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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Grall) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 17.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 17.57 Deposits and investments of state money.-(1) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "pecuniary

9 <u>factor" means a factor that the Chief Financial Officer, or</u> 10 other party authorized to invest on his or her behalf, prudently

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11 determines is expected to have a material effect on the risk or 12 returns of an investment based on appropriate investment 13 horizons consistent with applicable investment objectives and 14 funding policy. The term does not include the consideration of 15 the furtherance of any social, political, or ideological 16 interests.

17 (b) The Chief Financial Officer, or other parties with the 18 permission of the Chief Financial Officer, shall deposit the 19 money of the state or any money in the State Treasury in such qualified public depositories of the state as will offer 20 satisfactory collateral security for such deposits, pursuant to 21 22 chapter 280. It is the duty of the Chief Financial Officer, 23 consistent with the cash requirements of the state, to keep such 24 money fully invested or deposited as provided herein in order 25 that the state may realize maximum earnings and benefits.

26 (c) Notwithstanding any other law except for s. 215.472, 27 when deciding whether to invest and when investing, the Chief 28 Financial Officer, or other party authorized to invest on his or 29 her behalf, must make decisions based solely on pecuniary 30 factors and may not subordinate the interests of the people of 31 this state to other objectives, including sacrificing investment 32 return or undertaking additional investment risk to promote any 33 nonpecuniary factor. The weight given to any pecuniary factor 34 must appropriately reflect a prudent assessment of its impact on 35 risk or returns.

36 Section 2. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section 37 20.058, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) 38 and (6), respectively, and paragraph (g) is added to subsection 39 (1) and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

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40 20.058 Citizen support and direct-support organizations.-41 (1) By August 1 of each year, a citizen support 42 organization or direct-support organization created or 43 authorized pursuant to law or executive order and created, approved, or administered by an agency, shall submit the 44 45 following information to the appropriate agency: 46 (g) An attestation, under penalty of perjury, stating that 47 the organization has complied with subsection (4). (4) (a) As used in this section, the term "pecuniary factor" 48 49 means a factor that the citizen support organization or direct-50 support organization prudently determines is expected to have a 51 material effect on the risk or returns of an investment based on 52 appropriate investment horizons consistent with applicable 53 investment objectives and funding policy. The term does not 54 include the consideration of the furtherance of any social, 55 political, or ideological interests. 56 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, when deciding whether to 57 invest and when investing funds on behalf of an agency, the citizen support organization or direct-support organization must 58 59 make decisions based solely on pecuniary factors and may not 60 subordinate the interests of the people of this state to other 61 objectives, including sacrificing investment return or 62 undertaking additional investment risk to promote any 63 nonpecuniary factor. The weight given to any pecuniary factor 64 must appropriately reflect a prudent assessment of its impact on 65 risk or returns. 66 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 112.656, Florida 67 Statutes, is amended to read: 112.656 Fiduciary duties; certain officials included as 68



69 fiduciaries.-

(1) A fiduciary shall discharge his or her duties with respect to a plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan. <u>Investment decisions must</u> comply with s. 112.662.

Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 112.661, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.661 Investment policies.-Investment of the assets of any local retirement system or plan must be consistent with a written investment policy adopted by the board. Such policies shall be structured to maximize the financial return to the retirement system or plan consistent with the risks incumbent in each investment and shall be structured to establish and maintain an appropriate diversification of the retirement system or plan's assets.

(4) INVESTMENT AND FIDUCIARY STANDARDS. - The investment 86 87 policy shall describe the level of prudence and ethical standards to be followed by the board in carrying out its 88 89 investment activities with respect to funds described in this 90 section. The board in performing its investment duties shall 91 comply with the fiduciary standards set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. s. 92 93 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C). Except as provided in s. 112.662, in case of 94 conflict with other provisions of law authorizing investments, 95 the investment and fiduciary standards set forth in this section 96 shall prevail.

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Section 5. Section 112.662, Florida Statutes, is created to

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98	read:
99	<u>112.662</u> Investments; exercising shareholder rights
100	(1) As used in this section, the term "pecuniary factor"
101	means a factor that the plan administrator, named fiduciary,
102	board, or board of trustees prudently determines is expected to
103	have a material effect on the risk or returns of an investment
104	based on appropriate investment horizons consistent with the
105	investment objectives and funding policy of the retirement
106	system or plan. The term does not include the consideration of
107	the furtherance of any social, political, or ideological
108	interests.
109	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, when deciding whether to
110	invest and when investing the assets of any retirement system or
111	plan, only pecuniary factors may be considered and the interests
112	of the participants and beneficiaries of the system or plan may
113	not be subordinated to other objectives, including sacrificing
114	investment return or undertaking additional investment risk to
115	promote any nonpecuniary factor. The weight given to any
116	pecuniary factor must appropriately reflect a prudent assessment
117	of its impact on risk or returns.
118	(3) Notwithstanding any other law, when deciding whether to
119	exercise shareholder rights or when exercising such rights on
120	behalf of a retirement system or plan, including the voting of
121	proxies, only pecuniary factors may be considered and the
122	interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the system or
123	plan may not be subordinated to other objectives, including
124	sacrificing investment return or undertaking additional
125	investment risk to promote any nonpecuniary factor.
126	(4)(a) By December 15, 2023, and by December 15 of each

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127	odd-numbered year thereafter, each retirement system or plan
128	shall file a comprehensive report detailing and reviewing the
129	governance policies concerning decisionmaking in vote decisions
130	and adherence to the fiduciary standards required of such
131	retirement system or plan under this section, including the
132	exercise of shareholder rights.
133	1. The State Board of Administration, on behalf of the
134	Florida Retirement System, shall submit its report to the
135	Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, the
136	President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
137	Representatives.
138	2. All other retirement systems or plans shall submit their
139	reports to the Department of Management Services.
140	(b) By January 15, 2024, and by January 15 of each even-
141	numbered year thereafter, the Department of Management Services
142	shall submit a summary report to the Governor, the Attorney
143	General, the Chief Financial Officer, the President of the
144	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that
145	includes a summary of the reports submitted under paragraph (a)
146	and identifies any relevant trends among such systems and plans.
147	(c) The Department of Management Services shall report
148	incidents of noncompliance to the Attorney General, who may
149	institute proceedings to enjoin any person found violating this
150	section. If such action is successful, the Attorney General is
151	entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
152	(d) The Department of Management Services shall adopt rules
153	to implement this subsection.
154	(5) This section does not apply to individual member-
155	directed investment accounts established as part of a defined

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156 contribution plan under s. 401(a), s. 403(b), or s. 457 of the 157 Internal Revenue Code. 158 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 175.071, Florida

159 Statutes, is amended to read:

160 175.071 General powers and duties of board of trustees.—For 161 any municipality, special fire control district, chapter plan, 162 local law municipality, local law special fire control district, 163 or local law plan under this chapter:

(1) The board of trustees, subject to the fiduciary standards in ss. 112.656, 112.661, and 518.11, and the Code of Ethics in ss. 112.311-112.3187, and the requirements in s. 167 <u>112.662</u>, may:

(a) Invest and reinvest the assets of the firefighters' pension trust fund in annuity and life insurance contracts of life insurance companies in amounts sufficient to provide, in whole or in part, the benefits to which all of the participants in the firefighters' pension trust fund are entitled under this chapter and pay the initial and subsequent premiums thereon.

