created a Department of State.
- (2) The following divisions of the Department of State are established:
  - (h) Division of Driver Licenses.
  - (i) Division of Motor Vehicles.

- (3) Driver license information obtained by the Department of State shall be available on a priority basis to the Department of Highway Safety for any purposes necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Department of Highway Safety.
- Section 6. <u>Section 20.24</u>, Florida Statutes, is hereby repealed.
- Section 7. Section 20.241, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 27 <u>20.241</u> Department of Highway Safety.--There is created 28 a Department of Highway Safety.
- 29 (1) The head of the department is the Secretary of
  30 Highway Safety. The secretary shall be appointed by the
  31 Governor with the approval of three members of the Cabinet,

subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall
serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

- (2) The following divisions of the Department of Highway Safety are established:
  - (a) Division of Administration.

- (b) Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.
- (3) Bureaus may be established as deemed necessary to promote efficient and effective operation of the department, pursuant to s. 20.04.

Section 8. The Division of Statutory Revision of the Joint Legislative Management Committee is directed to conform provisions of the Florida Statutes to reflect the abolition of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, creation of the Department of Highway Safety, and transfer of the Florida Highway Patrol, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Division of Driver Licenses by this act. The division shall prepare a reviser's bill to implement this section in consultation with the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 322.125, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

322.125 Medical Advisory Board.--

established within the Department of State to be composed of not fewer than 12 or more than 25 members, at least one of whom must be 60 years of age or older and all but one of whose medical and other specialties must relate to driving abilities, which number must include a doctor of medicine who is employed by the Department of State Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in Tallahassee, who shall serve as administrative officer for the board. The directors of the

Division of Motor Vehicles and the Division of Driver Licenses O>executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall recommend persons to serve as board members. Every member but two must be a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine in this or any other state and must be a member in good standing of the Florida Medical Association or the Florida Osteopathic Association. One member must be an optometrist licensed to practice optometry in this state and must be a member in good standing of the Florida Optometric Association. One member must be a 10 chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in this state. 12 Members shall be appointed approved by the Secretary of State Cabinet and shall serve 4-year staggered terms. The board 13 14 membership must, to the maximum extent possible, consist of equal representation of the disciplines of the medical 16 community treating the mental or physical disabilities that could affect the safe operation of motor vehicles. Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 20.32, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

20.32 Parole Commission.--

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(2) All powers, duties, and functions relating to the appointment of the Parole Commission as provided in s. 947.02 or s. 947.021 shall be exercised and performed by the Governor and the Cabinet. Except as provided in s. 947.021, each appointment shall be made from among the first three eligible persons on the list of the persons eligible for said position.

Section 11. Section 947.02, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

947.02 Parole Commission; members, appointment.--

(1) Except as provided in s. 947.021, the members of the Parole Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and Cabinet from a list of eligible applicants submitted by a parole qualifications committee. The appointments of members of the commission shall be certified to the Senate by the Governor and Cabinet for confirmation, and the membership of the commission shall include representation from minority persons as defined in s. 288.703.

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- (2) A parole qualifications committee shall consist of five persons who are appointed by the Governor and Cabinet. One member shall be designated as chairman by the Governor and Cabinet. The committee shall provide for statewide advertisement and the receiving of applications for any position or positions on the commission and shall devise a plan for the determination of the qualifications of the applicants by investigations and comprehensive evaluations, including, but not limited to, investigation and evaluation of the character, habits, and philosophy of each applicant. parole qualifications committee shall exist for 2 years. additional vacancies on the commission occur during this 2-year period, the committee may advertise and accept additional applications; however, all previously submitted applications shall be considered along with the new applications according to the previously established plan for the evaluation of the qualifications of applicants.
- (3) Within 90 days before an anticipated vacancy by expiration of term pursuant to s. 947.03 or upon any other vacancy, the Governor and Cabinet shall appoint a parole qualifications committee if one has not been appointed during the previous 2 years. The committee shall consider applications for the commission seat, including the application of an incumbent commissioner if he applies, according to the provisions of subsection (2). The committee

shall submit a list of three eligible applicants, which may include the incumbent if the committee so decides, without recommendation, to the Governor and Cabinet for appointment to the commission. In the case of an unexpired term, the appointment must be for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed and qualified. If more than one seat is vacant, the committee shall submit a list of eligible applicants, without recommendation, containing a number of names equal to three times the number of vacant seats; however, the names submitted shall not be distinguished by seat, and each submitted applicant shall be considered eligible for each vacancy.

- (4) Upon receiving a list of eligible persons from the parole qualifications committee, the Governor and Cabinet may reject the list. If the list is rejected, the committee shall reinitiate the application and examination procedure according to the provisions of subsection (2).
- (5) The provisions of s. 120.525 and chapters 119 and 286 apply to all activities and proceedings of a parole qualifications committee.

