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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state financial matters; amending s. 17.29, F.S.; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to adopt rules requiring that payments made by the state for goods, services, or anything of value be made by electronic means; requiring that the rules include methods for accommodating persons who may not be able to receive payment by electronic means; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to make payments by warrant if administratively necessary; amending s. 43.16, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 215.322, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act to authorize state agencies, local governments, and the judicial branch to accept payments by electronic funds transfers; providing for the adoption of rules to facilitate such payments and to accommodate persons who may not be able to make payments by electronic means; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to adopt rules establishing uniform security safequards for cardholder data; creating s. 215.971, F.S.; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer adopt and disseminate uniform minimum procedures to state agencies for agreements that provide state or federal financial assistance to a recipient or subrecipient; amending s. 216.3475, F.S.; requiring an agency that is awarded funding on a 27 noncompetitive basis for certain services as specified

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28 in the General Appropriations Act to maintain 29 specified documentation supporting a cost analysis; 30 amending s. 287.056, F.S.; specifying the provisions to be included in state agency purchasing agreements; 31 32 amending s. 287.057, F.S.; removing certain types of 33 services from an exception to the competitive bid 34 requirements for the purchase of contractual services; 35 requiring that an agency document compliance with s. 36 216.3475, F.S., if the purchase of contractual 37 services exceeds a certain amount and the services are 38 not competitively procured; requiring that an agency's 39 contract manager attend training regarding 40 accountability in contracts and grant management; providing for uniform procedures that the Chief 41 Financial Officer must establish and disseminate to 42 state agencies; subjecting users of certain state term 43 44 contracts to a transaction or user fee; amending s. 45 287.0571, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 287.058, F.S.; revising provisions regarding 46 47 contracts for services; specifying provisions to be 48 included in such contracts; amending ss. 295.187, 394.47865, 402.40, 402.7305, 408.045, 427.0135, and 49 570.07, F.S.; conforming cross-references; requiring 50 51 state agencies to provide specified information to the 52 Department of Financial Services relating to the 53 purchase of commodities or services; requiring state 54 agencies to review and renegotiate contract renewals 55 and reprocurements in an effort to reduce contract 56 payments; requiring the Executive Office of the

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57 Governor to place savings from the renegotiation of 58 contract renewals or reprocurements in reserve; restricting funding for travel by state employees; 59 requiring that certain travel be approved in writing 60 61 by the agency head; providing exceptions; requiring 62 each state agency to review its contracts to ensure 63 that contractors comply with applicable preferredpricing clauses; requiring certain contracts 64 65 containing a preferred-pricing clause to require that 66 the contractor submit an affidavit attesting to the 67 contractor's compliance with the clause; defining the term "preferred-pricing clause"; providing an 68 69 appropriation to the Department of Financial Services 70 and authorizing additional full-time equivalent 71 positions; providing an effective date.

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

75 Section 1. Section 17.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to 76 read:

17.29 Authority to prescribe rules.—The Chief Financial Officer may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter and <u>the</u> duties assigned by statute or the State Constitution. Such rules may include, but are not limited to, the following:

82 (1) Procedures or policies relating to the processing of
83 payments from salaries, other personal services, or any other
84 applicable appropriation.

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(2) Procedures for processing interagency and intraagency

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86 payments that which do not require the issuance of a state 87 warrant.

88 (3) Procedures or policies requiring that payments made by 89 the state for goods, services, or anything of value be made by 90 electronic means, including, but not limited to, debit cards, 91 credit cards, or electronic funds transfers.

92 (4) A method that reasonably accommodates persons who, 93 because of technological, financial, or other hardship, may not 94 be able to receive payments by electronic means. The Chief 95 Financial Officer may make payments by state warrant if deemed 96 administratively necessary.

97 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 43.16, Florida98 Statutes, is amended to read:

99 43.16 Justice Administrative Commission; membership, powers100 and duties.-

(1) There is hereby created a Justice Administrative Commission, with headquarters located in the state capital. The necessary office space for use of the commission shall be furnished by the proper state agency in charge of state buildings. For purposes of the fees imposed on agencies pursuant to <u>s. 287.057(24)</u> s. 287.057(23), the Justice Administrative Commission shall be exempt from such fees.