(b) Invest and reinvest the assets of the firefighters' pension trust fund in:

Time or savings accounts of a national bank, a state
 bank insured by the Bank Insurance Fund, or a savings, building,
 and loan association insured by the Savings Association
 Insurance Fund administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance
 Corporation or a state or federal chartered credit union whose
 share accounts are insured by the National Credit Union Share
 Insurance Fund.

183 2. Obligations of the United States or obligations184 guaranteed as to principal and interest by the government of the

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3. Bonds issued by the State of Israel.

187 4. Bonds, stocks, or other evidences of indebtedness issued
188 or guaranteed by a corporation organized under the laws of the
189 United States, any state or organized territory of the United
190 States, or the District of Columbia, if:

a. The corporation is listed on any one or more of the
recognized national stock exchanges or on the National Market
System of the NASDAQ Stock Market and, in the case of bonds
only, holds a rating in one of the three highest classifications
by a major rating service; and

b. The board of trustees may not invest more than 5 percent of its assets in the common stock or capital stock of any one issuing company, nor may the aggregate investment in any one issuing company exceed 5 percent of the outstanding capital stock of that company or the aggregate of its investments under this subparagraph at cost exceed 50 percent of the assets of the fund.

204 This paragraph applies to all boards of trustees and 205 participants. However, if a municipality or special fire control 206 district has a duly enacted pension plan pursuant to, and in 207 compliance with, s. 175.351, and the trustees desire to vary the investment procedures, the trustees of such plan must request a 208 209 variance of the investment procedures as outlined herein only 210 through a municipal ordinance, special act of the Legislature, 211 or resolution by the governing body of the special fire control 212 district; if a special act, or a municipality by ordinance adopted before July 1, 1998, permits a greater than 50-percent 213



214 equity investment, such municipality is not required to comply 215 with the aggregate equity investment provisions of this 216 paragraph. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this 217 section may not be construed to take away any preexisting legal 218 authority to make equity investments that exceed the 219 requirements of this paragraph. Notwithstanding any other 220 provision of law, the board of trustees may invest up to 25 221 percent of plan assets in foreign securities on a market-value 2.2.2 basis. The investment cap on foreign securities may not be 223 revised, amended, increased, or repealed except as provided by 224 general law.

225 (c) Issue drafts upon the firefighters' pension trust fund 226 pursuant to this act and rules prescribed by the board of 227 trustees. All such drafts must be consecutively numbered, be 228 signed by the chair and secretary, or by two individuals designated by the board who are subject to the same fiduciary 229 standards as the board of trustees under this subsection, and state upon their faces the purpose for which the drafts are drawn. The treasurer or depository of each municipality or special fire control district shall retain such drafts when paid, as permanent vouchers for disbursements made, and no money may be otherwise drawn from the fund.

(d) Convert into cash any securities of the fund.

(e) Keep a complete record of all receipts and disbursements and the board's acts and proceedings.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 185.06, Florida 240 Statutes, is amended to read:

241 185.06 General powers and duties of board of trustees.-For any municipality, chapter plan, local law municipality, or local 242

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243 law plan under this chapter: (1) The board of trustees, subject to the fiduciary 244 standards in ss. 112.656, 112.661, and 518.11, and the Code of 245 246 Ethics in ss. 112.311-112.3187, and the requirements in s. 247 112.662, may: 248 (a) Invest and reinvest the assets of the retirement trust 249 fund in annuity and life insurance contracts of life insurance 250 companies in amounts sufficient to provide, in whole or in part, 251 the benefits to which all of the participants in the municipal 252 police officers' retirement trust fund are entitled under this chapter, and pay the initial and subsequent premiums thereon. 253 254

(b) Invest and reinvest the assets of the retirement trust fund in:

1. Time or savings accounts of a national bank, a state bank insured by the Bank Insurance Fund, or a savings and loan association insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a state or federal chartered credit union whose share accounts are insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

2. Obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

3. Bonds issued by the State of Israel.

4. Bonds, stocks, or other evidences of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state or organized territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, provided:

a. The corporation is listed on any one or more of the
recognized national stock exchanges or on the National Market
System of the NASDAQ Stock Market and, in the case of bonds

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272 only, holds a rating in one of the three highest classifications 273 by a major rating service; and

b. The board of trustees may not invest more than 5 percent of its assets in the common stock or capital stock of any one issuing company, nor shall the aggregate investment in any one issuing company exceed 5 percent of the outstanding capital stock of the company or the aggregate of its investments under this subparagraph at cost exceed 50 percent of the fund's assets.

282 This paragraph applies to all boards of trustees and 283 participants. However, if a municipality has a duly enacted 284 pension plan pursuant to, and in compliance with, s. 185.35 and 285 the trustees desire to vary the investment procedures, the 286 trustees of such plan shall request a variance of the investment 287 procedures as outlined herein only through a municipal ordinance 288 or special act of the Legislature; if a special act, or a 289 municipality by ordinance adopted before July 1, 1998, permits a 290 greater than 50-percent equity investment, such municipality is 291 not required to comply with the aggregate equity investment 292 provisions of this paragraph. Notwithstanding any other 293 provision of law, this section may not be construed to take away 294 any preexisting legal authority to make equity investments that exceed the requirements of this paragraph. Notwithstanding any 295 296 other provision of law, the board of trustees may invest up to 297 25 percent of plan assets in foreign securities on a market-298 value basis. The investment cap on foreign securities may not be 299 revised, amended, repealed, or increased except as provided by 300 general law.

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301 (c) Issue drafts upon the municipal police officers' 302 retirement trust fund pursuant to this act and rules prescribed 303 by the board of trustees. All such drafts shall be consecutively 304 numbered, be signed by the chair and secretary or by two 305 individuals designated by the board who are subject to the same 306 fiduciary standards as the board of trustees under this 307 subsection, and state upon their faces the purposes for which 308 the drafts are drawn. The city treasurer or other depository 309 shall retain such drafts when paid, as permanent vouchers for 310 disbursements made, and no money may otherwise be drawn from the 311 fund.

(d) Finally decide all claims to relief under the board's rules and regulations and pursuant to the provisions of this act.

(e) Convert into cash any securities of the fund.

(f) Keep a complete record of all receipts and disbursements and of the board's acts and proceedings.

Section 8. Subsection (10) of section 215.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.47 Investments; authorized securities; loan of securities.-Subject to the limitations and conditions of the State Constitution or of the trust agreement relating to a trust fund, moneys available for investments under ss. 215.44-215.53 may be invested as follows:

(10) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "pecuniary factor" means a factor that the State Board of Administration prudently determines is expected to have a material effect on the risk or returns of an investment based on appropriate investment horizons consistent with applicable investment

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330 objectives and funding policy. The term does not include the 331 consideration of the furtherance of any social, political, or 332 ideological interests.