Section 12. Section 947.021, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

947.021 Parole Commission; expedited appointments.—Whenever the Legislature decreases the membership of the commission, all terms of office shall expire, notwithstanding any law to the contrary. Under such circumstances, the Governor and Cabinet shall expedite the appointment of commissioners. Notwithstanding the parole qualifications committee procedure in s. 947.02, members shall be directly appointed by the Governor and Cabinet. Members appointed to the commission may be selected from incumbents.

Members shall be certified to the Senate by the Governor and Cabinet for confirmation, and the membership of the commission shall include representation from minority persons as defined in s. 288.703.

Section 13. Section 947.03, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

947.03 Commissioners; tenure and removal.--

- (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, each commissioner serving on July 1, 1983, shall be permitted to remain in office until completion of his current term. Upon the expiration of the term, a successor shall be appointed in the manner prescribed pursuant to the provisions of this section, unless otherwise provided by law. Members appointed by the Governor and Cabinet shall be appointed for terms of 6 years, unless otherwise provided by law. No person is eligible to be appointed for more than two consecutive 6-year terms.
- (2) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the Governor and Cabinet for the unexpired term in the manner provided for in s. 947.02.
- is accountable to the Governor and Cabinet for the proper performance of the duties of his office. The Governor and Cabinet may remove from office any such member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, or permanent inability to perform official duties or for pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or being found guilty of, a felony. All such removals shall be submitted to the Senate for its consent as provided by the constitution.

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 947.04, Florida 1 2 Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read: 3 947.04 Organization of commission; officers; 4 offices.--5 (1) Before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the 6 Governor and Cabinet shall select a chairman who shall serve for a period of 2 years and until a successor is selected and 7 8 qualified. The Governor and Cabinet shall, at the same time 9 that a chairman is selected, select a vice chairman to serve during the same 2-year period as the chairman, in the absence 10 of the chairman. The chairman may not succeed himself. 11 12 chairman, as chief administrative officer of the commission, has the authority and responsibility to plan, direct, 13 14 coordinate, and execute the powers, duties, and responsibilities assigned to the commission, except those of 15 16 granting and revoking parole as provided for in this chapter. 17 Subject to approval by the Governor and the Cabinet, the 18 chairman may assign consenting retired commissioners or former 19 commissioners to temporary duty when there is a workload need. Any such commissioner shall be paid \$100 for each day or 20 portion of a day spent on the work of the commission and shall 21 be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. 22 23 The chairman is authorized to provide or disseminate information relative to parole by means of documents, 24 seminars, programs, or otherwise as he determines necessary. 25 26 The chairman shall establish, execute, and be held accountable 27 for all administrative policy decisions. However, decisions to grant or revoke parole shall be made in accordance with the 28 29 provisions of ss. 947.172, 947.174, and 947.23. The commissioners shall be directly accountable to the chairman in 30 the execution of their duties as commissioners, and the

chairman has authority to recommend to the Governor suspension of a commissioner who fails to perform the duties provided for by statute.

Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 110.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.181 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign.--

(4) FLORIDA STATE EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN
STEERING COMMITTEE.--A Florida State Employees' Charitable
Campaign steering committee shall be established with nine
seven members. The chair shall be appointed by the Governor
and each Cabinet officer shall appoint a member.appointed by
members of the administration commission, and Two members
shall be appointed by the secretary of the department from
among applications submitted from other agencies or
departments. The committee, whose members shall serve
staggered terms, shall meet at the call of the secretary.
Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be
entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and per diem
expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 110.112, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

110.112 Affirmative action; equal employment opportunity.--

(2)(a) The head of each executive agency shall develop and implement an affirmative action plan in accordance with rules adopted by the department and approved by a majority vote of the Administration Commission before their adoption.

Section 17. Section 110.1225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.1225 Furloughs. -- When a deficit is projected by the Revenue Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136(3), in any fund that supports salary and benefit appropriations to an agency headed by the Governor or when such deficit is projected in any fund or funds that support salary and benefit appropriations to all agencies, the Governor Administration Commission may propose a furlough plan to the Legislature, which must approve or disapprove such plan. The plan must identify all affected positions and ensure that all affected employees are subject to the same reduction of hours for the same number of pay periods with a commensurate reduction in pay. In the case of a projected deficit which is limited to a fund that supports salary and benefits within a single agency headed by a Cabinet member, that member may propose a furlough plan to the Legislature, which must approve or disapprove such plan.

Section 18. Subsection (5) of section 110.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.161 State employees; pretax benefits program.--

(5) The Department of Management Services shall develop rules for the pretax benefits program, which shall specify the benefits to be offered under the program, the continuing tax-exempt status of the program, and any other matters deemed necessary by the department to implement this section. The rules must be approved by a majority vote of the Administration Commission.

