

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and
 3 Response Fund; amending s. 11.90, F.S.; authorizing
 4 the Legislative Budget Commission to convene to
 5 transfer or appropriate certain funds to the Emergency
 6 Preparedness and Response Fund; amending s. 252.37,
 7 F.S.; revising legislative intent; authorizing the
 8 Governor to transfer and expend moneys from the
 9 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; authorizing
 10 the Governor to request that additional funds be
 11 transferred or appropriated to the Emergency
 12 Preparedness and Response Fund, subject to approval by
 13 the Legislative Budget Commission, under specified
 14 conditions; providing a transfer of funds; providing a
 15 contingent 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. Subsection (8) is added to section 11.90,
 20 Florida Statutes, to read:

21 11.90 Legislative Budget Commission.—

22 (8) The commission may convene to transfer or appropriate
 23 unappropriated surplus funds to the Emergency Preparedness and
 24 Response Fund created under s. 252.3711.

25 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 252.37, Florida

26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 252.37 Financing.—

28 (2)(a) It is the legislative intent that the first
 29 recourse be made to funds specifically ~~regularly~~ appropriated to
 30 state and local agencies for disaster relief or response.

31 (b) If the Governor finds that the demands placed upon
 32 these funds in coping with a particular disaster declared by the
 33 Governor as a state of emergency are unreasonably great, she or
 34 he may make funds available by transferring and expending moneys
 35 ~~appropriated for other purposes, by transferring and expending~~
 36 ~~moneys out of any unappropriated surplus funds, or from the~~
 37 Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget Stabilization Fund
 38 created under s. 252.3711. The Governor may request that
 39 additional funds be transferred or appropriated to the Emergency
 40 Preparedness and Response Fund by a budget amendment, subject to
 41 approval of the Legislative Budget Commission.

42 (c) Following the expiration or termination of the state
 43 of emergency, the Governor may transfer moneys with a budget
 44 amendment, subject to approval by the Legislative Budget
 45 Commission, to satisfy the budget authority granted for such
 46 emergency. The transfers and expenditures supporting the
 47 amendment must be directly related to the declared disaster or
 48 emergency.

49 Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer shall immediately
 50 transfer the nonrecurring sum of \$1 billion from the General

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51 Revenue Fund to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund in
52 the Executive Office of the Governor to be used for preparing
53 for or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor as a
54 state of emergency.

55 Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date
56 that HB 7023 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
57 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
58 extension thereof and becomes a law.