

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to implementing the 2025-2026 General  
3           Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;  
4           incorporating by reference certain calculations;  
5           providing an expiration date; amending s. 1011.45,  
6           F.S.; requiring a carry forward spending plan to  
7           commit certain excess reserve balances to specified  
8           projects in a specified manner; providing an  
9           expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health  
10          Care Administration, in consultation with the  
11          Department of Health, to submit a budget amendment to  
12          realign funding for specified purposes; specifying  
13          requirements for such realignment; providing an  
14          expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health  
15          Care Administration and the Department of Health to  
16          each submit a budget amendment to realign funding  
17          within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation  
18          categories and to increase budget authority for  
19          certain purposes; specifying the time period within  
20          which each budget amendment must be submitted;  
21          providing an expiration date; amending s. 381.986,  
22          F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the exemption of  
23          certain rules pertaining to the medical use of  
24          marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;  
25          amending s. 14(1), ch. 2017-232, Laws of Florida;

26 | exempting certain rules pertaining to medical  
27 | marijuana adopted to replace emergency rules from  
28 | specified rulemaking requirements; providing for the  
29 | future expiration and reversion of specified law;  
30 | authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
31 | to submit budget amendments seeking additional  
32 | spending authority to implement specified programs and  
33 | payments; providing an expiration date; amending s.  
34 | 408.07, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
35 | "teaching hospital"; providing for future expiration  
36 | and reversion; amending s. 409.901, F.S.; providing  
37 | definitions; providing an expiration date; amending s.  
38 | 409.908, F.S.; providing requirements for a teaching  
39 | hospital's participation in certain programs; defining  
40 | the term "teaching hospital"; providing an expiration  
41 | date; amending s. 409.910, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
42 | reference; providing for future expiration and  
43 | reversion; prohibiting certain hospitals from  
44 | participating in the Low Income Pool Program;  
45 | providing an expiration date; amending s. 393.066,  
46 | F.S.; removing a requirement that contracted entities  
47 | must use a specified management system as a condition  
48 | of payment and before billing; authorizing such  
49 | entities to maintain an alternate data system that  
50 | meets specified standards; prohibiting the Agency for

51 Persons with Disabilities from requiring training on a  
52 specified system in certain circumstances; providing  
53 for future expiration and reversion; requiring the  
54 Department of Children and Families to submit  
55 quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the  
56 Governor and the Legislature; authorizing the  
57 Department of Children and Families to submit budget  
58 amendments to increase budget authority to support  
59 specified federal grant programs; providing an  
60 expiration date; authorizing the Department of Health  
61 to submit a budget amendment to increase budget  
62 authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
63 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Child Care  
64 Food Program if a certain condition is met; providing  
65 an expiration date; authorizing the Department of  
66 Health to submit a budget amendment to increase budget  
67 authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment  
68 Program if a certain condition is met; providing an  
69 expiration date; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
70 Administration to replace the Florida Medicaid  
71 Management Information System (FMMIS) and fiscal agent  
72 operations with a specified new system; specifying  
73 items that may not be included in the new system;  
74 providing directives to the Agency for Health Care  
75 Administration relating to the new system, the Florida

76 Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the  
77 Agency for Health Care Administration to meet certain  
78 requirements in replacing FMMIS and the current  
79 Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency for Health  
80 Care Administration to implement a specified program  
81 governance structure that includes an executive  
82 steering committee; providing procedures for use by  
83 the executive steering committee; providing  
84 responsibilities of the executive steering committee;  
85 requiring the establishment of a state agency  
86 stakeholder working group; providing composition of  
87 such group; providing requirements for such group;  
88 providing an expiration date; requiring the Agency for  
89 Health Care Administration, in consultation with the  
90 Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with  
91 Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families,  
92 and the Department of Corrections, to competitively  
93 procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices  
94 for certain prescribed drugs and biological products;  
95 providing requirements for such contract; authorizing  
96 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit  
97 budget amendments to transfer funding from the  
98 Salaries and Benefits appropriation categories for a  
99 specified purpose; providing an expiration date;  
100 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration

101 and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit  
102 a budget amendment for a specified purpose; providing  
103 an expiration date; authorizing the Department of  
104 Veterans' Affairs to submit a budget amendment,  
105 subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval,  
106 requesting certain authority; providing an expiration  
107 date; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending for 1 year  
108 the expiration of an exception for certain funds used  
109 for the hospital directed payment program; amending s.  
110 394.9082, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of  
111 an authorization to carry forward certain unexpended  
112 funds; providing construction; amending s. 216.262,  
113 F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of the  
114 Department of Corrections to submit a budget amendment  
115 for additional positions and appropriations under  
116 certain circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.;  
117 extending for 1 fiscal year the authority and related  
118 repayment requirements for temporary trust fund loans  
119 to the state court system which are sufficient to meet  
120 the system's appropriation; requiring the Department  
121 of Juvenile Justice to review county juvenile  
122 detention payments to determine whether a county has  
123 met specified financial responsibilities; requiring  
124 amounts owed by the county for such financial  
125 responsibilities to be deducted from certain county

126 funds; requiring the Department of Revenue to transfer  
127 withheld funds to a specified trust fund; requiring  
128 the Department of Revenue to ensure that such  
129 reductions in amounts distributed do not reduce  
130 distributions below amounts necessary for certain  
131 payments due on bonds and to comply with bond  
132 covenants; requiring the Department of Revenue to  
133 notify the Department of Juvenile Justice if bond  
134 payment requirements mandate a reduction in deductions  
135 for amounts owed by a county; providing an expiration  
136 date; reenacting s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),  
137 (6), and (7), F.S., relating to court-appointed  
138 counsel; extending for 1 fiscal year provisions  
139 governing the appointment of court-appointed counsel;  
140 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
141 specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s.  
142 27.5304, F.S., relating to the extension for 1 fiscal  
143 year limitations on compensation for representation in  
144 criminal proceedings; providing for the future  
145 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
146 requiring the Department of Management Services to use  
147 tenant broker services to renegotiate or reprocure  
148 certain private lease agreements for office or storage  
149 space; requiring the Department of Management Services  
150 to provide a report to the Governor and the

151 Legislature by a specified date; providing an  
152 expiration date; prohibiting an agency from  
153 transferring funds from a data processing category to  
154 another category that is not a data processing  
155 category; authorizing the Executive Office of the  
156 Governor to transfer funds between departments for  
157 purposes of aligning amounts paid for risk management  
158 insurance and for human resources services purchased  
159 per statewide contract; providing an expiration date;  
160 authorizing the Department of Management Services to  
161 use certain facility disposition funds from the  
162 Architects Incidental Trust Fund to pay for certain  
163 relocation expenses; authorizing the Department of  
164 Management Services to submit budget amendments for  
165 certain purposes related to the relocation; providing  
166 an expiration date; requiring the Department of  
167 Financial Services to replace specified components of  
168 the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem  
169 (FLAIR) and the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS);  
170 specifying certain actions to be taken by the  
171 Department of Financial Services regarding FLAIR and  
172 CMS replacement; providing for the composition of an  
173 executive steering committee to oversee FLAIR and CMS  
174 replacement; prescribing duties and responsibilities  
175 of the executive steering committee; providing an

176 expiration date; reenacting s. 282.709(3), F.S.,  
177 relating to the state agency law enforcement radio  
178 system and interoperability network; providing for  
179 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory  
180 text; authorizing state agencies and other eligible  
181 users of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System to  
182 use the Department of Management Services contract to  
183 purchase equipment and services; requiring a specified  
184 transaction fee percentage for use of the online  
185 procurement system; providing an expiration date;  
186 amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying how the  
187 Department of the Lottery's rules are to be adopted,  
188 excluding certain rules for 1 fiscal year regarding  
189 the commission for lottery ticket sales; limiting  
190 additional retailer compensation in a specified  
191 manner; providing for the future expiration and  
192 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.  
193 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year the specified  
194 authority of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation;  
195 amending s. 110.116, F.S.; extending for 1 year the  
196 directive to the Department of Management Services to  
197 renew a specified contract; providing a maximum rate  
198 for auxiliary assessments charged to certain state  
199 agencies for contract management; providing an  
200 expiration date; amending s. 284.51, F.S.; extending