108 Section 3. Section 215.322, Florida Statutes, is amended to 109 read:

110 215.322 Acceptance of credit cards, charge cards, or debit 111 cards, or electronic funds transfers by state agencies, units of 112 local government, and the judicial branch.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage state agencies, the judicial branch, and units of local government to

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115 make their goods, services, and information more convenient to 116 the public through the acceptance of payments by credit cards, 117 charge cards, and debit cards, or other means of electronic 118 <u>funds transfers</u> to the maximum extent practicable when the 119 benefits to the participating agency and the public substantiate 120 the cost of accepting these types of payments.

(2) A state agency as defined in s. 216.011, or the 121 122 judicial branch, may accept credit cards, charge cards, or debit 123 cards, or electronic funds transfers in payment for goods and 124 services with the prior approval of the Chief Financial Officer. 125 If the Internet or other related electronic methods are to be 126 used as the collection medium, the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology shall review and recommend to the Chief 127 128 Financial Officer whether to approve the request with regard to 129 the process or procedure to be used.

(3) The Chief Financial Officer shall adopt rules governing
the establishment and acceptance of credit cards, charge cards,
or debit cards, or electronic funds transfers by state agencies
or the judicial branch, including, but not limited to, the
following:

(a) <u>Use</u> Utilization of a standardized contract between the
financial institution or other appropriate intermediaries and
the agency or judicial branch which shall be developed by the
Chief Financial Officer or approval by the Chief Financial
Officer of a substitute agreement.

(b) Procedures <u>that</u> which permit an agency or officer
accepting payment by credit card, charge card, or debit card, or
<u>electronic funds transfer</u> to impose a convenience fee upon the
person making the payment. However, the total amount of such

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144 convenience fees <u>may</u> shall not exceed the total cost to the 145 state agency. A convenience fee is not refundable to the payor. 146 <u>However</u> Notwithstanding the foregoing, this section <u>does</u> shall 147 not be construed to permit <u>the imposition of</u> surcharges on any 148 other credit card purchase in violation of s. 501.0117.

(c) All service fees payable pursuant to this section when
practicable shall be invoiced and paid by state warrant or such
other manner that is satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer
in accordance with the time periods specified in s. 215.422, if
practicable.

(d) Submission of information to the Chief Financial
Officer concerning the acceptance of credit cards, charge cards,
or debit cards, or electronic funds transfers by all state
agencies or the judicial branch.

(e) A methodology for agencies to use when completing the 158 159 cost-benefit analysis referred to in subsection (1). The methodology must consider all quantifiable cost reductions, 160 161 other benefits to the agency, and the potential impact on 162 general revenue. The methodology must also consider 163 nonquantifiable benefits such as the convenience to individuals 164 and businesses that would benefit from the ability to pay for 165 state goods and services through the use of credit cards, charge cards, and debit cards, or electronic funds transfers. 166

(4) The Chief Financial Officer may establish contracts
with one or more financial institutions, credit card companies,
or other entities <u>that</u> which may lawfully provide such services,
in a manner consistent with chapter 287, for processing credit
card, charge card, or debit card, <u>or electronic funds transfer</u>
collections for deposit into the State Treasury or another



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173 qualified public depository. Any state agency, or the judicial branch, which accepts payment by credit card, charge card, or 174 175 debit card, or electronic funds transfer shall use at least one 176 of the contractors established by the Chief Financial Officer, 177 unless the state agency or judicial branch obtains authorization from the Chief Financial Officer to use another contractor that 178 179 which is more advantageous to the such state agency or the 180 judicial branch. The Such contracts may authorize a unit of 181 local government to use the services upon the same terms and 182 conditions for deposit of credit card, charge card, or debit 183 card, or electronic funds transfer transactions into its 184 qualified public depositories.

(5) A unit of local government, including which term means 185 186 a municipality, special district, or board of county commissioners or other governing body of a county, however 187 styled, including that of a consolidated or metropolitan 188 189 government, and means any clerk of the circuit court, sheriff, property appraiser, tax collector, or supervisor of elections, 190 191 is authorized to accept payment by use of credit cards, charge cards, and bank debit cards, and electronic funds transfers for 192 193 financial obligations that are owing to such unit of local 194 government and to surcharge the person who uses a credit card, 195 charge card, or bank debit card, or electronic funds transfer in 196 payment of taxes, license fees, tuition, fines, civil penalties, 197 court-ordered payments, or court costs, or other statutorily 198 prescribed revenues an amount sufficient to pay the service fee 199 charges by the financial institution, vending service company, or credit card company for such services. A unit of local 200 201 government shall verify both the validity of any credit card,

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202 charge card, or bank debit card, <u>or electronic funds transfer</u> 203 used pursuant to this subsection and the existence of 204 appropriate credit with respect to the person using the card <u>or</u> 205 <u>transfer</u>. The unit of local government does not incur any 206 liability as a result of such verification or any subsequent 207 action taken.

