Florida Senate - 2007

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
б	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:
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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 regulation, the department shall expedite application 5 б procedures for applicants who reside in an area damaged by a major disaster, as defined in s. 252.34. The department must 7 8 complete the application process within 10 calendar days after receiving a completed application. 9 10 (2) The department shall train its employees who are responsible for determining eligibility for temporary cash 11 12 assistance in order to expedite the application process for 13 the victims of major disasters and to assist the victims in contacting appropriate agencies that provide temporary 14 shelter, food, food stamps, and other relief. 15 Section 2. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of 16 17 section 252.36, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 18 subsections (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read: 19 20 252.36 Emergency management powers of the Governor.--21 (8) The Governor shall employ such measures and give 2.2 such directions to the Department of Children and Family 23 Services, the Agency for Workforce Development, the Department of Elderly Affairs, and the Agency for Persons with 2.4 Disabilities as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of 25 securing compliance with the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.60 26 27 or with the findings or recommendations of such agencies 2.8 regarding the need for immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance for children, families, and the elderly and 29 disabled during an emergency. 30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 31

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