Section 19. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section 110.205, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

110.205 Career service; exemptions.--

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(2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions which are not covered by this part include the following, provided that no position, except for positions established for a limited period of time pursuant to paragraph (h), shall be exempted if the position reports to a position in the career service:

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- 6 (m)1. In addition to those positions exempted by other 7 paragraphs of this subsection, each department head may 8 designate a maximum of 20 policymaking or managerial 9 positions, as defined by the department and approved by the Administration Commission, as being exempt from the Career 10 Service System. Career service employees who occupy a 11 12 position designated as a position in the Selected Exempt Service under this paragraph shall have the right to remain in 13 14 the Career Service System by opting to serve in a position not 15 exempted by the employing agency. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the salary and benefits of these 16 17 positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service; provided, however, that if the agency head determines 18 19 that the general counsel, chief Cabinet aide, public 20 information administrator or comparable position for a Cabinet officer, inspector general, or legislative affairs director 21 22 has both policymaking and managerial responsibilities and if 23 the department determines that any such position has both policymaking and managerial responsibilities, the salary and 24 25 benefits for each such position shall be established by the 26 department in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service. 27
  - 2. If otherwise exempt, employees of the Public Employees Relations Commission, the Commission on Human Relations, and the Unemployment Appeals Commission, upon the certification of their respective commission heads, may be

provided for under this paragraph as members of the Senior Management Service, if otherwise qualified. However, the deputy general counsels of the Public Employees Relations Commission shall be compensated as members of the Selected Exempt Service.

Section 20. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 110.209, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to read:

110.209 Pay plan.--

(2)

- (f) Any action taken by the department in regard to the revision or establishment of a pay grade assignment which affects a department headed by a Cabinet officer or by the Governor and Cabinet may be reviewed and changed by the Governor Administration Commission, and the department's decision may be changed by a majority vote of the Administration Commission.
- (3) The department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section; however, such rules shall be approved by the Administration Commission prior to their adoption by the department.

Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 110.21, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

110.21 Shared employment.--In order to promote part-time career employment opportunities at all levels in the career service, the department shall establish and maintain a plan for shared employment applicable to all classes in the career service and shall be responsible for the overall review, coordination, and administration of the shared-employment plan.

(5) The department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section; however, such rules shall be approved by the Administration Commission prior to their adoption by the department.

Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 110.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.211 Recruitment.--

(6) The department shall develop model recruitment rules which may be used by employing agencies. Such rules must be approved by the Administration Commission before their adoption by the department. Employing agencies electing to adopt recruitment rules that are inconsistent with the model rules must consult with and submit such rules to the department for review and approval. Such rules must also be approved by the Administration Commission before their adoption by the employing agencies.

Section 23. Subsection (5) of section 110.219, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

110.219 Attendance and leave; general policies.--

- (5) Rules shall be adopted by the department in cooperation and consultation with the agencies to implement the provisions of this section; however, such rules must be approved by the Administration Commission prior to their adoption. Such rules must provide for, but need not be limited to:
- (a) The maximum responsibility and authority resting with each agency head to administer attendance and leave matters in the agency within the parameters of the rules adopted by the department.
- (b) Creditable service in which 1 month of service credit is awarded for each calendar month that the employee is

on the payroll of a state agency or during which the employee 1 2 is on authorized leave without pay. 3 (c) Holidays as provided in s. 110.117. 4 (d) Overtime provisions. 5 (e) Annual leave provisions. 6 (f) Sick leave provisions. 7 Parental leave provisions. (g) 8 (h) Family medical leave provisions. 9 (i) Disability leave provisions. (j) Compulsory disability leave provisions. 10 Administrative leave provisions. 11 (k) 12 (1) Military leave provisions. Educational leave with pay provisions. 13 14 (n) Leave of absence without pay provisions. 15 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 112.175, Florida 16 Statutes, is amended to read: 17 112.175 Employee wages; withholding to repay educational loan. --18 19 (2) The Department of Management Services 20 Administration Commission shall adopt rules to implement this 21 section, which shall include, but not be limited to, a standard method of calculating amounts to be withheld from 22 23 employees who have failed to establish a repayment schedule within the specified period of time or failed to meet the 24 terms and conditions of the agreed to or approved repayment 25 26 schedule provided for in this section. Such method shall consider the following factors: 27 28 (a) The amount of the loan which remains outstanding; 29 (b) The income of the employee who owes such amount; 30 and

(c) Other factors such as the number of dependents 1 supported by the employee. 2 3 Section 25. Section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is 4 amended to read: 5 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.--Whenever 6 there exists in any fund provided for by s. 215.32 a 7 deficiency which would render such fund insufficient to meet its just requirements, and there shall exist in the other 9 funds in the State Treasury moneys which are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts necessary to meet 10 the just requirements of such last-mentioned funds, the 11 Administration Commission, with the concurrence of the 12 Governor, may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one 13 14 fund to another in order to meet temporary deficiencies in a 15 particular fund without resorting to the necessity of borrowing money and paying interest thereon. The fund from 16 17 which any money is temporarily transferred shall be repaid the amount transferred from it not later than the end of the 18 19 fiscal year in which such transfer is made, the date of 20 repayment to be specified in the order of the Governor 21 Administration Commission. Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 22 23 215.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 215.32 State funds; segregation. --24 25 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be 26 as follows: (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received 27 by the state which under law or under trust agreement are 28 29 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency 30 or branch of state government receiving or collecting such

moneys shall be responsible for their proper expenditure as

provided by law. Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state government responsible for the administration of the trust fund, the Comptroller may establish accounts within the trust fund at a level deemed necessary for proper accountability. Once an account is established within a trust fund, the Comptroller shall authorize payment from that account only upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at the level of the account.