(6) Any action required to be performed by a state officer
or agency pursuant to this section shall be performed within 10
working days after receipt of the request for approval or be
deemed approved if not acted upon within that time.

212 (7) Nothing contained in This section does not shall be 213 construed to prohibit a state agency or the judicial branch from 214 continuing to accept charge cards, or debit cards, or electronic 215 funds transfers pursuant to a contract that which was lawfully entered into before prior to the effective date of this act, 216 unless specifically directed otherwise in the General 217 Appropriations Act. However, such contract <u>may</u> shall not be 218 219 extended or renewed after the effective date of this act unless 220 such renewal and extension conforms to the requirements of this 221 section.

222 (8) When deemed administratively necessary, a state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, or the judicial branch may adopt rules 223 224 requiring that payments for goods, services, or anything of value be made by electronic means, including, but not limited 225 226 to, credit cards, charge cards, debit cards, or electronic funds 227 transfers. The rules must provide a method to reasonably 228 accommodate persons who, because of technological, financial, or 229 other hardship, may not be able to make payment by electronic 230 means.

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231	(9) For payment programs in which credit cards, charge
232	cards, or debit cards are accepted by state agencies, the
233	judicial branch, or units of local government, the Chief
234	Financial Officer, in consultation with the Agency for
235	Enterprise Information Technology, may adopt rules to establish
236	uniform security safequards for cardholder data and to ensure
237	compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security
238	Standards.
239	Section 4. Section 215.971, Florida Statutes, is created to
240	read:
241	215.971 Agreements funded by federal or state financial
242	assistanceThe Chief Financial Officer shall adopt and
243	disseminate uniform minimum procedures to state agencies
244	pursuant to s. 17.03 for agreements that provide state or
245	federal financial assistance to a recipient or subrecipient.
246	Section 5. Section 216.3475, Florida Statutes, is amended
247	to read:
248	216.3475 Maximum rate of payment for services funded under
249	General Appropriations Act or awarded on a noncompetitive
250	basis.—A person or entity that is designated by the General
251	Appropriations Act, or that is awarded funding on a
252	noncompetitive basis, to provide services for which funds are
253	appropriated by that act may not receive a rate of payment in
254	excess of the competitive prevailing rate for those services
255	unless expressly authorized in the General Appropriations Act.
256	Each agency shall maintain documentation to support a cost
257	analysis, which includes a detailed budget submitted by the
258	person or entity awarded funding and the agency's documented
259	review of individual cost elements from the submitted budget for
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260 <u>allowability</u>, reasonableness, and necessity.

261 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 287.056, Florida 262 Statutes, is amended to read:

263 287.056 Purchases from purchasing agreements and state term 264 contracts.-

(1) Agencies shall, and eligible users may, purchase
commodities and contractual services from purchasing agreements
established and state term contracts procured, pursuant to s.
287.057, by the department. <u>Each agency agreement made under</u>
this subsection shall include:

270 (a) A provision specifying a scope of work that clearly
 271 establishes all tasks that the contractor is required to
 272 perform.

(b) A provision dividing the contract into quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables that must be received and accepted in writing by the contract manager before payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

Section 7. Present subsections (6) through (24) of section 281 287.057, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7) 282 through (25), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to 283 that section, and present subsections (5) and (15) of that 284 section are amended, to read:

285 287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual 286 services.-

(5) When the purchase price of commodities or contractualservices exceeds the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for

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289 CATEGORY TWO, no purchase of commodities or contractual services 290 may be made without receiving competitive sealed bids, 291 competitive sealed proposals, or competitive sealed replies 292 unless:

