

**FOR CONSIDERATION** By the Committee on Health Policy

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to health care innovation; creating s.  
3       381.4015, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative  
4       intent; creating the Health Care Innovation Council  
5       within the Department of Health for a specified  
6       purpose; providing for membership, meetings, and  
7       conflicts of interest of the council; specifying  
8       conflicts of interest with respect to the revolving  
9       loan program established under the act; defining the  
10      terms "business relationship" and "relative";  
11      specifying duties of the council; requiring the  
12      council, by a specified date, to adopt, and update as  
13      necessary, a certain document; requiring the council  
14      to submit annual reports to the Governor and the  
15      Legislature; requiring state agencies and statutorily  
16      created state entities to assist and cooperate with  
17      the council as requested; requiring the department to  
18      provide administrative support to the council;  
19      requiring the department to maintain a link to  
20      specified information on the homepage of its website;  
21      requiring the department to publish specified  
22      information on its website; requiring the department  
23      to provide technical assistance to certain applicants  
24      upon request; requiring the department to administer a  
25      revolving loan program for applicants seeking to  
26      implement certain health care innovations in this  
27      state; providing for administration of the program;  
28      requiring the department to adopt certain rules;  
29      specifying eligibility and application requirements;

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30 specifying terms, authorized uses, and repayment  
31 options for loans; requiring the department to create  
32 and maintain a separate account in the Grants and  
33 Donations Trust Fund within the department to fund the  
34 revolving loan program; providing that funds for the  
35 program are not subject to reversion; authorizing the  
36 department to contract with a third party to  
37 administer the program, including loan servicing, and  
38 manage the revolving loan fund; specifying  
39 requirements for the contract; requiring the  
40 department to publish and update specified information  
41 and reports on its website annually; requiring the  
42 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the  
43 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
44 Accountability to each develop and present an  
45 evaluation of the program to the Governor and the  
46 Legislature every 5 years, beginning on specified  
47 dates; specifying requirements for the evaluations;  
48 requiring that the offices be given access to all data  
49 necessary to complete the evaluation, including  
50 confidential data; authorizing the offices to  
51 collaborate on data collection and analysis; requiring  
52 the department to adopt rules; providing for future  
53 expiration; authorizing the department to adopt  
54 emergency rules to implement the act; providing  
55 appropriations; providing an effective date.

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57 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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59 Section 1. Section 381.4015, Florida Statutes, is created  
60 to read:

61 381.4015 Florida health care innovation.—

62 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

63 (a) "Council" means the Health Care Innovation Council.

64 (b) "Department" means the Department of Health.

65 (c) "Health care provider" means any person or entity  
66 licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized by law  
67 to provide health care services in this state.

68 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—The Legislature intends to harness  
69 the innovation and creativity of entrepreneurs and businesses,  
70 together with the state's health care system and stakeholders,  
71 to lead the discussion and highlight advances and innovations  
72 that will address challenges in the health care system as they  
73 develop in real time and transform the delivery and strengthen  
74 the quality of health care in Florida. Innovative technologies,  
75 workforce pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions  
76 that improve the quality of care in measurable and sustainable  
77 ways, that can be replicated, and that will lower costs and  
78 allow that value to be passed on to health care consumers shall  
79 be highlighted for adoption across all neighborhoods and  
80 communities in this state.

81 (3) HEALTH CARE INNOVATION COUNCIL.—The Health Care  
82 Innovation Council, a council as defined in s. 20.03, is created  
83 within the department to tap into the best knowledge and  
84 experience available by regularly bringing together subject  
85 matter experts in a public forum to explore and discuss  
86 innovations in technology, workforce, and service delivery  
87 models that can be exhibited as best practices, implemented, or

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88 scaled in order to improve the quality and delivery of health  
89 care in this state in measurable, sustainable, and reproducible  
90 ways.

91 (a) Membership.—

92 1. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex officio,  
93 nonvoting member and shall act as the council chair.

94 2. The council shall be composed of the following voting  
95 members, to be appointed by July 1, 2024:

96 a. One member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
97 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
98 Representatives. The appointing officers shall make appointments  
99 prioritizing members who have the following experience:

100 (I) A representative of the health care sector who has  
101 senior level experience in reducing inefficiencies in health  
102 care delivery systems;

103 (II) A representative of the private sector who has senior  
104 level experience in cybersecurity or software engineering in the  
105 health care sector;

106 (III) A representative who has expertise in emerging  
107 technology that can be used in the delivery of health care; or

108 (IV) A representative who has experience in finance or  
109 investment or in management and operation of early stage  
110 companies.