333 (b) Notwithstanding any other law except for ss. 215.471, 334 215.4725, and 215.473, when deciding whether to invest and when 335 investing the assets of any fund, the State Board of 336 Administration must make decisions based solely on pecuniary 337 factors and may not subordinate the interests of the 338 participants and beneficiaries of the fund to other objectives, 339 including sacrificing investment return or undertaking 340 additional investment risk to promote any nonpecuniary factor. The weight given to any pecuniary factor must appropriately 341 342 reflect a prudent assessment of its impact on risk or returns.

343 (c) Investments made by the State Board of Administration 344 shall be designed to maximize the financial return to the fund 345 consistent with the risks incumbent in each investment and shall 346 be designed to preserve an appropriate diversification of the 347 portfolio. The board shall discharge its duties with respect to 348 a plan solely in the interest of its participants and 349 beneficiaries. The board in performing the above investment 350 duties shall comply with the fiduciary standards set forth in 351 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. 352 s. 1104(a)(1)(A) through (C). Except as provided in paragraph 353 (b), in case of conflict with other provisions of law 354 authorizing investments, the investment and fiduciary standards 355 set forth in this paragraph subsection shall prevail.

356 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 215.475, Florida 357 Statutes, is amended to read: 358 215.475 Investment policy statement.—

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359 (1) In making investments for the System Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 215.44-215.53, the board shall make no 360 investment which is not in conformance with the Florida 361 362 Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Investment Policy 363 Statement, hereinafter referred to as "the IPS," as developed by 364 the executive director and approved by the board. The IPS must 365 comply with s. 215.47(10) and include, among other items, the 366 investment objectives of the System Trust Fund; permitted types 367 of securities in which the board may invest; and evaluation 368 criteria necessary to measure the investment performance of the 369 fund. As required from time to time, the executive director of 370 the board may present recommended changes in the IPS to the 371 board for approval.

Section 10. Present paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 215.4755, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

215.4755 Certification and disclosure requirements for investment advisers and managers.-

(1) An investment adviser or manager who has discretionary investment authority for direct holdings and who is retained as provided in s. 215.44(2)(b) shall agree pursuant to contract to annually certify in writing to the board that:

(b) All investment decisions made on behalf of the trust funds and the board are made based solely on pecuniary factors as defined in s. 215.47(10)(a) and do not subordinate the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the funds to other objectives, including sacrificing investment return or

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388	undertaking additional investment risk to promote any
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391	(3) (a) An investment adviser or manager certification
392	required under subsection (1) <u>must</u> shall be provided by each
393	annually, no later than January 31, for the reporting period of
394	the previous calendar year on a form prescribed by the board.
395	(b) Failure to timely file the certification required under
396	subsection (1) is grounds for termination of any contract
397	between the board and the investment advisor or manager.
398	(c) Submission of a materially false certification is
399	deemed a willful refusal to comply with the fiduciary standard
400	described in paragraph (1)(b).
401	(d) If an investment advisor or manager fails to comply
402	with the fiduciary standard described in paragraph (1)(b) while
403	providing services to the board, the board must report such
404	noncompliance to the Attorney General, who may bring a civil or
405	administrative action for damages, injunctive relief, and such
406	other relief as may be appropriate. If such action is
407	successful, the Attorney General is entitled to reasonable
408	attorney fees and costs.
409	Section 11. Section 215.681, Florida Statutes, is created
410	to read:
411	215.681 ESG bonds; prohibitions
412	(1) As used in this section, the term:
413	(a) "Bonds" means any note, general obligation bond,
414	revenue bond, special assessment bond, special obligation bond,
415	private activity bond, certificate of participation, or other
416	evidence of indebtedness or obligation, in either temporary or

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(b) "ESG" means environmental, social, and governance. (c) "ESG bonds" means any bonds that have been designated 419 420 or labeled as bonds that will be used to finance a project with 421 an ESG purpose, including, but not limited to, green bonds, 422 Certified Climate Bonds, GreenStar designated bonds, and other 423 environmental bonds marketed as promoting a generalized or 424 global environmental objective; social bonds marketed as 42.5 promoting a social objective; and sustainability bonds and 426 sustainable development goal bonds marketed as promoting both 427 environmental and social objectives. The term includes those 428 bonds self-designated by the issuer as ESG-labeled bonds and 429 those designated as ESG-labeled bonds by a third-party verifier. 430 (d) "Issuer" means the division, acting on behalf of any 431 entity; any local government, educational entity, or entity of 432 higher education as defined in s. 215.89(2)(c), (d), and (e), 433 respectively, or other political subdivision granted the power 434 to issue bonds; any public body corporate and politic authorized 435 or created by general or special law and granted the power to 436 issue bonds, including, but not limited to, a water and sewer 437 district created under chapter 153, a health facilities authority as defined in s. 154.205, an industrial development 438 439 authority created under chapter 159, a housing financing authority as defined in s. 159.603(3), a research and 440 441 development authority as defined in s. 159.702(1)(c), a legal or 442 administrative entity created by interlocal agreement pursuant 443 to s. 163.01(7), a community redevelopment agency as defined in 444 s. 163.340(1), a regional transportation authority created under 445 chapter 163, a community development district as defined in s.

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446	190.003, an educational facilities authority as defined in s.
447	243.52(1), the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Authority
448	created under s. 243.53, the Florida Development Finance
449	Corporation created under s. 288.9604, a port district or port
450	authority as defined in s. 315.02(1) and (2), respectively, the
451	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority created under s.
452	343.53, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority
453	created under s. 343.63, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit
454	Authority created under s. 343.92, the Greater Miami Expressway
455	Agency created under s. 348.0304, the Tampa-Hillsborough County
456	Expressway Authority created under s. 348.52, the Central
457	Florida Expressway Authority created under s. 348.753, the
458	Jacksonville Transportation Authority created under s. 349.03,
459	and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation created under s.
460	420.504.
461	(e) "Rating agency" means any nationally recognized rating
462	service or nationally recognized statistical rating
463	organization.
464	(f) "Third-party verifier" means any entity that contracts
465	with an issuer to conduct an external review and independent
466	assessment of proposed ESG bonds to ensure that such bonds may
467	be designated or labeled as ESG bonds or will be used to finance
468	a project that will comply with applicable ESG standards.
469	(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to
470	the issuance of bonds, it is a violation of this section and it
471	is prohibited for any issuer to:
472	(a) Issue ESG bonds.
473	(b) Expend public funds as defined in s. 215.85(3) or use
474	moneys derived from the issuance of bonds to pay for the

