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An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; creating s. 252.3711, F.S.; creating the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for the deposit and use of funds; providing for future review and termination of the fund; providing an effective date.

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

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

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252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.-

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

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(2) The fund is established for use as a depository for moneys specifically transferred or appropriated to the fund. The moneys deposited in the fund are available as a primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of preparing or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor as a state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

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(3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated 4 years after the effective date of this act. Before its scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.