201 for 1 year a certain pilot program on eTMS treatment;  
202 amending s. amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1  
203 fiscal year certain authority to transfer funds from  
204 other trust funds in the State Treasury to other trust  
205 funds in certain circumstances; requiring the  
206 Department of Environmental Protection to transfer  
207 designated proportions of the revenues deposited in  
208 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department  
209 to land acquisition trust funds in the Department of  
210 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
211 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
212 Commission according to specified parameters and  
213 calculations; defining the term "department";  
214 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection  
215 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds  
216 monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer  
217 amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental  
218 Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition  
219 trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
220 Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified  
221 purposes; providing an expiration date; reenacting s.  
222 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland  
223 Protection Trust Fund; exempting specified costs  
224 incurred by certain petroleum storage system owners or  
225 operators during a specified period from the

226 prohibition against making payments in excess of  
227 amounts approved by the Department of Environmental  
228 Protection; providing for the future expiration and  
229 reversion of specified statutory text; amending ss.  
230 376.3071 and 376.3072, F.S.; prohibiting certain  
231 deductibles and copays; prohibiting enforcement of  
232 certain monetary caps; requiring certain costs be  
233 absorbed at the expense of the Inland Protection Trust  
234 Fund; providing exceptions; providing an expiration  
235 date; creating the Local Government Water Supply Pilot  
236 Grant Program within the Department of Environmental  
237 Protection for a specified purpose; providing  
238 eligibility and requirements for such program;  
239 requiring the department to develop an application  
240 process; authorizing the department to adopt rules;  
241 providing an expiration date; reenacting s. 380.5105,  
242 F.S.; providing for the future expiration and  
243 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 10,  
244 ch. 2022-272, Laws of Florida; extending the Hurricane  
245 Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program for 1 fiscal  
246 year; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
247 Commission to use specified funds to provide grants  
248 for a specified purpose; authorizing the Department of  
249 Agriculture and Consumer Services to increase budget  
250 authority for specified program; providing an

251 expiration date; amending s. 403.0673, F.S.; requiring  
252 the Department of Environmental Protection to dedicate  
253 certain funds for a specified project; providing an  
254 expiration date; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring  
255 funds for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be  
256 appropriated in a specified manner; providing an  
257 expiration date; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.;  
258 extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that funds  
259 in the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to  
260 Hurricane Michael recovery; reenacting s. 288.8013,  
261 F.S., relating to the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., Trust  
262 Fund; providing for the future expiration and  
263 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.  
264 288.0655, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a  
265 requirement that certain appropriated funds relating  
266 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a  
267 specified manner; authorizing the Division of  
268 Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to  
269 increase budget authority for certain expenditures;  
270 providing an expiration date; amending s. 282.201,  
271 F.S.; extending the Division of Emergency Management's  
272 exemption from the use of the state data center;  
273 amending s. 251.001, F.S.; providing that the Florida  
274 State Guard aircraft is assigned to a specified  
275 department for certain uses; requiring the Florida

276 State Guard to sign a certain memorandum of  
277 understanding; providing an expiration date; amending  
278 s. 443.1113, F.S.; providing that certain improvements  
279 to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
280 Information System are subject to appropriation;  
281 revising the date a certain report from the Department  
282 of Commerce is required to be submitted; revising the  
283 report requirements; requiring the Department of  
284 Management Services to assess an administrative health  
285 insurance assessment on each state agency; providing  
286 the rate of such assessment; defining the term "state  
287 agency"; providing how a state agency shall remit  
288 certain funds; requiring the Department of Management  
289 Services to take certain actions in case of  
290 delinquencies; requiring the Chief Financial Officer  
291 to transfer funds under specified circumstances;  
292 providing an exception; requiring state agencies to  
293 provide a list of positions that qualify for such  
294 exception by a specified date and to update the list  
295 monthly thereafter; requiring state agencies to  
296 include the administrative health insurance assessment  
297 in their indirect cost plan; requiring agencies to  
298 notify the Department of Management Services regarding  
299 the approval of their updated indirect cost plans;  
300 authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to

301 transfer budget authority between agencies in  
302 specified circumstances; providing that the annual  
303 salaries of the members of the Legislature be  
304 maintained at a specified level; providing an  
305 exception; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating  
306 to the authorization for transferring unappropriated  
307 cash balances from selected trust funds to the Budget  
308 Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing  
309 for future expiration and reversion of specific  
310 statutory text; specifying the type of travel which  
311 may be used with state employee travel funds;  
312 requiring certain information be provided to the  
313 Department of Management Services; requiring such  
314 information be published in a specified manner;  
315 providing exceptions; providing an expiration date;  
316 providing a monetary cap on lodging costs for state  
317 employee travel to certain meetings organized or  
318 sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch;  
319 authorizing employees to expend their own funds for  
320 lodging expenses that exceed the monetary caps;  
321 providing an expiration date; amending s. 216.181,  
322 F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of the  
323 Legislative Budget Commission to approve budget  
324 amendments for certain fixed capital outlay projects;  
325 amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year

326 the requirements for certain transfers; amending s.  
327 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency  
328 reporting requirements regarding implementation of  
329 legislation; requiring each state agency and the  
330 judicial branch to review reporting requirements and  
331 prepare a specified list; requiring such list be  
332 submitted to specified parties by a certain date;  
333 requiring the list include certain information;  
334 amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year  
335 an exception from certain planning requirements;  
336 amending s. 216.023, F.S.; extending for 1 year the a  
337 requirement that certain entities to include a  
338 specified inventory in their legislative budget  
339 request; providing that the use of state funds must be  
340 consistent with specified principles of individual  
341 freedom; providing conditions under which the veto of  
342 certain appropriations or proviso language in the  
343 General Appropriations Act voids language that  
344 implements such appropriation; providing for the  
345 continued operation of certain provisions  
346 notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided  
347 by the act; providing severability; providing for  
348 contingent retroactivity; providing effective dates.

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

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352       **Section 1.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
353 implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to  
354 the General Appropriations Act for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

355       **Section 2.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
356 5, 6, 88, 89, and 89A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
357 Act, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program  
358 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year included in the document titled  
359 "Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program  
360 (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2025-2026," dated March 28, 2025, and filed  
361 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are incorporated  
362 by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used  
363 by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state  
364 law, in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance  
365 Program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

366       **Section 3.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation 81  
367 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the school  
368 readiness reimbursement rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 included  
369 in the document titled "School Readiness Program Reimbursement  
370 Rates Fiscal Year 2025-2026," dated March 28, 2025, and filed  
371 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are incorporated  
372 by reference, consistent with the requirements of state law, in  
373 making appropriations for the school readiness program  
374 allocation. This section expires July 1, 2026.

375       **Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**

376 **147 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (5)**  
377 **of section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as**  
378 **subsection (6), subsection (3) is amended, and a new subsection**  
379 **(5) is added to that section, to read:**

380       1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts  
381 in any fund in a university current year operating budget shall  
382 be carried forward and included as the balance forward for that  
383 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

384       (3) A university's carry forward spending plan must  
385 include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a  
386 timeline for completion of the expenditure. A carry forward  
387 spending plan may include retention of the carry forward balance  
388 as a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses in  
389 subsequent years. For any annual reserve balance in excess of  
390 the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to  
391 subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward  
392 spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the  
393 university's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 state operating fund carry  
394 forward balance to fund a public education capital outlay  
395 project for which an appropriation has previously been provided  
396 that requires additional funds for completion and which is  
397 included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d). The carry  
398 forward spending plan shall identify the specific public  
399 education capital outlay project and the amount the university  
400 will contribute towards the fixed capital outlay project



401 pursuant to s. 1001.706(12) (d). Authorized expenditures in a  
402 carry forward spending plan may include:

403 ~~(a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital~~  
404 ~~outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been~~  
405 ~~provided that requires additional funds for completion and which~~  
406 ~~is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d);~~

407 (a)~~(b)~~ Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
408 project that is consistent with s. 1013.64(1) or replacement of  
409 a minor facility;

410 (b)~~(e)~~ Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure  
411 project, including a project for a developmental research  
412 school, if such project is survey recommended pursuant to s.  
413 1013.31;

414 (c)~~(d)~~ Completion of a repair or replacement project  
415 necessary due to damage caused by a natural disaster for  
416 buildings included in the inventory required pursuant to s.  
417 1013.31;

418 (d)~~(e)~~ Operating expenditures that support the  
419 university's mission;

420 (e)~~(f)~~ Any purpose specified by the board or in the  
421 General Appropriations Act, including the requirements in s.  
422 1001.706(12) (c) or similar requirements pursuant to Board of  
423 Governors regulations; and

424 (f)~~(g)~~ A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for  
425 expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared

426 by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36.