111 b. The chair of the Council of Florida Medical School  
112 Deans.

113 c. A physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459,  
114 appointed by the Governor.

115 d. A nurse licensed under chapter 465, appointed by the  
116 Governor.

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117 e. An employee of a hospital licensed under chapter 395 who  
118 has executive-level experience, appointed by the Governor.

119 f. A representative of the long-term care facility  
120 industry, appointed by the Governor.

121 g. An employee of a health insurer or health maintenance  
122 organization who has executive-level experience, appointed by  
123 the Governor.

124 h. A resident of this state who can represent the interest  
125 of health care patients in this state, appointed by the  
126 Governor.

127 3. The council shall be composed of the following ex  
128 officio, nonvoting members:

129 a. The State Surgeon General.

130 b. The Secretary of Health Care Administration.

131 c. The Secretary of Children and Families.

132 d. The director of the Agency for Persons with  
133 Disabilities.

134 e. The Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

135 4. Except for ex officio members, the term of all  
136 appointees shall be for 2 years unless otherwise specified.  
137 However, to achieve staggered terms, the appointees in sub-  
138 subparagraphs 2.a.-d. shall serve initial terms of 3 years. The  
139 appointees may be reappointed for no more than four consecutive  
140 terms.

141 5. Any vacancy occurring on the council must be filled in  
142 the same manner as the original appointment. Any member who is  
143 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring because of death,  
144 resignation, or ineligibility for membership shall serve only  
145 for the unexpired term of the member's predecessor.

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146 6. Members whose terms have expired may continue to serve  
147 until replaced or reappointed. However, members whose terms have  
148 expired may not serve longer than 6 months after the expiration  
149 of their terms.

150 7. Members shall serve without compensation but are  
151 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses  
152 pursuant to s. 112.061.

153 8. Members may be removed for cause by the appointing  
154 entity.

155 9. Each member of the council who is not otherwise required  
156 to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to s. 8, Art.  
157 II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144 must file a  
158 disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.

159 (b) Meetings.—The council shall convene its first  
160 organizational meeting by September 1, 2024. Thereafter, the  
161 council shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly, at the  
162 call of the chair. In order to provide an opportunity for the  
163 broadest public input, the chair shall ensure that a majority of  
164 the meetings held in a year are geographically dispersed within  
165 this state. As feasible, meetings are encouraged to provide an  
166 opportunity for presentation or demonstration of innovative  
167 solutions in person. A majority of the members of the council  
168 constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held with less  
169 than a quorum present. In order to establish a quorum, the  
170 council may conduct its meetings through teleconference or other  
171 electronic means. The affirmative vote of a majority of the  
172 members of the council present is necessary for any official  
173 action by the council.

174 (c) Conflicts of interest.—

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175 1. A council member may not vote on any matter that would  
176 provide:

177 a. Direct financial benefit to the member;

178 b. Financial benefit to a relative of the member, including  
179 an entity of which a relative is an officer, partner, director,  
180 or proprietor or in which the relative has a material interest;  
181 or

182 c. Financial benefit to a person or entity with whom the  
183 member has a business relationship.

184 2. With respect to the revolving loan program established  
185 in subsection (7):

186 a. Council members may not receive loans under the program;  
187 and

188 b. A person or entity that has a conflict-of-interest  
189 relationship with a council member as described in sub-  
190 subparagraph 1.b. or sub-subparagraph 1.c. may not receive a  
191 loan under the program unless that council member recused  
192 himself or herself from consideration of the person's or  
193 entity's application.

194 3. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

195 a. "Business relationship" means an ownership or  
196 controlling interest, an affiliate or subsidiary relationship, a  
197 common parent company, or any mutual interest in any limited  
198 partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability  
199 company, or other entity or business association.

200 b. "Relative" means a father, mother, son, daughter,  
201 husband, wife, brother, sister, grandparent, father-in-law,  
202 mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of a person.

203 (d) Public meetings and records.—The council and any

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204 subcommittees it forms are subject to the provisions of chapter  
205 119 relating to public records and the provisions of chapter 286  
206 relating to public meetings.

207 (4) HEALTH CARE INNOVATION COUNCIL DUTIES.—In order to  
208 facilitate and implement this section, the council shall:

209 (a) By February 1, 2025, adopt and update as necessary a  
210 document that sets forth and describes a mission statement,  
211 goals, and objectives for the council to function and meet the  
212 purposes of this section.

