



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, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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3 Requires the Department of Children and Family Services,  
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. 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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