427 (5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to  
428 subsection (1) shall provide detailed documentation of  
429 expenditures the university applied towards the prior year carry  
430 forward spending plan.

431 **Section 5.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
432 197 through 225 and 530 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
433 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida  
434 Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration, in  
435 consultation with the Department of Health, may submit a budget  
436 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
437 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
438 within and between agencies based on implementation of the  
439 managed medical assistance component of the Statewide Medicaid  
440 Managed Care program for the Children's Medical Services program  
441 of the Department of Health. The funding realignment shall  
442 reflect the actual enrollment changes due to the transfer of  
443 beneficiaries from fee-for-service to the capitated Children's  
444 Medical Services network. The Agency for Health Care  
445 Administration may submit a request for nonoperating budget  
446 authority to transfer the federal funds to the Department of  
447 Health pursuant to s. 216.181(12), Florida Statutes. This  
448 section expires July 1, 2026.

449 **Section 6.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
450 197 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and

451 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
452 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
453 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
454 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
455 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address  
456 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to  
457 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment  
458 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal  
459 year only. This section expires July 1, 2026.

460 **Section 7.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
461 179 through 184 and 530 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
462 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida  
463 Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the  
464 Department of Health may each submit a budget amendment, subject  
465 to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
466 Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the Florida Kidcare  
467 program appropriation categories, or to increase budget  
468 authority in the Children's Medical Services network category,  
469 to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program  
470 or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget  
471 amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter  
472 of the 2025-2026 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,  
473 2026.

474 **Section 8.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
475 **461 through 469A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**

476 **subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 477 **to read:**

478 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

479 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,  
 480 2025, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This  
 481 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

482 **Section 9. Effective July 1, 2025, upon the expiration and**  
 483 **reversion of the amendments made to subsection (1) of section 14**  
 484 **of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, pursuant to section 10 of**  
 485 **chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, and in order to implement**  
 486 **Specific Appropriations 461 through 469A of the 2025-2026**  
 487 **General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 14 of**  
 488 **chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

489 Section 14. Department of Health; authority to adopt  
 490 rules; cause of action.—

491 (1) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING.—

492 (a) The Department of Health and the applicable boards  
 493 shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida  
 494 Statutes, and this section necessary to implement s. 381.986 ~~ss.~~  
 495 ~~381.986 and 381.988~~, Florida Statutes. If an emergency rule  
 496 adopted under this section is held to be unconstitutional or an  
 497 invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority, and becomes  
 498 void, the department or the applicable boards may adopt an  
 499 emergency rule pursuant to this section to replace the rule that  
 500 has become void. If the emergency rule adopted to replace the

501 void emergency rule is also held to be unconstitutional or an  
502 invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority and becomes  
503 void, the department and the applicable boards must follow the  
504 nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the Administrative  
505 Procedures Act to replace the rule that has become void.

506 (b) For emergency rules adopted under this section, the  
507 department and the applicable boards need not make the findings  
508 required by s. 120.54(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Emergency rules  
509 adopted under this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and  
510 120.541, Florida Statutes. The department and the applicable  
511 boards shall meet the procedural requirements in s. 120.54(4)(a)  
512 ~~s. 120.54(a)~~, Florida Statutes, if the department or the  
513 applicable boards have, before July 1, 2019 ~~the effective date~~  
514 ~~of this act~~, held any public workshops or hearings on the  
515 subject matter of the emergency rules adopted under this  
516 subsection. Challenges to emergency rules adopted under this  
517 subsection are subject to the time schedules provided in s.  
518 120.56(5), Florida Statutes.

519 (c) Emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt  
520 from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and shall remain in  
521 effect until replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency  
522 rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act.  
523 Rules adopted under the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of  
524 the Administrative Procedures Act to replace emergency rules  
525 adopted under this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and

526 120.541, Florida Statutes. By July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2018~~, the  
527 department and the applicable boards shall initiate nonemergency  
528 rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act to  
529 replace all emergency rules adopted under this section by  
530 publishing a notice of rule development in the Florida  
531 Administrative Register. Except as provided in paragraph (a),  
532 after July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2018~~, the department and  
533 applicable boards may not adopt rules pursuant to the emergency  
534 rulemaking procedures provided in this section.

535 **Section 10.** The amendments to subsection (1) of section 14  
536 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, made by this act expire  
537 July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection shall revert to  
538 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
539 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
540 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
541 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
542 this section.

543 **Section 11.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
544 203, 204, 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
545 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a  
546 budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes,  
547 requesting additional spending authority to implement the  
548 federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals  
549 statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to  
550 Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education

551 (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education  
552 program for certain institutions participating in a graduate  
553 medical education or nursing education program. For institutions  
554 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
555 program, the budget amendment must identify the educational  
556 institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions  
557 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
558 program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing  
559 the number of nurses participating in the program. This section  
560 expires July 1, 2026.

561 **Section 12.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
562 204, 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,  
563 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
564 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
565 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
566 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service  
567 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the  
568 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). This section  
569 expires July 1, 2026.

570 **Section 13.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
571 197 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the  
572 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
573 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
574 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
575 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance

576 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the  
577 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget  
578 amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low  
579 Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a  
580 listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to  
581 support the state match required. In addition, for each entity  
582 included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be  
583 provided that includes the charity care cost upon which the Low  
584 Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should  
585 the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low  
586 Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for  
587 returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the  
588 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section  
589 expires July 1, 2026.

590 **Section 14.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
591 210 and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the  
592 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
593 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
594 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
595 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for  
596 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners  
597 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental  
598 school, or a public hospital. This section expires July 1, 2026.

599 **Section 15.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
600 208, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,



601 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
602 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
603 additional spending authority to implement a certified  
604 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation  
605 services. This section expires July 1, 2026.

606 **Section 16.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
607 197 through 216 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the  
608 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
609 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
610 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate  
611 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a  
612 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities  
613 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public  
614 expenditures to support the state match required. This section  
615 expires July 1, 2026.

616 **Section 17.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
617 **203, 204, 207, 208, 210, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General**  
618 **Appropriations Act, subsection (46) of section 408.07, Florida**  
619 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

620 408.07 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, with the  
621 exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:

622 (46) "Teaching hospital" means any Florida hospital  
623 officially affiliated with an accredited Florida medical school  
624 which exhibits activity in the area of graduate medical  
625 education as reflected by at least seven different graduate

626 medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation  
627 Council for Graduate Medical Education or the Council on  
628 Postdoctoral Training of the American Osteopathic Association  
629 and the presence of 100 or more full-time equivalent resident  
630 physicians. The Legislature ~~Director of the Agency for Health~~  
631 ~~Care Administration~~ shall be responsible for determining which  
632 hospitals meet this definition.

633 **Section 18.** The amendment to s. 408.07(46), Florida  
634 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of  
635 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
636 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
637 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
638 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
639 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

640 **Section 19.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
641 **203, 204, 207, 208, 210, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General**  
642 **Appropriations Act, subsection (12) and subsections (13) through**  
643 **(28) of section 409.901, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as**  
644 **subsection (14) and subsections (16) through (31), respectively,**  
645 **and new subsections (12), (13), and (15) are added to that**  
646 **section, to read:**

647 409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.—As used in ss.  
648 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the  
649 term:

650 (12) "Hospital directed payment program" means a

651 supplemental payment program approved by the Centers for  
652 Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide directed payments to  
653 hospitals in an amount up to the total difference between  
654 Medicaid reimbursement and costs of care for Medicaid  
655 recipients. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

656 (13) "Indirect graduate medical education program" means a  
657 supplemental payment program approved by the Centers for  
658 Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide payments directly to  
659 eligible teaching hospitals based on the hospitals' indirect  
660 graduate medical education costs for services provided. This  
661 subsection expires July 1, 2026.