- 2. In order to maintain a minimum number of trust funds in the State Treasury, each state agency or the judicial branch may consolidate, if permitted under the terms and conditions of their receipt, the trust funds administered by it; provided, however, the agency or judicial branch employs effectively a uniform system of accounts sufficient to preserve the integrity of such trust funds; and provided, further, that consolidation of trust funds is approved by the Governor Administration Commission or the Chief Justice.
- 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the State Treasury.
- 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the Legislature for transfer to the Working Capital Fund in the General Appropriations Act.
- b. The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply to trust funds required by federal programs or mandates; trust funds established for bond covenants, indentures, or

resolutions whose revenues are legally pledged by the state or public body to meet debt service or other financial requirements of any debt obligations of the state or any public body; the State Transportation Trust Fund; the trust fund containing the net annual proceeds from the Florida Education Lotteries; the Florida Retirement Trust Fund; trust funds under the management of the Board of Regents, where such trust funds are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance, and contracts, grants, and donations, as those terms are defined by general law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or accounts for the Comptroller or state agencies; trust funds 12 that account for assets held by the state in a trustee capacity as an agent or fiduciary for individuals, private 13 14 organizations, or other governmental units; and other trust funds authorized by the State Constitution.

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Section 27. Section 216.177, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.177 Appropriations acts, statement of intent, violation, notice, review and objection procedures .--

- (1) As soon as practicable, but no later than the 10th day before the end of the period allowed by law for veto consideration in any year in which an appropriation is made, the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees shall jointly transmit:
- (a) A statement of intent, including performance and workload measures as appropriate;
- (b) The official list of General Revenue Fund appropriations determined in consultation with the Executive Office of the Governor to be nonrecurring; and
- 30 (c) The documents set forth in s. 216.0442(2)(a) and (c), 31

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to the Executive Office of the Governor, the Comptroller, the Auditor General, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and each state agency. The statement of intent constitutes a manifestation of how the Legislature, in its considered opinion as a representative of the people, thinks appropriations should be spent. The statement of intent is not a law and may not allocate or appropriate any funds, or amend or correct any provision, in the General Appropriations Act, but the statement of intent may provide additional explanation to the Executive Office of the Governor, the judicial branch, the Governor Administration Commission, and each affected state agency relative to the purpose, objectives, spending philosophy, and restrictions associated with any specific appropriation. The statement of intent shall compare the request of the agency or of the judicial branch or the recommendation of the Governor to the funds appropriated for the purpose of establishing intent in the development of the approved operating budget. A request for additional explanation and direction regarding the legislative intent of the General Appropriations Act during the fiscal year may be made only by and through the Executive Office of the Governor for state agencies, and by and through the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial branch, as is deemed necessary. However, the Comptroller may also request further clarification of legislative intent pursuant to the Comptroller's responsibilities related to his or her preaudit function of expenditures.

(2)(a) Whenever notice of action to be taken by the Executive Office of the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or the Governor commission is required by this

chapter, such notice shall be given to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing, and shall be delivered to both such chairs at least 14 consecutive days prior to the action referred to, unless a shorter period is approved in writing by both such chairs. Action shall not be taken on any budget item for which this chapter requires notice to the legislative appropriations committees without such notice having been provided, even though there may be good cause for considering such item.

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- (b) If the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees or the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives timely advise, in writing, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or the Governor Administration Commission that an action or a proposed action subject to the notice and review requirements of this chapter exceeds the delegated authority of the Executive Office of the Governor for the executive branch, the Chief Justice for the judicial branch, or the Governor Administration Commission, respectively, or is contrary to legislative policy and intent, the Governor orthe Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or the Administration Commission shall void such action and instruct the affected state agency or entity of the judicial branch to change immediately its spending action or spending proposal until the Legislature addresses the issue. The written documentation shall indicate the specific reasons that an action or proposed action exceeds the delegated authority or is contrary to legislative policy and intent.
- (c) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide by rule that any member of the House of Representatives or Senate may request, in writing, of either

the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the chair of the respective legislative appropriations committee to initiate the procedures of paragraph (b).

(3) The Legislature may annually specify any incentives and disincentives for agencies operating programs under performance-based program budgets pursuant to this chapter in the General Appropriations Act or legislation implementing the General Appropriations Act.

Section 28. Section 216.179, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.179 Reinstatement of vetoed appropriations by administrative means prohibited.—After the Governor has vetoed a specific appropriation for an agency or the judicial branch, neither the Governor, the Administration Commission, nor the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in their various statutory and constitutional roles, may authorize expenditures for or implementation in any manner of the programs that were authorized by the vetoed appropriation.