293 (a) The agency head determines in writing that an immediate 294 danger to the public health, safety, or welfare or other 295 substantial loss to the state requires emergency action. After 296 the agency head makes such a written determination, the agency 297 may proceed with the procurement of commodities or contractual 298 services necessitated by the immediate danger, without receiving 299 competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, or 300 competitive sealed replies. However, such emergency procurement shall be made by obtaining pricing information from at least two 301 302 prospective vendors, which must be retained in the contract 303 file, unless the agency determines in writing that the time 304 required to obtain pricing information will increase the 305 immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare or other substantial loss to the state. The agency shall furnish 306 307 copies of all written determinations certified under oath and 308 any other documents relating to the emergency action to the 309 department. A copy of the statement shall be furnished to the 310 Chief Financial Officer with the voucher authorizing payment. The individual purchase of personal clothing, shelter, or 311 312 supplies which are needed on an emergency basis to avoid 313 institutionalization or placement in a more restrictive setting 314 is an emergency for the purposes of this paragraph, and the 315 filing with the department of such statement is not required in 316 such circumstances. In the case of the emergency purchase of 317 insurance, the period of coverage of such insurance shall not

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318 exceed a period of 30 days, and all such emergency purchases 319 shall be reported to the department.

(b) The purchase is made by an agency from a state term contract procured, pursuant to this section, by the department or by an agency, after receiving approval from the department, from a contract procured, pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (3), by another agency.

325 (c) Commodities or contractual services available only from 326 a single source may be excepted from the competitive-327 solicitation requirements. When an agency believes that 328 commodities or contractual services are available only from a 329 single source, the agency shall electronically post a 330 description of the commodities or contractual services sought 331 for a period of at least 7 business days. The description must include a request that prospective vendors provide information 332 333 regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual 334 services described. If it is determined in writing by the 335 agency, after reviewing any information received from 336 prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual 337 services are available only from a single source, the agency 338 shall:

1. Provide notice of its intended decision to enter a
single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in s.
120.57(3), if the amount of the contract does not exceed the
threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FOUR.

343 2. Request approval from the department for the single-344 source purchase, if the amount of the contract exceeds the 345 threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FOUR. The 346 agency shall initiate its request for approval in a form

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347 prescribed by the department, which request may be electronically transmitted. The failure of the department to 348 349 approve or disapprove the agency's request for approval within 350 21 days after receiving such request shall constitute prior 351 approval of the department. If the department approves the 352 agency's request, the agency shall provide notice of its 353 intended decision to enter a single-source contract in the 354 manner specified in s. 120.57(3).

(d) When it is in the best interest of the state, the secretary of the department or his or her designee may authorize the Support Program to purchase insurance by negotiation, but such purchase shall be made only under conditions most favorable to the public interest.

360 (e) Prescriptive assistive devices for the purpose of 361 medical, developmental, or vocational rehabilitation of clients 362 are excepted from competitive-solicitation requirements and 363 shall be procured pursuant to an established fee schedule or by any other method which ensures the best price for the state, 364 365 taking into consideration the needs of the client. Prescriptive 366 assistive devices include, but are not limited to, prosthetics, 367 orthotics, and wheelchairs. For purchases made pursuant to this 368 paragraph, state agencies shall annually file with the 369 department a description of the purchases and methods of 370 procurement.

(f) The following contractual services and commodities are not subject to the competitive-solicitation requirements of this section:

374 1. Artistic services. For the purposes of this subsection,
375 the term "artistic services" does not include advertising. As

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376 used in this subparagraph, the term "advertising" means the 377 making of a representation in any form in connection with a 378 trade, business, craft, or profession in order to promote the 379 supply of commodities or services by the person promoting the 380 commodities or contractual services.

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2. Academic program reviews.

382 <u>2.</u>3. Lectures by individuals.

4. Auditing services.

384 <u>4.5.</u> Legal services, including attorney, paralegal, expert
 385 witness, appraisal, or mediator services.

386 6. Health services involving examination, diagnosis,
 387 treatment, prevention, medical consultation, or administration.

388 5.7. Services provided to persons with mental or physical 389 disabilities by not-for-profit corporations which have obtained 390 exemptions under the provisions of s. 501(c)(3) of the United 391 States Internal Revenue Code or when such services are governed 392 by the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-393 122. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall 394 consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, 395 willingness to meet time requirements, and price.

396 8. Medicaid services delivered to an eligible Medicaid 397 recipient by a health care provider who has not previously 398 applied for and received a Medicaid provider number from the 399 Agency for Health Care Administration. However, this exception 400 shall be valid for a period not to exceed 90 days after the date 401 of delivery to the Medicaid recipient and shall not be renewed 402 by the agency.

403 404 <u>6.9.</u> Family placement services.

7.10. Prevention services related to mental health,

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including drug abuse prevention programs, child abuse prevention programs, and shelters for runaways, operated by not-for-profit corporations. However, in acquiring such services, the agency shall consider the ability of the vendor, past performance, willingness to meet time requirements, and price.

