$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Fasano, Bennett, Lynn and Crist

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to automated external
3	defibrillators in law enforcement vehicles;
4	providing legislative findings and intent;
5	providing definitions; requiring the Department
6	of Law Enforcement to administer a grant
7	program to fund the placement of automated
8	external defibrillators in law enforcement
9	vehicles; requiring a law enforcement agency to
10	provide matching funds when making a grant
11	request; providing an exception; providing for
12	priority consideration for certain
13	applications; authorizing local governments to
14	use funds derived from forfeiture proceedings
15	to purchase automated external defibrillators
16	for law enforcement, firefighting, and
17	emergency medical services vehicles and for
18	training personnel; requiring the department to
19	adopt rules; providing an appropriation;
20	providing for administrative costs; providing
21	for unused funds to be carried over for a
22	specified period; providing an effective date.
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24	WHEREAS, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have
25	saved numerous people in this state from sudden cardiac
26	arrest, and
27	WHEREAS, only 5 percent of sudden cardiac arrest
28	victims currently survive, and
29	WHEREAS, early defibrillation is critical in saving
30	victims of sudden cardiac arrest, and
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1	WHEREAS, a victim of sudden cardiac arrest who is not
2	defibrillated within 8 to 10 minutes has little chance of
3	survival, and
4	WHEREAS, even the best emergency medical providers are
5	often unable to respond to victims of sudden cardiac arrest
6	within the necessary 4 minutes after collapse, and
7	WHEREAS, law enforcement officers who have been
8	equipped with AEDs in their cars have saved lives, and
9	WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are frequently the
10	first responders to an emergency medical situation, and
11	WHEREAS, communities have greater numbers of law
12	enforcement officers than emergency medical personnel, and
13	WHEREAS, victims of sudden cardiac arrest have a
14	greater chance of survival in communities where law
15	enforcement vehicles are equipped with AEDs, and
16	WHEREAS, AEDs allow trained law enforcement officers to
17	quickly and safely deliver defibrillation before emergency
18	medical personnel can arrive, and
19	WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are continuously on
20	patrol and are poised to respond immediately to emergencies,
21	and
22	WHEREAS, equipping law enforcement vehicles with AEDs
23	can save lives, NOW, THEREFORE,
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25	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27	Section 1. $\underline{(1)(a)}$ The Legislature finds that placing
28	automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in law enforcement
29	vehicles will save lives.
30	(b) The Legislature further finds that law enforcement
31	officers have an established public role as quardians of

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1	public safety and are in a unique position to help reduce
2	death from sudden cardiac arrest. Therefore, the Legislature
3	intends to promote and encourage law enforcement agencies to
4	equip their vehicles with AEDs.
5	(2) As used in this section, the term:
6	(a) "AED" means an automated external defibrillator.
7	(b) "Department" means the Department of Law
8	Enforcement.
9	(c) "Law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement
10	service provider, including a police department, a sheriff's
11	office, and the Florida Highway Patrol.
12	(d) "Law enforcement vehicle" means any marked or
13	unmarked automobile used by a law enforcement agency to serve
14	the community or patrol a specific area.
15	(3) The department shall administer a grant program to
16	provide funds to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
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1	emergency medical services vehicles and to train personnel on
2	the proper use of the AED equipment.
3	(6) The department shall adopt rules for administering
4	the Automated External Defibrillator grant program by
5	September 1, 2005.
6	Section 2. (1) The sum of \$4.8 million is
7	appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department
8	of Law Enforcement for the purpose of implementing a
9	competitive grant program during the 2005-2006 fiscal year for
10	placing automated external defibrillators in law enforcement
11	vehicles.
12	(2) The department may spend up to 3 percent of the
13	funds received under subsection (1) for administrative costs.
14	(3) The department shall carry over any unused funds
15	from the 2005-2006 fiscal year for a period not to exceed 2
16	years for the purpose of distributing any remaining funds to
17	law enforcement agencies through the Automated External
18	Defibrillator grant program.
19	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20	law.
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22	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
23	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 328</u>
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25	The CS modifies the definition of "law enforcement vehicle" to
26	specify that it is a vehicle used by a law enforcement agency. The CS describes the grant program as the "Automated External
27	Defibrillator Grant Program" and provides that the FDLE must give priority consideration to grant applications from rural
28	law enforcement agencies. FDLE is authorized to spend up to 3 percent of the Grant funds for administrative cost.
29	The CS also provides that a local government may use funds
30	derived from forfeiture proceedings to purchase AEDs for law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services
31	vehicles and to train personnel on the proper use of the AED equipment.