

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to state lottery funding for veterans'  
 3           assistance education programs; amending s. 24.103,  
 4           F.S.; providing a definition; amending s. 24.105,  
 5           F.S.; requiring the Department of the Lottery to  
 6           create an instant lottery game that benefits veterans'  
 7           assistance education programs; amending s. 24.121,  
 8           F.S.; providing that veterans' assistance education  
 9           programs may be funded by the Educational Enhancement  
 10          Trust Fund; amending s. 24.1215, F.S.; requiring the  
 11          department to provide certain information to the  
 12          public; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section  
 17   24.103, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5),  
 18   (2), and (4), respectively, and subsection (7) is added to that  
 19   section to read:

20           24.103 Definitions.—As used in this act:

21           (7) "Veterans' assistance education programs" means  
 22   programs that provide education and training opportunities for  
 23   veterans as defined in s. 1.01(14).

24           Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section 24.105,  
 25   Florida Statutes to read:

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26           24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department  
27 shall:

28           (20) Establish an instant-ticket lottery game that  
29 benefits veterans' assistance education programs. The ticket of  
30 any such lottery game must contain notice that the game proceeds  
31 will be used to benefit veterans' assistance education programs.

32           Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
33 24.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34           24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds for  
35 public education.—

36           (5) (a) Public educational programs and purposes funded by  
37 the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund may include, but are not  
38 limited to, endowment, scholarship, matching funds, direct  
39 grants, research and economic development related to education,  
40 salary enhancement, contracts with independent institutions to  
41 conduct programs consistent with the state master plan for  
42 postsecondary education, veterans' assistance education  
43 programs, or any other educational program or purpose deemed  
44 desirable by the Legislature. Before ~~Prior to~~ the expenditure of  
45 these funds, each school district shall establish policies and  
46 procedures that define enhancement and the types of expenditures  
47 consistent with that definition.

48           Section 4. Section 24.1215, Florida Statutes, is amended,  
49 read:

50           24.1215 Duty to inform public of lottery's significance to

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51 | education.—The Department of the Lottery shall inform the public  
52 | about:

53 |       (1) The significance of lottery funding in general to the  
54 | state's overall system of public education.

55 |       (2) The significance of lottery funding for veterans'  
56 | assistance education programs.

57 |       Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.