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475	services of a third-party verifier related to the designation or
476	labeling of bonds as ESG bonds, including, but not limited to,
477	certifying or verifying that bonds may be designated or labeled
478	as ESG bonds, rendering a second-party opinion or producing a
479	verifier's report as to the compliance of proposed ESG bonds
480	with applicable ESG standards and metrics, complying with post-
481	issuance reporting obligations, or other services that are only
482	provided due to the designation or labeling of bonds as ESG
483	bonds.
484	(c) Enter into a contract with any rating agency whose ESG
485	scores for such issuer will have a direct, negative impact on
486	the issuer's bond ratings.
487	(3) Notwithstanding s. 655.0323, a financial institution as
488	defined in s. 655.005(1) may purchase and underwrite bonds
489	issued by a governmental entity.
490	(4) This section does not apply to any bonds issued before
491	July 1, 2023, or to any agreement entered into or any contract
492	executed before July 1, 2023.
493	Section 12. Section 215.855, Florida Statutes, is created
494	to read:
495	215.855 Investment manager external communication
496	(1) As used in this section, the term:
497	(a) "Governmental entity" means a state, regional, county,
498	municipal, special district, or other political subdivision
499	whether executive, judicial, or legislative, including, but not
500	limited to, a department, division, board, bureau, commission,
501	authority, district, or agency thereof, or a public school,
502	Florida College System institution, state university, or
503	associated board.
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504 (b) "Investment manager" means a private sector company 505 that offers one or more investment products or services to a 506 governmental entity and that has the discretionary investment 507 authority for direct holdings. 508 (c) "Public funds" means all moneys under the jurisdiction 509 of a governmental entity and includes all manner of pension and 510 retirement funds and all other funds held, as trust funds or 511 otherwise, for any public purpose, subject to investment. 512 (2) Any contract between a governmental entity and an 513 investment manager must contain the following provisions: 514 (a) That any written communication made by the investment 515 manager to a company in which such manager invests public funds 516 on behalf of a governmental entity must include the following 517 disclaimer in a conspicuous location if such communication 518 discusses social, political, or ideological interests; 519 subordinates the interests of the company's shareholders to the 520 interest of another entity; or advocates for the interest of an 521 entity other than the company's shareholders: 522 523 The views and opinions expressed in this communication are those 524 of the sender and do not reflect the views and opinions of the 525 people of the State of Florida. 526 527 (b) That the contract may be unilaterally terminated at the 528 option of the governmental entity if the investment manager does 529 not include the disclaimer required in paragraph (a). 530 (3) This section applies to contracts between a 531 governmental entity and an investment manager executed, amended, 532 or renewed on or after July 1, 2023.

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Section 13. Subsection (24) is added to section 218.415, 534 Florida Statutes, to read:

535 218.415 Local government investment policies.-Investment 536 activity by a unit of local government must be consistent with a 537 written investment plan adopted by the governing body, or in the 538 absence of the existence of a governing body, the respective 539 principal officer of the unit of local government and maintained 540 by the unit of local government or, in the alternative, such 541 activity must be conducted in accordance with subsection (17). 542 Any such unit of local government shall have an investment policy for any public funds in excess of the amounts needed to 543 544 meet current expenses as provided in subsections (1) - (16), or 545 shall meet the alternative investment guidelines contained in 546 subsection (17). Such policies shall be structured to place the 547 highest priority on the safety of principal and liquidity of 548 funds. The optimization of investment returns shall be secondary 549 to the requirements for safety and liquidity. Each unit of local 550 government shall adopt policies that are commensurate with the 551 nature and size of the public funds within its custody.

(24) INVESTMENT DECISIONS.-

(a) As used in this subsection, the term "pecuniary factor" means a factor that the governing body of the unit of local government, or in the absence of the existence of a governing body, the respective principal officer of the unit of local government, prudently determines is expected to have a material effect on the risk or returns of an investment based on appropriate investment horizons consistent with applicable investment objectives and funding policy. The term does not include the consideration of the furtherance of any social,

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562 political, or ideological interests. (b) Notwithstanding any other law, when deciding whether to 563 564 invest and when investing public funds pursuant to this section, 565 the unit of local government must make decisions based solely on 566 pecuniary factors and may not subordinate the interests of the 567 people of this state to other objectives, including sacrificing investment return or undertaking additional investment risk to 568 569 promote any nonpecuniary factor. The weight given to any 570 pecuniary factor must appropriately reflect a prudent assessment 571 of its impact on risk or returns. 572 Section 14. Present paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection 573 (26) of section 280.02, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 574 paragraphs (g) and (h), respectively, and new paragraphs (e) and 575 (f) are added to that subsection, to read: 576 280.02 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: 577 (26) "Qualified public depository" means a bank, savings 578 bank, or savings association that: (e) Makes determinations about the provision of services or 579 the denial of services based on an analysis of risk factors 580 581 unique to each customer or member. This paragraph does not 582 restrict a qualified public depository that claims a religious 583 purpose from making such determinations based on the religious 584 beliefs, religious exercise, or religious affiliations of a 585 customer or member. 586 (f) Does not engage in the unsafe and unsound practice of 587 denying or canceling its services to a person, or otherwise 588 discriminating against a person in making available such 589 services or in the terms or conditions of such services, on the 590 basis of:

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591	1. The person's political opinions, speech, or
592	affiliations;
593	2. Except as provided in paragraph (e), the person's
594	religious beliefs, religious exercise, or religious
595	affiliations;
596	3. Any factor if it is not a quantitative, impartial, and
597	risk-based standard, including any such factor related to the
598	person's business sector; or
599	4. The use of any rating, scoring, analysis, tabulation, or
600	action that considers a social credit score based on factors
601	including, but not limited to:
602	a. The person's political opinions, speech, or
603	affiliations.
604	b. The person's religious beliefs, religious exercise, or
605	religious affiliations.
606	c. The person's lawful ownership of a firearm.
607	d. The person's engagement in the lawful manufacture,
608	distribution, sale, purchase, or use of firearms or ammunition.
609	e. The person's engagement in the exploration, production,
610	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacture of fossil
611	fuel-based energy, timber, mining, or agriculture.
612	f. The person's support of the state or Federal Government
613	in combatting illegal immigration, drug trafficking, or human
614	trafficking.
615	g. The person's engagement with, facilitation of,
616	employment by, support of, business relationship with,
617	representation of, or advocacy for any person described in this
618	subparagraph.
619	h. The person's failure to meet or commit to meet, or

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620	expected failure to meet, any of the following as long as such
621	person is in compliance with applicable state or federal law:
622	(I) Environmental standards, including emissions standards,
623	benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures;
624	(II) Social governance standards, benchmarks, or
625	requirements, including, but not limited to, environmental or
626	social justice;
627	(III) Corporate board or company employment composition
628	standards, benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures based on
629	characteristics protected under the Florida Civil Rights Act of
630	<u>1992; or</u>
631	(IV) Policies or procedures requiring or encouraging
632	employee participation in social justice programming, including,
633	but not limited to, diversity, equity, or inclusion training.
634	Section 15. Section 280.025, Florida Statutes, is created
635	to read:
636	280.025 Attestation required
637	(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, the following entities must
638	attest, under penalty of perjury, on a form prescribed by the
639	Chief Financial Officer, whether the entity is in compliance
640	with s. 280.02(26)(e) and (f):
641	(a) A bank, savings bank, or savings association, upon
642	application or reapplication for designation as a qualified
643	public depository.
644	(b) A qualified public depository, upon filing the report
645	required by s. 280.16(1)(d).
646	(2) If an application or reapplication for designation as a
647	qualified public depository is pending on July 1, 2023, the
648	bank, savings bank, or savings association must file the

