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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund;
3 amending s. 215.555, F.S.; creating the Division of the
4 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund as a division of the
5 State Board of Administration; providing for a board of
6 the division; revising legislative findings; revising the
7 definition of "retention," "covered policy," and
8 "estimated claims-paying capacity" to account for the
9 creation of the division; defining the terms "division,"
10 "director," "FHCF," "fund," and "board"; clarifying
11 provisions requiring the State Board of Administration to
12 invest certain funds; requiring that the board of the
13 division appoint a director; providing duties of the
14 director; providing that the appointment of a director is
15 subject to the approval of the board by a majority vote;
16 authorizing the division to employ or contract with such
17 staff as the division deems necessary to administer the
18 fund; requiring that the division enter into a contract
19 with each insurer writing covered policies in this state
20 to provide to the insurer reimbursement as prescribed by
21 state law; requiring that such contracts contain certain
22 elements or provisions and provide the division with
23 certain obligations; requiring that the division publish
24 certain information in the Florida Administrative Weekly
25 at specified times; authorizing the payment of
26 advancements of reimbursements or reimbursement premiums
27 to certain entities under certain conditions; requiring
28 that the division inspect, examine, and verify the records
29 of each insurer's covered policies at such times as the

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30 | division deems appropriate and according to standards
31 | established by rule for the specific purpose of validating
32 | the accuracy of exposures and losses required to be
33 | reported under the terms and conditions of the
34 | reimbursement contract; providing for the payments of
35 | expenses associated with such inspection, examination, or
36 | verification; providing for the reimbursement of the
37 | division for such expenses by an insurer under certain
38 | circumstances; authorizing the division to take certain
39 | action if it finds any insurer's records or other
40 | necessary information to be inadequate or inadequately
41 | posted, recorded, or maintained; requiring that the
42 | division select an independent consultant to develop a
43 | formula for determining the actuarially indicated premium
44 | to be paid to the fund; requiring that the division
45 | consider certain factors when establishing a reimbursement
46 | premium; providing for the calculation of such premium by
47 | the division; providing for the payment of reimbursement
48 | premium; providing for the collection of interest on
49 | certain late reimbursement premium payments; providing
50 | responsibilities of the division if Citizens Property
51 | Insurance Corporation assumes or otherwise provides
52 | coverage for policies of an insurer placed in liquidation;
53 | authorizing the division to execute agreements regarding
54 | revenue bonds or other financing arrangements for the
55 | purpose of evidencing, securing, preserving, or protecting
56 | a pledge of revenue by the corporation; requiring that the
57 | Florida Surplus Lines Service Office assist the division
58 | in ensuring the accurate and timely collection and

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59 remittance of assessments of surplus lines premiums;
60 requiring that the office report certain information to
61 the division at a time and in a manner prescribed by the
62 division; providing for the issuance of revenue bonds
63 through counties or municipalities; revising the
64 membership of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
65 Finance Corporation; providing that there is no liability
66 on the part of any member of the board of directors or
67 employees of the corporation for any actions taken by them
68 in the performance of their duties; providing additional
69 powers and duties of the board of the division and the
70 division; requiring that the board of the division appoint
71 an advisory council; providing for membership of the
72 council; providing duties of the council; authorizing the
73 division to take any action necessary to enforce certain
74 rules and provisions of a reimbursement contract;
75 requiring that the division make certain recommendations
76 to the Legislature upon the creation of a federal or
77 multistate catastrophic insurance or reinsurance program
78 intended to serve purposes similar to the purposes of the
79 fund; providing for the reversion of fund assets upon
80 termination of the fund; providing for optional coverages
81 of the fund; revising the temporary increases in coverage
82 limits (TICL); requiring that a TICL addendum contain a
83 promise by the division to make certain reimbursements to
84 the TICL insurer; including the level of TICL coverage
85 specified by the board among the factors that must be
86 considered when determining the amount of increase in the
87 claims-paying capacity of the fund; amending s. 215.557,

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88 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
89 amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; requiring that the director of
90 the division serve on the advisory council of the My Safe
91 Florida Home Program; amending s. 215.559, F.S., relating
92 to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; conforming a
93 cross-reference; amending s. 215.5595, F.S., relating to
94 the Insurance Capital Build-up Incentive Program;
95 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising
96 the definition of "board" to conform to changes made by
97 the act; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; revising legislative
98 intent; assigning the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss
99 Projection Methodology to the division; requiring that the
100 director of the fund serve on the commission; requiring
101 that the board of the division annually appoint one of the
102 members of the commission to serve as chair; requiring
103 that the division provide for travel, expenses, and staff
104 support for the commission; indemnifying members and
105 employees of the division from liability for action taken
106 with respect to the commission or its activities;
107 requiring that the division employ certain methods,
108 principles, standards, models, or output ranges when
109 establishing reimbursement premiums for the fund;
110 providing an effective date.

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

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114 Section 1. Section 215.555, Florida Statutes, is amended to
115 read:

116 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.--

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117 (1) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.--The Legislature finds and
118 declares as follows:

119 (a) There is a compelling state interest in maintaining a
120 viable and orderly private sector market for property insurance
121 in this state. To the extent that the private sector is unable to
122 maintain a viable and orderly market for property insurance in
123 this state, state actions to maintain such a viable and orderly
124 market are valid and necessary exercises of the police power.

125 (b) As a result of unprecedented levels of catastrophic
126 insured losses in recent years, and especially as a result of
127 Hurricane Andrew, numerous insurers have determined that in order
128 to protect their solvency, it is necessary for them to reduce
129 their exposure to hurricane losses. Also as a result of these
130 events, world reinsurance capacity has significantly contracted,
131 increasing the pressure on insurers to reduce their catastrophic
132 exposures.

133 (c) Mortgages require reliable property insurance, and the
134 unavailability of reliable property insurance would therefore
135 make most real estate transactions impossible. In addition, the
136 public health, safety, and welfare demand that structures damaged
137 or destroyed in a catastrophe be repaired or reconstructed as
138 soon as possible. Therefore, the inability of the private sector
139 insurance and reinsurance markets to maintain sufficient capacity
140 to enable residents of this state to obtain property insurance
141 coverage in the private sector endangers the economy of the state
142 and endangers the public health, safety, and welfare.
143 Accordingly, state action to correct for this inability of the
144 private sector constitutes a valid and necessary public and
145 governmental purpose.

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146 (d) The insolvencies and financial impairments resulting
147 from Hurricane Andrew demonstrate that many property insurers are
148 unable or unwilling to maintain reserves, surplus, and
149 reinsurance sufficient to enable the insurers to pay all claims
150 in full in the event of a catastrophe. State action is therefore
151 necessary to protect the public from an insurer's unwillingness
152 or inability to maintain sufficient reserves, surplus, and
153 reinsurance.

154 (e) A state program to provide a stable and ongoing source
155 of reimbursement to insurers for a portion of their catastrophic
156 hurricane losses will create additional insurance capacity
157 sufficient to ameliorate the current dangers to the state's
158 economy and to the public health, safety, and welfare.

159 (f) It is essential to the functioning of a state program
160 to increase insurance capacity that revenues received be exempt
161 from federal taxation. It is therefore the intent of the
162 Legislature that this program be structured as a state trust fund
163 under the direction and control of the Division of the Florida
164 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund within the State Board of
165 Administration and operate exclusively for the purpose of
166 protecting and advancing the state's interest in maintaining
167 insurance capacity in this state.

168 (g) Hurricane Andrew, which caused insured and uninsured
169 losses in excess of \$20 billion, will likely not be the last
170 major windstorm to strike Florida. Recognizing that a future wind
171 catastrophe could cause damages in excess of \$60 billion,
172 especially if a major urban area or series of urban areas were
173 hit, it is the intent of the Legislature to balance equitably its
174 concerns about mitigation of hurricane impact, insurance

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175 | affordability and availability, and the risk of insurer and joint
176 | underwriting association insolvency, as well as assessment and
177 | bonding limitations.

178 | (2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

179 | (a) "Actuarially indicated" means, with respect to premiums
180 | paid by insurers for reimbursement provided by the fund, an
181 | amount determined according to principles of actuarial science to
182 | be adequate, but not excessive, in the aggregate, to pay current
183 | and future obligations and expenses of the fund, including
184 | additional amounts if needed to pay debt service on revenue bonds
185 | issued under this section and to provide required debt service
186 | coverage in excess of the amounts required to pay actual debt
187 | service on revenue bonds issued under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, and
188 | determined according to principles of actuarial science to
189 | reflect each insurer's relative exposure to hurricane losses.

190 | (b) "Covered event" means any one storm declared to be a
191 | hurricane by the National Hurricane Center, which storm causes
192 | insured losses in this state.

193 | (c) "Covered policy" means any insurance policy covering
194 | residential property in this state, including, but not limited
195 | to, any homeowner's, mobile home owner's, farm owner's,
196 | condominium association, condominium unit owner's, tenant's, or
197 | apartment building policy, or any other policy covering a
198 | residential structure or its contents issued by any authorized
199 | insurer, including a commercial self-insurance fund holding a
200 | certificate of authority issued by the Office of Insurance
201 | Regulation under s. 624.462, the Citizens Property Insurance
202 | Corporation, and any joint underwriting association or similar
203 | entity created under law. The term "covered policy" includes any

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204 collateral protection insurance policy covering personal
205 residences which protects both the borrower's and the lender's
206 financial interests, in an amount at least equal to the coverage
207 for the dwelling in place under the lapsed homeowner's policy, if
208 such policy can be accurately reported as required in subsection
209 (6) ~~(5)~~. Additionally, covered policies include policies covering
210 the peril of wind removed from the Florida Residential Property
211 and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association or from the Citizens
212 Property Insurance Corporation, created under s. 627.351(6), or
213 from the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association, created
214 under s. 627.351(2), by an authorized insurer under the terms and
215 conditions of an executed assumption agreement between the
216 authorized insurer and such association or Citizens Property
217 Insurance Corporation. Each assumption agreement between the
218 association and such authorized insurer or Citizens Property
219 Insurance Corporation must be approved by the Office of Insurance
220 Regulation before the effective date of the assumption, and the
221 Office of Insurance Regulation must provide written notification
222 to the division ~~board~~ within 15 working days after such approval.
223 "Covered policy" does not include any policy that excludes wind
224 coverage or hurricane coverage or any reinsurance agreement and
225 does not include any policy otherwise meeting this definition
226 which is issued by a surplus lines insurer or a reinsurer. All
227 commercial residential excess policies and all deductible buy-
228 back policies that, based on sound actuarial principles, require
229 individual ratemaking shall be excluded by rule if the actuarial
230 soundness of the fund is not jeopardized. For this purpose, the
231 term "excess policy" means a policy that provides insurance
232 protection for large commercial property risks and that provides

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233 a layer of coverage above a primary layer insured by another
234 insurer.

