

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency management;
3 amending s. 414.095, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Children and Family Services, to
5 the extent permitted by federal law, to
6 expedite application procedures for persons who
7 reside in an area damaged by a major disaster
8 and who apply for temporary cash assistance;
9 requiring that the application process be
10 completed within a specified time; requiring
11 the department to train its employees who are
12 responsible for determining eligibility for
13 temporary cash assistance in order to expedite
14 the application process for the victims of a
15 major disaster and to assist the victims in
16 contacting agencies that provide temporary
17 shelter, food, food stamps, and other relief;
18 amending s. 252.36, F.S.; authorizing the
19 Governor to employ such measures and give such
20 directions to certain specified agencies as are
21 necessary for the purpose of addressing the
22 needs for immediate cash, shelter, or food
23 assistance for children, families, and the
24 elderly and disabled during an emergency;
25 providing an effective date.

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

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29 Section 1. Present subsection (18) of section 414.095,
30 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (19), and a
31 new subsection (18) is added to that section, to read:

1 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash
2 assistance.--

3 (18) EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS.--

4 (1) To the extent permitted by federal law or
5 regulation, the department shall expedite application
6 procedures for applicants who reside in an area damaged by a
7 major disaster, as defined in s. 252.34. The department must
8 complete the application process within 10 calendar days after
9 receiving a completed application.

10 (2) The department shall train its employees who are
11 responsible for determining eligibility for temporary cash
12 assistance in order to expedite the application process for
13 the victims of major disasters and to assist the victims in
14 contacting appropriate agencies that provide temporary
15 shelter, food, food stamps, and other relief.

16 Section 2. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of
17 section 252.36, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
18 subsections (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and a new
19 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

20 252.36 Emergency management powers of the Governor.--

21 (8) The Governor shall employ such measures and give
22 such directions to the Department of Children and Family
23 Services, the Agency for Workforce Development, the Department
24 of Elderly Affairs, and the Agency for Persons with
25 Disabilities as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of
26 securing compliance with the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.60
27 or with the findings or recommendations of such agencies
28 regarding the need for immediate cash, shelter, or food
29 assistance for children, families, and the elderly and
30 disabled during an emergency.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

SENATE SUMMARY

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4 to the extent permitted by federal law, to expedite
5 application procedures for persons who reside in an area
6 damaged by a major disaster and apply for temporary cash
7 assistance. Requires that the application process be
8 completed within a specified time period. Requires the
9 department to train its employees who are responsible for
10 determining eligibility for temporary cash assistance in
11 order to expedite the application process for the victims
12 of a major disaster and to assist the victims in
13 accessing agencies that provide temporary shelter, food,
14 food stamps, and other relief. Authorizes the Governor to
15 employ such measures and give such directions to certain
16 specified agencies as are necessary for the purpose of
17 addressing the needs for immediate cash, shelter, or food
18 assistance for children, families, and the elderly and
19 disabled during an emergency.
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