662 (15) "Low Income Pool Program" means a supplemental  
663 payment program approved by the Centers for Medicare and  
664 Medicaid Services to provide payments directly to hospitals and  
665 other health care providers to reimburse hospitals and providers  
666 for the costs of uncompensated charity care for low-income  
667 individuals. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

668 **Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
669 **203, 204, 207, 208, 210, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General**  
670 **Appropriations Act, subsection (27) is added to section 409.908,**  
671 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

672 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to  
673 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid  
674 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according  
675 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in

676 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.  
677 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement  
678 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive  
679 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency  
680 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or  
681 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based  
682 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost  
683 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate  
684 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester  
685 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and  
686 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected  
687 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost  
688 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost  
689 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on  
690 behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons is subject to the  
691 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
692 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.  
693 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent  
694 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,  
695 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or  
696 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the  
697 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
698 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the  
699 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

700 (27) A teaching hospital's participation in the hospital

701 directed payment program and indirect graduate medical education  
702 program, as defined in s. 409.901, is contingent on the  
703 hospital's participation in the Low Income Pool Program, as  
704 defined in s. 409.901. As used in this subsection, the term  
705 "teaching hospital" has the same meaning as in s. 408.07 but  
706 does not include a cancer hospital that meets the criteria in 42  
707 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v), a public hospital, a medical  
708 school physician practice, a federally qualified health center,  
709 a rural health clinic, or a behavioral health provider. This  
710 subsection expires July 1, 2026.

711 **Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
712 **203, 204, 207, 208, 210, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General**  
713 **Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (20) of section**  
714 **409.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

715 409.910 Responsibility for payments on behalf of Medicaid-  
716 eligible persons when other parties are liable.—

717 (20) (a) Entities providing health insurance as defined in  
718 s. 624.603, health maintenance organizations and prepaid health  
719 clinics as defined in chapter 641, and, on behalf of their  
720 clients, third-party administrators, pharmacy benefits managers,  
721 and any other third parties, as defined in s. 409.901 ~~s.~~  
722 ~~409.901(27)~~, which are legally responsible for payment of a  
723 claim for a health care item or service as a condition of doing  
724 business in the state or providing coverage to residents of this  
725 state, shall provide such records and information as are

726 necessary to accomplish the purpose of this section, unless such  
727 requirement results in an unreasonable burden.

728 **Section 22.** The amendment to s. 409.910(20)(a), Florida  
729 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of  
730 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
731 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
732 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
733 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
734 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

735 **Section 23.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
736 203, 204, 207, 208, 210, 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General  
737 Appropriations Act, a hospital shall not be eligible to  
738 participate in the Low Income Pool Program, as defined in s.  
739 409.901, if another hospital with fewer than 300 beds from the  
740 same affiliated health care system has closed or is scheduled to  
741 close between March 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026. This section  
742 expires July 1, 2026.

743 **Section 24.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
744 **250 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2)**  
745 **of section 393.066, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

746 393.066 Community services and treatment.-

747 (2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than  
748 provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services  
749 is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All  
750 purchased services must be approved by the agency. ~~As a~~

751 ~~condition of payment and before billing,~~ Persons or entities  
752 under contract with the agency to provide services shall use  
753 agency data management systems to document service provision to  
754 clients or shall maintain such information in its own data  
755 management system and electronically transmit it to the agency  
756 data management system in an industry standard electronic format  
757 designated by the agency. The agency shall not require training  
758 on the use of agency data management systems by persons or  
759 entities that choose to maintain data in their own data  
760 management system provided that they electronically transmit  
761 required information in a format and frequency designated by the  
762 agency and shall use such systems to bill for services.

763 Contracted persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware  
764 and software technical requirements established by the agency  
765 for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also  
766 meet any requirements established by the agency for training and  
767 professional development of staff providing direct services to  
768 clients.

769 **Section 25.** The amendment to s. 393.066(2), Florida  
770 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of  
771 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
772 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
773 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
774 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
775 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

776           **Section 26.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
777 333 through 370 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
778 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
779 Department of Children and Families may submit budget  
780 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
781 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
782 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the  
783 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Summer  
784 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the  
785 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and  
786 Treatment Block Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This  
787 section expires July 1, 2026.

788           **Section 27.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
789 439 and 441 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
790 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
791 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
792 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
793 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
794 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children  
795 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal  
796 revenues will be expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This  
797 section expires July 1, 2026.

798           **Section 28.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
799 448 and 496 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
800 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the



801 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
802 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
803 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS  
804 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues  
805 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available  
806 in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

807 **Section 29.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
808 192 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

809 (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
810 replace the current Florida Medicaid Management Information  
811 System (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a system that is  
812 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid  
813 program that complies with all applicable federal and state laws  
814 and requirements. The agency may not include in the program to  
815 replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

816 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the information  
817 systems of the other health and human services state agencies;

818 (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to  
819 Medicaid programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid  
820 technology infrastructure for other purposes without legislative  
821 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these  
822 requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care Connection  
823 (FX) system, must provide better integration with subsystems  
824 supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity, consistency,  
825 and improved access to data; and compatibility with the Centers

826 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid Information  
827 Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures and expands  
828 its functionality; or

829 (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not  
830 including staff augmentation services purchased off the  
831 Department of Management Services Information Technology staff  
832 augmentation state term contract that are not deliverables based  
833 fixed price contracts.

834 (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current  
835 Medicaid fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration  
836 shall:

837 (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the  
838 current functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the  
839 current Medicaid fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend  
840 all or portions of the current fiscal agent contract.

841 (b) Comply with and not exceed the Centers for Medicare  
842 and Medicaid Services funding authorizations for the FX system.

843 (c) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published  
844 MITA framework and guidelines.

845 (d) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
846 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies  
847 for their review and input and approved by the executive  
848 steering committee established in paragraph (h).

849 (e) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's  
850 working group for interagency information technology integration

851 for the development of competitive solicitations that provide  
852 for data interoperability and shared information technology  
853 services across the state's health and human services agencies.

854 (f) Implement a data governance structure for the program  
855 to coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state  
856 health care entities.

857 (g) Establish a continuing oversight team for each  
858 contract pursuant to s. 287.057(26). The teams must provide  
859 quarterly reports to the executive steering committee  
860 summarizing the status of the contract, the pace of  
861 deliverables, the quality of deliverables, contractor  
862 responsiveness, and contractor performance.

863 (h) Implement a program governance structure that includes  
864 an executive steering committee composed of:

865 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or the  
866 executive sponsor of the program.

867 2. A representative of the Division of Health Care Finance  
868 and Data of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed  
869 by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

870 3. Two representatives from the Division of Medicaid  
871 Policy, Quality, and Operations of the Agency for Health Care  
872 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
873 Administration.

874 4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy  
875 and Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration,

876 appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

877 5. A representative of the Florida Center for Health  
878 Information and Transparency of the Agency for Health Care  
879 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
880 Administration.

881 6. The Chief Information Officer of the Agency for Health  
882 Care Administration, or his or her designee.

883 (3) (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or the  
884 executive sponsor of the program shall serve as chair of the  
885 executive steering committee, and the committee shall take  
886 action by a vote of at least 5 affirmative votes with the chair  
887 voting on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive  
888 steering committee consists of at least 5 members.

889 (b)1. The chair shall establish a program finance and  
890 contracting working group composed of:

891 a. The FX program director.

892 b. A representative from the agency's Office of the  
893 General Counsel.

894 c. A representative from the agency's Division of  
895 Administration.

896 d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.

897 e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.

898 f. The FX program project managers.

899 g. The FX program risk manager.

900 h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.

901        2. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review  
902 the program status and all contract and program operations,  
903 policies, risks and issues related to the budget, spending plans  
904 and contractual obligations, and shall develop recommendations  
905 to the executive steering committee for improvement. The working  
906 group shall review all change requests that impact the program's  
907 scope, schedule, or budget related to contract management and  
908 vendor payments and submit those recommended for adoption to the  
909 executive steering committee. The chair shall request input from  
910 the working group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting.  
911 The program shall make available program staff to the group, as  
912 needed, for the group to fulfill its duties.

913        (c)1. The chair shall establish a state agency stakeholder  
914 working group composed of:

915            a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.

916            b. A representative of the Department of Children and  
917 Families, appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.

918            c. A representative of the Department of Health, appointed  
919 by the State Surgeon General.

920            d. A representative of the Agency for Persons with  
921 Disabilities, appointed by the director of the Agency for  
922 Persons with Disabilities.

923            e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids  
924 Corporation.

925            f. A representative from the Department of Elder Affairs,

926 appointed by the Secretary of Elder Affairs.

927 g. The state chief information officer, or his or her  
928 designee.

929 h. A representative of the Department of Financial  
930 Services who has experience with the state's financial  
931 processes, including development of the PALM system, appointed  
932 by the Chief Financial Officer.