235 (d) "Losses" means direct incurred losses under covered
236 policies, which shall include losses for additional living
237 expenses not to exceed 40 percent of the insured value of a
238 residential structure or its contents and shall exclude loss
239 adjustment expenses. "Losses" does not include losses for fair
240 rental value, loss of rent or rental income, or business
241 interruption losses.

242 (e) "Retention" means the amount of losses below which an
243 insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the fund. An
244 insurer's retention shall be calculated as follows:

245 1. The division ~~board~~ shall calculate and report to each
246 insurer the retention multiples for that year. For the contract
247 year beginning June 1, 2005, the retention multiple shall be
248 equal to \$4.5 billion divided by the total estimated
249 reimbursement premium for the contract year; for subsequent
250 years, the retention multiple shall be equal to \$4.5 billion,
251 adjusted based upon the reported exposure from the prior contract
252 year to reflect the percentage growth in exposure to the fund for
253 covered policies since 2004, divided by the total estimated
254 reimbursement premium for the contract year. Total reimbursement
255 premium for purposes of the calculation under this subparagraph
256 shall be estimated using the assumption that all insurers have
257 selected the 90-percent coverage level.

258 2. The retention multiple as determined under subparagraph
259 1. shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage level elected by the
260 insurer. For insurers electing the 90-percent coverage level, the
261 adjusted retention multiple is 100 percent of the amount

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262 | determined under subparagraph 1. For insurers electing the 75-
263 | percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 120 percent of
264 | the amount determined under subparagraph 1. For insurers electing
265 | the 45-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is
266 | 200 percent of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.

267 | 3. An insurer shall determine its provisional retention by
268 | multiplying its provisional reimbursement premium by the
269 | applicable adjusted retention multiple and shall determine its
270 | actual retention by multiplying its actual reimbursement premium
271 | by the applicable adjusted retention multiple.

272 | 4. For insurers who experience multiple covered events
273 | causing loss during the contract year, beginning June 1, 2005,
274 | each insurer's full retention shall be applied to each of the
275 | covered events causing the two largest losses for that insurer.
276 | For each other covered event resulting in losses, the insurer's
277 | retention shall be reduced to one-third of the full retention.
278 | The reimbursement contract shall provide for the reimbursement of
279 | losses for each covered event based on the full retention with
280 | adjustments made to reflect the reduced retentions after January
281 | 1 of the contract year provided the insurer reports its losses as
282 | specified in the reimbursement contract.

283 | (f) "Workers' compensation" includes both workers'
284 | compensation and excess workers' compensation insurance.

285 | (g) "Bond" means any bond, debenture, note, or other
286 | evidence of financial indebtedness issued under this section.

287 | (h) "Debt service" means the amount required in any fiscal
288 | year to pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and
289 | interest on revenue bonds and any amounts required by the terms
290 | of documents authorizing, securing, or providing liquidity for

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291 revenue bonds necessary to maintain in effect any such liquidity
292 or security arrangements.

293 (i) "Debt service coverage" means the amount, if any,
294 required by the documents under which revenue bonds are issued,
295 which amount is to be received in any fiscal year in excess of
296 the amount required to pay debt service for such fiscal year.

297 (j) "Local government" means a unit of general purpose
298 local government as defined in s. 218.31(2).

299 (k) "Pledged revenues" means all or any portion of revenues
300 to be derived from reimbursement premiums under subsection (6)
301 ~~(5)~~ or from emergency assessments under paragraph (7)(b) ~~(6)(b)~~,
302 as determined by the board.

303 (l) "Estimated claims-paying capacity" means the sum of the
304 projected year-end balance of the fund as of December 31 of a
305 contract year, plus any reinsurance purchased by the fund, plus
306 the division's ~~board's~~ estimate of the board's borrowing
307 capacity.

308 (m) "Actual claims-paying capacity" means the sum of the
309 balance of the fund as of December 31 of a contract year, plus
310 any reinsurance purchased by the fund, plus the amount the board
311 is able to raise through the issuance of revenue bonds under
312 subsection (7) ~~(6)~~.

313 (n) "Corporation" means the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe
314 Fund Finance Corporation created in paragraph (7)(d) ~~(6)(d)~~.

315 (o) "Division" means the Division of the Florida Hurricane
316 Catastrophe Fund.

317 (p) "Director" means the chief administrator of the
318 division, who shall act on behalf of the division as authorized
319 by the board.

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320 (q) "FHCF" or "fund" means the Florida Hurricane
321 Catastrophe Fund.

322 (r) "Board" means the governing board of the division,
323 which shall be composed of the Governor and the Cabinet. The
324 Governor shall serve as chair of the board, the Attorney General
325 shall serve as secretary of the board, and the Chief Financial
326 Officer shall serve as treasurer of the board.

327 (3) DIVISION OF THE FLORIDA HURRICANE CATASTROPHE FUND
328 CREATED.--There is created a division of the State Board of
329 Administration known as the Division of the Florida Hurricane
330 Catastrophe Fund, which shall administer the Florida Hurricane
331 Catastrophe Fund. For purposes of this section, the board of the
332 division shall consist of the Governor and the Cabinet.

333 (4) ~~(3)~~ FLORIDA HURRICANE CATASTROPHE FUND CREATED.--There
334 is created the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund within to be
335 ~~administered by~~ the State Board of Administration. Moneys in the
336 fund may not be expended, loaned, or appropriated except to pay
337 obligations of the fund arising out of reimbursement contracts
338 entered into under subsection (5) ~~(4)~~, payment of debt service on
339 revenue bonds issued under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, costs of the
340 mitigation program under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~, costs of procuring
341 reinsurance, and costs of administration of the fund. The State
342 Board of Administration ~~board~~ shall invest the moneys in the fund
343 pursuant to ss. 215.44-215.52. Except as otherwise provided in
344 this section, earnings from all investments shall be retained in
345 the fund. The board shall appoint a director who shall be
346 responsible for the administration of the fund. The appointment
347 of the director of the Division of the Florida Hurricane
348 Catastrophe Fund shall be subject to the approval by a majority

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349 vote of the board. The division ~~board~~ may employ or contract with
350 such staff and professionals as the division ~~board~~ deems
351 necessary for the administration of the fund. The board may adopt
352 such rules as are reasonable and necessary to implement this
353 section and shall specify interest due on any delinquent
354 remittances, which interest may not exceed the fund's rate of
355 return plus 5 percent. Such rules must conform to the
356 Legislature's specific intent in establishing the fund as
357 expressed in subsection (1), must enhance the fund's potential
358 ability to respond to claims for covered events, must contain
359 general provisions so that the rules can be applied with
360 reasonable flexibility so as to accommodate insurers in
361 situations of an unusual nature or where undue hardship may
362 result, except that such flexibility may not in any way impair,
363 override, supersede, or constrain the public purpose of the fund,
364 and must be consistent with sound insurance practices. The board
365 may, by rule, provide for the exemption from subsections (5) ~~(4)~~
366 and (6) ~~(5)~~ of insurers writing covered policies with less than
367 \$10 million in aggregate exposure for covered policies if the
368 exemption does not affect the actuarial soundness of the fund.
369 The division shall have the power to sue and be sued in the name
370 of the division.

371 (5) ~~(4)~~ REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS.--

372 (a) The division ~~board~~ shall enter into a contract with
373 each insurer writing covered policies in this state to provide to
374 the insurer the reimbursement described in paragraphs (b) and
375 (d), in exchange for the reimbursement premium paid into the fund
376 under subsection (6) ~~(5)~~. As a condition of doing business in
377 this state, each such insurer shall enter into such a contract.

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378 (b)1. The contract shall contain a promise by the division
379 ~~board~~ to reimburse the insurer for 45 percent, 75 percent, or 90
380 percent of its losses from each covered event in excess of the
381 insurer's retention, plus 5 percent of the reimbursed losses to
382 cover loss adjustment expenses.

383 2. The insurer must elect one of the percentage coverage
384 levels specified in this paragraph and may, upon renewal of a
385 reimbursement contract, elect a lower percentage coverage level
386 if no revenue bonds issued under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~ after a
387 covered event are outstanding, or elect a higher percentage
388 coverage level, regardless of whether or not revenue bonds are
389 outstanding. All members of an insurer group must elect the same
390 percentage coverage level. Any joint underwriting association,
391 risk apportionment plan, or other entity created under s. 627.351
392 must elect the 90-percent coverage level.

393 3. The contract shall provide that reimbursement amounts
394 shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to the
395 insurer from other sources.

396 4. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this
397 section, the board shall make available to insurers that
398 purchased coverage provided by this subparagraph in 2006,
399 insurers qualifying as limited apportionment companies under s.
400 627.351(6)(c), and insurers that were approved to participate in
401 2006 or that are approved in 2007 for the Insurance Capital
402 Build-Up Incentive Program pursuant to s. 215.5595, a contract or
403 contract addendum that provides an additional amount of
404 reimbursement coverage of up to \$10 million. The premium to be
405 charged for this additional reimbursement coverage shall be 50
406 percent of the additional reimbursement coverage provided, which

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407 shall include one prepaid reinstatement. The minimum retention
408 level that an eligible participating insurer must retain
409 associated with this additional coverage layer is 30 percent of
410 the insurer's surplus as of December 31, 2006. This coverage
411 shall be in addition to all other coverage that may be provided
412 under this section. The coverage provided by the fund under this
413 subparagraph shall be in addition to the claims-paying capacity
414 as defined in subparagraph (c)1., but only with respect to those
415 insurers that select the additional coverage option and meet the
416 requirements of this subparagraph. The claims-paying capacity
417 with respect to all other participating insurers and limited
418 apportionment companies that do not select the additional
419 coverage option shall be limited to their reimbursement premium's
420 proportionate share of the actual claims-paying capacity
421 otherwise defined in subparagraph (c)1. and as provided for under
422 the terms of the reimbursement contract. Coverage provided in the
423 reimbursement contract will not be affected by the additional
424 premiums paid by participating insurers exercising the additional
425 coverage option allowed in this subparagraph. This subparagraph
426 expires on May 31, 2008.