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649	attestation required under subsection (1) before being
650	designated or redesignated a qualified public depository.
651	Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (13) and subsection
652	(17) of section 280.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
653	280.05 Powers and duties of the Chief Financial OfficerIn
654	fulfilling the requirements of this act, the Chief Financial
655	Officer has the power to take the following actions he or she
656	deems necessary to protect the integrity of the public deposits
657	program:
658	(13) Require the filing of the following reports, which the
659	Chief Financial Officer shall process as provided:
660	(d) <u>1.</u> Any related documents, reports, records, or other
661	information deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer in
662	order to ascertain compliance with this chapter, including, but
663	not limited to, verifying the attestation required under s.
664	280.025.
665	2. If the Chief Financial Officer determines that the
666	attestation required under s. 280.025 is materially false, he or
667	she must report such determination to the Attorney General, who
668	may bring a civil or administrative action for damages,
669	injunctive relief, and such other relief as may be appropriate.
670	If such action is successful, the Attorney General is entitled
671	to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
672	3. As related to federally chartered financial
673	institutions, this paragraph may not be construed to create a
674	power exceeding the visitorial powers of the Chief Financial
675	Officer allowed under federal law.
676	(17) Suspend or disqualify or disqualify after suspension
677	any qualified public depository that has violated any of the

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678 provisions of this chapter or of rules adopted hereunder or that 679 no longer meets the definition of a qualified public depository 680 under s. 280.02.

681 (a) Any qualified public depository that is suspended or 682 disqualified pursuant to this subsection is subject to the 683 provisions of s. 280.11(2) governing withdrawal from the public 684 deposits program and return of pledged collateral. Any 685 suspension shall not exceed a period of 6 months. Any qualified 686 public depository which has been disqualified may not reapply 687 for qualification until after the expiration of 1 year from the 688 date of the final order of disqualification or the final 689 disposition of any appeal taken therefrom.

(b) In lieu of suspension or disqualification, impose an administrative penalty upon the qualified public depository as provided in s. 280.054.

693 (c) If the Chief Financial Officer has reason to believe 694 that any qualified public depository or any other financial 695 institution holding public deposits is or has been violating any 696 of the provisions of this chapter or of rules adopted hereunder 697 or no longer meets the definition of a qualified public 698 depository under s. 280.02, he or she may issue to the qualified 699 public depository or other financial institution an order to 700 cease and desist from the violation or to correct the condition 701 giving rise to or resulting from the violation. If any qualified 702 public depository or other financial institution violates a 703 cease-and-desist or corrective order, the Chief Financial 704 Officer may impose an administrative penalty upon the qualified 705 public depository or other financial institution as provided in 706 s. 280.054 or s. 280.055. In addition to the administrative

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707 penalty, the Chief Financial Officer may suspend or disqualify 708 any qualified public depository for violation of any order 709 issued pursuant to this paragraph. 710 Section 17. Subsections (14) and (15) are added to section 711 280.051, Florida Statutes, to read: 712 280.051 Grounds for suspension or disqualification of a 713 qualified public depository.-A qualified public depository may 714 be suspended or disqualified or both if the Chief Financial 715 Officer determines that the qualified public depository has: 716 (14) Failed to file the attestation required under s. 717 280.025. 718 (15) No longer meets the definition of a qualified public 719 depository under s. 280.02. 720 Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 721 280.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 280.054 Administrative penalty in lieu of suspension or 722 723 disqualification.-(1) If the Chief Financial Officer finds that one or more 724 725 grounds exist for the suspension or disqualification of a 726 qualified public depository, the Chief Financial Officer may, in 727 lieu of suspension or disqualification, impose an administrative 728 penalty upon the qualified public depository. 729 (b) With respect to any knowing and willful violation of a 730 lawful order or rule, the Chief Financial Officer may impose a 731 penalty upon the qualified public depository in an amount not 732 exceeding \$1,000 for each violation. If restitution is due, the 733 qualified public depository shall make restitution upon the 734 order of the Chief Financial Officer and shall pay interest on 735 such amount at the legal rate. Each day a violation continues

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736 constitutes a separate violation. Failure to timely file the 737 attestation required under s. 280.025 is deemed a knowing and 738 willful violation.

Section 19. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of section 280.055, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (g) is added to that subsection, to read:

280.055 Cease and desist order; corrective order; administrative penalty.-

(1) The Chief Financial Officer may issue a cease and desist order and a corrective order upon determining that:

(e) A qualified public depository or a custodian has not furnished to the Chief Financial Officer, when the Chief Financial Officer requested, a power of attorney or bond power or bond assignment form required by the bond agent or bond trustee for each issue of registered certificated securities pledged and registered in the name, or nominee name, of the qualified public depository or custodian; or

(f) A qualified public depository; a bank, savings association, or other financial institution; or a custodian has committed any other violation of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter that the Chief Financial Officer determines may be remedied by a cease and desist order or corrective order; or

(g) A qualified public depository no longer meets the definition of a qualified public depository under s. 280.02.

Section 20. Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

287.05701 Prohibition against considering social, political, or ideological interests in government contracting.-

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765	(1) As used in this section, the term "awarding body"
766	means:
767	(a) For state contracts, an agency or the department.
768	(b) For local government contracts, the governing body of a
769	county, a municipality, a special district, or any other
770	political subdivision of the state.
771	(2)(a) An awarding body may not request documentation of or
772	consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests
773	when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor.
774	(b) An awarding body may not give preference to a vendor
775	based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological
776	interests.
777	(3) Beginning July 1, 2023, any solicitation for the
778	procurement of commodities or contractual services by an
779	awarding body must include a provision notifying vendors of the
780	provisions of this section.
781	Section 21. Section 516.037, Florida Statutes, is created
782	to read:
783	516.037 Unsafe and unsound practices
784	(1) Licensees must make determinations about the provision
785	or denial of services based on an analysis of risk factors
786	unique to each current or prospective customer and may not
787	engage in an unsafe and unsound practice as provided in
788	subsection (2). This subsection does not restrict a licensee
789	that claims a religious purpose from making such determinations
790	based on the current or prospective customer's religious
791	beliefs, religious exercise, or religious affiliations.
792	(2) It is an unsafe and unsound practice for a licensee to
793	deny or cancel its services to a person, or to otherwise
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794	discriminate against a person in making available such services
795	or in the terms or conditions of such services, on the basis of:
796	(a) The person's political opinions, speech, or
797	affiliations;
798	(b) Except as provided in subsection (1), the person's
799	religious beliefs, religious exercise, or religious
800	affiliations;
801	(c) Any factor if it is not a quantitative, impartial, and
802	risk-based standard, including any such factor related to the
803	person's business sector; or
804	(d) The use of any rating, scoring, analysis, tabulation,
805	or action that considers a social credit score based on factors
806	including, but not limited to:
807	1. The person's political opinions, speech, or
808	affiliations.
809	2. The person's religious beliefs, religious exercise, or
810	religious affiliations.
811	3. The person's lawful ownership of a firearm.
812	4. The person's engagement in the lawful manufacture,
813	distribution, sale, purchase, or use of firearms or ammunition.
814	5. The person's engagement in the exploration, production,
815	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacture of fossil
816	fuel-based energy, timber, mining, or agriculture.
817	6. The person's support of the state or Federal Government
818	in combatting illegal immigration, drug trafficking, or human
819	trafficking.
820	7. The person's engagement with, facilitation of,
821	employment by, support of, business relationship with,
822	representation of, or advocacy for any person described in this

