

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to hurricane-relief funding; amending s.
 3 252.37, F.S.; extending the deadline for local governments
 4 to apply for a waiver of local match for disaster funds
 5 related to specific hurricanes; providing for expiration
 6 of the deadline extension; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 252.37, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 252.37 Financing.--

13 (5) Unless otherwise specified in the General
 14 Appropriations Act:

15 (a) Whenever the state accepts financial assistance from
 16 the Federal Government or its agencies under the federal Public
 17 Assistance Program and such financial assistance is conditioned
 18 upon a requirement for matching funds, the state shall provide
 19 the entire match requirement for state agencies and one-half of
 20 the required match for grants to local governments. The affected
 21 local government shall be required to provide one-half of the
 22 required match prior to receipt of such financial assistance.

23 (b) 1. The Executive Office of the Governor may approve a
 24 waiver, subject to the requirement for legislative notice and
 25 review under s. 216.177, of all or a portion of the required
 26 match for public assistance projects for local governments if
 27 the Executive Office of the Governor determines that such a
 28 match requirement cannot be provided, or that doing so would

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29 impose a documented hardship on the local government, and if the
30 local government applies for the waiver within the first 18
31 months after the disaster is declared.

32 2.a. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., and for the 2007-
33 2008 fiscal year only, the deadline for local governments to
34 apply for a waiver of the local match for disaster funds related
35 to Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne is extended
36 until August 1, 2007. The Executive Office of the Governor may
37 approve a waiver, subject to the requirement for legislative
38 notice, review, and objection under s. 216.177, of all or a
39 portion of the required local match for public assistance
40 projects for local governments if the Executive Office of the
41 Governor determines that such a local match requirement cannot
42 be provided, or that doing so would impose a documented hardship
43 on the local government, and if the local government applies for
44 the waiver by August 1, 2007.

45 b. This subparagraph shall take effect upon becoming a law
46 and shall expire on July 1, 2008.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.