427 (c)1. The contract shall also provide that the obligation
428 of the division board ~~board~~ with respect to all contracts covering a
429 particular contract year shall not exceed the actual claims-
430 paying capacity of the fund up to a limit of \$15 billion for that
431 contract year adjusted based upon the reported exposure from the
432 prior contract year to reflect the percentage growth in exposure
433 to the fund for covered policies since 2003, provided the dollar
434 growth in the limit may not increase in any year by an amount
435 greater than the dollar growth of the balance of the fund as of

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436 December 31, less any premiums or interest attributable to
437 optional coverage, as defined by rule which occurred over the
438 prior calendar year.

439 2. In May before the start of the upcoming contract year
440 and in October during the contract year, the division board shall
441 publish in the Florida Administrative Weekly a statement of the
442 fund's estimated borrowing capacity and the projected balance of
443 the fund as of December 31. After the end of each calendar year,
444 the division board shall notify insurers of the estimated
445 borrowing capacity and the balance of the fund as of December 31
446 to provide insurers with data necessary to assist them in
447 determining their retention and projected payout from the fund
448 for loss reimbursement purposes. In conjunction with the
449 development of the premium formula, as provided for in subsection
450 (6) (5), the division board shall publish factors or multiples
451 that assist insurers in determining their retention and projected
452 payout for the next contract year. For all regulatory and
453 reinsurance purposes, an insurer may calculate its projected
454 payout from the fund as its share of the total fund premium for
455 the current contract year multiplied by the sum of the projected
456 balance of the fund as of December 31 and the estimated borrowing
457 capacity for that contract year as reported under this
458 subparagraph.

459 (d)1. For purposes of determining potential liability and
460 to aid in the sound administration of the fund, the contract
461 shall require each insurer to report such insurer's losses from
462 each covered event on an interim basis, as directed by the
463 division board. The contract shall require the insurer to report
464 to the division board no later than December 31 of each year, and

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465 quarterly thereafter, its reimbursable losses from covered events
466 for the year. The contract shall require the division board to
467 determine and pay, as soon as practicable after receiving these
468 reports of reimbursable losses, the initial amount of
469 reimbursement due and adjustments to this amount based on later
470 loss information. The adjustments to reimbursement amounts shall
471 require the division board to pay, or the insurer to return,
472 amounts reflecting the most recent calculation of losses.

473 2. In determining reimbursements pursuant to this
474 subsection, the contract shall provide that the division board
475 shall pay to each insurer such insurer's projected payout, which
476 is the amount of reimbursement it is owed, up to an amount equal
477 to the insurer's share of the actual premium paid for that
478 contract year, multiplied by the actual claims-paying capacity
479 available for that contract year.

480 (e)1. Except as provided in subparagraphs 2. and 3., the
481 contract shall provide that if an insurer demonstrates to the
482 division board that it is likely to qualify for reimbursement
483 under the contract, and demonstrates to the division board that
484 the immediate receipt of moneys from the division board is likely
485 to prevent the insurer from becoming insolvent, the division
486 ~~board~~ shall advance the insurer, at market interest rates, the
487 amounts necessary to maintain the solvency of the insurer, up to
488 50 percent of the division's board's estimate of the
489 reimbursement due the insurer. The insurer's reimbursement shall
490 be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of the advance and
491 interest thereon.

492 2. With respect only to an entity created under s. 627.351,
493 the contract shall also provide that the division board may, upon

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494 application by such entity, advance to such entity, at market
495 interest rates, up to 90 percent of the lesser of:

496 a. The division's ~~board's~~ estimate of the amount of
497 reimbursement due to such entity; or

498 b. The entity's share of the actual reimbursement premium
499 paid for that contract year, multiplied by the currently
500 available liquid assets of the fund. In order for the entity to
501 qualify for an advance under this subparagraph, the entity must
502 demonstrate to the division ~~board~~ that the advance is essential
503 to allow the entity to pay claims for a covered event and the
504 division ~~board~~ must determine that the fund's assets are
505 sufficient and are sufficiently liquid to allow the division
506 ~~board~~ to make an advance to the entity and still fulfill the
507 board's reimbursement obligations to other insurers. The entity's
508 final reimbursement for any contract year in which an advance has
509 been made under this subparagraph must be reduced by an amount
510 equal to the amount of the advance and any interest on such
511 advance. In order to determine what amounts, if any, are due the
512 entity, the division ~~board~~ may require the entity to report its
513 exposure and its losses at any time to determine retention levels
514 and reimbursements payable.

515 3. The contract shall also provide specifically and solely
516 with respect to any limited apportionment company under s.
517 627.351(2)(b)3. that the division ~~board~~ may, upon application by
518 such company, advance to such company the amount of the estimated
519 reimbursement payable to such company as calculated pursuant to
520 paragraph (d), at market interest rates, if the division ~~board~~
521 determines that the fund's assets are sufficient and are
522 sufficiently liquid to permit the division ~~board~~ to make an

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523 advance to such company and at the same time fulfill its
524 reimbursement obligations to the insurers that are participants
525 in the fund. Such company's final reimbursement for any contract
526 year in which an advance pursuant to this subparagraph has been
527 made shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of the
528 advance and interest thereon. In order to determine what amounts,
529 if any, are due to such company, the division board may require
530 such company to report its exposure and its losses at such times
531 as may be required to determine retention levels and loss
532 reimbursements payable.

533 (f) In order to ensure that insurers have properly reported
534 the insured values on which the reimbursement premium is based
535 and to ensure that insurers have properly reported the losses for
536 which reimbursements have been made, the division board shall
537 inspect, examine, and verify the records of each insurer's
538 covered policies at such times as the division board deems
539 appropriate and according to standards established by rule for
540 the specific purpose of validating the accuracy of exposures and
541 losses required to be reported under the terms and conditions of
542 the reimbursement contract. The costs of the examinations shall
543 be borne by the division board. However, in order to remove any
544 incentive for an insurer to delay preparations for an
545 examination, the division board shall be reimbursed by the
546 insurer for any examination expenses incurred in addition to the
547 usual and customary costs of the examination, which additional
548 expenses were incurred as a result of an insurer's failure,
549 despite proper notice, to be prepared for the examination or as a
550 result of an insurer's failure to provide requested information
551 while the examination is in progress. If the division board finds

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552 any insurer's records or other necessary information to be
553 inadequate or inadequately posted, recorded, or maintained, the
554 division board ~~board~~ may employ experts to reconstruct, rewrite,
555 record, post, or maintain such records or information, at the
556 expense of the insurer being examined, if such insurer has failed
557 to maintain, complete, or correct such records or deficiencies
558 after the division board ~~board~~ has given the insurer notice and a
559 reasonable opportunity to do so. Any information contained in an
560 examination report, which information is described in s. 215.557,
561 is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)
562 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, as provided in s.
563 215.557. Nothing in this paragraph expands the exemption in s.
564 215.557.

565 (g) The contract shall provide that in the event of the
566 insolvency of an insurer, the fund shall pay directly to the
567 Florida Insurance Guaranty Association for the benefit of Florida
568 policyholders of the insurer the net amount of all reimbursement
569 moneys owed to the insurer. As used in this paragraph, the term
570 "net amount of all reimbursement moneys" means that amount which
571 remains after reimbursement for:

572 1. Preliminary or duplicate payments owed to private
573 reinsurers or other inuring reinsurance payments to private
574 reinsurers that satisfy statutory or contractual obligations of
575 the insolvent insurer attributable to covered events to such
576 reinsurers; or

577 2. Funds owed to a bank or other financial institution to
578 cover obligations of the insolvent insurer under a credit
579 agreement that assists the insolvent insurer in paying claims
580 attributable to covered events.

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582 The private reinsurers, banks, or other financial institutions
583 shall be reimbursed or otherwise paid prior to payment to the
584 Florida Insurance Guaranty Association, notwithstanding any law
585 to the contrary. The guaranty association shall pay all claims up
586 to the maximum amount permitted by chapter 631; thereafter, any
587 remaining moneys shall be paid pro rata to claims not fully
588 satisfied. This paragraph does not apply to a joint underwriting
589 association, risk apportionment plan, or other entity created
590 under s. 627.351.

591 (6)~~(5)~~ REIMBURSEMENT PREMIUMS.--

592 (a) Each reimbursement contract shall require the insurer
593 to annually pay to the fund an actuarially indicated premium for
594 the reimbursement.

595 (b) The division ~~State Board of Administration~~ shall select
596 an independent consultant to develop a formula for determining
597 the actuarially indicated premium to be paid to the fund. The
598 formula shall specify, for each zip code or other limited
599 geographical area, the amount of premium to be paid by an insurer
600 for each \$1,000 of insured value under covered policies in that
601 zip code or other area. In establishing premiums, the division
602 ~~board~~ shall consider the coverage elected under paragraph (5) (b)
603 ~~(4) (b)~~ and any factors that tend to enhance the actuarial
604 sophistication of ratemaking for the fund, including deductibles,
605 type of construction, type of coverage provided, relative
606 concentration of risks, and other such factors deemed by the
607 division ~~board~~ to be appropriate. The formula may provide for a
608 procedure to determine the premiums to be paid by new insurers
609 that begin writing covered policies after the beginning of a

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610 contract year, taking into consideration when the insurer starts
611 writing covered policies, the potential exposure of the insurer,
612 the potential exposure of the fund, the administrative costs to
613 the insurer and to the fund, and any other factors deemed
614 appropriate by the board. The formula must be approved by
615 unanimous vote of the board. The board may, at any time, revise
616 the formula pursuant to the procedure provided in this paragraph.

617 (c) No later than September 1 of each year, each insurer
618 shall notify the division ~~board~~ of its insured values under
619 covered policies by zip code, as of June 30 of that year. On the
620 basis of these reports, the division ~~board~~ shall calculate the
621 premium due from the insurer, based on the formula adopted under
622 paragraph (b). The insurer shall pay the required annual premium
623 pursuant to a periodic payment plan specified in the contract.
624 The division ~~board~~ shall provide for payment of reimbursement
625 premium in periodic installments and for the adjustment of
626 provisional premium installments collected prior to submission of
627 the exposure report to reflect data in the exposure report. The
628 division ~~board~~ shall collect interest on late reimbursement
629 premium payments consistent with the assumptions made in
630 developing the premium formula in accordance with paragraph (b).