410 <u>8.11.</u> Training and education services provided to injured 411 employees pursuant to s. 440.491(6).

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<u>9.12.</u> Contracts entered into pursuant to s. 337.11.

413 <u>10.13.</u> Services or commodities provided by governmental 414 agencies.

(g) Continuing education events or programs that are offered to the general public and for which fees have been collected that pay all expenses associated with the event or program are exempt from requirements for competitive solicitation.

420 (6) An agency must document its compliance with s. 216.3475
 421 if the purchase of contractual services exceeds the threshold
 422 amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO and such services
 423 are not competitively procured.

424 (16) (15) For each contractual services contract, the agency 425 shall designate an employee to function as contract manager who 426 shall be responsible for enforcing performance of the contract 427 terms and conditions and serve as a liaison with the contractor. Each contract manager who is responsible for contracts in excess 428 of the threshold amount for CATEGORY TWO must attend training 429 430 conducted by the Chief Financial Officer for accountability in 431 contracts and grant management. The Chief Financial Officer 432 agency shall establish and disseminate uniform procedures 433 pursuant to s. 17.03(3) to ensure that contractual services have

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434	been rendered in accordance with the contract terms <u>before the</u>
435	agency processes prior to processing the invoice for payment.
436	The procedures shall include, but need not be limited to,
437	procedures for monitoring and documenting contractor
438	performance, reviewing and documenting all deliverables for
439	which payment is requested by vendors, and providing written
440	certification by contract managers of the agency's receipt of
441	goods and services.
442	Section 8. Contracts for academic program reviews, auditing
443	services, health services, and Medicaid services are subject the
444	transaction or user fees imposed under ss. 287.057(23) and
445	287.1345, Florida Statutes, only to the extent that such
446	contracts were subjected to such transaction or user fees before
447	<u>July 1, 2010.</u>
448	Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
449	287.0571, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
450	287.0571 Applicability of ss. 287.0571-287.0574.—
451	(4) Sections 287.0571-287.0574 do not apply to:
452	(a) A procurement of commodities and contractual services
453	listed in s. 287.057(5)(e), (f), and (g) and <u>(23)(22).</u>
454	Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 287.058, Florida
455	Statutes, is amended to read:
456	287.058 Contract document
457	(1) Every procurement of contractual services in excess of
458	the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO,
459	except for the providing of health and mental health services or
460	drugs in the examination, diagnosis, or treatment of sick or
461	injured state employees or the providing of other benefits as
462	required by the provisions of chapter 440, shall be evidenced by

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463 a written agreement embodying all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services, which provisions and 464 465 conditions shall, where applicable, include, but shall not be 466 limited to, a provision:

467 (a) A provision That bills for fees or other compensation 468 for services or expenses be submitted in detail sufficient for a 469 proper preaudit and postaudit thereof.

470 (b) A provision That bills for any travel expenses be 471 submitted in accordance with s. 112.061. A state agency may 472 establish rates lower than the maximum provided in s. 112.061.

473 (c) A provision Allowing unilateral cancellation by the 474 agency for refusal by the contractor to allow public access to 475 all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or 476 received by the contractor in conjunction with the contract, 477 unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 119.07(1). 478

479 (d) Specifying a scope of work that clearly establishes all 480 tasks the contractor is required to perform.

481 (e) (d) A provision Dividing the contract into quantifiable, 482 measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables, which shall 483 include, but not be limited to, reports, findings, and drafts, 484 that must be received and accepted in writing by the contract 485 manager before prior to payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and specify the required 486 487 minimum level of service to be performed and criteria for 488 evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

489 (f) (e) A provision Specifying the criteria and the final 490 date by which such criteria must be met for completion of the 491 contract.

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492 (q) (f) A provision Specifying that the contract may be 493 renewed for a period that may not exceed 3 years or the term of 494 the original contract, whichever period is longer, specifying 495 the renewal price for the contractual service as set forth in 496 the bid, proposal, or reply, specifying that costs for the renewal may not be charged, and specifying that renewals shall 497 498 be contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations by the 499 agency and subject to the availability of funds. Exceptional 500 purchase contracts pursuant to s. 287.057(5)(a) and (c) may not 501 be renewed. 502 (h) Specifying the financial consequences that the agency

502 <u>(II) Specifying the financial consequences that the agency</u> 503 <u>must apply if the contractor fails to perform in accordance with</u> 504 <u>the contract.</u>

505 <u>(i) Addressing the property rights of any intellectual</u> 506 property related to the contract and the specific rights of the 507 state regarding the intellectual property if the contractor 508 fails to provide the services or is no longer providing 509 services.

