

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to hurricane loss mitigation;  
3           providing a short title; creating s. 215.559,  
4           F.S.; creating the Hurricane Loss Mitigation  
5           Program; requiring the Legislature to annually  
6           appropriate certain moneys from the Hurricane  
7           Catastrophe Fund to the Department of Community  
8           Affairs for certain purposes; specifying  
9           purposes and allocations; requiring allocation  
10          of certain moneys to the Operations and  
11          Maintenance Trust Fund of the Board of Regents  
12          for certain purposes; requiring the department  
13          to develop certain programs in consultation  
14          with an advisory council; specifying council  
15          membership; providing construction; requiring  
16          the department to annually provide reports and  
17          accounting of certain activities; providing for  
18          future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

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22           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Bill Williams  
23 Residential Safety and Preparedness Act."

24           Section 2. Section 215.559, Florida Statutes, is  
25 created to read:

26           215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--  
27           (1) There is created a Hurricane Loss Mitigation  
28 Program. The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$7 million  
29 of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s.  
30 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to  
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1 the Department of Community Affairs for the purposes set forth  
2 in this section.

3 (2) The funds provided in subsection (1) shall be used  
4 for programs to improve the wind resistance of residences and  
5 mobile homes, including loans, subsidies, grants,  
6 demonstration projects, and direct assistance; cooperative  
7 programs with local governments and the Federal Government;  
8 and other efforts to prevent or reduce losses or reduce the  
9 cost of rebuilding after a disaster.

10 (3) At least 40 percent of the total appropriation for  
11 loans, subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, and direct  
12 assistance for the first year of the programs shall be used  
13 for mobile homes, including programs to inspect and improve  
14 tie-downs, construct and provide safety structures, and  
15 provide other means to reduce losses. In the second year of  
16 the programs, at least 30 percent of the total appropriation  
17 shall be used for mobile homes, and thereafter at least 20  
18 percent shall be used for such purposes.

19 (4) Of moneys provided to the Department of Community  
20 Affairs, 10 percent shall be allocated to the Operations and  
21 Maintenance Trust Fund in the general office of the Board of  
22 Regents, to be used by the Type I Center within the State  
23 University System dedicated to hurricane research, to support  
24 programs of research and development relating to hurricane  
25 loss reduction devices and techniques for residences and  
26 mobile homes and relating to the development of credible data  
27 on potential loss reductions. The State University System  
28 shall consult with the Department of Community Affairs and  
29 assist the department with the report required under  
30 subsection (7).

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1           (5) The Department of Community Affairs shall develop  
2 the programs in consultation with an advisory council  
3 appointed by the secretary consisting of a representative of  
4 the Department of Insurance, a representative of home  
5 builders, a representative of insurance companies, a  
6 representative of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners, a  
7 representative of the Florida Association of Counties, and a  
8 representative of the Florida Manufactured Housing Association  
9 who is a mobile home manufacturer or supplier.

10           (6) Moneys provided to the Department of Community  
11 Affairs under this section are intended to supplement other  
12 funding sources of the Department of Community Affairs and may  
13 not supplant other funding sources of the Department of  
14 Community Affairs.

15           (7) On January 1st of 2001 and 2002, the Department of  
16 Community Affairs shall provide a full report and accounting  
17 of activities under this section and an evaluation of such  
18 activities to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
19 President of the Senate, and the Majority and Minority Leaders  
20 of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

21           (8) This section is repealed June 30, 2002.

22           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.