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Senator Garcia moved the following **amendment to amendment**
(974260):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 128, lines 17 and 18, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 41. Subsections (4) and (6) of section
215.559, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--

(4)(a) Forty percent of the total appropriation in
paragraph (2)(a) shall be used to inspect and improve
tie-downs for mobile homes. ~~Within 30 days after the effective
date of that appropriation, the department shall contract with
a public higher educational institution in this state which
has previous experience in administering the programs set
forth in this subsection to serve as the administrative entity
and fiscal agent pursuant to s. 216.346 for the purpose of
administering the programs set forth in this subsection in
accordance with established policy and procedures. The
administrative entity working with the advisory council set up~~

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1 ~~under subsection (6) shall develop a list of mobile home parks~~
2 ~~and counties that may be eligible to participate in the~~
3 ~~tie-down program.~~

4 (b)1. There is created the Manufactured Housing and
5 Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement Program. The program
6 shall require the mitigation of damage to or the enhancement
7 of homes for the areas of concern raised by the Department of
8 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the 2004-2005 Hurricane
9 Reports on the effects of the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes on
10 manufactured and mobile homes in this state. The mitigation or
11 enhancement must include, but need not be limited to, problems
12 associated with weakened trusses, studs, and other structural
13 components caused by wood rot or termite damage; site-built
14 additions; or tie-down systems and may also address any other
15 issues deemed appropriate by Tallahassee Community College,
16 the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc.,
17 the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and the
18 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The program
19 shall include an education and outreach component to ensure
20 that owners of manufactured and mobile homes are aware of the
21 benefits of participation.

22 2. The program shall be a grant program that ensures
23 that entire manufactured home communities and mobile home
24 parks may be improved wherever practicable. The moneys
25 appropriated for this program shall be distributed directly to
26 Tallahassee Community College for the uses set forth under
27 this subsection.

28 3. Upon evidence of completion of the program, the
29 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation shall grant, on a
30 pro-rata basis, actuarially reasonable discounts, credits, or
31 other rate differentials or appropriate reductions in

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1 deductibles for the properties of owners of manufactured homes
2 or mobile homes on which fixtures or construction techniques
3 that have been demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a
4 windstorm have been installed or implemented. The discount on
5 the premium must be applied to subsequent renewal premium
6 amounts. Premiums of the Citizens Property Insurance
7 Corporation must reflect the location of the home and the fact
8 that the home has been installed in compliance with building
9 codes adopted after Hurricane Andrew. Rates resulting from the
10 completion of the Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home
11 Mitigation and Enhancement Program are not considered
12 competitive rates for the purposes of s. 627.351(6)(d)1. and
13 2.

14 4. On or before January 1 of each year, Tallahassee
15 Community College shall provide a report of activities under
16 this subsection to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
17 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report
18 must set forth the number of homes that have taken advantage
19 of the program, the types of enhancements and improvements
20 made to the manufactured or mobile homes and attachments to
21 such homes, and whether there has been an increase in
22 availability of insurance products to owners of manufactured
23 or mobile homes.

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25 Tallahassee Community College shall develop the programs set
26 forth in this subsection in consultation with the Federation
27 of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc., the Florida
28 Manufactured Housing Association, and the Department of
29 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The moneys appropriated for
30 the programs set forth in this subsection shall be distributed
31 directly to Tallahassee Community College to be used as set

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1 forth in this subsection.

2 (6) Except for the programs set forth in subsection
3 (4), the Department of Community Affairs shall develop the
4 programs set forth in this section in consultation with an
5 advisory council consisting of a representative designated by
6 the Chief Financial Officer, a representative designated by
7 the Florida Home Builders Association, a representative
8 designated by the Florida Insurance Council, a representative
9 designated by the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners, a
10 representative designated by the Florida Association of
11 Counties, and a representative designated by the Florida
12 Manufactured Housing Association.

13 Section 42. Of the funds appropriated for the Home
14 Retrofit Hardening Program specified in s. 215.558, Florida
15 Statutes, \$7.5 million shall be appropriated to the Department
16 of Financial Services for the Manufacturing Housing and Mobile
17 Home Mitigation and Enhancement Program specified in s.
18 215.559(4)(b)1., Florida Statutes, as created by this act. The
19 Department of Financial Services shall contract with
20 Tallahassee Community College to implement the Manufactured
21 Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement Program.

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23 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 140, lines 21-25, delete those lines

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30 and insert:

31 for a violation; defining terms; amending s.

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1 215.559, F.S.; requiring an annual
2 appropriation; requiring the use of
3 appropriated moneys for a specified purpose;
4 deleting obsolete language; creating the
5 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation
6 and Enhancement Program for specified purposes;
7 requiring Tallahassee Community College to
8 develop the program in consultation with
9 certain entities; specifying certain
10 requirements of the program as to certain
11 concerns of the Department of Highway Safety
12 and Motor Vehicles relating to manufactured
13 homes and mobile homes; specifying that the
14 program is a grant program for the improvement
15 of mobile home and manufactured home parks;
16 providing for the distribution of the grants to
17 Tallahassee Community College for specified
18 purposes; requiring the Citizens Property
19 Insurance Corporation to grant certain
20 insurance discounts, credits, rate
21 differentials, or reductions in deductibles for
22 property insurance premiums for owners of
23 manufactured homes or mobile homes; specifying
24 criteria for such premiums; specifying funding
25 for tie-down enhancement systems; requiring
26 Tallahassee Community College to provide an
27 annual report on the program to the Governor
28 and the Legislature; providing requirements
29 relating to the report; providing an
30 appropriation; providing effective dates.

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