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511 In lieu of a written agreement, the department may authorize the 512 use of a purchase order for classes of contractual services, if the provisions of paragraphs (a) - (i) + (a) - (f) are included in the 513 purchase order or solicitation. The purchase order must include, 514 515 but need not be limited to, an adequate description of the 516 services, the contract period, and the method of payment. In 517 lieu of printing the provisions of paragraphs (a) - (i) (a) - (f) in 518 the contract document or purchase order, agencies may incorporate the requirements of paragraphs (a)-(i) $\frac{(a)-(f)}{(a)-(f)}$ by 519 520 reference.

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521 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 522 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

523 295.187 Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business 524 Enterprise Opportunity Act.-

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(4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.-

526 (b) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(13) s. 287.057(12), if a 527 service-disabled veteran business enterprise entitled to the 528 vendor preference under this section and one or more businesses 529 entitled to this preference or another vendor preference 530 provided by law submit bids, proposals, or replies for 531 procurement of commodities or contractual services that are 532 equal with respect to all relevant considerations, including 533 price, quality, and service, then the state agency shall award 534 the procurement or contract to the business having the smallest 535 net worth.

536 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 537 394.47865, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.47865 South Florida State Hospital; privatization.-

(1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall,
through a request for proposals, privatize South Florida State
Hospital. The department shall plan to begin implementation of
this privatization initiative by July 1, 1998.

(a) Notwithstanding <u>s. 287.057(15)</u> s. 287.057(14), the
department may enter into agreements, not to exceed 20 years,
with a private provider, a coalition of providers, or another
agency to finance, design, and construct a treatment facility
having up to 350 beds and to operate all aspects of daily
operations within the facility. The department may subcontract
any or all components of this procurement to a statutorily



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established state governmental entity that has successfully contracted with private companies for designing, financing, acquiring, leasing, constructing, and operating major privatized state facilities.

554Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) and subsection555(8) of section 402.40, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 402.40 Child welfare training.-
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(5) CORE COMPETENCIES.-

(c) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(5) and <u>(23)(22)</u>, the department shall competitively solicit and contract for the development, validation, and periodic evaluation of the training curricula for the established single integrated curriculum. No more than one training curriculum may be developed for each specific subset of the core competencies.

564 (8) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING ACADEMIES. - The department 565 shall establish child welfare training academies as part of a 566 comprehensive system of child welfare training. In establishing 567 a program of training, the department may contract for the 568 operation of one or more training academies to perform one or 569 more of the following: to offer one or more of the training 570 curricula developed under subsection (5); to administer the 571 certification process; to develop, validate, and periodically 572 evaluate additional training curricula determined to be 573 necessary, including advanced training that is specific to a 574 region or contractor, or that meets a particular training need; 575 or to offer the additional training curricula. The number, 576 location, and timeframe for establishment of training academies 577 shall be approved by the Secretary of Children and Family 578 Services who shall ensure that the goals for the core

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579 competencies and the single integrated curriculum, the 580 certification process, the trainer qualifications, and the 581 additional training needs are addressed. Notwithstanding s. 582 287.057(5) and <u>(23)-(22)</u>, the department shall competitively 583 solicit all training academy contracts.

584 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 402.7305, 585 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

586402.7305 Department of Children and Family Services;587procurement of contractual services; contract management.-

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(2) PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.-

589 (a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(5)(f)10. s. 590 287.057(5)(f)13., whenever the department intends to contract with a public postsecondary institution to provide a service, 591 592 the department must allow all public postsecondary institutions 593 in this state which that are accredited by the Southern 594 Association of Colleges and Schools to bid on the contract. 595 Thereafter, notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, 596 if a public postsecondary institution intends to subcontract for 597 any service awarded in the contract, the subcontracted service 598 must be procured by competitive procedures.

