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Senator Soto moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (754392)

Delete lines 37 - 179

and insert:

Section 5. The nonrecurring sum of \$20 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of the Attorney General, who must contract directly with regional legal aid service providers to provide legal aid services to low-income and moderate-income homeowners facing foreclosure. Administrative costs or fees may not be collected or used by the Office of the Attorney General, any association, or any foundation for providing services with the funds appropriated in this section.



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14 Section 6. The nonrecurring sum of \$10 million is
15 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund in a fixed capital
16 outlay appropriation category to the Department of Children and
17 Families for capital improvement grants to certified domestic
18 violence centers in accordance with s. 39.9055, Florida
19 Statutes. The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence shall
20 serve as the lead entity to create a competitive request for
21 proposals with the primary focus of increasing bed space and
22 expanding capacity of emergency shelter services. Award
23 decisions shall be completed within 60 days after the effective
24 date of this act.

25 Section 7. (1) The nonrecurring sum of \$20 million is
26 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
27 Economic Opportunity to provide a grant to Habitat for Humanity
28 of Florida for the acquisition and rehabilitation or
29 reconstruction of existing housing stock to provide affordable
30 housing to low-income applicants. Habitat for Humanity of
31 Florida may use up to 1 percent of the grant award for direct
32 administrative costs.

33 (2) Habitat for Humanity of Florida shall provide
34 compliance and oversight for the grant award and shall:

35 (a) Provide to the Department of Economic Opportunity the
36 name and contact information for the Habitat for Humanity of
37 Florida compliance officer, to be updated within 10 business
38 days after any change.

39 (b) Develop a request for proposals to be released to the
40 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates no later than 60
41 days after the effective date of this act. The request for
42 proposals shall be limited to projects that undertake the



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43 acquisition and rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing
44 housing stock and provide affordable housing to low-income
45 applicants.

46 (c) Use the grant award within 2 years, the start date of
47 which is 30 days after the request for proposals is released to
48 the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates.

49 (d) Provide the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida
50 affiliates a minimum of 30 days to respond to the request for
51 proposals.

52 (e) Establish a volunteer committee of at least six members
53 from any of the 58 Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliates to
54 evaluate and rank project proposals received and determine
55 project awards based on that evaluation and ranking.

56 1. Project awards shall be provided on a cost-reimbursement
57 basis for work completed and paid for by the Habitat for
58 Humanity of Florida affiliate for a qualifying home that was
59 acquired and rehabilitated or reconstructed for a low-income
60 applicant.

61 2. The Habitat for Humanity of Florida compliance officer
62 is responsible for verifying that all project work is completed
63 and has been paid for by the Habitat for Humanity of Florida
64 affiliate before a cost reimbursement.

65 3. A Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliate may not
66 receive cost reimbursements in excess of 10 percent of the total
67 appropriation, except that an affiliate may receive cost
68 reimbursements in excess of 10 percent during the second year if
69 the only project proposals remaining are from Habitat for
70 Humanity of Florida affiliates that have reached the 10-percent
71 cap.



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72 (f) Provide technical support and assistance for the use of
73 grant award funds by the Habitat for Humanity of Florida
74 affiliates, which shall not exceed 2 percent of the grant award.

75 (g) Submit a quarterly progress report to the Department of
76 Economic Opportunity within 30 days after the end of each
77 quarter until all grant award funds have been expended. The
78 quarterly progress report shall include, but need not be limited
79 to:

80 1. Events occurring during the quarter, or anticipated to
81 occur in the near future, which affect the ability of Habitat
82 for Humanity of Florida to use the grant award for the intended
83 purpose pursuant to this section.

84 2. Action plans for addressing any policy and
85 administrative issues.

86 3. Habitat for Humanity of Florida efforts related to
87 collecting and verifying data.

88 4. Data collected and verified, such as the number of
89 existing housing stock acquired and rehabilitated or
90 reconstructed for the quarter and to date, the number of
91 requests for proposals received, and income data on applicants
92 who are using the provided housing.

93 5. Grant award data disaggregated by recipient and
94 activity, such as technical support and assistance, direct
95 administrative costs, housing acquisition, and housing
96 rehabilitation or reconstruction.

97 6. Activities related to technical support and assistance.

98 7. The name of each volunteer committee member and his or
99 her Habitat for Humanity of Florida affiliate.

100 8. Progress toward meeting the goal of spending the full



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101 grant award within 2 years, the start date of which is 30 days
102 after the request for proposals is released to the 58 Habitat
103 for Humanity of Florida affiliates.

104 (h) Submit annually by September 1 to the Department of
105 Economic Opportunity a financial audit performed by an
106 independent certified public accountant for the most recently
107 completed fiscal year which establishes that no material
108 weaknesses or instances of material noncompliance exist.

109 (3) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall submit a
110 copy of each financial audit from Habitat for Humanity of
111 Florida to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
112 House of Representatives within 15 days after its receipt.

113 (4) Any funds that are not expended or encumbered by June
114 30, 2015, and any funds that were deemed encumbered on June 30,
115 2015, and not expended by September 30, 2015, shall be repaid by
116 Habitat for Humanity of Florida to the Department of Financial
117 Services for deposit into the State Housing Trust Fund within
118 the Department of Economic Opportunity. A final audit shall be
119 submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity by January
120 30, 2016, for any expenditures made after June 30, 2015.

121 Section 8. The nonrecurring sum of \$50 million is
122 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
123 Economic Opportunity for transfer to the Florida Housing Finance
124 Corporation (FHFC) to provide funding to reduce rents on new or
125 existing rental units through the State Apartment Incentive Loan
126 Program created under s. 420.5087, Florida Statutes.
127 Notwithstanding s. 420.5087, Florida Statutes, \$25 million of
128 these funds shall be reserved for rental units for the elderly
129 as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes, and \$25 million



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130 shall be reserved for rental units for extremely-low-income
131 persons as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes.

132 Section 9. (1) The nonrecurring sum of \$10 million is
133 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
134 Economic Opportunity for transfer to the Florida Housing Finance
135 Corporation (FHFC) to fund the construction or rehabilitation of
136 units through the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL).

137 (2) Each SAIL development that receives funds under this
138 section must include up to 25 percent, but not less than 10
139 percent, of its units designed, constructed, and targeted for
140 persons with developmental disabilities as defined in s.
141 393.063, Florida Statutes. Each development shall be required to
142 enter into an agreement with at least one designated supportive
143 services lead agency, such as the local Center for Independent
144 Living, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, or any other
145 such agency approved by FHFC, for the purpose of coordinating
146 services and housing for persons with disabilities.

147 Section 10. (1) The nonrecurring sum of \$30 million is