Section 29. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 216.181, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to read:

216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital outlay.--

(1) The General Appropriations Act and any other acts containing appropriations shall be considered the original approved operating budgets for operational and fixed capital expenditures. Amendments to the approved operating budgets for operational and fixed capital outlay expenditures from state agencies may be requested only through the Executive Office of the Governor and approved by the Governor or Administration

Commission as provided in this chapter. Amendments from the judicial branch may be requested only through, and approved by, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This includes amendments which are necessary to implement the provisions of s. 216.212 or s. 216.221.

- (2) Amendments to the original approved operating budgets for operational and fixed capital outlay expenditures must comply with the following guidelines in order to be approved by the Governor or Administration Commission as provided in this chapter for the executive branch and the Chief Justice for the judicial branch:
- (a) The amendment must be consistent with legislative policy and intent.
- (b) The amendment may not initiate or commence a new program, except as authorized by this chapter, or eliminate an existing program.
- (c) Except as authorized in s. 216.292 or other provisions of this chapter, the amendment may not provide funding or increased funding for items which were funded by the Legislature in an amount less than that requested by the agency or Governor in the legislative budget request or which were vetoed by the Governor.
- (d) For amendments that involve trust funds, there must be adequate and appropriate revenues available in the trust fund and the amendment must be consistent with the laws authorizing such trust funds and the laws relating to the use of the trust funds. However, a trust fund shall not be increased in excess of the original approved budget, except as provided in subsection (10).
- (e) The amendment shall not conflict with any provision of law.

- (f) The amendment must not provide funding for any issue which was requested by the agency or branch in their legislative budget request and not funded in the General Appropriations Act.
  (g) The amendment must include a written description of the purpose of the proposed change, an indication of why interim budget action is necessary, and the intended recipient
  - (h) The amendment must not provide general salary increases which the Legislature has not authorized in the General Appropriations Act or other laws.

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(b) The Executive Office of the Governor may amend, without approval of the <u>Governor Administration Commission</u>, state agency budgets to reflect the transferred funds based on the approved plans for lump-sum appropriations.

The Executive Office of the Governor shall transmit to each state agency and the Comptroller, and the Chief Justice shall transmit to each judicial branch component and the Comptroller, any approved amendments to the approved operating budgets.

Section 30. Subsection (2) of section 216.182, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.182 Approval of fixed capital outlay program plan.--

(2) Any department under the direct supervision of a member of the Cabinet or of a board consisting of the Governor and members of the Cabinet which contends that the determination of the program plan by the Executive Office of the Governor pursuant to subsection (1) is contrary to the

orderly implementation of legislative authorization shall have the right to have the issue reviewed by the <u>Governor</u>

Administration Commission, which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees of the Legislature may advise the <u>Governor</u> Administration Commission on the issue.

Section 31. Subsection (2) of section 216.192, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.192 Release of appropriations; revision of budgets.--

(2) Any department under the direct supervision of a member of the Cabinet or of a board consisting of the Governor and members of the Cabinet which contends that the plan for releases of funds appropriated to it is contrary to the approved operating budget shall have the right to have the issue reviewed by the Governor, who Administration Commission which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees of the Legislature may advise the Governor Administration Commission on the issue.

Section 32. Section 216.195, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.195 Impoundment of funds; restricted.—The Executive Office of the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, any member of the Cabinet, the Administration Commission, or any state agency shall not impound any appropriation except as necessary to avoid or eliminate a deficit pursuant to the provisions of s. 216.221. The provisions of this section are subject to the notice and review procedures of s. 216.177. The Governor or either house of the Legislature may seek judicial review of any action or proposed action which violates the provisions of this section.

Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and subsection (7) of section 216.221, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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216.221 Appropriations as maximum appropriations; adjustment of budgets to avoid or eliminate deficits.--

- (5)(a) If, in the opinion of the Governor, after consultation with the Revenue Estimating Conference, a deficit will occur in the General Revenue Fund, he or she shall so certify to the commission and to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. No more than 30 days after certifying that a deficit will occur in the General Revenue Fund, the Governor shall develop for the executive branch, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall develop for the judicial branch, and provide to the commission and to the Legislature plans of action to eliminate the deficit.
- (7) Deficits in the General Revenue Fund that do not meet the amounts specified by subsection (6) shall be resolved by the Governor commission for the executive branch and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial branch. The Governor commission and Chief Justice shall implement any directions provided in the General Appropriations Act related to eliminating deficits and to reduce agency and judicial branch budgets, including the use of those legislative appropriations voluntarily placed in reserve. In addition, the Governor commission shall implement any directions in the General Appropriations Act relating to the use of the Working Capital Fund in deficit situations. When reducing state agency or judicial branch budgets, the Governor commission or the Chief Justice, respectively, shall use the guidelines prescribed in subsection (5). The Executive Office of the Governor for the Governor commission, and the Chief Justice

for the judicial branch, shall implement the deficit reduction plans through amendments to the approved operating budgets in accordance with s. 216.181.

Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 216.231, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.231 Release of certain classified appropriations.--

"deficiency" shall be approved only when a General Revenue Fund appropriation for operations of a state agency or of the judicial branch is inadequate because the workload or cost of the operation exceeds that anticipated by the Legislature and a determination has been made by the Governor commission that the deficiency will result in an impairment of the activities of an agency or of the judicial branch to the extent that the agency is unable to carry out its program as provided by the Legislature in the general appropriations acts. These funds may not be used for creation of any new agency or program, for increases of salary, or for the construction or equipping of additional buildings.

Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 216.241, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.241 Initiation or commencement of new programs; approval.--

(1) A state agency or the judicial branch may not initiate or commence any new program, including any new federal program or initiative, or make changes in its current programs, as provided for in the appropriations act, that require additional financing unless funds have been specifically appropriated by the Legislature or unless the <a href="#">Governor commission</a> or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

expressly approves such new program or changes. The <u>Governor</u> commission and the Chief Justice shall give notice as provided in s. 216.177 prior to approving such new program or changes.

Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.251 Salary appropriations; limitations.--

- (2)(a) The salary for each position not specifically indicated in the appropriations acts shall be as provided in one of the following subparagraphs:
- 1. Within the classification and pay plans provided for in chapter 110.
- 2. Within the classification and pay plans established by the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind of the Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education for academic and academic administrative personnel.
- 3. Within the classification and pay plan approved and administered by the Board of Regents for those positions in the State University System.
- 4. Within the classification and pay plan approved by the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Joint Legislative Management Committee, or the Legislative Auditing Committee, as the case may be, for employees of the Legislature.
- 5. Within the approved classification and pay plan for the judicial branch.
- 6. The salary of all positions not specifically included in this subsection shall be set by the <u>Governor</u> commission or by the Chief Justice for the judicial branch.

Section 37. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 216.262, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to read:

216.262 Authorized positions.--

- (1)(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided by law, the total number of authorized positions may not exceed the total provided in the appropriations acts. In the event any state agency or entity of the judicial branch finds that the number of positions so provided is not sufficient to administer its authorized programs, it may file an application with the Executive Office of the Governor or the Chief Justice; and, if the office or Chief Justice certifies that there are no authorized positions available for addition, deletion, or transfer within the agency as provided in paragraph (c) and recommends an increase in the number of positions, the Governor commission or the Chief Justice may, after a public hearing, authorize an increase in the number of positions for the following reasons only:
- 1. To implement or provide for continuing federal grants or changes in grants not previously anticipated;
  - 2. To meet emergencies pursuant to s. 252.36;
- 3. To satisfy new federal regulations or changes therein;
- 4. To take advantage of opportunities to reduce operating expenditures or to increase the revenues of the state or local government; and
- 5. To authorize positions which were not fixed by the Legislature through error in drafting the appropriations acts.

The provisions of this paragraph are subject to the notice and review procedures set forth in s. 216.177. A copy of the

application, the certification, and the final authorization shall be filed with the legislative appropriations committees and with the Auditor General.

(b) The <u>Governor Administration Commission</u> and the Chief Justice may, after a public hearing, delete supervisory or managerial positions within a department and establish direct service delivery positions in excess of the number of supervisory or managerial positions deleted. The salary rate for all positions authorized under this paragraph may not exceed the salary rate for all positions deleted under this paragraph. Positions affected by changes made under this paragraph may be funded only from identical funding sources.

Section 38. Subsections (4) and (10) of section 216.292, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to read:

216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.--

- (4)(a) Transfers of appropriations for operations from the General Revenue Fund in excess of those provided in subsection (3) but within a state agency or within the judicial branch may be authorized by the <u>Governor commission</u> for the executive branch and the Chief Justice for the judicial branch, pursuant to the request of the agency filed with the Executive Office of the Governor, or pursuant to the request of an entity of the judicial branch filed with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, if deemed necessary and in the best interest of the state and consistent with legislative policy and intent. The provisions of this paragraph are subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.
- (b) When an appropriation for a named fixed capital outlay project is found to be in excess of that needed to

complete that project, at the request of the Executive Office of the Governor for state agencies or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial branch the excess may be transferred, with the approval of the Governor commission or the Chief Justice, to another project for which there has been an appropriation in the same fiscal year from the same fund and within the same department where a deficiency is found to exist. Further, a fixed capital outlay project may not be initiated without a specific legislative appropriation, nor may the scope of a fixed capital outlay project be changed by the transfer of funds. The provisions of this paragraph are subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

(10) Where any reorganization has been authorized by the Legislature and the necessary adjustments of appropriations and positions have not been provided in the General Appropriations Act, the <u>Governor Administration</u> Commission may approve, consistent with legislative policy and intent, the necessary transfers to accomplish the purposes of such reorganization within state agencies. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may approve such transfers for the judicial branch.