631 (d) All premiums paid to the fund under reimbursement
632 contracts shall be treated as premium for approved reinsurance
633 for all accounting and regulatory purposes.

634 (e) If Citizens Property Insurance Corporation assumes or
635 otherwise provides coverage for policies of an insurer placed in
636 liquidation under chapter 631 pursuant to s. 627.351(6), the
637 corporation may, pursuant to conditions mutually agreed to
638 between the corporation and the division ~~State Board of~~

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639 ~~Administration~~, obtain coverage for such policies under its
640 contract with the fund or accept an assignment of the liquidated
641 insurer's contract with the fund. If Citizens Property Insurance
642 Corporation elects to cover these policies under the
643 corporation's contract with the division fund, it shall notify
644 the division board of its insured values with respect to such
645 policies within a specified time mutually agreed to between the
646 corporation and the division board, after such assumption or
647 other coverage transaction, and the division fund shall treat
648 such policies as having been in effect as of June 30 of that
649 year. In the event of an assignment, the fund shall apply that
650 contract to such policies and treat Citizens Property Insurance
651 Corporation as if the corporation were the liquidated insurer for
652 the remaining term of the contract, and the corporation shall
653 have all rights and duties of the liquidated insurer beginning on
654 the date it provides coverage for such policies, but the
655 corporation is not subject to any preexisting rights,
656 liabilities, or duties of the liquidated insurer. The assignment,
657 including any unresolved issues between the liquidated insurer
658 and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation under the contract,
659 shall be provided for in the liquidation order or otherwise
660 determined by the court. However, if a covered event occurs
661 before the effective date of the assignment, the corporation may
662 not obtain coverage for such policies under its contract with the
663 fund and shall accept an assignment of the liquidated insurer's
664 contract as provided in this paragraph.

665 (7) ~~(6)~~ REVENUE BONDS.--

666 (a) General provisions.--

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667 1. Upon the occurrence of a hurricane and a determination
668 that the moneys in the fund are or will be insufficient to pay
669 reimbursement at the levels promised in the reimbursement
670 contracts, the board may take the necessary steps under paragraph
671 (c) or paragraph (d) for the issuance of revenue bonds for the
672 benefit of the fund. The proceeds of such revenue bonds may be
673 used to make reimbursement payments under reimbursement
674 contracts; to refinance or replace previously existing borrowings
675 or financial arrangements; to pay interest on bonds; to fund
676 reserves for the bonds; to pay expenses incident to the issuance
677 or sale of any bond issued under this section, including costs of
678 validating, printing, and delivering the bonds, costs of printing
679 the official statement, costs of publishing notices of sale of
680 the bonds, and related administrative expenses; or for such other
681 purposes related to the financial obligations of the fund as the
682 board may determine. The term of the bonds may not exceed 30
683 years. The board may pledge or authorize the corporation to
684 pledge all or a portion of all revenues under subsection (6) ~~(5)~~
685 and under paragraph (b) to secure such revenue bonds and the
686 division board ~~board~~ may execute such agreements between the division
687 ~~board~~ and the issuer of any revenue bonds and providers of other
688 financing arrangements under paragraph (8) (b) ~~(7) (b)~~ as the
689 division board ~~board~~ deems necessary to evidence, secure, preserve, and
690 protect such pledge. If reimbursement premiums received under
691 subsection (6) ~~(5)~~ or earnings on such premiums are used to pay
692 debt service on revenue bonds, such premiums and earnings shall
693 be used only after the use of the moneys derived from assessments
694 under paragraph (b). The funds, credit, property, or taxing power
695 of the state or political subdivisions of the state shall not be

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696 pledged for the payment of such bonds. The division ~~board~~ may
697 also enter into agreements under paragraph (c) or paragraph (d)
698 for the purpose of issuing revenue bonds in the absence of a
699 hurricane upon a determination that such action would maximize
700 the ability of the fund to meet future obligations.

701 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the issuance of
702 bonds under this subsection is for the public purpose of paying
703 the proceeds of the bonds to insurers, thereby enabling insurers
704 to pay the claims of policyholders to assure that policyholders
705 are able to pay the cost of construction, reconstruction, repair,
706 restoration, and other costs associated with damage to property
707 of policyholders of covered policies after the occurrence of a
708 hurricane.

709 (b) Emergency assessments.--

710 1. If the board determines that the amount of revenue
711 produced under subsection (6) ~~(5)~~ is insufficient to fund the
712 obligations, costs, and expenses of the fund and the corporation,
713 including repayment of revenue bonds and that portion of the debt
714 service coverage not met by reimbursement premiums, the board
715 shall direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to levy, by
716 order, an emergency assessment on direct premiums for all
717 property and casualty lines of business in this state, including
718 property and casualty business of surplus lines insurers
719 regulated under part VIII of chapter 626, but not including any
720 workers' compensation premiums or medical malpractice premiums.
721 As used in this subsection, the term "property and casualty
722 business" includes all lines of business identified on Form 2,
723 Exhibit of Premiums and Losses, in the annual statement required
724 of authorized insurers by s. 624.424 and any rule adopted under

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725 | this section, except for those lines identified as accident and
726 | health insurance and except for policies written under the
727 | National Flood Insurance Program. The assessment shall be
728 | specified as a percentage of direct written premium and is
729 | subject to annual adjustments by the board in order to meet debt
730 | obligations. The same percentage shall apply to all policies in
731 | lines of business subject to the assessment issued or renewed
732 | during the 12-month period beginning on the effective date of the
733 | assessment.

734 | 2. A premium is not subject to an annual assessment under
735 | this paragraph in excess of 6 percent of premium with respect to
736 | obligations arising out of losses attributable to any one
737 | contract year, and a premium is not subject to an aggregate
738 | annual assessment under this paragraph in excess of 10 percent of
739 | premium. An annual assessment under this paragraph shall continue
740 | as long as the revenue bonds issued with respect to which the
741 | assessment was imposed are outstanding, including any bonds the
742 | proceeds of which were used to refund the revenue bonds, unless
743 | adequate provision has been made for the payment of the bonds
744 | under the documents authorizing issuance of the bonds.

745 | 3. Emergency assessments shall be collected from
746 | policyholders. Emergency assessments shall be remitted by
747 | insurers as a percentage of direct written premium for the
748 | preceding calendar quarter as specified in the order from the
749 | Office of Insurance Regulation. The office shall verify the
750 | accurate and timely collection and remittance of emergency
751 | assessments and shall report the information to the division
752 | ~~board~~ in a form and at a time specified by the division ~~board~~.
753 | Each insurer collecting assessments shall provide the information

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754 | with respect to premiums and collections as may be required by
755 | the office to enable the office to monitor and verify compliance
756 | with this paragraph.

757 | 4. With respect to assessments of surplus lines premiums,
758 | each surplus lines agent shall collect the assessment at the same
759 | time as the agent collects the surplus lines tax required by s.
760 | 626.932, and the surplus lines agent shall remit the assessment
761 | to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office created by s. 626.921
762 | at the same time as the agent remits the surplus lines tax to the
763 | Florida Surplus Lines Service Office. The emergency assessment on
764 | each insured procuring coverage and filing under s. 626.938 shall
765 | be remitted by the insured to the Florida Surplus Lines Service
766 | Office at the time the insured pays the surplus lines tax to the
767 | Florida Surplus Lines Service Office. The Florida Surplus Lines
768 | Service Office shall remit the collected assessments to the fund
769 | or corporation as provided in the order levied by the Office of
770 | Insurance Regulation. The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office
771 | shall verify the proper application of such emergency assessments
772 | and shall assist the division ~~board~~ in ensuring the accurate and
773 | timely collection and remittance of assessments as required by
774 | the board. The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office shall
775 | annually calculate the aggregate written premium on property and
776 | casualty business, other than workers' compensation and medical
777 | malpractice, procured through surplus lines agents and insureds
778 | procuring coverage and filing under s. 626.938 and shall report
779 | the information to the division ~~board~~ in a form and at a time
780 | specified by the division ~~board~~.

781 | 5. Any assessment authority not used for a particular
782 | contract year may be used for a subsequent contract year. If, for

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783 a subsequent contract year, the board determines that the amount
784 of revenue produced under subsection (6) ~~(5)~~ is insufficient to
785 fund the obligations, costs, and expenses of the fund and the
786 corporation, including repayment of revenue bonds and that
787 portion of the debt service coverage not met by reimbursement
788 premiums, the board shall direct the Office of Insurance
789 Regulation to levy an emergency assessment up to an amount not
790 exceeding the amount of unused assessment authority from a
791 previous contract year or years, plus an additional 4 percent
792 provided that the assessments in the aggregate do not exceed the
793 limits specified in subparagraph 2.

794 6. The assessments otherwise payable to the corporation
795 under this paragraph shall be paid to the fund unless and until
796 the Office of Insurance Regulation and the Florida Surplus Lines
797 Service Office have received from the corporation and the fund a
798 notice, which shall be conclusive and upon which they may rely
799 without further inquiry, that the corporation has issued bonds
800 and the fund has no agreements in effect with local governments
801 under paragraph (c). On or after the date of the notice and until
802 the date the corporation has no bonds outstanding, the fund shall
803 have no right, title, or interest in or to the assessments,
804 except as provided in the fund's agreement with the corporation.

805 7. Emergency assessments are not premium and are not
806 subject to the premium tax, to the surplus lines tax, to any
807 fees, or to any commissions. An insurer is liable for all
808 assessments that it collects and must treat the failure of an
809 insured to pay an assessment as a failure to pay the premium. An
810 insurer is not liable for uncollectible assessments.

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811 8. When an insurer is required to return an unearned
812 premium, it shall also return any collected assessment
813 attributable to the unearned premium. A credit adjustment to the
814 collected assessment may be made by the insurer with regard to
815 future remittances that are payable to the fund or corporation,
816 but the insurer is not entitled to a refund.

