

By Senator Diaz

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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 created  
16   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  
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).

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