

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and
 3 Response Fund; creating s. 252.3711, F.S.; creating
 4 the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within
 5 the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for
 6 the deposit and use of funds; providing for future
 7 review and termination of the fund; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 252.3711, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

15 (1) The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund is
 16 created within the Executive Office of the Governor.

17 (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for
 18 reimbursements of state expenditures received from the Federal
 19 Emergency Management Agency, unless otherwise appropriated by
 20 the Legislature, and for other moneys specifically appropriated
 21 to the fund. The moneys deposited in the fund are available as a
 22 primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of
 23 preparing or responding to an emergency that exceeds regularly
 24 appropriated funding sources.

25 (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State

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26 | Constitution, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
27 | shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2025.
28 | Before its scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as
29 | provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.