213 (b) Facilitate public meetings across this state at which  
214 innovators, developers, and implementers of technologies,  
215 workforce pathways, service delivery models, and other solutions  
216 may present information and lead discussions on concepts that  
217 address challenges to the health care system as they develop in  
218 real time and advance the delivery of health care in this state  
219 through technology and innovation.

220 1. Consideration must be given to how such concepts  
221 increase efficiency in the health care system in this state,  
222 reduce strain on the state's health care workforce, improve  
223 patient outcomes, expand public access to health care services  
224 in this state, or reduce costs for patients and the state  
225 without reducing the quality of patient care.

226 2. Exploration and discussion of concepts may include how  
227 concepts can be supported, cross-functional, or scaled to meet  
228 the needs of health care consumers, including employers, payors,  
229 patients, and the state.

230 3. The council may coordinate with the Small Business  
231 Development Center Network, the Florida Opportunity Fund, the  
232 Institute for Commercialization of Florida Technology, and other



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233 business incubators, development organizations, or institutions  
234 of higher education to include emerging and early stage  
235 innovators, developers, and implementers of technology, models,  
236 or solutions in health care in the exploration and discussion of  
237 concepts and breakthrough innovations.

238 4. To support adoption and implementation of innovations  
239 and advancements, specific meetings may be held which bring  
240 together technical experts, such as those in system integration,  
241 cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, to  
242 lead discussions on recommended structures and integrations of  
243 information technology products and services and propose  
244 solutions that can make adoption and implementation efficient,  
245 effective, and economical.

246 5. The council may also highlight broad community or  
247 statewide issues or needs of providers and users of health care  
248 delivery and may facilitate public forums in order to explore  
249 and discuss the range of effective, efficient, and economical  
250 technology and innovative solutions that can be implemented.

251 (c) Annually distinguish the most impactful concepts by  
252 recognizing the innovators, developers, and implementers whose  
253 work is helping Floridians to live brighter and healthier lives.  
254 In seeking out projects, initiatives, and concepts that are  
255 having a positive impact in Florida, have huge potential to  
256 scale that impact throughout this state through growth or  
257 replication, or are cutting-edge advancements, programs, or  
258 other innovations that have the capability to accelerate  
259 transformation of health care in this state, the council may  
260 issue awards to recognize these strategic and innovative  
261 thinkers who are helping Floridians live brighter and healthier

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262 lives. The council may develop a logo for the award for use by  
263 awardees to advertise their achievements and recognition.

264 (d) Consult with and solicit input from health care  
265 experts, health care providers, and technology and manufacturing  
266 experts in the health care or related fields, users of such  
267 innovations or systems, and the public to develop and update:

268 1. Best practice recommendations that will lead to the  
269 continuous modernization of the health care system in this state  
270 and make the Florida system a nationwide leader in innovation,  
271 technology, and service. At a minimum, recommendations must be  
272 made for how to explore implementation of innovations, how to  
273 implement new technologies and strategies, and health care  
274 service delivery models. As applicable, best practices must be  
275 distinguished by practice setting and with an emphasis on  
276 increasing efficiency in the delivery of health care, reducing  
277 strain on the health care workforce, increasing public access to  
278 health care, improving patient outcomes, reducing unnecessary  
279 emergency room visits, and reducing costs for patients and the  
280 state without reducing the quality of patient care. Specifically  
281 for information technology, best practices must also recommend  
282 actions to guide the selection of technologies and innovations,  
283 which may include, but need not be limited to, considerations  
284 for system-to-system integration, consistent user experiences  
285 for health care workers and patients, and patient education and  
286 practitioner training.

287 2. A list of focus areas in which to advance the delivery  
288 of health care in this state through innovative technologies,  
289 workforce pathways, or service delivery models. The focus areas  
290 may be broad or specific, but must, at a minimum, consider all

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291 of the following topics:

292 a. The health care workforce. This topic includes, but is  
293 not limited to, all of the following:

294 (I) Approaches to cultivate interest and growth in the  
295 workforce, including concepts resulting in increases in the  
296 number of providers.

297 (II) Efforts to improve the use of the workforce, whether  
298 through techniques, training, or devices to increase  
299 effectiveness or efficiency.

300 (III) Educational pathways that connect students with  
301 employers or result in attainment of cost-efficient and timely  
302 degrees or credentials.

303 (IV) Use of technology to reduce the burden on the  
304 workforce during decisionmaking processes such as triage, but  
305 which leaves all final decisions to the health care  
306 practitioner.

