

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the construction industry
 3 workforce; amending s. 468.631, F.S.; requiring
 4 certain funds to be used for specified purposes;
 5 providing an effective date.

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

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

11 468.631 Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Fund.—

12 (1) This part shall be funded through a surcharge, to be
 13 assessed pursuant to s. 125.56(4) or s. 166.201 at the rate of
 14 1.5 percent of all permit fees associated with enforcement of
 15 the Florida Building Code as defined by the uniform account
 16 criteria and specifically the uniform account code for building
 17 permits adopted for local government financial reporting
 18 pursuant to s. 218.32. The minimum amount collected on any
 19 permit issued shall be \$2. The unit of government responsible
 20 for collecting permit fees pursuant to s. 125.56 or s. 166.201
 21 shall collect such surcharge and shall remit the funds to the
 22 department on a quarterly calendar basis beginning not later
 23 than December 31, 2010, for the preceding quarter, and
 24 continuing each third month thereafter; and such unit of
 25 government shall retain 10 percent of the surcharge collected to

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

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

38 1. Project coordination with institutional partners,
39 including the Department of Education, Department of Economic
40 Opportunity, Department of Corrections, and CareerSource
41 Florida, Inc.

42 2. Project coordination with the Florida Construction
43 Workforce Consortium, Inc.

44 3. Research into construction education issues.

45 4. Advocacy of construction employment at the K-12 school
46 levels.

47 5. Development and maintenance of a Build Your Future
48 Florida website.

49 6. Construction careers job fairs.

50 7. Sponsorship of K-12 after school activities that focus

51 | on construction careers.

52 | **(b)** The remaining proceeds from the ~~this~~ surcharge shall
53 | be allocated equally to fund the Florida Homeowners'
54 | Construction Recovery Fund established by s. 489.140 and the
55 | functions of the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors
56 | Board. The department may transfer excess cash to the Florida
57 | Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund that it determines is not
58 | required to fund the board from the board's account within the
59 | Professional Regulation Trust Fund. However, the department may
60 | not transfer excess cash that would exceed the amount
61 | appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, and any amount
62 | approved by the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s.
63 | 216.181, to be used for the payment of claims from the Florida
64 | Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund.

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