

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
 33 | effective dates.

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

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37 | Section 1. Effective October 1, 2013, paragraph (s) is
 38 | added to subsection (15) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to
 39 | read:

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

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43 | (s) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for
 44 | motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must
 45 | include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per
 46 | applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to
 47 | this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 48 | Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Families and used
 49 | by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made
 50 | under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public
 51 | about homelessness in the state, and provide literature for
 52 | homeless persons seeking assistance. The application fee
 53 | required under s. 320.023 for an organization that seeks
 54 | authorization to establish a voluntary contribution does not
 55 | apply to this paragraph.

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57 For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.
58 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
59 income of a revenue nature.

60 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2013, subsection (7) of
61 section 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84 (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop

85 Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart
86 Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

113 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the
 114 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall
 115 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,
 116 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

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

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

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

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

138 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2013, subsection (9) is
 139 added to section 322.18, Florida Statutes, to read:

140 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;

141 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

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

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

156 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

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

169 assist families to prevent them from becoming homeless.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

211 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 212 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

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

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

221 Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed,
 222 and any balances remaining in the emergency assistance program
 223 terminated by this act shall, on the date of termination, be

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224 | transferred to the homelessness prevention grant program created
225 | under s. 414.161, Florida Statutes.

226 | Section 8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
227 | act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
228 | this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
229 | 2013.