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

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29 | homelessness; repealing s. 414.16, F.S., relating to  
 30 | the emergency assistance program for families with  
 31 | children that have lost shelter or face loss of  
 32 | shelter due to an emergency; providing an effective  
 33 | date.

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 35 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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37 | Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (15) of  
 38 | section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

39 | 320.02 Registration required; application for  
 40 | registration; forms.—

41 | (15)

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

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 53 | For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.  
 54 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not  
 55 | income of a revenue nature.

56 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.08, Florida

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57 Statutes, is amended to read:

58 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license  
59 and identification card forms.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

83 (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior  
84 Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida

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85 Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-  
86 profit organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

109 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the  
110 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall  
111 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,  
112 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

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113 (p) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution  
114 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made  
115 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants  
116 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and  
117 Family Services and used by the State Office on Homelessness to  
118 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide  
119 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and  
120 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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122 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust  
123 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the  
124 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received  
125 under paragraphs (b)-(p) ~~(b)-(e)~~ are not income of a revenue  
126 nature.

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

129 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;  
130 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

131 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal  
132 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary  
133 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.  
134 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be  
135 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the  
136 Department of Children and Family Services and used by the State  
137 Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s.  
138 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public about  
139 homelessness in the state, and provide literature for homeless  
140 persons seeking assistance. For the purpose of applying the

141 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received  
 142 under this paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

143 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created  
 144 to read:

145 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

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

160 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked  
 161 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who  
 162 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who  
 163 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention  
 164 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the  
 165 commitment of other assistance and services to address family  
 166 health, employment, and education needs.

167 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead  
 168 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance

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169 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The  
170 homelessness prevention program must be included in the  
171 continuum of care plan.

172 (4) GRANT LIMITS.—The maximum grant amount per lead agency  
173 may not exceed \$300,000. The grant assistance may be used to pay  
174 past due rent or mortgage payments, past due utility costs,  
175 provision of case management services, and program  
176 administration costs not to exceed 3 percent of the grant award.  
177 The homelessness prevention program must develop a case plan for  
178 each family to be assisted setting forth what costs will be  
179 covered and the maximum level of assistance to be offered.

180 (5) PERFORMANCE.—The lead agency must track, monitor, and  
181 report on each family assisted for at least 12 months after the  
182 last assistance provided to the family. The goal for the  
183 homelessness prevention program is to enable at least 85 percent  
184 of the families assisted to remain in their homes and avoid  
185 becoming homeless during the ensuing year.

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

188 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on  
189 Homelessness.—

190 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of  
191 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence  
192 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys  
193 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to  
194 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care  
195 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency  
196 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county

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197 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit  
 198 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

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

201 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
 202 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

203 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

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

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

211 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 212 420.6275, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213 420.6275 Housing First.—

214 (2) HOUSING FIRST METHODOLOGY.—

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



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- 225           1. The housing is not time-limited.
- 226           2. The housing is not contingent on compliance with
- 227 services. Instead, participants must comply with a standard
- 228 lease agreement and are provided with the services and support
- 229 that are necessary to help them do so successfully.
- 230           ~~3. A background check and any rehabilitation necessary to~~
- 231 ~~combat an addiction related to alcoholism or substance abuse has~~
- 232 ~~been completed by the individual for whom assistance or support~~
- 233 ~~services are provided.~~
- 234           Section 8. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 235           Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.