307 b. The provision of patient care in the most appropriate  
308 setting and reduction of unnecessary emergency room visits.  
309 These topics include, but are not limited to, all of the  
310 following:

311 (I) Use of advanced technologies to improve patient  
312 outcomes, provide patient care, or improve patient quality of  
313 life.

314 (II) The use of early detection devices, including remote  
315 communications devices and diagnostic tools engineered for early  
316 detection and patient engagement.

317 (III) At-home patient monitoring devices and measures.

318 (IV) Advanced at-home health care.

319 (V) Advanced adaptive equipment.

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320 c. The delivery of primary care through methods, practices,  
321 or procedures that increase efficiencies.

322 d. The technical aspects of the provision of health care.  
323 These aspects include, but are not limited to, all of the  
324 following:

325 (I) Interoperability of electronic health records systems  
326 and the impact on patient care coordination and administrative  
327 costs for health care systems.

328 (II) Cybersecurity and the protection of health care data  
329 and systems.

330 (e) Identify and recommend any changes to Florida law or  
331 changes that can be implemented without legislative action which  
332 are necessary to:

333 1. Advance, transform, or innovate in the delivery and  
334 strengthen the quality of health care in Florida, including  
335 removal or update of any regulatory barriers or governmental  
336 inefficiencies.

337 2. Implement the council's duties or recommendations.

338 (f) Recommend criteria for awarding loans as provided in  
339 subsection (7) to the department and review loan applications.

340 (g) Annually submit by December 1 a report of council  
341 activities and recommendations to the Governor, the President of  
342 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At  
343 a minimum, the report must include an update on the status of  
344 the delivery of health care in this state; information on  
345 implementation of best practices by health care industry  
346 stakeholders in this state; and highlights of exploration,  
347 development, or implementation of innovative technologies,  
348 workforce pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions

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349 by health care industry stakeholders in this state.

350 (5) AGENCY COOPERATION.—All state agencies and statutorily  
351 created state entities shall assist and cooperate with the  
352 council as requested.

353 (6) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall, at a minimum,  
354 do all of the following to facilitate implementation of this  
355 section:

356 (a) Provide reasonable and necessary support staff and  
357 materials to assist the council in the performance of its  
358 duties.

359 (b) Maintain on the homepage of the department a link to a  
360 website dedicated to the council on which the department shall  
361 post information related to the council, including the outcomes  
362 of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in  
363 subsection (4).

364 (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any  
365 sources of federal, state, or private funding available for  
366 implementation of innovative technologies and service delivery  
367 models in health care, including the details and eligibility  
368 requirements for each funding opportunity. Upon request, the  
369 department shall provide technical assistance to any person  
370 wanting to apply for such funding. If the entity with oversight  
371 of the funding opportunity provides technical assistance, the  
372 department may foster working relationships that allow the  
373 department to refer the person seeking funding to the  
374 appropriate contact for such assistance.

375 (d) Incorporate recommendations of the council into the  
376 department's duties or as part of the administration of this  
377 section, or update administrative rules or procedures as

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378 appropriate based upon council recommendations.

379 (7) REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.—The department shall administer  
380 a revolving loan program for applicants seeking to implement  
381 innovative solutions in this state.

382 (a) Administration.—The council may make recommendations to  
383 the department for the administration of the loans. The  
384 department shall adopt rules:

385 1. Establishing an application process to submit and review  
386 funding proposals for loans. Such rules must also include the  
387 process for the council to review applications to ensure  
388 compliance with applicable laws, including those related to  
389 discrimination and conflicts of interest. If a council member  
390 participated in the vote of the council recommending an award  
391 for a proposal with which the council member has a conflict of  
392 interest, the division may not award the loan to that entity.

393 2. Establishing eligibility criteria to be applied by the  
394 council in recommending applications for the award of loans  
395 which:

396 a. Incorporate the recommendations of the council. The  
397 council shall recommend to the department criteria based upon  
398 input received and the focus areas developed. The council may  
399 recommend updated criteria as necessary, based upon the most  
400 recent input, best practice recommendations, or focus areas  
401 list.

402 b. Determine which proposals are likely to provide the  
403 greatest return to the state if funded, taking into  
404 consideration, at a minimum, the degree to which the proposal  
405 would increase efficiency in the health care system in this  
406 state, reduce strain on the state's health care workforce,

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407 improve patient outcomes, increase public access to health care  
408 in this state, or provide cost savings to patients or the state  
409 without reducing the quality of patient care.

