

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 Families and used by the State Office on
12 Homelessness for certain purposes; providing exemption
13 from certain application fee requirements; providing
14 that voluntary contributions for the homeless are not
15 income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying
16 certain service charges; creating s. 414.161, F.S.;
17 establishing a homelessness prevention grant program;
18 requiring grant applicants to be ranked competitively;
19 providing preference for certain grant applicants;
20 providing eligibility requirements; providing grant
21 limitations and restrictions; requiring lead agencies
22 for local homeless assistance continuums of care to
23 track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a
24 specified period; amending s. 420.622, F.S.; limiting
25 the percentage of funding that lead agencies may spend
26 on administrative costs; amending s. 420.625, F.S.;
27 deleting a cross-reference to conform; repealing s.
28 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency assistance

29 program for families with children that have lost
 30 shelter or face loss of shelter due to an emergency;
 31 transferring emergency assistance program funds to the
 32 homelessness prevention grant program; providing an
 33 effective 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 (s) 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 (s) 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 Families and used
 48 by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made
 49 under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public
 50 about homelessness in the state, and provide literature for
 51 homeless persons seeking assistance. The application fee
 52 required under s. 320.023 for an organization that seeks
 53 authorization to establish a voluntary contribution does not
 54 apply to this paragraph.

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56 For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.

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57 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
58 | income of a revenue nature.

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

61 | 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
62 | and identification card forms.—

63 | (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or
64 | replacement driver license or identification card shall include
65 | language permitting the following:

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

70 | (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
71 | contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the
72 | Blind.

73 | (c) A voluntary contribution of \$2 per applicant, which
74 | shall be distributed to the Hearing Research Institute,
75 | Incorporated.

76 | (d) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
77 | shall be distributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
78 | International.

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

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

83 | (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop
84 | Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart

85 | Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

86 | (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior
87 | Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida
88 | Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-
89 | profit organization.

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

93 | (j) A voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Ronald McDonald
94 | House, which shall be distributed each month to Ronald McDonald
95 | House Charities of Tampa Bay, Inc.

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

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

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

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

112 | (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the

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113 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall
114 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,
115 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

116 (p) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for
117 Autism Services and Supports, which shall be distributed to
118 Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., Autism Services
119 Fund.

120 (q) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to
121 Support Our Troops, which shall be distributed to Support Our
122 Troops, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit organization.

123 (r) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
124 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made
125 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants
126 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and
127 Families and used by the State Office on Homelessness to
128 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide
129 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and
130 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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132 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust
133 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the
134 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
135 under paragraphs (b)-(r) ~~(b)-(g)~~ are not income of a revenue
136 nature.

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

139 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
140 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

141 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal
142 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary
143 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.
144 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be
145 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the
146 Department of Children and Families and used by the State Office
147 on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4)
148 and (5), provide information to the public about homelessness in
149 the state, and provide literature for homeless persons seeking
150 assistance. For the purpose of applying the service charge
151 provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under this
152 paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

153 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created
154 to read:

155 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

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

169 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked
170 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who
171 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who
172 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention
173 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the
174 commitment of other assistance and services to address family
175 health, employment, and education needs.

176 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead
177 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance
178 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The
179 homelessness prevention program must be included in the
180 continuum of care plan.

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

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

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

197 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
 198 Homelessness.—

199 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of
 200 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence
 201 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
 202 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to
 203 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care
 204 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency
 205 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county
 206 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit
 207 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

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

210 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 211 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

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

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

220 Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed,
 221 and any balances remaining in the emergency assistance program
 222 terminated by this act shall, on the date of termination, be
 223 transferred to the homelessness prevention grant program created
 224 under s. 414.161, Florida Statutes.

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Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.