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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.