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823	paragraph.
824	8. The person's failure to meet or commit to meet, or
825	expected failure to meet, any of the following as long as such
826	person is in compliance with applicable state or federal law:
827	a. Environmental standards, including emissions standards,
828	benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures;
829	b. Social governance standards, benchmarks, or
830	requirements, including, but not limited to, environmental or
831	social justice;
832	c. Corporate board or company employment composition
833	standards, benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures based on
834	characteristics protected under the Florida Civil Rights Act of
835	<u>1992; or</u>
836	d. Policies or procedures requiring or encouraging employee
837	participation in social justice programming, including, but not
838	limited to, diversity, equity, or inclusion training.
839	(3) Beginning July 1, 2023, and upon application for a
840	license or license renewal, applicants and licensees must
841	attest, under penalty of perjury, on a form prescribed by the
842	commission whether the applicant or licensee is acting in
843	compliance with subsections (1) and (2).
844	(4) In addition to any sanctions and penalties under this
845	chapter, a failure to comply with subsection (1) or engaging in
846	a practice described in subsection (2) constitutes a violation
847	of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act under
848	part II of chapter 501. Notwithstanding s. 501.211, violations
849	must be enforced only by the enforcing authority, as defined in
850	s. 501.203(2), and subject the violator to the sanctions and
851	penalties provided for in that part. If such action is

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852	successful, the enforcing authority is entitled to reasonable
853	attorney fees and costs.
854	Section 22. Section 560.1115, Florida Statutes, is created
855	to read:
856	560.1115 Unsafe and unsound practices
857	(1) Licensees must make determinations about the provision
858	or denial of services based on an analysis of risk factors
859	unique to each current or prospective customer and may not
860	engage in an unsafe and unsound practice as provided in
861	subsection (2). This subsection does not restrict a licensee
862	that claims a religious purpose from making such determinations
863	based on the current or prospective customer's religious
864	beliefs, religious exercise, or religious affiliations.
865	(2) It is an unsafe and unsound practice for a licensee to
866	deny or cancel its services to a person, or to otherwise
867	discriminate against a person in making available such services
868	or in the terms or conditions of such services, on the basis of:
869	(a) The person's political opinions, speech, or
870	affiliations;
871	(b) Except as provided in subsection (1), the person's
872	religious beliefs, religious exercise, or religious
873	affiliations;
874	(c) Any factor if it is not a quantitative, impartial, and
875	risk-based standard, including any such factor related to the
876	person's business sector; or
877	(d) The use of any rating, scoring, analysis, tabulation,
878	or action that considers a social credit score based on factors
879	including, but not limited to:
880	1. The person's political opinions, speech, or

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881	affiliations.
882	2. The person's religious beliefs, religious exercise, or
883	religious affiliations.
884	3. The person's lawful ownership of a firearm.
885	4. The person's engagement in the lawful manufacture,
886	distribution, sale, purchase, or use of firearms or ammunition.
887	5. The person's engagement in the exploration, production,
888	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacture of fossil
889	fuel-based energy, timber, mining, or agriculture.
890	6. The person's support of the state or Federal Government
891	in combatting illegal immigration, drug trafficking, or human
892	trafficking.
893	7. The person's engagement with, facilitation of,
894	employment by, support of, business relationship with,
895	representation of, or advocacy for any person described in this
896	paragraph.
897	8. The person's failure to meet or commit to meet, or
898	expected failure to meet, any of the following as long as such
899	person is in compliance with applicable state or federal law:
900	a. Environmental standards, including emissions standards,
901	benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures;
902	b. Social governance standards, benchmarks, or
903	requirements, including, but not limited to, environmental or
904	social justice;
905	c. Corporate board or company employment composition
906	standards, benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures based on
907	characteristics protected under the Florida Civil Rights Act of
908	<u>1992; or</u>
909	d. Policies or procedures requiring or encouraging employee

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910 participation in social justice programming, including, but not limited to, diversity, equity, or inclusion training. 911 (3) Beginning July 1, 2023, and upon application for a 912 913 license or license renewal, applicants and licensees, as 914 applicable, must attest, under penalty of perjury, on a form 915 prescribed by the commission whether the applicant or licensee 916 is acting in compliance with subsections (1) and (2). 917 (4) In addition to any sanctions and penalties under this 918 chapter, a failure to comply with subsection (1) or engaging in 919 a practice described in subsection (2) constitutes a violation 920 of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act under 921 part II of chapter 501. Notwithstanding s. 501.211, violations 922 must be enforced only by the enforcing authority, as defined in 923 s. 501.203(2), and subject the violator to the sanctions and 924 penalties provided for in that part. If such action is 925 successful, the enforcing authority is entitled to reasonable 926 attorney fees and costs. 927 Section 23. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 928 560.114, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 929 560.114 Disciplinary actions; penalties.-930 (1) The following actions by a money services business, 931 authorized vendor, or affiliated party constitute grounds for 932 the issuance of a cease and desist order; the issuance of a 933 removal order; the denial, suspension, or revocation of a 934 license; or taking any other action within the authority of the 935 office pursuant to this chapter: 936 (h) Engaging in an act prohibited under s. 560.111 or s. 937 560.1115. 938 Section 24. Paragraph (y) of subsection (1) of section



939	655.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
940	655.005 Definitions
941	(1) As used in the financial institutions codes, unless the
942	context otherwise requires, the term:
943	(y) "Unsafe or unsound practice" <u>or "unsafe and unsound</u>
944	<pre>practice" means:</pre>
945	1. Any practice or conduct found by the office to be
946	contrary to generally accepted standards applicable to a
947	financial institution, or a violation of any prior agreement in
948	writing or order of a state or federal regulatory agency, which
949	practice, conduct, or violation creates the likelihood of loss,
950	insolvency, or dissipation of assets or otherwise prejudices the
951	interest of the financial institution or its depositors or
952	members. In making this determination, the office must consider
953	the size and condition of the financial institution, the gravity
954	of the violation, and the prior conduct of the person or
955	institution involved; or
956	2. Failure to comply with s. 655.0323(1), or engaging in a
957	practice described in s. 655.0323(2).
958	Section 25. Section 655.0323, Florida Statutes, is created
959	to read:
960	655.0323 Unsafe and unsound practices
961	(1) Financial institutions must make determinations about
962	the provision or denial of services based on an analysis of risk
963	factors unique to each current or prospective customer or member
964	and may not engage in an unsafe and unsound practice as provided
965	in subsection (2). This subsection does not restrict a financial
966	institution that claims a religious purpose from making such
967	determinations based on the current or prospective customer's or