817 9. When a surplus lines insured or an insured who has
818 procured coverage and filed under s. 626.938 is entitled to the
819 return of an unearned premium, the Florida Surplus Lines Service
820 Office shall provide a credit or refund to the agent or such
821 insured for the collected assessment attributable to the unearned
822 premium prior to remitting the emergency assessment collected to
823 the fund or corporation.

824 10. The exemption of medical malpractice insurance premiums
825 from emergency assessments under this paragraph is repealed May
826 31, 2010, and medical malpractice insurance premiums shall be
827 subject to emergency assessments attributable to loss events
828 occurring in the contract years commencing on June 1, 2010.

829 (c) Revenue bond issuance through counties or
830 municipalities.--

831 1. If the board elects to enter into agreements with local
832 governments for the issuance of revenue bonds for the benefit of
833 the fund, the division ~~board~~ shall enter into such contracts with
834 one or more local governments, including agreements providing for
835 the pledge of revenues, as are necessary to effect such issuance.
836 The governing body of a county or municipality is authorized to
837 issue bonds as defined in s. 125.013 or s. 166.101 from time to
838 time to fund an assistance program, in conjunction with the
839 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, for the purposes set forth in

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840 | this section or for the purpose of paying the costs of
841 | construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and other
842 | costs associated with damage to properties of policyholders of
843 | covered policies due to the occurrence of a hurricane by assuring
844 | that policyholders located in this state are able to recover
845 | claims under property insurance policies after a covered event.

846 | 2. In order to avoid needless and indiscriminate
847 | proliferation, duplication, and fragmentation of such assistance
848 | programs, any local government may provide for the payment of
849 | fund reimbursements, regardless of whether or not the losses for
850 | which reimbursement is made occurred within or outside of the
851 | territorial jurisdiction of the local government.

852 | 3. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds issued
853 | under this paragraph that the state will not repeal or abrogate
854 | the power of the board to direct the Office of Insurance
855 | Regulation to levy the assessments and to collect the proceeds of
856 | the revenues pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any
857 | such bonds remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been
858 | made for the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents
859 | authorizing the issuance of such bonds.

860 | 4. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause
861 | of action shall arise against any members or employees of the
862 | governing body of a local government for any actions taken by
863 | them in the performance of their duties under this paragraph.

864 | (d) Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance
865 | Corporation.--

866 | 1. In addition to the findings and declarations in
867 | subsection (1), the Legislature also finds and declares that:

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868 a. The public benefits corporation created under this
869 paragraph will provide a mechanism necessary for the cost-
870 effective and efficient issuance of bonds. This mechanism will
871 eliminate unnecessary costs in the bond issuance process, thereby
872 increasing the amounts available to pay reimbursement for losses
873 to property sustained as a result of hurricane damage.

874 b. The purpose of such bonds is to fund reimbursements
875 through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to pay for the
876 costs of construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and
877 other costs associated with damage to properties of policyholders
878 of covered policies due to the occurrence of a hurricane.

879 c. The efficacy of the financing mechanism will be enhanced
880 by the corporation's ownership of the assessments, by the
881 insulation of the assessments from possible bankruptcy
882 proceedings, and by covenants of the state with the corporation's
883 bondholders.

884 2.a. There is created a public benefits corporation, which
885 is an instrumentality of the state, to be known as the Florida
886 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.

887 b. The corporation shall operate under a six-member ~~five-~~
888 ~~member~~ board of directors consisting of the Governor or a
889 designee, the Chief Financial Officer or a designee, the Attorney
890 General or a designee, the Commissioner of the Department of
891 Agriculture and Consumer Services or a designee, the director of
892 the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of
893 Administration, and the director of the division ~~senior employee~~
894 ~~of the State Board of Administration responsible for operations~~
895 of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of
896 Administration.

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897 c. The corporation has all of the powers of corporations
898 under chapter 607 and under chapter 617, subject only to the
899 provisions of this subsection.

900 d. The corporation may issue bonds and engage in such other
901 financial transactions as are necessary to provide sufficient
902 funds to achieve the purposes of this section.

903 e. The corporation may invest in any of the investments
904 authorized under s. 215.47.

905 f. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause
906 of action shall arise against, any member of the board of
907 directors ~~members~~ or employees of the corporation for any actions
908 taken by them in the performance of their duties under this
909 paragraph.

910 3.a. In actions under chapter 75 to validate any bonds
911 issued by the corporation, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall
912 be published only in Leon County and in two newspapers of general
913 circulation in the state, and the complaint and order of the
914 court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second
915 Judicial Circuit.

916 b. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the
917 corporation that the state will not repeal or abrogate the power
918 of the board to direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to levy
919 the assessments and to collect the proceeds of the revenues
920 pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any such bonds
921 remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for
922 the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing
923 the issuance of such bonds.

924 4. The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the state
925 or of any political subdivision, and neither the state nor any

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926 political subdivision is liable on such bonds. The corporation
927 does not have the power to pledge the credit, the revenues, or
928 the taxing power of the state or of any political subdivision.
929 The credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state or of any
930 political subdivision shall not be deemed to be pledged to the
931 payment of any bonds of the corporation.

932 5.a. The property, revenues, and other assets of the
933 corporation; the transactions and operations of the corporation
934 and the income from such transactions and operations; and all
935 bonds issued under this paragraph and interest on such bonds are
936 exempt from taxation by the state and any political subdivision,
937 including the intangibles tax under chapter 199 and the income
938 tax under chapter 220. This exemption does not apply to any tax
939 imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt
940 obligations owned by corporations other than the Florida
941 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.

942 b. All bonds of the corporation shall be and constitute
943 legal investments without limitation for all public bodies of
944 this state; for all banks, trust companies, savings banks,
945 savings associations, savings and loan associations, and
946 investment companies; for all administrators, executors,
947 trustees, and other fiduciaries; for all insurance companies and
948 associations and other persons carrying on an insurance business;
949 and for all other persons who are now or may hereafter be
950 authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the state
951 and shall be and constitute eligible securities to be deposited
952 as collateral for the security of any state, county, municipal,
953 or other public funds. This sub-subparagraph shall be considered

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954 as additional and supplemental authority and shall not be limited
955 without specific reference to this sub-subparagraph.

956 6. The corporation and its corporate existence shall
957 continue until terminated by law; however, no such law shall take
958 effect as long as the corporation has bonds outstanding unless
959 adequate provision has been made for the payment of such bonds
960 pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such bonds.
961 Upon termination of the existence of the corporation, all of its
962 rights and properties in excess of its obligations shall pass to
963 and be vested in the state.

964 (e) Protection of bondholders.--

965 1. As long as the corporation has any bonds outstanding,
966 neither the fund nor the corporation shall have the authority to
967 file a voluntary petition under chapter 9 of the federal
968 Bankruptcy Code or such corresponding chapter or sections as may
969 be in effect, from time to time, and neither any public officer
970 nor any organization, entity, or other person shall authorize the
971 fund or the corporation to be or become a debtor under chapter 9
972 of the federal Bankruptcy Code or such corresponding chapter or
973 sections as may be in effect, from time to time, during any such
974 period.

975 2. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the
976 corporation that the state will not limit or alter the denial of
977 authority under this paragraph or the rights under this section
978 vested in the fund or the corporation to fulfill the terms of any
979 agreements made with such bondholders or in any way impair the
980 rights and remedies of such bondholders as long as any such bonds
981 remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for

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982 the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing
983 the issuance of such bonds.

984 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any pledge
985 of or other security interest in revenue, money, accounts,
986 contract rights, general intangibles, or other personal property
987 made or created by the fund or the corporation shall be valid,
988 binding, and perfected from the time such pledge is made or other
989 security interest attaches without any physical delivery of the
990 collateral or further act and the lien of any such pledge or
991 other security interest shall be valid, binding, and perfected
992 against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract,
993 or otherwise against the fund or the corporation irrespective of
994 whether or not such parties have notice of such claims. No
995 instrument by which such a pledge or security interest is created
996 nor any financing statement need be recorded or filed.

997 (8) ~~(7)~~ ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES.--

998 (a) The board may authorize the division's procurement of
999 ~~procure~~ reinsurance from reinsurers acceptable to the Office of
1000 Insurance Regulation for the purpose of maximizing the capacity
1001 of the fund and may enter into capital market transactions,
1002 including, but not limited to, industry loss warranties,
1003 catastrophe bonds, side-car arrangements, or financial contracts
1004 permissible for the State Board of Administration's ~~board's~~ usage
1005 under s. 215.47(10) and (11), consistent with prudent management
1006 of the fund.

1007 (b) In addition to borrowing under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, the
1008 board may also authorize the division to borrow from, or enter
1009 into other financing arrangements with, any market sources at
1010 prevailing interest rates.

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1011 (c) Each fiscal year, the Legislature shall appropriate
1012 from the investment income of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe
1013 Fund an amount no less than \$10 million and no more than 35
1014 percent of the investment income based upon the most recent
1015 fiscal year-end audited financial statements for the purpose of
1016 providing funding for local governments, state agencies, public
1017 and private educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations
1018 to support programs intended to improve hurricane preparedness,
1019 reduce potential losses in the event of a hurricane, provide
1020 research into means to reduce such losses, educate or inform the
1021 public as to means to reduce hurricane losses, assist the public
1022 in determining the appropriateness of particular upgrades to
1023 structures or in the financing of such upgrades, or protect local
1024 infrastructure from potential damage from a hurricane. Moneys
1025 shall first be available for appropriation under this paragraph
1026 in fiscal year 1997-1998. Moneys in excess of the \$10 million
1027 specified in this paragraph shall not be available for
1028 appropriation under this paragraph if the board ~~State Board of~~
1029 ~~Administration~~ finds that an appropriation of investment income
1030 from the fund would jeopardize the actuarial soundness of the
1031 fund.

1032 (d) The division ~~board~~ may allow insurers to comply with
1033 reporting requirements and reporting format requirements by using
1034 alternative methods of reporting if the proper administration of
1035 the fund is not thereby impaired and if the alternative methods
1036 produce data which is consistent with the purposes of this
1037 section.

1038 (e) In order to assure the equitable operation of the fund,
1039 the division ~~board~~ may impose a reasonable fee on an insurer to

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1040 recover costs involved in reprocessing inaccurate, incomplete, or
1041 untimely exposure data submitted by the insurer.

