

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to homelessness; amending ss. 320.02,
3 322.08, and 322.18, F.S.; requiring the motor vehicle
4 registration form and registration renewal form, the
5 driver license application form, and the driver license
6 application form for renewal issuance or renewal extension
7 to include an option to make a voluntary contribution to
8 aid the homeless; providing for such contributions to be
9 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the
10 Department of Children and Family Services and used by the
11 State Office on Homelessness for certain purposes;
12 providing that voluntary contributions for the homeless
13 are not income of a revenue nature for the purpose of
14 applying certain service charges; creating s. 414.161,
15 F.S.; establishing a homelessness prevention grant
16 program; requiring grant applicants to be ranked
17 competitively; providing preference for certain grant
18 applicants; providing eligibility requirements; providing
19 grant limitations and restrictions; requiring lead
20 agencies for local homeless assistance continuums of care
21 to track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a
22 specified period of time; amending s. 420.622, F.S.;
23 limiting the percentage of funding that lead agencies may
24 spend on administrative costs; amending s. 420.625, F.S.;
25 deleting a cross-reference to conform; amending s.
26 420.6275, F.S.; revising legislative findings relating to
27 the Housing First approach to homelessness; repealing s.
28 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency assistance program

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29 | for families with children that have lost shelter or face
 30 | loss of shelter due to an emergency; providing an
 31 | effective date.

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 33 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 35 | Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (15) of
 36 | section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

37 | 320.02 Registration required; application for
 38 | registration; forms.—

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40 | (o) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for
 41 | motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must
 42 | include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per
 43 | applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to
 44 | this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 45 | Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Family Services and
 46 | used by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants
 47 | made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the
 48 | public about homelessness in the state, and provide literature
 49 | for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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 51 | For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.
 52 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
 53 | income of a revenue nature.

54 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.08, Florida
 55 | Statutes, is amended to read:

56 | 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license

57 and identification card forms.—

58 (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or
59 replacement driver's license or identification card shall
60 include language permitting the following:

61 (a) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
62 contribution shall be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund
63 for organ and tissue donor education and for maintaining the
64 organ and tissue donor registry.

65 (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
66 contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the
67 Blind.

68 (c) A voluntary contribution of \$2 per applicant, which
69 shall be distributed to the Hearing Research Institute,
70 Incorporated.

71 (d) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
72 shall be distributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
73 International.

74 (e) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
75 shall be distributed to the Children's Hearing Help Fund.

76 (f) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
77 shall be distributed to Family First, a nonprofit organization.

78 (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop
79 Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart
80 Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

81 (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior
82 Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida
83 Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-
84 profit organization.

85 (i) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for
 86 services for persons with developmental disabilities, which
 87 shall be distributed to The Arc of Florida.

88 (j) A voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Ronald McDonald
 89 House, which shall be distributed each month to Ronald McDonald
 90 House Charities of Tampa Bay, Inc.

91 (k) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
 92 of \$1 per applicant, which shall be distributed to the League
 93 Against Cancer/La Liga Contra el Cancer, a not-for-profit
 94 organization.

95 (l) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to
 96 Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, which shall be distributed to
 97 Lauren's Kids, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

98 (m) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
 99 shall be distributed to Prevent Blindness Florida, a not-for-
 100 profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight
 101 of the residents of this state.

102 (n) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
 103 of \$1 per applicant to the state homes for veterans, to be
 104 distributed on a quarterly basis by the department to the State
 105 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is administered by the
 106 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

107 (o) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
 108 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made
 109 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants
 110 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and
 111 Family Services and used by the State Office on Homelessness to
 112 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide

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113 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and
114 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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116 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust
117 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the
118 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
119 under paragraphs (b)-(o) ~~(b)-(n)~~ are not income of a revenue
120 nature.

121 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.18,
122 Florida Statutes, to read:

123 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
124 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

125 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal
126 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary
127 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.

128 Contributions made pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited
129 into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of
130 Children and Family Services and used by the State Office on
131 Homelessness to supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and
132 (5), provide information to the public about homelessness in the
133 state, and provide literature for homeless persons seeking
134 assistance. For the purpose of applying the service charge
135 provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under this
136 paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

137 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created
138 to read:

139 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

140 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is created a grant

141 program to provide emergency financial assistance to families
142 facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or
143 other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness, with the
144 concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and
145 administer moneys appropriated to the Department of Children and
146 Family Services to provide homelessness prevention grants
147 annually to lead agencies for local homeless assistance
148 continuums of care, as recognized by the State Office on
149 Homelessness. These moneys shall consist of any sums that the
150 state may appropriate, as well as money received from donations,
151 gifts, bequests, or otherwise from any public or private source
152 that is intended to assist families to prevent them from
153 becoming homeless.

154 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked
155 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who
156 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who
157 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention
158 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the
159 commitment of other assistance and services to address family
160 health, employment, and education needs.

161 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead
162 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance
163 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The
164 homelessness prevention program must be included in the
165 continuum of care plan.

166 (4) GRANT LIMITS.—The maximum grant amount per lead agency
167 may not exceed \$300,000. The grant assistance may be used to pay
168 past due rent or mortgage payments, past due utility costs,

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169 other past due bills creating a family's financial crisis,
170 provision of case management services, and program
171 administration costs not to exceed 3 percent of the grant award.
172 The homelessness prevention program must develop a case plan for
173 each family to be assisted setting forth what costs will be
174 covered and the maximum level of assistance to be offered.

175 (5) PERFORMANCE.—The lead agency shall be required to
176 track, monitor, and report on each family assisted for at least
177 12 months after the last assistance provided to the family. The
178 goal for the homelessness prevention program shall be to enable
179 at least 85 percent of the families assisted to remain in their
180 homes and avoid becoming homeless during the ensuing year.

181 Section 5. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4) of
182 section 420.622, Florida Statutes, to read:

183 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
184 Homelessness.—

185 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of
186 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence
187 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
188 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to
189 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care
190 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency
191 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county
192 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit
193 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

194 (d) A lead agency may spend a maximum of 8 percent of its
195 funding on administrative costs.

196 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 197 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

198 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

199 (3) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a grant-in-
 200 aid program to help local communities in serving the needs of
 201 the homeless through a variety of supportive services, which may
 202 include, but are not limited to:

203 (d) Emergency financial assistance for persons who are
 204 totally without shelter or facing loss of shelter, ~~but who are~~
 205 ~~not eligible for such assistance under s. 414.16.~~

206 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 207 420.6275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

208 420.6275 Housing First.—

209 (2) HOUSING FIRST METHODOLOGY.—

210 (a) The Housing First approach to homelessness differs
 211 from traditional approaches by providing housing assistance,
 212 case management, and support services responsive to individual
 213 or family needs after housing is obtained. By using this
 214 approach when appropriate, communities can significantly reduce
 215 the amount of time that individuals and families are homeless
 216 and prevent further episodes of homelessness. Housing First
 217 emphasizes that social services provided to enhance individual
 218 and family well-being can be more effective when people are in
 219 their own home, and:

- 220 1. The housing is not time-limited.
- 221 2. The housing is not contingent on compliance with
- 222 services. Instead, participants must comply with a standard

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223 | lease agreement and are provided with the services and support
224 | that are necessary to help them do so successfully.

225 | ~~3. A background check and any rehabilitation necessary to~~
226 | ~~combat an addiction related to alcoholism or substance abuse has~~
227 | ~~been completed by the individual for whom assistance or support~~
228 | ~~services are provided.~~

229 | Section 8. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

230 | Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.