933 2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to  
934 review the program status and all program operations, policies,  
935 risks and issues that may impact the operations external to the  
936 Agency for Health Care Administration FX program, and shall  
937 develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for  
938 improvement. The chair shall request input from the working  
939 group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program  
940 shall make available program staff to the group to provide  
941 system demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed,  
942 for the group to fulfill its duties.

943 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
944 responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS  
945 and the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business  
946 objectives and shall:

947 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
948 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
949 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to  
950 implement the modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest

951 extent possible, the state's health care data and business  
952 processes.

953 (b) Review and approve any changes to the program's scope,  
954 schedule, and budget.

955 (c) Review and approve any changes to the program's  
956 strategic roadmap.

957 (d) Review and approve change requests that impact the  
958 program's scope, schedule, or budget recommended for adoption by  
959 the program finance and contracting working group.

960 (e) Review recommendations provided by the program working  
961 groups.

962 (f) Review vendor scorecards, reports, and notifications  
963 produced by the continuing oversight teams.

964 (g) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
965 all phases of the program.

966 (h) Approve all major program deliverables.

967 (i) Review and verify that all procurement and contractual  
968 documents associated with the replacement of the current FMMIS  
969 and Medicaid fiscal agent align with the scope, schedule, and  
970 anticipated budget for the program.

971 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

972 **Section 30.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
973 211, 212, 262, 272, 328, 474, and 496 of the 2025-2026 General  
974 Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration,  
975 in consultation with the Department of Health, the Agency for

976 Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and  
977 Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall competitively  
978 procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for these  
979 agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological products  
980 excluded from the programs established under s. 381.02035,  
981 Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s. 384,  
982 including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The  
983 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these  
984 products for participating agencies when feasible and  
985 advantageous. The contracted vendor will be compensated on a  
986 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved  
987 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs  
988 and products. This section expires July 1, 2026.

989 **Section 31.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
990 254, 260, 261, 265, 270, and 271 of the 2025-2026 General  
991 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
992 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may  
993 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
994 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
995 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
996 categories to categories used for contractual services in order  
997 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the  
998 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,  
999 2026.

1000 **Section 32.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations



1001 219 and 242 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
1002 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1003 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons  
1004 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1005 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1006 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the  
1007 action to increase budget authority to support the  
1008 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid  
1009 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This  
1010 section expires July 1, 2026.

1011 **Section 33.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1012 557 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
1013 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
1014 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1015 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority  
1016 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the  
1017 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and  
1018 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide necessary salary rate  
1019 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing  
1020 homes, if the department projects that additional direct care  
1021 staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This  
1022 section expires July 1, 2026.

1023 **Section 34.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
1024 **211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)**  
1025 **of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1026 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the  
 1027 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of  
 1028 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state  
 1029 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to  
 1030 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1031 (1) (a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid  
 1032 expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds  
 1033 for the federal Medicaid program.

1034 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by  
 1035 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share  
 1036 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.  
 1037 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026 2025.

1038 **Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
 1039 **359, 361, 362, 363, and 370A of the 2025-2026 General**  
 1040 **Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section**  
 1041 **394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1042 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

1043 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

1044 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for ~~the 2023-2024~~  
 1045 ~~fiscal year and the 2024-2025 fiscal year~~ and the 2025-2026  
 1046 fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented  
 1047 unexpended funds appropriated from the State Opioid Settlement  
 1048 Trust Fund from one fiscal year to the next. Funds carried  
 1049 forward pursuant to this paragraph are not included in the 8  
 1050 percent cumulative cap that may be carried forward. This

1051 paragraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~July 1, 2025~~.

1052 **Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1053 **584 through 668 and 692 through 723 of the 2025-2026 General**  
1054 **Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida**  
1055 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1056 216.262 Authorized positions.—

1057 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter  
1058 relating to increasing the number of authorized positions, and  
1059 for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, if the actual  
1060 inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the  
1061 inmate population projections of the February 21, 2025 ~~December~~  
1062 ~~15, 2023~~, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent  
1063 for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the  
1064 Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the  
1065 Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the  
1066 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as  
1067 soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of  
1068 Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the  
1069 establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by  
1070 the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated  
1071 general revenue sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed  
1072 capital improvements, and other resources to provide  
1073 classification, security, food services, health services, and  
1074 other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate  
1075 the estimated increase in the inmate population. All actions

1076 taken pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and  
 1077 approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection  
 1078 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1079 **Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
 1080 **2956 through 3018A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
 1081 **subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 1082 **to read:**

1083 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

1084 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one  
 1085 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system  
 1086 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2025-2026  
 1087 ~~2024-2025~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice  
 1088 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the  
 1089 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.  
 1090 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which  
 1091 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts  
 1092 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned  
 1093 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5  
 1094 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If  
 1095 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial  
 1096 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds  
 1097 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid  
 1098 by the end of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year. This  
 1099 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1100 **Section 38. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**

1101 1051 through 1061 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:  
1102 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice is required to  
1103 review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that  
1104 counties fulfill their financial responsibilities required in s.  
1105 985.6865, Florida Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile  
1106 Justice determines that a county has not met its obligations,  
1107 the department shall direct the Department of Revenue to deduct  
1108 the amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the  
1109 funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes.  
1110 The Department of Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld to  
1111 the Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.  
1112 (2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties  
1113 before July 1, 2025, for which distributions made pursuant to s.  
1114 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund  
1115 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded  
1116 and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each  
1117 fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county  
1118 shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to  
1119 any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department  
1120 of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an  
1121 affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed  
1122 pursuant to subsection (1) does not reduce the amount of  
1123 distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the  
1124 timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds  
1125 and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the

1126 bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of  
1127 the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution  
1128 must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the  
1129 Department of Revenue must notify the Department of Juvenile  
1130 Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the Department of  
1131 Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of such amount to  
1132 the affected county.

1133 (3) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1134 **Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1135 **733 through 754, 880 through 1002A, and 1020 through 1050A of**  
1136 **the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding**  
1137 **the expiration date in section 41 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of**  
1138 **Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),**  
1139 **paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and**  
1140 **(7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:**

1141 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum  
1142 requirements; appointment by court.—

1143 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual  
1144 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed  
1145 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized  
1146 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to  
1147 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office  
1148 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be  
1149 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision  
1150 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public

1151 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public  
1152 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict  
1153 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The  
1154 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific  
1155 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a  
1156 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this  
1157 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

1158 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent  
1159 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-  
1160 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict  
1161 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified  
1162 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil  
1163 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a  
1164 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional  
1165 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of  
1166 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly  
1167 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall  
1168 submit this information to the Justice Administrative  
1169 Commission.

1170 (3) In using a registry:

1171 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of  
1172 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of  
1173 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each  
1174 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number  
1175 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a

1176 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:  
 1177       1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief  
 1178 judge and by general law for court appointment;  
 1179       2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases  
 1180 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and  
 1181       3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for  
 1182 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

1183  
 1184 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a  
 1185 contract for services with the Justice Administrative  
 1186 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for  
 1187 services may result in termination of the contract and removal  
 1188 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible  
 1189 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice  
 1190 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.  
 1191 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination  
 1192 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until  
 1193 the requirement is fulfilled.

1194       (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve  
 1195 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of  
 1196 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms  
 1197 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for  
 1198 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the  
 1199 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform  
 1200 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with



1201 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and  
 1202 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's  
 1203 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is  
 1204 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

1205 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately  
 1206 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance  
 1207 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms  
 1208 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1209 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the  
 1210 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as  
 1211 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection  
 1212 (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the  
 1213 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under  
 1214 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment  
 1215 that there were no registry attorneys available for  
 1216 representation for that case and only if the requirements of  
 1217 subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

1218 (b) 1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
 1219 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be  
 1220 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate  
 1221 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly  
 1222 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the  
 1223 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed  
 1224 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek  
 1225 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304

1226 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents  
1227 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission  
1228 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client  
1229 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall  
1230 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the  
1231 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in  
1232 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and  
1233 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact  
1234 information from the records and documents only to the extent  
1235 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice  
1236 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall  
1237 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1238 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the  
1239 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to  
1240 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by  
1241 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that  
1242 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming  
1243 the presumption.