410 3. It deems necessary to administer the program, including,  
411 but not limited to, rules for application requirements, the  
412 ability of the applicant to properly administer funds, the  
413 professional excellence of the applicant, the fiscal stability  
414 of the applicant, the state or regional impact of the proposal,  
415 matching requirements for the proposal, and other requirements  
416 to further the purposes of the program.

417 (b) Eligibility.—

418 1. The following entities may apply for a revolving loan:

419 a. Entities licensed, registered, or certified by the  
420 Agency for Health Care Administration as provided under s.  
421 408.802, except for those specified in s. 408.802(1), (3), (13),  
422 (23), or (25).

423 b. An education or clinical training provider in  
424 partnership with an entity under sub-subparagraph a.

425 2.a. Council members may not receive loans under the  
426 program.

427 b. An entity that has a conflict-of-interest relationship  
428 with a council member as described in sub-subparagraph  
429 (3)(c)1.b. or sub-subparagraph (3)(c)1.c. may not receive a loan  
430 under the program unless that council member recused himself or  
431 herself from consideration of the entity's application.

432 3. Priority must be given to applicants located in a rural  
433 or medically underserved area as designated by the department  
434 which are:

435 a. Rural hospitals as defined in s. 395.602(2).

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436 b. Nonprofit entities that accept Medicaid patients.

437 4. The department may award a loan for up to 50 percent of  
438 the total projected implementation costs, or up to 80 percent of  
439 total projected implementation costs for an applicant under  
440 subparagraph 3. The applicant must demonstrate the source of  
441 funding it will use to cover the remainder of the total  
442 projected implementation costs, which funding must be from  
443 nonstate sources.

444 (c) Applications.—

445 1. The department shall set application periods to apply  
446 for loans. The department may set multiple application periods  
447 in a fiscal year, with up to four periods per year. The  
448 department shall coordinate with the council when establishing  
449 application periods to establish separate priority, in addition  
450 to eligibility, within the loan applications for defined  
451 categories based on the current focus area list. The department  
452 shall publicize the availability of loans under the program to  
453 stakeholders, education or training providers, and others.

454 2. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall  
455 determine whether the application is complete and the applicant  
456 has demonstrated the ability to repay the loan. Within 30 days  
457 after the close of the application period, the department shall  
458 forward all completed applications to the council for  
459 consideration.

460 3. The council shall review applications for loans under  
461 the criteria and pursuant to the processes and format adopted by  
462 the department. The council shall submit to the department for  
463 approval lists of applicants that it recommends for funding,  
464 arranged in order of priority and as required for the



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465 application period.

466 4. A loan applicant must demonstrate plans to use the funds  
467 to implement one or more innovative technologies, workforce  
468 pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions in order  
469 to fill a demonstrated need; obtain or upgrade necessary  
470 equipment, hardware, and materials; adopt new technologies or  
471 systems; or a combination thereof which will improve the quality  
472 and delivery of health care in measurable and sustainable ways  
473 and which will lower costs and allow savings to be passed on to  
474 health care consumers.

475 (d) Awards.—

476 1. The amount of each loan must be based upon demonstrated  
477 need and availability of funds. The department may not award  
478 more than 10 percent of the total allocated funds for the fiscal  
479 year to a single loan applicant.

480 2. The interest rate for each loan may not exceed 1  
481 percent.

482 3. The term of each loan is up to 10 years.

483 4. In order to equitably distribute limited state funding,  
484 applicants may apply for and be awarded only one loan per fiscal  
485 year. If a loan recipient has one or more outstanding loans at  
486 any time, the recipient may apply for funding for a new loan if  
487 the current loans are in good standing.

488 (e) Written agreement.—

489 1. Each loan recipient must enter into a written agreement  
490 with the department to receive the loan. At a minimum, the  
491 agreement with the applicant must specify all of the following:

492 a. The total amount of the award.

493 b. The performance conditions that must be met, based upon

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494 the submitted proposal and the defined category or focus area,  
495 as applicable.

496 c. The information to be reported on actual implementation  
497 costs, including the share from nonstate resources.

498 d. The schedule for payment.

499 e. The data and progress reporting requirements and  
500 schedule.

501 f. Any sanctions that would apply for failure to meet  
502 performance conditions.

503 2. The department shall develop uniform data reporting  
504 requirements for loan recipients to evaluate the performance of  
505 the implemented proposals. Such data must be shared with the  
506 council.

507 3. If requested, the department shall provide technical  
508 assistance to loan recipients under the program.