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968	member's religious beliefs, religious exercise, or religious
969	affiliations.
970	(2) It is an unsafe and unsound practice for a financial
971	institution to deny or cancel its services to a person, or to
972	otherwise discriminate against a person in making available such
973	services or in the terms or conditions of such services, on the
974	basis of:
975	(a) The person's political opinions, speech, or
976	affiliations;
977	(b) Except as provided in subsection (1), the person's
978	religious beliefs, religious exercise, or religious
979	affiliations;
980	(c) Any factor if it is not a quantitative, impartial, and
981	risk-based standard, including any such factor related to the
982	person's business sector; or
983	(d) The use of any rating, scoring, analysis, tabulation,
984	or action that considers a social credit score based on factors
985	including, but not limited to:
986	1. The person's political opinions, speech, or
987	affiliations.
988	2. The person's religious beliefs, religious exercise, or
989	religious affiliations.
990	3. The person's lawful ownership of a firearm.
991	4. The person's engagement in the lawful manufacture,
992	distribution, sale, purchase, or use of firearms or ammunition.
993	5. The person's engagement in the exploration, production,
994	utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacture of fossil
995	fuel-based energy, timber, mining, or agriculture.
996	6. The person's support of the state or Federal Government

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997	in combatting illegal immigration, drug trafficking, or human
998	trafficking.
999	7. The person's engagement with, facilitation of,
1000	employment by, support of, business relationship with,
1001	representation of, or advocacy for any person described in this
1002	paragraph.
1003	8. The person's failure to meet or commit to meet, or
1004	expected failure to meet, any of the following as long as such
1005	person is in compliance with applicable state or federal law:
1006	a. Environmental standards, including emissions standards,
1007	benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures;
1008	b. Social governance standards, benchmarks, or
1009	requirements, including, but not limited to, environmental or
1010	social justice;
1011	c. Corporate board or company employment composition
1012	standards, benchmarks, requirements, or disclosures based on
1013	characteristics protected under the Florida Civil Rights Act of
1014	<u>1992; or</u>
1015	d. Policies or procedures requiring or encouraging employee
1016	participation in social justice programming, including, but not
1017	limited to, diversity, equity, or inclusion training.
1018	(3) Beginning July 1, 2023, and by July 1 of each year
1019	thereafter, financial institutions subject to the financial
1020	institutions codes must attest, under penalty of perjury, on a
1021	form prescribed by the commission whether the entity is acting
1022	in compliance with subsections (1) and (2).
1023	(4) Engaging in a practice described in subsection (2) or
1024	failing to timely provide the attestation under subsection (3)
1025	is a failure to comply with this chapter, constitutes a

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1026	violation of the financial institutions codes, and is subject to
1027	the applicable sanctions and penalties provided for in the
1028	financial institutions codes.
1029	(5) Notwithstanding ss. 501.211 and 501.212, a failure to
1030	comply with subsection (1) or engaging in a practice described
1031	in subsection (2) constitutes a violation of the Florida
1032	Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act under part II of
1033	chapter 501. Violations must be enforced only by the enforcing
1034	authority, as defined in s. 501.203(2), and subject the violator
1035	to the sanctions and penalties provided for in that part. If
1036	such action is successful, the enforcing authority is entitled
1037	to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
1038	(6) The office and the commission may not exercise
1039	authority pursuant to s. 655.061 in relation to this section.
1040	Section 26. Subsection (5) is added to section 1010.04,
1041	Florida Statutes, to read:
1042	1010.04 Purchasing
1043	(5) Beginning July 1, 2023, school districts, Florida
1044	College System institutions, and state universities may not:
1045	(a) Request documentation of or consider a vendor's social,
1046	political, or ideological interests.
1047	(b) Give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's
1048	social, political, or ideological interests.
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1050	Any solicitation for purchases and leases must include a
1051	provision notifying vendors of the provisions of this
1052	subsection.
1053	Section 27. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
1054	made by this act to section 17.57, Florida Statutes, in

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1055 references thereto, subsection (1) of section 17.61, Florida
1056 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

17.61 Chief Financial Officer; powers and duties in the investment of certain funds.-

1059 (1) The Chief Financial Officer shall invest all general 1060 revenue funds and all the trust funds and all agency funds of 1061 each state agency, and of the judicial branch, as defined in s. 1062 216.011, and may, upon request, invest funds of any board, 1063 association, or entity created by the State Constitution or by 1064 law, except for the funds required to be invested pursuant to 1065 ss. 215.44-215.53, by the procedure and in the authorized 1066 securities prescribed in s. 17.57; for this purpose, the Chief 1067 Financial Officer may open and maintain one or more demand and 1068 safekeeping accounts in any bank or savings association for the 1069 investment and reinvestment and the purchase, sale, and exchange 1070 of funds and securities in the accounts. Funds in such accounts 1071 used solely for investments and reinvestments shall be 1072 considered investment funds and not funds on deposit, and such 1073 funds shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 280. In 1074 addition, the securities or investments purchased or held under 1075 the provisions of this section and s. 17.57 may be loaned to 1076 securities dealers and banks and may be registered by the Chief 1077 Financial Officer in the name of a third-party nominee in order 1078 to facilitate such loans, provided the loan is collateralized by 1079 cash or United States government securities having a market 1080 value of at least 100 percent of the market value of the 1081 securities loaned. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep a 1082 separate account, designated by name and number, of each fund. 1083 Individual transactions and totals of all investments, or the

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1084	share belonging to each fund, shall be recorded in the accounts.
1085	Section 28. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
1086	made by this act to section 215.47, Florida Statutes, in a
1087	reference thereto, subsection (3) of section 215.44, Florida
1088	Statutes, is reenacted to read:
1089	215.44 Board of Administration; powers and duties in
1090	relation to investment of trust funds
1091	(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all
1092	investments made by the State Board of Administration pursuant
1093	to ss. 215.44-215.53 shall be subject to the restrictions and
1094	limitations contained in s. 215.47, except that investments made
1095	by the State Board of Administration under a trust agreement
1096	pursuant to subsection (1) shall be subject only to the
1097	restrictions and limitations contained in the trust agreement.
1098	Section 29. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.
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1101	And the title is amended as follows:
1102	Delete everything before the enacting clause
1103	and insert:
1104	A bill to be entitled
1105	An act relating to government and corporate activism;
1106	amending s. 17.57, F.S.; defining the term "pecuniary
1107	factor"; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer,
1108	or a party authorized to invest on his or her behalf,
1109	make investment decisions based solely on pecuniary
1110	factors; amending s. 20.058, F.S.; requiring a
1111	specified attestation, under penalty of perjury, from
1112	certain organizations; defining the term "pecuniary

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1113 factor"; requiring citizen support organizations and 1114 direct-support organizations to make investment 1115 decisions based solely on pecuniary factors; amending 1116 s. 112.656, F.S.; requiring that investment decisions 1117 comply with a specified requirement related to the 1118 consideration of pecuniary factors; amending s. 1119 112.661, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made 1120 by the act; creating s. 112.662, F.S.; defining the 1121 term "pecuniary factor"; providing that only pecuniary 1122 factors may be considered in investment decisions for 1123 retirement systems or plans; providing that the 1124 interests of participants and beneficiaries of such 1125 systems or plans may not be subordinated to other 1126 objectives; requiring shareholder rights to be 1127 exercised considering only pecuniary factors; requiring specified reports; providing requirements 1128 1129 for such reports; requiring the Department of 1130 Management Services to report certain noncompliance to 1131 the Attorney General; authorizing certain proceedings 1132 to be brought by the Attorney General who, if 1133 successful in those proceedings, is entitled to 1134 reasonable attorney fees and costs; requiring the 1135 department to adopt rules; providing applicability; 1136 amending ss. 175.071 and 185.06, F.S.; specifying that 1137 certain public boards of trustees are subject to the 1138 requirement that only pecuniary factors be considered 1139 in investment decisions; amending s. 215.47, F.S.; defining the term "pecuniary factor"; requiring the 1140 State Board of Administration to make investment 1141