Section 39. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 240.513, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

240.513 University of Florida; J. Hillis Miller Health Center.--

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(e) In the event that the lease of the hospital facilities to the nonprofit corporation is terminated for any reason, the Board of Regents shall resume management and operation of the hospital facilities. In such event, the

Governor Administration Commission is authorized to transfer appropriate revenues generated from the operation of the hospital facilities to the Board of Regents to pay the costs and expenses of operating the hospital facility for the remainder of the fiscal year in which such termination occurs.

Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 195.087, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 18 of chapter 95-272, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

195.087 Property appraisers and tax collectors to submit budgets to Department of Revenue.--

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The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Administration Commission, may hear appeals from the final action of the Division of Ad Valorem Tax upon a written request being filed by the property appraiser or the presiding officer of the county commission no later than 15 days after the conclusion of the hearing held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(d). The Administration Commission may amend the budget if it finds that any aspect of the budget is unreasonable in light of the workload of the office of the property appraiser in the county under review. The budget request as approved by the division and as amended by the commission shall become the operating budget of the property appraiser for the ensuing fiscal year beginning October 1, except that the budget so approved may subsequently be amended under the same procedure. After final approval, the property appraiser shall make no transfer of funds between accounts without the written approval of the division. However, all moneys received by property appraisers in complying with chapter 119 shall be accounted for in the same manner as provided for in s. 218.36, for moneys received as county fees

and commissions, and any such moneys may be used and expended in the same manner and to the same extent as funds budgeted for the office and no budget amendment shall be required.

Section 41. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 213.055, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 122 of chapter 95-417, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

213.055 Declared emergency; waiver or suspension of specified revenue laws.—The following actions to waive or suspend a revenue law may be implemented only when the Governor has declared a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36.

(1)(a) The Governor and Cabinet may grant refunds of state and local taxes on motor and diesel fuel donated during a declared state of emergency for official emergency use in cases in which the state solicits the donation. The refunds may be implemented by a vote of the majority of the Governor and Cabinet during a public meeting or by a majority jointly signing a written order.

Section 42. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 336.025, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

336.025 County transportation system; levy of local option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.--

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(b) Any dispute as to the determination by the county of distribution proportions shall be resolved through an appeal to the <u>Governor Administration Commission</u> in accordance with procedures developed by the <u>Executive Office of the Governor commission</u>. Pending final disposition of such proceeding, the tax shall be collected pursuant to this

section, and such funds shall be held in escrow by the clerk of the circuit court of the county until final disposition. 2 3 Section 43. Section 212.0599, Florida Statutes, 1996 4 Supplement, is amended to read: 5 212.0599 Rules which implement ch. 87-548.--Rules of 6 the Department of Revenue related to and in furtherance of the 7 orderly implementation of chapter 87-548, Laws of Florida, 8 shall not be subject to a s. 120.56(2) rule challenge or a s. 9 120.54(3)(c)2. drawout proceeding, but, once adopted, shall be subject to a s. 120.56(3) invalidity challenge. Such rules 10 shall be adopted by the Governor and Cabinet and shall become 11 12 effective upon filing with the Department of State, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.54(3)(e)6. 13 14 Section 44. Section 213.065, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read: 15 16 213.065 Rule adoption to implement ch. 89-171.--The 17 executive director of the Department of Revenue is hereby authorized to adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4) 18 19 for purposes of implementing the applicable provisions of chapter 89-171, Laws of Florida. Rules of the Department of 20 Revenue related to and in furtherance of the orderly 21 implementation of the applicable provisions of chapter 89-171, 22 Laws of Florida, shall not be subject to s. 120.54(3)(c)2. 23 drawout proceeding, but, once adopted, shall be subject to s. 24 25 120.56(3) invalidity challenge. Such rules shall be adopted by 26 the Governor and Cabinet and shall become effective upon 27 filing with the Department of State, notwithstanding the 28 provisions of s. 120.54(3)(e)6. 29 Section 45. Section 213.066, Florida Statutes, 1996 30 Supplement, is amended to read: 31

213.066 Rule adoption to implement ch. 92-319.--The 1 2 Legislature hereby finds that the failure to promptly 3 implement the provisions of chapter 92-319, Laws of Florida, 4 would present an immediate threat to the welfare of the state 5 because revenues needed for operation of the state would not 6 be collected. Therefore, the executive director of the 7 Department of Revenue is hereby authorized to adopt emergency 8 rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4) for purposes of implementing 9 chapter 92-319, Laws of Florida. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such emergency rules shall remain effective 10 for 6 months from the date of adoption. Other rules of the 11 Department of Revenue related to and in furtherance of the 12 orderly implementation of chapter 92-319, Laws of Florida, 13 14 shall not be subject to a rule challenge pursuant to s. 120.56(2) or a drawout proceeding pursuant to s. 15 120.54(3)(c)2., but, once adopted, shall be subject to an 16 17 invalidity challenge pursuant to s. 120.56(3). Such rules 18 shall be adopted by the Governor and Cabinet and shall become 19 effective upon filing with the Department of State, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.54(3)(e)6. 20 21 section shall take effect July 8, 1992. 22 Section 46. Subsection (13) of section 161.101, 23 Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read: 161.101 State and local participation in authorized 24 25 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion 26 control.--(13) The department may expend funds from the 27 28 Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to alleviate 29 emergency conditions, upon a declaration, after a hearing, by 30 the Governor and Cabinet that a shoreline emergency of state

concern exists. Any expenditures made for this purpose shall

be pursuant to legislative appropriations or from amendments to original approved operating budgets authorized pursuant to s. 216.181.