1042 (9)~~(8)~~ ADVISORY COUNCIL.--The division ~~State Board of~~
1043 ~~Administration~~ shall appoint a nine-member advisory council that
1044 consists of an actuary, a meteorologist, an engineer, a
1045 representative of insurers, a representative of insurance agents,
1046 a representative of reinsurers, and three consumers who shall
1047 also be representatives of other affected professions and
1048 industries, to provide the division ~~board~~ with information and
1049 advice in connection with its duties under this section. Members
1050 of the advisory council shall serve at the pleasure of the board
1051 and are eligible for per diem and travel expenses under s.
1052 112.061.

1053 (10)~~(9)~~ APPLICABILITY OF S. 19, ART. III OF THE STATE
1054 CONSTITUTION.--The Legislature finds that the Florida Hurricane
1055 Catastrophe Fund created by this section is a trust fund
1056 established for bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions within
1057 the meaning of s. 19(f)(3), Art. III of the State Constitution.

1058 (11)~~(10)~~ VIOLATIONS.--Any violation of this section or of
1059 rules adopted under this section constitutes a violation of the
1060 insurance code.

1061 (12)~~(11)~~ LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.--The division ~~board~~ is
1062 authorized to take any action necessary to enforce the rules, and
1063 the provisions and requirements of the reimbursement contract,
1064 required by and adopted pursuant to this section.

1065 (13)~~(12)~~ FEDERAL OR MULTISTATE CATASTROPHIC FUNDS.--Upon
1066 the creation of a federal or multistate catastrophic insurance or
1067 reinsurance program intended to serve purposes similar to the
1068 purposes of the fund created by this section, the division, upon

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1069 approval by the board, ~~State Board of Administration~~ shall
1070 promptly make recommendations to the Legislature for coordination
1071 with the federal or multistate program, for termination of the
1072 fund, or for such other actions as the board finds appropriate in
1073 the circumstances.

1074 (14)~~(13)~~ REVERSION OF FUND ASSETS UPON TERMINATION.--The
1075 fund, the division, and the duties of the board under this
1076 section may be terminated only by law. Upon termination of the
1077 fund, all assets of the fund shall revert to the General Revenue
1078 Fund.

1079 (15)~~(14)~~ SEVERABILITY.--If any provision of this section or
1080 its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid,
1081 the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications
1082 of the section which can be given effect without the invalid
1083 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
1084 section are declared severable.

1085 (16)~~(15)~~ COLLATERAL PROTECTION INSURANCE.--As used in this
1086 section and ss. 627.311 and 627.351, the term "collateral
1087 protection insurance" means commercial property insurance of
1088 which a creditor is the primary beneficiary and policyholder and
1089 which protects or covers an interest of the creditor arising out
1090 of a credit transaction secured by real or personal property.
1091 Initiation of such coverage is triggered by the mortgagor's
1092 failure to maintain insurance coverage as required by the
1093 mortgage or other lending document. Collateral protection
1094 insurance is not residential coverage.

1095 (17)~~(16)~~ TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ~~OPTIONS FOR~~ ADDITIONAL
1096 COVERAGE OPTIONS.--

1097 (a) Findings and intent.--

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- 1098 1. The Legislature finds that:
- 1099 a. Because of temporary disruptions in the market for
- 1100 catastrophic reinsurance, many property insurers were unable to
- 1101 procure reinsurance for the 2006 hurricane season with an
- 1102 attachment point below the insurers' respective Florida Hurricane
- 1103 Catastrophe Fund attachment points, were unable to procure
- 1104 sufficient amounts of such reinsurance, or were able to procure
- 1105 such reinsurance only by incurring substantially higher costs
- 1106 than in prior years.
- 1107 b. The reinsurance market problems were responsible, at
- 1108 least in part, for substantial premium increases to many
- 1109 consumers and increases in the number of policies issued by the
- 1110 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.
- 1111 c. It is likely that the reinsurance market disruptions
- 1112 will not significantly abate prior to the 2007 hurricane season.
- 1113 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a
- 1114 temporary emergency program, applicable to the 2007, 2008, and
- 1115 2009 hurricane seasons, to address these market disruptions and
- 1116 enable insurers, at their option, to procure additional coverage
- 1117 from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
- 1118 (b) Applicability of other provisions of this section.--All
- 1119 provisions of this section and the rules adopted under this
- 1120 section apply to the program created by this subsection unless
- 1121 specifically superseded by this subsection.
- 1122 (c) Optional coverage.--For the contract year commencing
- 1123 June 1, 2007, and ending May 31, 2008, the contract year
- 1124 commencing June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, and the
- 1125 contract year commencing June 1, 2009, and ending May 31, 2010,

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1126 | the board shall offer for each of such years the optional
1127 | coverage as provided in this subsection.

1128 | (d) Additional definitions.--As used in this subsection,
1129 | the term:

1130 | 1. "TEACO options" means the temporary emergency additional
1131 | coverage options created under this subsection.

1132 | 2. "TEACO insurer" means an insurer that has opted to
1133 | obtain coverage under the TEACO options in addition to the
1134 | coverage provided to the insurer under its reimbursement
1135 | contract.

1136 | 3. "TEACO reimbursement premium" means the premium charged
1137 | by the fund for coverage provided under the TEACO options.

1138 | 4. "TEACO retention" means the amount of losses below which
1139 | a TEACO insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the fund
1140 | under the TEACO option selected. A TEACO insurer's retention
1141 | options shall be calculated as follows:

1142 | a. The division ~~board~~ shall calculate and report to each
1143 | TEACO insurer the TEACO retention multiples. There shall be three
1144 | TEACO retention multiples for defining coverage. Each multiple
1145 | shall be calculated by dividing \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5
1146 | billion by the total estimated mandatory FHCF reimbursement
1147 | premium assuming all insurers selected the 90-percent coverage
1148 | level.

1149 | b. The TEACO retention multiples as determined under sub-
1150 | subparagraph a. shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage level
1151 | elected by the insurer. For insurers electing the 90-percent
1152 | coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 100 percent of
1153 | the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a. For insurers
1154 | electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is

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1155 120 percent of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a.
1156 For insurers electing the 45-percent coverage level, the adjusted
1157 retention multiple is 200 percent of the amount determined under
1158 sub-subparagraph a.

1159 c. An insurer shall determine its provisional TEACO
1160 retention by multiplying its estimated mandatory FHCF
1161 reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted TEACO retention
1162 multiple and shall determine its actual TEACO retention by
1163 multiplying its actual mandatory FHCF reimbursement premium by
1164 the applicable adjusted TEACO retention multiple.

1165 d. For TEACO insurers who experience multiple covered
1166 events causing loss during the contract year, the insurer's full
1167 TEACO retention shall be applied to each of the covered events
1168 causing the two largest losses for that insurer. For other
1169 covered events resulting in losses, the TEACO option does not
1170 apply and the insurer's retention shall be one-third of the full
1171 retention as calculated under paragraph (2) (e).

1172 5. "TEACO addendum" means an addendum to the reimbursement
1173 contract reflecting the obligations of the fund and TEACO
1174 insurers under the program created by this subsection.

1175 6. "FHCF" means the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

1176 (e) TEACO addendum.--

1177 1. The TEACO addendum shall provide for reimbursement of
1178 TEACO insurers for covered events occurring during the contract
1179 year, in exchange for the TEACO reimbursement premium paid into
1180 the fund under paragraph (f). Any insurer writing covered
1181 policies has the option of choosing to accept the TEACO addendum
1182 for any of the 3 contract years that the coverage is offered.

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1183 2. The TEACO addendum shall contain a promise by the
1184 division board ~~board~~ to reimburse the TEACO insurer for 45 percent, 75
1185 percent, or 90 percent of its losses from each covered event in
1186 excess of the insurer's TEACO retention, plus 5 percent of the
1187 reimbursed losses to cover loss adjustment expenses. The
1188 percentage shall be the same as the coverage level selected by
1189 the insurer under paragraph (5) (b) ~~(4) (b)~~.

1190 3. The TEACO addendum shall provide that reimbursement
1191 amounts shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to
1192 the insurer from other sources.

1193 4. The TEACO addendum shall also provide that the
1194 obligation of the division board ~~board~~ with respect to all TEACO
1195 addenda shall not exceed an amount equal to two times the
1196 difference between the industry retention level calculated under
1197 paragraph (2) (e) and the \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5 billion
1198 industry TEACO retention level options actually selected, but in
1199 no event may the division's board's ~~board's~~ obligation exceed the actual
1200 claims-paying capacity of the fund plus the additional capacity
1201 created in paragraph (g). If the actual claims-paying capacity
1202 and the additional capacity created under paragraph (g) fall
1203 short of the division's board's ~~board's~~ obligations under the
1204 reimbursement contract, each insurer's share of the fund's
1205 capacity shall be prorated based on the premium an insurer pays
1206 for its mandatory reimbursement coverage and the premium paid for
1207 its optional TEACO coverage as each such premium bears to the
1208 total premiums paid to the fund times the available capacity.

1209 5. The priorities, schedule, and method of reimbursements
1210 under the TEACO addendum shall be the same as provided under
1211 subsection (5) ~~(4)~~.

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1212 6. A TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single
1213 event shall be equal to the product of multiplying its mandatory
1214 FHCF premium by the difference between its FHCF retention
1215 multiple and its TEACO retention multiple under the TEACO option
1216 selected and by the coverage selected under paragraph (5) (b)
1217 ~~(4) (b)~~, plus an additional 5 percent for loss adjustment
1218 expenses. A TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement under the TEACO
1219 option selected for a TEACO insurer's two largest events shall be
1220 twice its maximum reimbursement for a single event.

1221 (f) TEACO reimbursement premiums.--

1222 1. Each TEACO insurer shall pay to the fund, in the manner
1223 and at the time provided in the reimbursement contract for
1224 payment of reimbursement premiums, a TEACO reimbursement premium
1225 calculated as specified in this paragraph.

1226 2. The insurer's TEACO reimbursement premium associated
1227 with the \$3 billion retention option shall be equal to 85 percent
1228 of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event as
1229 calculated under subparagraph (e)6. The TEACO reimbursement
1230 premium associated with the \$4 billion retention option shall be
1231 equal to 80 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement
1232 for a single event as calculated under subparagraph (e)6. The
1233 TEACO premium associated with the \$5 billion retention option
1234 shall be equal to 75 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum
1235 reimbursement for a single event as calculated under subparagraph
1236 (e)6.