599 (b) When it is in the best interest of a defined segment of 600 its consumer population, the department may competitively procure and contract for systems of treatment or service that 601 involve multiple providers, rather than procuring and 602 603 contracting for treatment or services separately from each 604 participating provider. The department must ensure that all 605 providers that participate in the treatment or service system meet all applicable statutory, regulatory, service quality, and 606 cost control requirements. If other governmental entities or 607

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608 units of special purpose government contribute matching funds to 609 the support of a given system of treatment or service, the department shall formally request information from those funding 610 611 entities in the procurement process and may take the information 612 received into account in the selection process. If a local 613 government contributes matching funds to support the system of treatment or contracted service and if the match constitutes at 614 least 25 percent of the value of the contract, the department 615 616 shall afford the governmental match contributor an opportunity 617 to name an employee as one of the persons required by s. 618 287.057(18) s. 287.057(17) to evaluate or negotiate certain 619 contracts, unless the department sets forth in writing the 620 reason why the inclusion would be contrary to the best interest 621 of the state. Any employee so named by the governmental match 622 contributor shall qualify as one of the persons required by s. 623 287.057(18) s. 287.057(17). A governmental entity or unit of 624 special purpose government may not name an employee as one of the persons required by s. 287.057(18) s. 287.057(17) if it, or 625 626 any of its political subdivisions, executive agencies, or 627 special districts, intends to compete for the contract to be 628 awarded. The governmental funding entity or contributor of 629 matching funds must comply with all procurement procedures set 630 forth in s. 287.057 when appropriate and required.

631 (c) The department may procure and contract for or provide
632 assessment and case management services independently from
633 treatment services.

(3) CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS.—The
 Department of Children and Family Services shall review the time
 period for which the department executes contracts and shall



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637 execute multiyear contracts to make the most efficient use of 638 the resources devoted to contract processing and execution. 639 Whenever the department chooses not to use a multiyear contract, 640 a justification for that decision must be contained in the 641 contract. Notwithstanding <u>s. 287.057(16)</u> s. 287.057(15), the 642 department is responsible for establishing a contract management 643 process that requires a member of the department's Senior 644 Management or Selected Exempt Service to assign in writing the 645 responsibility of a contract to a contract manager. The 646 department shall maintain a set of procedures describing its 647 contract management process which must minimally include the 648 following requirements:

(a) The contract manager shall maintain the official
contract file throughout the duration of the contract and for a
period not less than 6 years after the termination of the
contract.

(b) The contract manager shall review all invoices for compliance with the criteria and payment schedule provided for in the contract and shall approve payment of all invoices before their transmission to the Department of Financial Services for payment.

(c) The contract manager shall maintain a schedule of payments and total amounts disbursed and shall periodically reconcile the records with the state's official accounting records.

(d) For contracts involving the provision of direct client
services, the contract manager shall periodically visit the
physical location where the services are delivered and speak
directly to clients receiving the services and the staff

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666 responsible for delivering the services.

(e) The contract manager shall meet at least once a month
directly with the contractor's representative and maintain
records of such meetings.

670 (f) The contract manager shall periodically document any 671 differences between the required performance measures and the 672 actual performance measures. If a contractor fails to meet and 673 comply with the performance measures established in the 674 contract, the department may allow a reasonable period for the 675 contractor to correct performance deficiencies. If performance 676 deficiencies are not resolved to the satisfaction of the 677 department within the prescribed time, and if no extenuating 678 circumstances can be documented by the contractor to the 679 department's satisfaction, the department must terminate the 680 contract. The department may not enter into a new contract with 681 that same contractor for the services for which the contract was previously terminated for a period of at least 24 months after 682 the date of termination. The contract manager shall obtain and 683 684 enforce corrective action plans, if appropriate, and maintain 685 records regarding the completion or failure to complete 686 corrective action items.

(g) The contract manager shall document any contract
modifications, which shall include recording any contract
amendments as provided for in this section.

(h) The contract manager shall be properly trained beforebeing assigned responsibility for any contract.

692 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 408.045, Florida693 Statutes, is amended to read:

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408.045 Certificate of need; competitive sealed proposals.-

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695 (2) The agency shall make a decision regarding the issuance 696 of the certificate of need in accordance with the provisions of 697 s. 287.057(18) = 287.057(17), rules adopted by the agency 698 relating to intermediate care facilities for the developmentally 699 disabled, and the criteria in s. 408.035, as further defined by 700 rule.

