

By Senator Collins

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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.; defining the term "veterans' assistance
5 education programs"; amending s. 24.105, F.S.;
6 requiring the Department of the Lottery to create an
7 instant-ticket lottery game that benefits veterans'
8 assistance education programs; amending s. 24.121,
9 F.S.; providing that veterans' assistance education
10 programs may be funded by the Educational Enhancement
11 Trust Fund; amending s. 24.1215, F.S.; requiring the
12 department to provide certain information to the
13 public; providing an effective date.
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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17 Section 1. Present subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section
18 24.103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5),
19 (2), and (4), respectively, and subsection (7) is added to that
20 section, to read:

21 24.103 Definitions.—As used in this act:

22 (7) "Veterans' assistance education programs" means
23 programs that provide education and training opportunities for
24 veterans.

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

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

29 (20) Establish an instant-ticket lottery game that benefits

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30 veterans' assistance education programs. The ticket of any such
31 lottery game must contain notice that the game proceeds will be
32 used to benefit veterans' assistance education programs.

33 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
34 24.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

51 24.1215 Duty to inform public of lottery's significance to
52 education.—The Department of the Lottery shall inform the public
53 about:

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

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

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