1244       2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit  
1245 the commission or the Auditor General to review documentation  
1246 for a case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives  
1247 the right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation  
1248 in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
1249 General Appropriations Act for that case.

1250       3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived

1251 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee  
1252 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as  
1253 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,  
1254 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and  
1255 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1256 presumption.

1257 **Section 40.** The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),  
1258 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1259 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2026,  
1260 and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,  
1261 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that  
1262 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
1263 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1264 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1265 expire pursuant to this section.

1266 **Section 41.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1267 733 through 754, 880 through 1002A, and 1020 through 1050A of  
1268 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
1269 the expiration date in section 43 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of  
1270 Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,  
1271 is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and  
1272 paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section  
1273 are reenacted, to read:

1274 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;  
1275 notice.—

1276 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the  
1277 manner prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated  
1278 by the Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in  
1279 this section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees  
1280 prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The  
1281 specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established  
1282 annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also  
1283 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in  
1284 accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a  
1285 defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,  
1286 the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the  
1287 most serious offense for which he or she represented the  
1288 defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee  
1289 limits established by this section.

1290 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility  
1291 for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney  
1292 fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory  
1293 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-  
1294 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final  
1295 disposition of a case.

1296 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a  
1297 court appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1298 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation  
1299 for dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first  
1300 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700

1301 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon  
1302 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case  
1303 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,  
1304 including any children born during the pendency of the  
1305 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an  
1306 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial  
1307 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for  
1308 dependency proceedings.

1309 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450  
1310 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

1311 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1312 following the first judicial review in the second year following  
1313 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1314 case remains under protective supervision.

1315 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective  
1316 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not  
1317 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an  
1318 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1319 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a  
1320 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,  
1321 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel  
1322 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle  
1323 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must  
1324 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

1325 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in

1326 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed  
1327 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and  
1328 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall  
1329 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of  
1330 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of  
1331 children involved, including any children born during the  
1332 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal  
1333 from an order granting or denying termination of parental  
1334 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered  
1335 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights  
1336 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings  
1337 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered  
1338 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long  
1339 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

1340 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30  
1341 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for  
1342 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must  
1343 include the trial counsel's certification that:

1344 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or  
1345 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and

1346 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and  
1347 a motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the  
1348 signature of the parent, have been filed.

1349 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1350 following the first judicial review in the second year after the

1351 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1352 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1353 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,  
1354 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

1355 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon  
1356 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1357 withdraw.

1358 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional  
1359 flat fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

1360 (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of  
1361 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1362 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon  
1363 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1364 withdraw.

1365 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional  
1366 flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1367 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the  
1368 state for representation pursuant to court appointment made in  
1369 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a  
1370 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter  
1371 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter  
1372 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the  
1373 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such  
1374 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

1375 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat

1376 fees prescribed under this section and the General  
1377 Appropriations Act comprise the full and complete compensation  
1378 for private court-appointed counsel. It is further the intent of  
1379 the Legislature that the fees in this section are prescribed for  
1380 the purpose of providing counsel with notice of the limit on the  
1381 amount of compensation for representation in particular  
1382 proceedings and the sole procedure and requirements for  
1383 obtaining payment for the same.

1384 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to  
1385 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion  
1386 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not  
1387 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under  
1388 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1389 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from  
1390 representation prior to the full performance of his or her  
1391 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints  
1392 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial  
1393 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee  
1394 established under this section and the General Appropriations  
1395 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

1396  
1397 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed  
1398 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat  
1399 fee.

1400 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an



1401 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and  
1402 unusual effort.

1403 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits  
1404 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief  
1405 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess  
1406 of these limits.

1407 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a  
1408 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting  
1409 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice  
1410 Administrative Commission.

1411 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the  
1412 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and  
1413 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall  
1414 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1415 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission  
1416 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection  
1417 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the  
1418 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file  
1419 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission  
1420 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of  
1421 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating  
1422 its objection.

1423 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee  
1424 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an  
1425 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge

1426 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this  
1427 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit  
1428 may have up to two designees.

1429 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must  
1430 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case  
1431 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or  
1432 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of  
1433 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and  
1434 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a  
1435 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial  
1436 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal  
1437 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number  
1438 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's  
1439 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

1440 2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice  
1441 Administrative Commission to records or documents or to claims  
1442 for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by the  
1443 court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent  
1444 and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1445 presumption. The chief judge or single designee shall enter a  
1446 written order detailing his or her findings and identifying the  
1447 extraordinary nature of the time and efforts of the attorney in  
1448 the case which warrant exceeding the flat fee established by  
1449 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1450 (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served

1451 on the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business  
1452 days before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative  
1453 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may  
1454 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing  
1455 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order  
1456 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses  
1457 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of  
1458 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice  
1459 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or  
1460 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for  
1461 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving  
1462 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact  
1463 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to  
1464 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the  
1465 documentation is not binding on the court.

1466 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that  
1467 counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that  
1468 the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief  
1469 judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid  
1470 to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,  
1471 depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort  
1472 required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to  
1473 ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.  
1474 The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established  
1475 flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat

1476 fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or  
 1477 single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee  
 1478 would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of  
 1479 compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for  
 1480 a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,  
 1481 the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be  
 1482 only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid  
 1483 are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.

1484 27.40(7).

1485 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must  
 1486 be attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the  
 1487 Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the  
 1488 requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

1489 (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in  
 1490 subsection (5) and for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only,  
 1491 the compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may  
 1492 not exceed the following:

1493 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the  
 1494 trial level: \$2,000.

1495 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the  
 1496 trial level: \$15,000.

1497 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:  
 1498 \$15,000.

1499 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:  
 1500 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any

1501 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state  
1502 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

1503 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

1504 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1505 **Section 42.** The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and  
1506 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1507 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),  
1508 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws  
1509 of Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2026, and the text of  
1510 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to  
1511 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
1512 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
1513 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
1514 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
1515 this section.

1516 **Section 43.** In order to implement appropriations used to  
1517 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess  
1518 of 2,000 square feet in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
1519 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation  
1520 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office  
1521 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to  
1522 renegotiate or reprocure all private lease agreements for office  
1523 or storage space expiring between July 1, 2025, and June 30,  
1524 2027, in order to reduce costs in future years. The department  
1525 shall incorporate this initiative into its 2024 master leasing

1526 report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida Statutes, and may  
1527 use tenant broker services to explore the possibilities of  
1528 collocating office or storage space, to review the space needs  
1529 of each agency, and to review the length and terms of potential  
1530 renewals or renegotiations. The department shall provide a  
1531 report to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of  
1532 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
1533 November 1, 2025, which lists each lease contract for private  
1534 office or storage space, the status of renegotiations, and the  
1535 savings achieved. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1536 **Section 44.** In order to implement appropriations  
1537 authorized in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for data  
1538 center services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida  
1539 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data  
1540 processing category to a category other than another data  
1541 processing category. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1542 **Section 45.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
1543 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk  
1544 Management Insurance" in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations  
1545 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
1546 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
1547 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category  
1548 between departments in order to align the budget authority  
1549 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk  
1550 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1551           **Section 46.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
1552 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer  
1553 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services  
1554 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2025-2026 General  
1555 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and  
1556 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the  
1557 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated  
1558 in that category between departments in order to align the  
1559 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid  
1560 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for  
1561 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,  
1562 2026.

1563           **Section 47.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1564 2602 in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act in the Building  
1565 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental  
1566 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in  
1567 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

1568           (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,  
1569 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of  
1570 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
1571 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of  
1572 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and  
1573 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the  
1574 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.  
1575 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted

1576 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

1577 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit  
 1578 budget amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary  
 1579 for the implementation of this section pursuant to the  
 1580 provisions of chapter 216, Florida Statutes. Budget amendments  
 1581 for an increase in appropriation shall include a detailed plan  
 1582 providing all estimated costs and relocation proposals.

1583 (3) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1584 **Section 48.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
 1585 2217 through 2220B of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

1586 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the  
 1587 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information  
 1588 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,  
 1589 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and  
 1590 shall replace the cash management and accounting management  
 1591 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an  
 1592 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,  
 1593 define, and standardize its financial management business  
 1594 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida  
 1595 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of  
 1596 FLAIR and CMS:

1597 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other  
 1598 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management  
 1599 Information System; or

1600 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the



1601 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the  
1602 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations  
1603 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

1604 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the  
1605 Department of Financial Services shall:

1606 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation  
1607 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,  
1608 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,  
1609 version 031.

