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1	A bill to be entitled								
2	An act relating to senior citizen and teacher property								
3	tax protection; prohibiting a tax collector from								
4	including on forms, or assessing or collecting,								
5	certain charges on property tax bills for certain								
6	identified populations; prohibiting a tax collector								
7	from authorizing a debt collection entity to collect								
8	certain charges on property tax bills for certain								
9	identified populations; prohibiting a tax collector								
10	from selling a tax certificate on certain properties								
11	under specified circumstances; requiring the								
12	Department of Revenue to work with tax collectors to								
13	identify mechanisms, strategies, and funding sources								
14	for assisting certain populations pay for delinquent								
15	charges; providing an effective date.								
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:								
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19	Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a								
20	tax collector may not include on any form sent out by the								
21	office, or assess or collect, any fees, charges, taxes, or other								
22	assessments, however labeled, for the delinquent payment of any								
23	portion of the property tax bill, if a person is:								
24	(a) Age 65 or older and is a low-income person or lives in								
25	a low-income household as those terms are defined in s.								
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26 420.9071, Florida Statutes. (b) 27 A public school teacher whose annual salary is less 28 than \$45,000. 29 (2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a tax 30 collector may not authorize a debt collection entity to collect outstanding fees, charges, <u>taxes</u>, or <u>other assessments</u>, <u>however</u> 31 32 labeled, for the delinquent payment of any portion of the property tax bill, for a person who is age 65 or older and is a 33 34 low-income person or lives in a low-income household as those 35 terms are defined in s. 420.9071, Florida Statutes. 36 (3) A tax collector or his or her designee may not sell a 37 tax certificate on property owned by a person who is age 65 or 38 older and is a low-income person or lives in a low-income 39 household as those terms are defined in s. 420.9071, Florida 40 Statutes, if the only portion of the tax bill that remains 41 unpaid are fees, charges, taxes, or other assessments, however 42 labeled, for the delinquent payment of any portion of the 43 property tax bill. 44 The Department of Revenue shall work with the tax (4) 45 collectors of the state to identify mechanisms, strategies, and 46 funding sources that may be utilized to assist persons 47 identified in paragraph (1)(a) with the payment of outstanding 48 fees, charges, taxes, or other assessments, however labeled, 49 related to the delinquent payment of any portion of a property 50 tax bill.

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51		Section	2.	This	act	shall	take	effect	July	1,	2022.	
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