

By the Committees on Appropriations; Community Affairs; and Banking and Insurance; and Senator Hooper

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation
3 Program; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; revising the use
4 of certain funds from the Florida Hurricane
5 Catastrophe Fund to also include construction of
6 certain facilities; revising the title of a certain
7 annual report; revising provisions to require the
8 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and
9 Enhancement Program to be operated by Gulf Coast State
10 College; deleting construction related to Citizens
11 Property Insurance Corporation coverage rates;
12 delaying the future repeal of the Hurricane Loss
13 Mitigation Program; directing the transfer of
14 specified powers, duties, functions, records,
15 property, issues, and funds relating to the
16 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and
17 Enhancement Program from Tallahassee Community College
18 to Gulf Coast State College; providing an effective
19 date.

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

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23 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1), paragraph (b)
24 of subsection (2), and subsection (7) of section 215.559,
25 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.—A Hurricane Loss
27 Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency
28 Management.

29 (1) The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million

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30 of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s.
31 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the
32 division for the purposes set forth in this section. Of the
33 amount:

34 (b) Three million dollars in funds shall be used to
35 construct or retrofit ~~existing~~ facilities used as public
36 hurricane shelters. Each year the division shall prioritize the
37 use of these funds for projects included in the annual report of
38 the Shelter Development ~~Retrofit~~ Report prepared in accordance
39 with s. 252.385(3). The division must give funding priority to
40 projects in regional planning council regions that have shelter
41 deficits and to projects that maximize the use of state funds.

42 (2)

43 (b)1. The Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation
44 and Enhancement Program is established. The program shall
45 require the mitigation of damage to or the enhancement of homes
46 for the areas of concern raised by the Department of Highway
47 Safety and Motor Vehicles in the 2004-2005 Hurricane Reports on
48 the effects of the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes on manufactured and
49 mobile homes in this state. The mitigation or enhancement must
50 include, but need not be limited to, problems associated with
51 weakened trusses, studs, and other structural components caused
52 by wood rot or termite damage; site-built additions; or tie-down
53 systems and may also address any other issues deemed appropriate
54 by the Gulf Coast State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~,
55 the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc., the
56 Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and the Department of
57 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The program shall include an
58 education and outreach component to ensure that owners of

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59 manufactured and mobile homes are aware of the benefits of
60 participation.

61 2. The program shall be a grant program that ensures that
62 entire manufactured home communities and mobile home parks may
63 be improved wherever practicable. The moneys appropriated for
64 this program shall be distributed directly to the Gulf Coast
65 State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ for the uses set
66 forth under this subsection.

67 3. Upon evidence of completion of the program, the Citizens
68 Property Insurance Corporation shall grant, on a pro rata basis,
69 actuarially reasonable discounts, credits, or other rate
70 differentials or appropriate reductions in deductibles for the
71 properties of owners of manufactured homes or mobile homes on
72 which fixtures or construction techniques that have been
73 demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm have
74 been installed or implemented. The discount on the premium must
75 be applied to subsequent renewal premium amounts. Premiums of
76 the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation must reflect the
77 location of the home and the fact that the home has been
78 installed in compliance with building codes adopted after
79 Hurricane Andrew. ~~Rates resulting from the completion of the~~
80 ~~Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Mitigation and Enhancement~~
81 ~~Program are not considered competitive rates for the purposes of~~
82 ~~s. 627.351(6)(d)1. and 2.~~

83 4. On or before January 1 of each year, the Gulf Coast
84 State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ shall provide a
85 report of activities under this subsection to the Governor, the
86 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
87 Representatives. The report must set forth the number of homes

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88 that have taken advantage of the program, the types of
89 enhancements and improvements made to the manufactured or mobile
90 homes and attachments to such homes, and whether there has been
91 an increase in availability of insurance products to owners of
92 manufactured or mobile homes.

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94 The Gulf Coast State College ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ shall
95 develop the programs set forth in this subsection in
96 consultation with the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of
97 Florida, Inc., the Florida Manufactured Housing Association, and
98 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The moneys
99 appropriated for the programs set forth in this subsection shall
100 be distributed directly to the Gulf Coast State College
101 ~~Tallahassee Community College~~ to be used as set forth in this
102 subsection.

103 (7) This section is repealed June 30, 2032 ~~2022~~.

104 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2022, all powers, duties,
105 functions, records, property, pending issues, and unexpended
106 balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds in
107 Tallahassee Community College related to the programs authorized
108 under s. 215.559(2), Florida Statutes, are transferred to the
109 Gulf Coast State College.

110 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.