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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the construction industry
3 workforce; amending s. 468.631, F.S.; requiring that a
4 specified amount of funds relating to the Building
5 Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund be allocated
6 to the University of Florida M.E. Rinker, Sr. School
7 of Construction Management; authorizing the school to
8 use the funds for specified purposes; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.631, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 468.631 Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund.—

16 (1) This part shall be funded through a surcharge, to be
17 assessed pursuant to s. 125.56(4) or s. 166.201 at the rate of
18 1.5 percent of all permit fees associated with enforcement of
19 the Florida Building Code as defined by the uniform account
20 criteria and specifically the uniform account code for building
21 permits adopted for local government financial reporting
22 pursuant to s. 218.32. The minimum amount collected on any
23 permit issued shall be \$2. The unit of government responsible
24 for collecting permit fees pursuant to s. 125.56 or s. 166.201
25 shall collect such surcharge and shall remit the funds to the
26 department on a quarterly calendar basis beginning not later
27 than December 31, 2010, for the preceding quarter, and
28 continuing each third month thereafter; and such unit of
29 government shall retain 10 percent of the surcharge collected to

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30 fund the participation of building departments in the national
31 and state building code adoption processes and to provide
32 education related to enforcement of the Florida Building Code.
33 There is created within the Professional Regulation Trust Fund a
34 separate account to be known as the Building Code Administrators
35 and Inspectors Fund, which shall deposit and disburse funds as
36 necessary for the implementation of this part.

37 (a) On a quarterly calendar basis, one quarter of 1 percent
38 of proceeds from the surcharge shall be distributed to the M.E.
39 Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management at the University
40 of Florida and may be used for the following purposes:

41 1. Project coordination with institutional partners,
42 including the Department of Education, Department of Economic
43 Opportunity, Department of Corrections, and CareerSource
44 Florida, Inc.

45 2. Project coordination with the Florida Construction
46 Workforce Consortium, Inc.

47 3. Research into construction education issues.

48 4. Advocacy of construction employment at the K-12 school
49 levels.

50 5. Development and maintenance of a Build Your Future
51 Florida website.

52 6. Construction careers job fairs.

53 7. Sponsorship of K-12 after-school activities that focus
54 on construction careers.

55 (b) The remaining proceeds from the ~~this~~ surcharge shall be
56 allocated equally to fund the Florida Homeowners' Construction
57 Recovery Fund established by s. 489.140 and the functions of the
58 Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. The

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59 department may transfer excess cash to the Florida Homeowners'
60 Construction Recovery Fund that it determines is not required to
61 fund the board from the board's account within the Professional
62 Regulation Trust Fund. However, the department may not transfer
63 excess cash that would exceed the amount appropriated in the
64 General Appropriations Act, and any amount approved by the
65 Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s. 216.181, to be used
66 for the payment of claims from the Florida Homeowners'
67 Construction Recovery Fund.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.