1610 (b) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
1611 specifications have been provided to all state agencies for  
1612 their review and input and approved by the executive steering  
1613 committee established in paragraph (c), including any updates to  
1614 these documents.

1615 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes  
1616 an executive steering committee composed of:

1617 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of  
1618 the project.

1619 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the  
1620 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief  
1621 Financial Officer.

1622 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of  
1623 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental  
1624 Protection.

1625 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and

1626 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by  
1627 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience  
1628 relating to at least one of the four main components that  
1629 compose FLAIR.

1630 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the  
1631 Governor, appointed by the Governor. One employee must have  
1632 experience relating to the Legislative Appropriations  
1633 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

1634 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed  
1635 by the executive director, who has experience using or  
1636 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

1637 7. Two employees from the Department of Management  
1638 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One  
1639 employee must have experience relating to the department's  
1640 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have  
1641 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

1642 8. A state agency administrative services director,  
1643 appointed by the Governor.

1644 9. Two employees from the Agency for Health Care  
1645 Administration. One employee shall be the executive sponsor of  
1646 the Florida Health Care Connection (FX) System or his or her  
1647 designee, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
1648 Administration, and one employee shall be the Deputy Secretary  
1649 for Operations or his or her designee.

1650 10. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her

1651 designee, as a nonvoting member. The State Chief Information  
1652 Officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status  
1653 reports to the executive steering committee pursuant to the  
1654 oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

1655 11. One employee from the Department of Business and  
1656 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and  
1657 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and  
1658 Professional Regulation.

1659 12. One employee from the Florida Fish and Wildlife  
1660 Conservation Commission who has experience using or maintaining  
1661 the commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by  
1662 the Chair of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
1663 Commission.

1664 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or  
1665 his or her designee.

1666 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive  
1667 sponsor of the project shall serve as chair of the executive  
1668 steering committee, and the committee shall take action by a  
1669 vote of at least eight affirmative votes with the Chief  
1670 Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of the project voting  
1671 on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive steering  
1672 committee consists of at least 10 members.

1673 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the  
1674 executive steering committee, the chair shall request input from  
1675 committee members on agenda items for the next scheduled

1676 meeting.

1677 (c) The chair shall establish a working group consisting  
1678 of FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain  
1679 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four  
1680 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The  
1681 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM  
1682 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial  
1683 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations  
1684 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair  
1685 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for  
1686 each scheduled meeting. The PALM project team shall dedicate a  
1687 staff member to the group and provide system demonstrations and  
1688 any project documentation, as needed, for the group to fulfill  
1689 its duties.

1690 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to  
1691 provide bimonthly status reports to the executive steering  
1692 committee. The form and format of the bimonthly status reports  
1693 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to  
1694 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such  
1695 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive  
1696 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the  
1697 agency to prepare their systems and impacted employees for the  
1698 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first bimonthly  
1699 status report is due September 1, 2025, and bimonthly  
1700 thereafter.

1701        (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
1702 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR  
1703 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

1704        (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
1705 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1706 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to  
1707 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to  
1708 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management  
1709 business processes.

1710        (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,  
1711 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements  
1712 of subsection (1).

1713        (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
1714 all phases of the project.

1715        (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost  
1716 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

1717        (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all  
1718 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of  
1719 FLAIR and CMS.

1720        (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the  
1721 bimonthly agency status reports to include meaningful  
1722 information on each agency's progress in planning for the  
1723 Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's people,  
1724 processes, technology, and data transformation activities.

1725        (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,

1726 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

1727 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1728 **Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
 1729 **2698 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and**  
 1730 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 53 of chapter**  
 1731 **2024-228, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,**  
 1732 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

1733 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and  
 1734 interoperability network.—

1735 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide  
 1736 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature  
 1737 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,  
 1738 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the  
 1739 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.  
 1740 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to  
 1741 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public  
 1742 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of  
 1743 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is  
 1744 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to  
 1745 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

1746 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall  
 1747 enter into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating  
 1748 the statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021.

1749 The contract must include:

- 1750 1. The purchase of radios;

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1751 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;

1752 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for  
1753 system users;

1754 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual  
1755 rate;

1756 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the  
1757 department; and

1758 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the  
1759 department.

1760 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust  
1761 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges  
1762 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon  
1763 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the  
1764 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,  
1765 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,  
1766 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the  
1767 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs  
1768 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the  
1769 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the  
1770 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

1771 **Section 50.** The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes,  
1772 as carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by  
1773 this act, expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection  
1774 shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that  
1775 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall

1776 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1777 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1778 expire pursuant to this section.

1779 **Section 51.** In order to implement appropriations relating  
1780 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the  
1781 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in  
1782 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.  
1783 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible  
1784 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management  
1785 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.  
1786 This section expires July 1, 2026.

1787 **Section 52.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1788 2616 through 2626 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,  
1789 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,  
1790 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida  
1791 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement  
1792 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only.  
1793 This section expires July 1, 2026.

1794 **Section 53.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1795 **2542 through 2564 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
1796 **and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by**  
1797 **section 57 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)**  
1798 **of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is**  
1799 **amended to read:**

1800 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department



1801 shall:

1802 (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation  
 1803 of the state lottery, including:

1804 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,  
 1805 except for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only, effective July 1,  
 1806 2025, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent  
 1807 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize  
 1808 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited  
 1809 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program  
 1810 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2834 of the 2025-2026  
 1811 General Appropriations Act.

1812 **Section 54.** The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida  
 1813 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of  
 1814 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
 1815 2023, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
 1816 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
 1817 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
 1818 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

1819 **Section 55. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
 1820 **2733 through 2740A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
 1821 **paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida**  
 1822 **Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:**

1823 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

1824 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

1825 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative

1826 | dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may  
 1827 | adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes  
 1828 | regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding  
 1829 | coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a  
 1830 | proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any  
 1831 | such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings  
 1832 | in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such  
 1833 | policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the  
 1834 | courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120  
 1835 | administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil  
 1836 | Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,  
 1837 | except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,  
 1838 | Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer  
 1839 | shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the  
 1840 | request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings  
 1841 | and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set  
 1842 | for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such  
 1843 | proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant  
 1844 | to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the  
 1845 | office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

1846 |         2. The corporation may contract with the division to  
 1847 | conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim  
 1848 | determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies  
 1849 | of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1850 |         **Section 56. Effective upon this act becoming law, and in**

1851 **order to implement Specific Appropriations 2665 through 2671A of**  
1852 **the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
1853 **notwithstanding the proviso language for Specific Appropriation**  
1854 **2966 in chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, section 110.116,**  
1855 **Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1856 110.116 Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—

1857 (1) The Department of Management Services shall establish  
1858 and maintain, in coordination with the payroll system of the  
1859 Department of Financial Services, a complete personnel  
1860 information system for all authorized and established positions  
1861 in the state service, with the exception of employees of the  
1862 Legislature, unless the Legislature chooses to participate. The  
1863 department may contract with a vendor to provide the personnel  
1864 information system. The specifications shall be developed in  
1865 conjunction with the payroll system of the Department of  
1866 Financial Services and in coordination with the Auditor General.  
1867 The Department of Financial Services shall determine that the  
1868 position occupied by each employee has been authorized and  
1869 established in accordance with the provisions of s. 216.251. The  
1870 Department of Management Services shall develop and maintain a  
1871 position numbering system that will identify each established  
1872 position, and such information shall be a part of the payroll  
1873 system of the Department of Financial Services. With the  
1874 exception of employees of the Legislature, unless the  
1875 Legislature chooses to participate, this system shall include

1876 all career service positions and those positions exempted from  
1877 career service provisions, notwithstanding the funding source of  
1878 the salary payments, and information regarding persons receiving  
1879 payments from other sources. Necessary revisions shall be made  
1880 in the personnel and payroll procedures of the state to avoid  
1881 duplication insofar as is feasible. A list shall be organized by  
1882 budget entity to show the employees or vacant positions within  
1883 each budget entity. This list shall be available to the Speaker  
1884 of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate  
1885 upon request.