701 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 427.0135, Florida702 Statutes, is amended to read:

427.0135 Purchasing agencies; duties and responsibilities.Each purchasing agency, in carrying out the policies and
procedures of the commission, shall:

706 (3) Not procure transportation disadvantaged services 707 without initially negotiating with the commission, as provided 708 in <u>s. 287.057(5)(f)10.</u> s. 287.057(5)(f)13., or unless otherwise 709 authorized by statute. If the purchasing agency, after consultation with the commission, determines that it cannot 710 711 reach mutually acceptable contract terms with the commission, the purchasing agency may contract for the same transportation 712 713 services provided in a more cost-effective manner and of 714 comparable or higher quality and standards. The Medicaid agency 715 shall implement this subsection in a manner consistent with s. 716 409.908(18) and as otherwise limited or directed by the General 717 Appropriations Act.

718 Section 17. Subsection (41) of section 570.07, Florida 719 Statutes, is amended to read:

570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and
exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

(41) Notwithstanding the provisions of <u>s. 287.057(24)</u> which

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724	s. 287.057(23) that require all agencies to use the online
725	procurement system developed by the Department of Management
726	Services, the department may continue to use its own online
727	system. However, vendors <u>using</u> utilizing such system <u>must</u> shall
728	be prequalified as meeting mandatory requirements and
729	qualifications and shall remit fees pursuant to <u>s. 287.057(24)</u>
730	s. $287.057(23)_r$ and any rules implementing s. 287.057.
731	Section 18. <u>(1) Each state agency, as defined in s.</u>
732	216.011, Florida Statutes, shall provide the following
733	information to the Department of Financial Services regarding
734	the agency's contracted activities:
735	(a) The nature of the commodities or services purchased.
736	(b) The term of the contract.
737	(c) The final obligation made by the agency.
738	(d) A summary of any time constraints that apply to the
739	procurement.
740	(e) The justification for not using the competitive sealed
741	bid process, including any statutory exemption or exception.
742	(f) Other information regarding the contract or the
743	procurement which may be required by the Department of Financial
744	Services.
745	(2) This section applies to any contract executed on or
746	after July 1, 2010, for the purchase of commodities or
747	contractual services in excess of the CATEGORY TWO threshold
748	amount provided in s. 287.017, Florida Statutes, which is not:
749	(a) Awarded by competitive sealed bid pursuant to s.
750	287.057(1), (2), or (3), Florida Statutes; or
751	(b) Purchased from a purchasing agreement or state term
752	contract pursuant to s. 287.056, Florida Statutes.

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753 (3) An agency must submit the required information to the 754 Department of Financial Services within 3 calendar days after 755 executing the contract. 756 Section 19. Each state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, 757 Florida Statutes, shall review existing contract renewals and 758 reprocurements with private providers and public-private providers in an effort to reduce contract payments by 3 percent. 759 760 It is the statewide goal to achieve substantial savings; however, it is the intent of the Legislature that the level and 761 762 quality of services not be affected. Each agency shall 763 renegotiate and reprocure contracts consistent with this 764 section. Any savings that accrue through renegotiating the 765 renewal or reprocurement of an existing contract shall be placed 766 in reserve by the Executive Office of the Governor. 767 Section 20. It is the policy of the state that funds appropriated to each state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, 768 769 Florida Statutes, which may be used for travel by state 770 employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to the state agency's mission. Funds may not be used to pay for 771 772 travel by state employees to foreign countries, other states, 773 conferences, staff-training activities, or other administrative 774 functions unless the agency head approves in writing that such activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head 775 776 must consider the use of teleconferencing and other forms of 777 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed 778 activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section 779 does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military 780 purposes, emergency management activities, and public health 781 activities.

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782	Section 21. <u>(1) Each state agency, as defined in s.</u>
783	216.011, Florida Statutes, shall review its contracts to ensure
784	that each contractor complies with any applicable preferred-
785	pricing clause.
786	(2) Each contract executed, renewed, extended, or modified
787	on or after July 1 , 2010, which includes a preferred-pricing
788	clause, must require an affidavit from an authorized
789	representative of the contractor attesting under penalty of
790	perjury that the contract is in compliance with the preferred-
791	pricing clause. Such affidavit must be submitted at least
792	annually. A contractor's failure to comply with a preferred-
793	pricing clause is grounds for terminating the contract at the
794	state agency's sole discretion.
795	(3) As used in this section, the term "preferred-pricing
796	clause" means a contractual provision under which the state is
797	offered the most favorable price that the contractor offers any
798	<u>client.</u>
799	Section 22. The sum of \$311,915 from the General Revenue
800	Fund is appropriated and five full-time equivalent positions and
801	associated salary rate are authorized to the Department of
802	Financial Services to implement the provisions of this act.
803	Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.