1237 (g) Effect on claims-paying capacity of the fund.--For the
1238 contract term commencing June 1, 2007, the contract year
1239 commencing June 1, 2008, and the contract term beginning June 1,
1240 2009, the program created by this subsection shall increase the

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1241 claims-paying capacity of the fund as provided in subparagraph
1242 (5) (c) 1. ~~(4) (e) 1.~~ by an amount equal to two times the difference
1243 between the industry retention level calculated under paragraph
1244 (2) (e) and the \$3 billion industry TEACO retention level
1245 specified in sub-subparagraph (d) 4.a. The additional capacity
1246 shall apply only to the additional coverage provided by the TEACO
1247 option and shall not otherwise affect any insurer's reimbursement
1248 from the fund.

1249 (18) ~~(17)~~ TEMPORARY INCREASE IN COVERAGE LIMIT OPTIONS.--

1250 (a) Findings and intent.--

1251 1. The Legislature finds that:

1252 a. Because of temporary disruptions in the market for
1253 catastrophic reinsurance, many property insurers were unable to
1254 procure sufficient amounts of reinsurance for the 2006 hurricane
1255 season or were able to procure such reinsurance only by incurring
1256 substantially higher costs than in prior years.

1257 b. The reinsurance market problems were responsible, at
1258 least in part, for substantial premium increases to many
1259 consumers and increases in the number of policies issued by
1260 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

1261 c. It is likely that the reinsurance market disruptions
1262 will not significantly abate prior to the 2008 ~~2007~~ hurricane
1263 season.

1264 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to create options
1265 for insurers to purchase a temporary increased coverage limit
1266 above the statutorily determined limit in subparagraph (4) (c) 1.,
1267 applicable for the ~~2007~~, 2008~~,~~ and 2009 hurricane seasons, to
1268 address market disruptions and enable insurers, at their option,

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1269 to procure additional coverage from the Florida Hurricane
1270 Catastrophe Fund.

1271 (b) Applicability of other provisions of this section.--All
1272 provisions of this section and the rules adopted under this
1273 section apply to the coverage created by this subsection unless
1274 specifically superseded by provisions in this subsection.

1275 (c) Optional coverage.--For the contract year commencing
1276 ~~June 1, 2007, and ending May 31, 2008, the contract year~~
1277 ~~commencing~~ June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, and the
1278 contract year commencing June 1, 2009, and ending May 31, 2010,
1279 the board shall offer, for each of such years, the optional
1280 coverage as provided in this subsection.

1281 (d) Additional definitions.--As used in this subsection,
1282 the term:

1283 1. "FHCF" means Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

1284 2. "FHCF reimbursement premium" means the premium paid by
1285 an insurer for its coverage as a mandatory participant in the
1286 FHCF, but does not include additional premiums for optional
1287 coverages.

1288 3. "Payout multiple" means the number or multiple created
1289 by dividing the statutorily defined claims-paying capacity as
1290 determined in subparagraph (5)(c)1. ~~(4)(e)1.~~ by the aggregate
1291 reimbursement premiums paid by all insurers estimated or
1292 projected as of calendar year-end.

1293 4. "TICL" means the temporary increase in coverage limit.

1294 5. "TICL options" means the temporary increase in coverage
1295 options created under this subsection.

1296 6. "TICL insurer" means an insurer that has opted to obtain
1297 coverage under the TICL options addendum in addition to the

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1298 coverage provided to the insurer under its FHCF reimbursement
1299 contract.

1300 7. "TICL reimbursement premium" means the premium charged
1301 by the fund for coverage provided under the TICL option.

1302 8. "TICL coverage multiple" means the coverage multiple
1303 when multiplied by an insurer's FHCF's reimbursement premium that
1304 defines the temporary increase in coverage limit.

1305 9. "TICL coverage" means the coverage for an insurer's
1306 losses above the insurer's statutorily determined claims-paying
1307 capacity based on the claims-paying limit in subparagraph
1308 (5)(c)1. ~~(4)(e)1.~~, which an insurer selects as its temporary
1309 increase in coverage from the fund under the TICL options
1310 selected. A TICL insurer's increased coverage limit options shall
1311 be calculated as follows:

1312 a. The division board shall calculate and report to each
1313 TICL insurer the TICL coverage multiples based on 9 ~~12~~ options
1314 for increasing the insurer's FHCF coverage limit. Each TICL
1315 coverage multiple shall be calculated by dividing \$1 billion, \$2
1316 billion, \$3 billion, \$4 billion, \$5 billion, \$6 billion, \$7
1317 billion, \$8 billion, and \$9 billion, ~~\$10 billion, \$11 billion, or~~
1318 ~~\$12 billion~~ by the total estimated aggregate FHCF reimbursement
1319 premiums for ~~the 2007-2008 contract year,~~ the 2008-2009 contract
1320 year, and the 2009-2010 contract year.

1321 b. The TICL insurer's increased coverage shall be the FHCF
1322 reimbursement premium multiplied by the TICL coverage multiple
1323 for the TICL option selected. In order to determine an insurer's
1324 total limit of coverage, an insurer shall add its TICL coverage
1325 multiple to its payout multiple. The total shall represent a
1326 number that, when multiplied by an insurer's FHCF reimbursement

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1327 premium for a given reimbursement contract year, defines an
1328 insurer's total limit of FHCF reimbursement coverage for that
1329 reimbursement contract year.

1330 10. "TICL options addendum" means an addendum to the
1331 reimbursement contract reflecting the obligations of the fund and
1332 insurers selecting an option to increase an insurer's FHCF
1333 coverage limit.

1334 (e) TICL options addendum.--

1335 1. The TICL options addendum shall provide for
1336 reimbursement of TICL insurers for covered events occurring
1337 between June 1, 2007, and May 31, 2008, and between June 1, 2008,
1338 and May 31, 2009, or between June 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010, in
1339 exchange for the TICL reimbursement premium paid into the fund
1340 under paragraph (f). Any insurer writing covered policies has the
1341 option of selecting an increased limit of coverage under the TICL
1342 options addendum and shall select such coverage at the time that
1343 it executes the FHCF reimbursement contract.

1344 2. The TICL addendum shall contain a promise by the board
1345 to reimburse the TICL insurer for 70 percent of the insurer's 45
1346 ~~percent, 75 percent, or 90 percent of its losses from each~~
1347 ~~covered event~~ in excess of the insurer's mandatory coverage,
1348 including retention, plus 5 percent of the reimbursed losses to
1349 cover loss adjustment expenses from each covered event. ~~The~~
1350 ~~percentage shall be the same as the coverage level selected by~~
1351 ~~the insurer under paragraph (4) (b).~~

1352 3. The TICL addendum shall provide that reimbursement
1353 amounts shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to
1354 the insurer from other sources.

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1355 4. The priorities, schedule, and method of reimbursements
1356 under the TICL addendum shall be the same as provided under
1357 subsection (5) ~~(4)~~.

1358 (f) TICL reimbursement premiums.--Each TICL insurer shall
1359 pay to the fund, in the manner and at the time provided in the
1360 reimbursement contract for payment of reimbursement premiums, a
1361 TICL reimbursement premium determined as specified in subsection
1362 (5).

1363 (g) Effect on claims-paying capacity of the fund.--For the
1364 contract terms commencing ~~June 1, 2007,~~ June 1, 2008, and June 1,
1365 2009, the program created by this subsection shall increase the
1366 claims-paying capacity of the fund as provided in subparagraph
1367 (5) (c) 1. ~~(4) (e) 1.~~ by an amount not to exceed \$9 ~~\$12~~ billion and
1368 shall depend on the TICL coverage options selected and the number
1369 of insurers that select the TICL optional coverage. The
1370 additional capacity shall apply only to the additional coverage
1371 provided under the TICL options and shall not otherwise affect
1372 any insurer's reimbursement from the fund if the insurer chooses
1373 not to select the temporary option to increase its limit of
1374 coverage under the FHCF.

1375 (h) Increasing the claims-paying capacity of the fund.--For
1376 the contract years commencing ~~June 1, 2007,~~ June 1, 2008, and
1377 June 1, 2009, the board may increase the claims-paying capacity
1378 of the fund as provided in paragraph (g) by an amount not to
1379 exceed \$4 billion in four \$1 billion options and shall depend on
1380 the TICL coverage options selected and the number of insurers
1381 that select the TICL optional coverage. Each insurer's TICL
1382 premium shall be calculated based upon the additional limit of
1383 increased coverage that the insurer selects. Such limit is

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1384 determined by multiplying the TICL multiple associated with one
1385 of the four options times the insurer's FHCF reimbursement
1386 premium. The reimbursement premium associated with the additional
1387 coverage provided in this paragraph shall be determined as
1388 specified in subsection (6) ~~(5)~~.

1389 Section 2. Section 215.557, Florida Statutes, is amended to
1390 read:

1391 215.557 Reports of insured values.--The reports of insured
1392 values under covered policies by zip code submitted to the
1393 Division of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund ~~State Board of~~
1394 ~~Administration~~ pursuant to s. 215.555, as created by s. 1, ch.
1395 93-409, Laws of Florida, or similar legislation, are confidential
1396 and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art.
1397 I of the State Constitution.

1398 Section 3. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section
1399 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1400 215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.--There is
1401 established within the Department of Financial Services the My
1402 Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal
1403 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for
1404 the program, consistent with this section. This section does not
1405 create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state
1406 in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential
1407 property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject
1408 to annual legislative appropriations. It is the intent of the
1409 Legislature that the My Safe Florida Home Program provide
1410 inspections for at least 400,000 site-built, single-family,
1411 residential properties and provide grants to at least 35,000
1412 applicants before June 30, 2009. The program shall develop and

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1413 | implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach for hurricane
1414 | damage mitigation that shall include the following:

1415 | (4) ADVISORY COUNCIL.--There is created an advisory council
1416 | to provide advice and assistance to the department regarding
1417 | administration of the program. The advisory council shall consist
1418 | of:

1419 | (h) The director ~~senior officer~~ of the Division of the
1420 | Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

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1422 | Members appointed under paragraphs (a)-(d) shall serve at the
1423 | pleasure of the Financial Services Commission. Members appointed
1424 | under paragraphs (e) and (f) shall serve at the pleasure of the
1425 | appointing officer. All other members shall serve voting ex
1426 | officio. Members of the advisory council shall serve without
1427 | compensation but may receive reimbursement as provided in s.
1428 | 112.061 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
1429 | performance of their official duties.