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1142 decisions based solely on pecuniary factors; providing 1143 an exception to current investment and fiduciary 1144 standards in the event of a conflict; amending s. 1145 215.475, F.S.; requiring the Florida Retirement System 1146 Defined Benefit Plan Investment Policy Statement to 1147 comply with the requirement that only pecuniary factors be considered in investment decisions; 1148 amending s. 215.4755, F.S.; requiring certain 1149 1150 investment advisors or managers to certify in writing 1151 that investment decisions are based solely on 1152 pecuniary factors; providing applicability; providing 1153 that failure to file a required certification is 1154 grounds for termination of certain contracts: 1155 providing that a submission of a materially false 1156 certification is deemed a willful refusal to comply 1157 with a certain fiduciary standard; requiring that 1158 certain noncompliance be reported to the Attorney 1159 General, who is authorized to bring certain civil or 1160 administrative actions; providing that if the Attorney 1161 General is successful in those proceedings, he or she 1162 is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs; 1163 creating s. 215.681, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting 1164 bond issuers from issuing environmental, social, and governance bonds and taking other related actions; 1165 1166 authorizing certain financial institutions to purchase 1167 and underwrite specified bonds; providing 1168 applicability; creating s. 215.855, F.S.; defining terms; requiring that contracts between governmental 1169 1170 entities and investment managers contain certain



1171 provisions and a specified disclaimer; providing 1172 applicability; amending s. 218.415, F.S.; defining the 1173 term "pecuniary factor"; requiring units of local 1174 government to make investment decisions based solely 1175 on pecuniary factors; amending s. 280.02, F.S.; 1176 revising the definition of the term "qualified public depository"; creating s. 280.025, F.S.; requiring a 1177 1178 specified attestation, under penalty of perjury, from 1179 certain entities, beginning on a specified date; 1180 amending s. 280.05, F.S.; requiring the Chief 1181 Financial Officer to verify such attestations; 1182 requiring the Chief Financial Officer to report 1183 materially false attestations to the Attorney General, 1184 who is authorized to bring certain civil and 1185 administrative actions; providing that if the Attorney 1186 General is successful in those proceedings, he or she 1187 is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs; providing construction; authorizing the Chief 1188 1189 Financial Officer to suspend or disqualify a qualified 1190 public depository that no longer meets the definition 1191 of that term; amending s. 280.051, F.S.; adding 1192 grounds for suspension or disgualification of a 1193 qualified public depository; amending s. 280.054, 1194 F.S.; providing that failure to timely file a required 1195 attestation is deemed a knowing and willful violation; 1196 amending s. 280.055, F.S.; adding a circumstance under 1197 which the Chief Financial Officer may issue certain orders against a qualified public depository; creating 1198 s. 287.05701, F.S.; defining the term "awarding body"; 1199



1200 prohibiting an awarding body from requesting certain 1201 documentation or giving preference to vendors based on their social, political, or ideological interests; 1202 1203 requiring that solicitations for the procurement of 1204 commodities or contractual services by an awarding 1205 body contain a specified notification, beginning on a 1206 specified date; creating s. 516.037, F.S.; requiring 1207 licensees to make certain determinations based on an 1208 analysis of certain risk factors; prohibiting such 1209 licensees from engaging in unsafe and unsound 1210 practices; providing construction; providing that 1211 certain actions on the part of licensees are an unsafe 1212 and unsound practice; requiring a specified 1213 attestation, under penalty of perjury, from applicants 1214 and licensees, beginning on a specified date; 1215 providing that a failure to comply with specified 1216 requirements or engaging in unsafe and unsound practices constitutes a violation of the Florida 1217 1218 Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, subject to 1219 specified sanctions and penalties; providing that only 1220 the enforcing authority can enforce such violations; 1221 providing that an enforcing authority that brings a 1222 successful action for violations is entitled to 1223 reasonable attorney fees and costs; creating s. 1224 560.1115, F.S.; requiring licensees to make 1225 determinations about the provision or denial of 1226 services based on an analysis of certain risk factors; 1227 prohibiting the licensees from engaging in unsafe and 1228 unsound practices; providing construction; providing

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1229 that certain actions are an unsafe and unsound 1230 practice; requiring a specified attestation, under 1231 penalty of perjury, from applicants and licensees, 1232 beginning on a specified date; providing that a 1233 failure to comply with specified requirements or 1234 engaging in unsafe and unsound practices constitutes a 1235 violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade 1236 Practices Act, subject to specified sanctions and 1237 penalties; providing that only the enforcing authority 1238 can enforce such violations; providing that an 1239 enforcing authority that brings a successful action 1240 for violations is entitled to reasonable attorney fees 1241 and costs; amending s. 560.114, F.S.; revising the 1242 actions that constitute grounds for specified 1243 disciplinary action of a money services business, an 1244 authorized vendor, or an affiliated party; amending s. 1245 655.005, F.S.; revising a definition; creating s. 655.0323, F.S.; requiring financial institutions to 1246 1247 make determinations about the provision or denial of services based on an analysis of specified risk 1248 1249 factors; prohibiting financial institutions from 1250 engaging in unsafe and unsound practices; providing 1251 construction; providing that certain actions are an 1252 unsafe and unsound practice; requiring a specified 1253 attestation, under penalty of perjury, from financial 1254 institutions annually, beginning on a specified date; 1255 providing that engaging in specified actions or 1256 failing to provide such attestation constitutes a 1257 violation of specified codes, subject to certain



1258 sanctions and penalties; providing that a failure to 1259 comply with specified requirements or engaging in unsafe and unsound practices constitutes a violation 1260 1261 of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices 1262 Act, subject to specified sanctions and penalties; 1263 providing that only the enforcing authority can 1264 enforce such violations; providing that an enforcing 1265 authority that brings a successful action for 1266 violations is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and 1267 costs; prohibiting certain entities from exercising 1268 specified authority; amending s. 1010.04, F.S.; 1269 prohibiting school districts, Florida College System 1270 institutions, and state universities from requesting 1271 certain documentation from vendors and giving 1272 preference to vendors based on their social, 1273 political, or ideological interests; requiring that 1274 solicitations for purchases or leases include a 1275 specified notice; reenacting s. 17.61(1), F.S., 1276 relating to powers and duties of the Chief Financial 1277 Officer in the investment of certain funds, to 1278 incorporate the amendment made to s. 17.57, F.S., in 1279 references thereto; reenacting s. 215.44(3), F.S., 1280 relating to the powers and duties of the Board of 1281 Administration in the investment of trust funds, to 1282 incorporate the amendment made to s. 215.47, F.S., in 1283 a reference thereto; providing an effective date.