509 (f) Loan repayment.—Loans become due and payable in  
510 accordance with the terms of the written agreement. All  
511 repayments of principal received by the department in a fiscal  
512 year shall be returned to the revolving loan fund and made  
513 available for loans to other applicants.

514 (g) Revolving loan fund.—The department shall create and  
515 maintain a separate account in the Grants and Donations Trust  
516 Fund within the department as a fund for the program. All  
517 repayments of principal must be returned to the revolving loan  
518 fund and made available as provided in this section.  
519 Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the revolving  
520 loan program are not subject to reversion. The department may  
521 contract with a third-party administrator to administer the  
522 program, including loan servicing, and manage the revolving loan

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523 fund. A contract for a third-party administrator which includes  
524 management of the revolving loan fund must, at a minimum,  
525 require maintenance of the revolving loan fund to ensure that  
526 the program may operate in a revolving manner.

527 (8) REPORTING.—The department shall publish on its website  
528 information related to loan recipients, including the written  
529 agreements, performance conditions and their status, and the  
530 total amount of loan funds disbursed to date. The department  
531 shall update the information annually on the award date. The  
532 department shall, beginning on September 1, 2025, and annually  
533 thereafter, post on its website a report on this section for the  
534 previous fiscal year which must include all of the following  
535 information:

536 (a) A summary of the adoption and implementation of  
537 recommendations of the council during the previous fiscal year.

538 (b) An evaluation of actions and related activities to meet  
539 the purposes set forth in this section.

540 (c) Consolidated data based upon the uniform data reporting  
541 by funding recipients and an evaluation of how the provision of  
542 the loans has met the purposes set forth in this section.

543 (d) The number of applications for loans, the types of  
544 proposals received, and an analysis on the relationship between  
545 the proposals and the purposes of this section.

546 (e) The amount of funds allocated and awarded for each loan  
547 application period, as well as any funds not awarded in that  
548 period.

549 (f) The amount of funds paid out during the fiscal year and  
550 any funds repaid or unused.

551 (g) The number of persons assisted and outcomes of any

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552 technical assistance requested for loans and any federal, state,  
553 or private funding opportunities.

554 (9) EVALUATION.—

555 (a) Beginning October 1, 2029, and every 5 years  
556 thereafter, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research  
557 (EDR) shall develop and present to the Governor, the President  
558 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
559 an evaluation of the activities and administration of the  
560 revolving loan program conducted under this section.

561 (b) Beginning October 1, 2030, and every 5 years  
562 thereafter, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
563 Accountability (OPPAGA) shall develop and present to the  
564 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
565 House of Representatives an evaluation of the activities and  
566 administration of the revolving loan program conducted under  
567 this section.

568 (c) Both the EDR and OPPAGA shall evaluate the program for  
569 its effectiveness and value to the taxpayers of this state and  
570 include recommendations for consideration by the Legislature.  
571 The EDR and OPPAGA must be given access to all data necessary to  
572 complete the evaluation, including any confidential data. The  
573 offices may collaborate on data collection and analysis.

574 (10) RULES.—The department shall adopt rules to implement  
575 this section.

576 (11) EXPIRATION.—This section expires July 1, 2043.

577 Section 2. The Department of Health shall, and all  
578 conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to  
579 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing  
580 s. 381.4015, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other law,

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581 emergency rules adopted pursuant to this section are effective  
582 for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during the  
583 pendency of the procedure to adopt permanent rules addressing  
584 the subject of the emergency rules.

585 Section 3. (1) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of  
586 \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
587 appropriated to the Department of Health to implement and  
588 administer the Health Care Innovation Council under s. 381.4015,  
589 Florida Statutes.

590 (2) For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the recurring sum of \$1  
591 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the  
592 Department of Health to implement and administer the Health Care  
593 Innovation Council under s. 381.4015, Florida Statutes.

594 (3) By August 1 of each year, beginning in the 2024-2025  
595 fiscal year through the 2033-2034 fiscal year, the Chief  
596 Financial Officer shall transfer \$75 million in nonrecurring  
597 funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Grants and Donations  
598 Trust Fund within the Department of Health. Each year, beginning  
599 in the 2024-2025 fiscal year through the 2033-2034 fiscal year,  
600 the nonrecurring sum of \$75 million is appropriated from the  
601 Grants and Donations Trust Fund to the Department of Health for  
602 the revolving loan fund created in s. 381.4015, Florida  
603 Statutes. The department may use up to 3 percent of the  
604 appropriated funds for administrative costs to implement the  
605 revolving loan program.

606 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.