1430 | Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 215.559, Florida
1431 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1432 | 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--

1433 | (1) There is created a Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.
1434 | The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million of the
1435 | moneys authorized for appropriation under s. 215.555(8) ~~s.~~
1436 | ~~215.555(7)(e)~~ from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the
1437 | Department of Community Affairs for the purposes set forth in
1438 | this section.

1439 | Section 5. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1440 | (3) of section 215.5595, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1441 | 215.5595 Insurance Capital Build-Up Incentive Program.--

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1442 (2) The purpose of this section is to provide surplus notes
1443 to new or existing authorized residential property insurers under
1444 the Insurance Capital Build-Up Incentive Program administered by
1445 the Division of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund of the
1446 State Board of Administration, under the following conditions:

1447 (a) The amount of the surplus note for any insurer or
1448 insurer group, other than an insurer writing only manufactured
1449 housing policies, may not exceed \$25 million or 20 percent of the
1450 total amount of funds available under the program, whichever is
1451 greater. The amount of the surplus note for any insurer or
1452 insurer group writing residential property insurance covering
1453 only manufactured housing may not exceed \$7 million.

1454 (b) The insurer must contribute an amount of new capital to
1455 its surplus which is at least equal to the amount of the surplus
1456 note and must apply to the board by July 1, 2006. If an insurer
1457 applies after July 1, 2006, but before June 1, 2007, the amount
1458 of the surplus note is limited to one-half of the new capital
1459 that the insurer contributes to its surplus, except that an
1460 insurer writing only manufactured housing policies is eligible to
1461 receive a surplus note of up to \$7 million. For purposes of this
1462 section, new capital must be in the form of cash or cash
1463 equivalents as specified in s. 625.012(1).

1464 (c) The insurer's surplus, new capital, and the surplus
1465 note must total at least \$50 million, except for insurers writing
1466 residential property insurance covering only manufactured
1467 housing. The insurer's surplus, new capital, and the surplus note
1468 must total at least \$14 million for insurers writing only
1469 residential property insurance covering manufactured housing
1470 policies as provided in paragraph (a).

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1471 (d) The insurer must commit to meeting a minimum writing
1472 ratio of net written premium to surplus of at least 2:1 for the
1473 term of the surplus note, which shall be determined by the Office
1474 of Insurance Regulation and certified quarterly to the board. For
1475 this purpose, the term "net written premium" means net written
1476 premium for residential property insurance in Florida, including
1477 the peril of wind, and "surplus" refers to the entire surplus of
1478 the insurer. If the required ratio is not maintained during the
1479 term of the surplus note, the board may increase the interest
1480 rate, accelerate the repayment of interest and principal, or
1481 shorten the term of the surplus note, subject to approval by the
1482 Commissioner of Insurance of payments by the insurer of principal
1483 and interest as provided in paragraph (f).

1484 (e) If the requirements of this section are met, the board
1485 may approve an application by an insurer for a surplus note,
1486 unless the board determines that the financial condition of the
1487 insurer and its business plan for writing residential property
1488 insurance in Florida places an unreasonably high level of
1489 financial risk to the state of nonpayment in full of the interest
1490 and principal. The board shall consult with the Office of
1491 Insurance Regulation and may contract with independent financial
1492 and insurance consultants in making this determination.

1493 (f) The surplus note must be repayable to the state with a
1494 term of 20 years. The surplus note shall accrue interest on the
1495 unpaid principal balance at a rate equivalent to the 10-year U.S.
1496 Treasury Bond rate, require the payment only of interest during
1497 the first 3 years, and include such other terms as approved by
1498 the board. Payment of principal or interest by the insurer on the
1499 surplus note must be approved by the Commissioner of Insurance,

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1500 | who shall approve such payment unless the commissioner determines
1501 | that such payment will substantially impair the financial
1502 | condition of the insurer. If such a determination is made, the
1503 | commissioner shall approve such payment that will not
1504 | substantially impair the financial condition of the insurer.

1505 | (g) The total amount of funds available for the program is
1506 | limited to the amount appropriated by the Legislature for this
1507 | purpose. If the amount of surplus notes requested by insurers
1508 | exceeds the amount of funds available, the board may prioritize
1509 | insurers that are eligible and approved, with priority for
1510 | funding given to insurers writing only manufactured housing
1511 | policies, regardless of the date of application, based on the
1512 | financial strength of the insurer, the viability of its proposed
1513 | business plan for writing additional residential property
1514 | insurance in the state, and the effect on competition in the
1515 | residential property insurance market. Between insurers writing
1516 | residential property insurance covering manufactured housing,
1517 | priority shall be given to the insurer writing the highest
1518 | percentage of its policies covering manufactured housing.

1519 | (h) The board may allocate portions of the funds available
1520 | for the program and establish dates for insurers to apply for
1521 | surplus notes from such allocation which are earlier than the
1522 | dates established in paragraph (b).

1523 | (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), a newly formed
1524 | manufactured housing insurer that is eligible for a surplus note
1525 | under this section shall meet the premium to surplus ratio
1526 | provisions of s. 624.4095.

1527 | (j) As used in this section, "an insurer writing only
1528 | manufactured housing policies" includes:

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1529 | 1. A Florida domiciled insurer that begins writing personal
1530 | lines residential manufactured housing policies in Florida after
1531 | March 1, 2007, and that removes a minimum of 50,000 policies from
1532 | Citizens Property Insurance Corporation without accepting a
1533 | bonus, provided at least 25 percent of its policies cover
1534 | manufactured housing. Such an insurer may count any funds above
1535 | the minimum capital and surplus requirement that were contributed
1536 | into the insurer after March 1, 2007, as new capital under this
1537 | section.

1538 | 2. A Florida domiciled insurer that writes at least 40
1539 | percent of its policies covering manufactured housing in Florida.

1540 | (3) As used in this section, the term:

1541 | (a) "Board" means the Division of the Florida Hurricane
1542 | Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of Administration.

1543 | Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraphs (a),
1544 | (b), (d), (f), and (g) of subsection (2), and paragraph (b) of
1545 | subsection (3) of section 627.0628, Florida Statutes, are amended
1546 | to read:

1547 | 627.0628 Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection
1548 | Methodology; public records exemption; public meetings
1549 | exemption.--

1550 | (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--

1551 | (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to create the
1552 | Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology as a
1553 | panel of experts to provide the most actuarially sophisticated
1554 | guidelines and standards for projection of hurricane losses
1555 | possible, given the current state of actuarial science. It is the
1556 | further intent of the Legislature that such standards and
1557 | guidelines must be used by the Division of the Florida Hurricane

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1558 Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of Administration in
1559 developing reimbursement premium rates for the Florida Hurricane
1560 Catastrophe Fund, and, subject to paragraph (3)(c), may be used
1561 by insurers in rate filings under s. 627.062 unless the way in
1562 which such standards and guidelines were applied by the insurer
1563 was erroneous, as shown by a preponderance of the evidence.

1564 (2) COMMISSION CREATED.--

1565 (a) There is created the Florida Commission on Hurricane
1566 Loss Projection Methodology, which is assigned to the Division of
1567 the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of
1568 Administration. For the purposes of this section, the term
1569 "commission" means the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss
1570 Projection Methodology. The commission shall be administratively
1571 housed within the State Board of Administration, but it shall
1572 independently exercise the powers and duties specified in this
1573 section.

1574 (b) The commission shall consist of the following 11
1575 members:

- 1576 1. The insurance consumer advocate.
- 1577 2. The director of the Division of the Florida Hurricane
1578 Catastrophe Fund ~~senior employee~~ of the State Board of
1579 Administration ~~responsible for operations of the Florida~~
1580 ~~Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.~~
- 1581 3. The Executive Director of the Citizens Property
1582 Insurance Corporation.
- 1583 4. The Director of the Division of Emergency Management of
1584 the Department of Community Affairs.
- 1585 5. The actuary member of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe
1586 Fund Advisory Council.

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1587 6. An employee of the office who is an actuary responsible
1588 for property insurance rate filings and who is appointed by the
1589 director of the office.

1590 7. Five members appointed by the Chief Financial Officer,
1591 as follows:

1592 a. An actuary who is employed full time by a property and
1593 casualty insurer which was responsible for at least 1 percent of
1594 the aggregate statewide direct written premium for homeowner's
1595 insurance in the calendar year preceding the member's appointment
1596 to the commission.

1597 b. An expert in insurance finance who is a full-time member
1598 of the faculty of the State University System and who has a
1599 background in actuarial science.

1600 c. An expert in statistics who is a full-time member of the
1601 faculty of the State University System and who has a background
1602 in insurance.

1603 d. An expert in computer system design who is a full-time
1604 member of the faculty of the State University System.

1605 e. An expert in meteorology who is a full-time member of
1606 the faculty of the State University System and who specializes in
1607 hurricanes.

1608 (d) The board of the Division of the Florida Hurricane
1609 Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of Administration shall
1610 annually appoint one of the members of the commission to serve as
1611 chair.

1612 (f) The Division of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
1613 of the State Board of Administration shall, as a cost of
1614 administration of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, provide
1615 for travel, expenses, and staff support for the commission.

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1616 (g) There shall be no liability on the part of, and no
1617 cause of action of any nature shall arise against, any member of
1618 the commission, any member ~~of the State Board of Administration,~~
1619 or ~~any~~ employee of the Division of the Florida Hurricane
1620 Catastrophe Fund of the State Board of Administration for any
1621 action taken in the performance of their duties under this
1622 section. In addition, the commission may, in writing, waive any
1623 potential cause of action for negligence of a consultant,
1624 contractor, or contract employee engaged to assist the
1625 commission.

1626 (3) ADOPTION AND EFFECT OF STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.--

1627 (b) In establishing reimbursement premiums for the Florida
1628 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, the Division of the Florida Hurricane
1629 Catastrophe Fund ~~State Board of Administration~~ must, to the
1630 extent feasible, employ actuarial methods, principles, standards,
1631 models, or output ranges found by the commission to be accurate
1632 or reliable.

1633 Section 7. This act shall take effect June 1, 2008.