Section 47. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.--

- (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM. --
- (d)1. Whenever the department proposes any amendment to the adopted work program, which amendment is defined in subparagraph (c)1., subparagraph (c)2., subparagraph (c)3., or subparagraph (c)4., it shall submit the proposed amendment to the Governor for approval and shall immediately notify the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees, the chairs of the legislative transportation committees, each member of the Legislature who represents a district affected by the proposed amendment, each metropolitan planning organization affected by the proposed amendment, and each unit of local government affected by the proposed amendment. Such proposed amendment shall provide a complete justification of the need for the proposed amendment.
- 2. The Governor shall not approve a proposed amendment until 14 days following the notification required in subparagraph 1.
- 3. If either of the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees or the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives objects in writing to a proposed amendment within 14 days following notification and specifies the reasons for such objection, the Governor shall consider such objections in making a final determination

of approval or disapproval. disapprove the proposed amendment or shall submit the proposed amendment to the Administration Commission. The proposed amendment may be approved by the Administration Commission by a two-thirds vote of the members present with the Governor voting in the affirmative. In the absence of approval by the commission, the proposed amendment shall be automatically disapproved.

Section 48. Subsection (1) of section 366.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366.055 Availability of, and payment for, energy reserves.--

- (1) Energy reserves of all utilities in the Florida energy grid shall be available at all times to ensure that grid reliability and integrity are maintained. The commission is authorized to take such action as is necessary to assure compliance. However, prior commitments as to energy use:
- (a) In interstate commerce, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
- (b) Between one electric utility and another, which have been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; or
- (c) Between an electric utility which is a part of the energy grid created herein and another energy grid

shall not be abridged or altered except during an energy emergency as declared by the Governor and Cabinet.

Section 49. Section 945.6035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

945.6035 Dispute resolution.--

(1) The authority and the Assistant Secretary for Health Services shall attempt to expeditiously resolve any

disputes arising between the authority and the department regarding the physical and mental health care of inmates.

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- (2) If the authority and the Assistant Secretary for Health Services are unable to resolve a dispute regarding inmate physical or mental health care, the authority may submit a written notice to the Assistant Secretary for Health Services, setting forth each issue in controversy and the position of the authority. The Assistant Secretary for Health Services shall respond to the authority within 30 days after receipt of such written notice. The authority shall place the assistant secretary's response on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the authority. If the dispute remains unresolved, the authority may submit a written report to the secretary detailing the authority's objections. Assistant Secretary for Health Services shall submit a written report setting forth his position to the secretary on the issue or issues raised by the authority within 5 working days after receipt of the submission by the authority.
- (3) The secretary shall review any disputes between the authority and the Assistant Secretary for Health Services, and shall provide written notice to the authority of his decision regarding such disputes within 40 days after the date when the authority provides written notice of the dispute to the secretary.
- (4) If, at the end of the 40-day period, no resolution has been reached, the authority is authorized to appeal to the <u>Governor Administration Commission</u> for a review and resolution of the dispute between the department and the authority.
- (5) The authority, within 30 days after receiving written notice of the action of the secretary or, if no response is received, within 30 days after the secretary's

response is due pursuant to subsection (3), may file an appeal by petition to the Governor Administration Commission, filed with the Executive Office of the Governor Secretary of the Administration Commission. The petition shall set forth the issues in controversy between the authority and the department, in the form and manner prescribed by the Executive Office of the Governor Administration Commission, and shall contain the reasons for the appeal. The department has 5 days after delivery of a copy of any such petition to file its reply with the Executive Office of the Governor Secretary of the Administration Commission, and the department shall also deliver a copy of its reply to the authority.

- (6) The issues which may be raised by the authority on appeal to the Governor Administration Commission are:
- (a) Adoption or implementation by the department of a health care standard which does not conform to the standard of care generally accepted in the professional health community at large.
- (b) Failure of the department to comply with an adopted health care standard.
- (c) Failure to timely file a corrective action plan regarding all deficiencies which are determined by the authority to exist at an institution, as required pursuant to s. 945.6031.
- (d) Failure to implement a corrective action plan filed pursuant to s. 945.6031.
- (7) Within 30 days after receipt of a petition from the authority, the <u>Executive Office of the Governor Secretary of the Administration Commission</u>, or his designee, shall conduct an informal hearing to consider the matters presented in the petition and the reply, and after the informal hearing

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