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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to state financial matters;
3	amending s. 216.181, F.S.; prohibiting
4	initiating or commencing a new fixed capital
5	outlay project through an amendment to the
6	original approved operating budget for
7	operational and fixed capital outlay
8	expenditures; amending s. 216.192, F.S.;
9	providing for certain exceptions to provisions
10	of the original approved operating budget of
11	state agencies and the judicial branch to be
12	provided by law rather than in the General
13	Appropriations Act; providing an effective
14	date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 216.181, Florida
19	Statutes, is amended to read:
20	216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed
21	capital outlay
22	(2) Amendments to the original approved operating
23	budgets for operational and fixed capital outlay expenditures
24	must comply with the following guidelines in order to be
25	approved by the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission
26	for the executive branch and the Chief Justice and the
27	Legislative Budget Commission for the judicial branch:
28	(a) The amendment must be consistent with legislative
29	policy and intent.
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- (b) The amendment may not initiate or commence a new program or a fixed capital outlay project, except as authorized by this chapter, or eliminate an existing program.
- (c) Except as authorized in s. 216.292 or other provisions of this chapter, the amendment may not provide funding or increased funding for items which were funded by the Legislature in an amount less than that requested by the agency in the legislative budget request or recommended by the Governor, or which were vetoed by the Governor.
- (d) For amendments that involve trust funds, there must be adequate and appropriate revenues available in the trust fund and the amendment must be consistent with the laws authorizing such trust funds and the laws relating to the use of the trust funds. However, a trust fund shall not be increased in excess of the original approved budget, except as provided in subsection (11).
- (e) The amendment shall not conflict with any provision of law.
- (f) The amendment must not provide funding for any issue which was requested by the agency or branch in its legislative budget request and not funded in the General Appropriations Act.
- (g) The amendment must include a written description of the purpose of the proposed change, an indication of why interim budget action is necessary, and the intended recipient of any funds for contracted services.
- (h) The amendment must not provide general salary increases which the Legislature has not authorized in the General Appropriations Act or other laws.
- (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (f), the Agency for Persons with Disabilities is authorized to submit an amendment

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to adjust its full-time equivalent positions, salary rate, and related budget authority to provide sufficient infrastructure and administrative support. This paragraph expires July 1, 2007.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 216.192, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.192 Release of appropriations; revision of budgets.--

(1) Unless otherwise provided in law the General Appropriations Act, on July 1 of each fiscal year, up to 25 percent of the original approved operating budget of each agency and of the judicial branch may be released until such time as annual plans for quarterly releases for all appropriations have been developed, approved, and furnished to the Chief Financial Officer by the Executive Office of the Governor for state agencies and by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial branch. The plans, including appropriate plans of releases for fixed capital outlay projects that correspond with each project schedule, shall attempt to maximize the use of trust funds and shall be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer by August 1 of each fiscal year. Such releases shall at no time exceed the total appropriations available to a state agency or to the judicial branch, or the approved budget for such agency or the judicial branch if less. The Chief Financial Officer shall enter such releases in his or her records in accordance with the release plans prescribed by the Executive Office of the Governor and the Chief Justice, unless otherwise amended as provided by law. The Executive Office of the Governor and the Chief Justice shall transmit a copy of the approved annual releases to the head of the state agency, the chair and vice chair of

the Legislative Budget Commission, and the Auditor General. The Chief Financial Officer shall authorize all expenditures 3 to be made from the appropriations on the basis of such releases and in accordance with the approved budget, and not 4 otherwise. Expenditures shall be authorized only in accordance 5 with legislative authorizations. Nothing herein precludes periodic reexamination and revision by the Executive Office of 8 the Governor or by the Chief Justice of the annual plans for release of appropriations and the notifications of the parties 9 10 of all such revisions. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 11 12 13 SENATE SUMMARY 14 15 Prohibits initiating or commencing a new fixed capital outlay project through an amendment to the original approved operating budget for operational and fixed 16 capital outlay expenditures. Provides for certain exceptions to the original approved operating budget of state agencies and the judicial branch to be provided by law rather than in the General Appropriations Act. 17 18 19 2.0 21 22 23 2.4 2.5 26 27 28 29 30 31