1886 (2) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide  
1887 personnel and payroll system commonly known as People First, the  
1888 Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state  
1889 to continue partnering with the current People First third-party  
1890 operator. The People First System annually processes 500,000  
1891 employment applications, 455,000 personnel actions, and the  
1892 state's \$9.5-billion payroll. The Legislature finds that the  
1893 continuity of operations of the People First System and the  
1894 critical functions it provides such as payroll, employee health  
1895 insurance benefit records, and other critical services must not  
1896 be interrupted. Presently, the Chief Financial Officer is  
1897 undertaking the development of a new statewide accounting and  
1898 financial management system, commonly known as the Planning,  
1899 Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, scheduled to be  
1900 operational in the year 2026. The procurement and implementation

1901 of an entire replacement of the People First System will impede  
1902 the timeframe needed to successfully integrate the state's  
1903 payroll system with the PALM system. In order to maintain  
1904 continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion  
1905 of the PALM system, the Legislature directs that:

1906 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall  
1907 enter into a 3-year contract extension with the entity operating  
1908 the People First System on January 1, 2024. The contract  
1909 extension must:

1910 1. Provide for the integration of the current People First  
1911 System with PALM.

1912 2. Exclude major functionality updates or changes to the  
1913 People First System prior to completion of the PALM system. This  
1914 does not include:

1915 a. Routine system maintenance such as code updates  
1916 following open enrollment; or

1917 b. The technical remediation necessary to integrate the  
1918 system with PALM within the PALM project's planned  
1919 implementation schedule.

1920 3. Include project planning and analysis deliverables  
1921 necessary to:

1922 a. Detail and document the state's functional  
1923 requirements.

1924 b. Estimate the cost of transitioning the current People  
1925 First System to a cloud computing infrastructure within the

1926 contract extension and after the successful integration with  
1927 PALM. The project cost evaluation shall estimate the annual cost  
1928 and capacity growth required to host the system in a cloud  
1929 environment.

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1931 The department shall develop these system specifications in  
1932 conjunction with the Department of Financial Services and the  
1933 Auditor General.

1934 4. Include technical support for state agencies that may  
1935 need assistance in remediating or integrating current financial  
1936 shadow systems with People First in order to integrate with PALM  
1937 or the cloud version of People First.

1938 5. Include organizational change management and training  
1939 deliverables needed to support the implementation of PALM  
1940 payroll functionality and the People First System cloud upgrade.  
1941 Responsibilities of the operator and the department shall be  
1942 outlined in a project role and responsibility assignment chart  
1943 within the contract.

1944 6. Include an option to renew the contract for one  
1945 additional year.

1946 (b) The department shall submit, no later than June 30,  
1947 2026, its project planning and detailed cost estimate to upgrade  
1948 the current People First System to the chair of the Senate  
1949 Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of  
1950 Representatives Budget ~~Appropriations~~ Committee, and the

1951 Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget,  
1952 for preliminary review and consideration of funding the  
1953 department's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 legislative budget request to  
1954 update the system.

1955 (c) This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

1956 **Section 57.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
1957 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data  
1958 Center" in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
1959 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1960 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor  
1961 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between  
1962 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based  
1963 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the  
1964 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1965 **Section 58.** In order to implement appropriations  
1966 authorized in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state  
1967 data center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state  
1968 agencies related to contract management services provided to  
1969 Northwest Regional Data Center shall not exceed 3 percent. This  
1970 section expires July 1, 2026.

1971 **Section 59.** **In order to implement section 128 of the 2025-**  
1972 **2026 General Appropriations Act, section 284.51, Florida**  
1973 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1974 284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic  
1975 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

1976 (1) As used in this section, the term:

1977 (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of

1978 the Department of Financial Services.

1979 (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic

1980 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial

1981 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's

1982 physiology and biometric data.

1983 (c) "First responder" has the same meaning as provided in

1984 s. 112.1815(1).

1985 (d) "Veteran" means:

1986 1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);

1987 2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined

1988 in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or

1989 3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

1990 (2) The division shall select a provider to establish a

1991 statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans,

1992 first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and

1993 first responders with:

1994 (a) Substance use disorders.

1995 (b) Mental illness.

1996 (c) Sleep disorders.

1997 (d) Traumatic brain injuries.

1998 (e) Sexual trauma.

1999 (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying

2000 comorbidities.



2001 (g) Concussions.

2002 (h) Other brain trauma.

2003 (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,  
 2004 including issues related to or resulting from problems with  
 2005 cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or  
 2006 focus.

2007 (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran  
 2008 and first responder populations at a statewide level. The  
 2009 provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite  
 2010 care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration  
 2011 shall be provided to locations with a large population of first  
 2012 responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS  
 2013 devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic  
 2014 Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations  
 2015 in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment  
 2016 or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to  
 2017 establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate  
 2018 outcomes of such clinical practice.

2019 (4) The pilot program shall include:

2020 (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by  
 2021 the provider made available to all individuals receiving  
 2022 treatment under the program.

2023 (b) The requirement that each individual who receives  
 2024 treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological  
 2025 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other

2026 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness  
2027 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also  
2028 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by  
2029 the provider.

2030 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use  
2031 of adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based  
2032 on EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing,  
2033 as well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

2034 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2035 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2036 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the  
2037 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2038 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics  
2039 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received  
2040 from the department.

2041 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2042 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2043 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be  
2044 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug  
2045 Administration studies or trials.

2046 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this  
2047 section.

2048 (6) This section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2049 **Section 60. In order to implement specific appropriations**  
2050 **from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of**

2051 **Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of**  
 2052 **Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish**  
 2053 **and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the**  
 2054 **2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section**  
 2055 **215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2056 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

2057 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect  
 2058 to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of  
 2059 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
 2060 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish  
 2061 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a  
 2062 deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund which would render  
 2063 that trust fund temporarily insufficient to meet its just  
 2064 requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations  
 2065 from that trust fund, and other trust funds in the State  
 2066 Treasury have moneys that are for the time being or otherwise in  
 2067 excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just requirements,  
 2068 including appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds,  
 2069 the Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one  
 2070 or more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust  
 2071 fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
 2072 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,  
 2073 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action  
 2074 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,  
 2075 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor

2076 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the  
 2077 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that  
 2078 during July 2025 ~~2024~~, notice of such action shall be provided  
 2079 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless  
 2080 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the  
 2081 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a  
 2082 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and  
 2083 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,  
 2084 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
 2085 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the  
 2086 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal  
 2087 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the  
 2088 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
 2089 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
 2090 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
 2091 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
 2092 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of  
 2093 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys  
 2094 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
 2095 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in  
 2096 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This  
 2097 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2098 **Section 61.** (1) In order to implement specific  
 2099 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the  
 2100 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department

2101 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the  
2102 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in  
2103 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Department of  
2104 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land  
2105 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land  
2106 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2107 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2108 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As  
2109 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department  
2110 of Environmental Protection.

2111 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,  
2112 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each  
2113 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the  
2114 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for  
2115 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land  
2116 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land  
2117 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2118 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2119 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The  
2120 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the  
2121 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the  
2122 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land  
2123 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2124 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2125 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its

2126 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition  
2127 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land  
2128 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and  
2129 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2130 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total  
2131 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

2132 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the  
2133 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds  
2134 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
2135 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2136 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts  
2137 appropriated in chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida, to the  
2138 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land  
2139 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred  
2140 between those trust funds during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

2141 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning  
2142 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to  
2143 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
2144 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a  
2145 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts  
2146 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2147 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,  
2148 2026.

2149 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

2150 **Section 62. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**

2151 **1609 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and**  
 2152 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 66 of chapter**  
 2153 **2024-228, Laws of Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of**  
 2154 **section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

2155       376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
 2156 funding.—

2157       (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The  
 2158 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10  
 2159 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor  
 2160 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems  
 2161 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended  
 2162 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce  
 2163 the potential for such damage.

2164       (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

- 2165       1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the  
 2166 application and required documentation;
- 2167       2. Certified public accountant costs;
- 2168       3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in  
 2169 excess of the amount approved by the department under paragraph  
 2170 (b) or which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase  
 2171 order;
- 2172       4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or  
 2173 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or  
 2174 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;
- 2175       5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department

2176 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been  
2177 resolved; or

2178 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage  
2179 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the  
2180 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

2181 **Section 63.** The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida  
2182 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of  
2183 Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that  
2184 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but  
2185 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-  
2186 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted  
2187 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
2188 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
2189 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

2190 **Section 64. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2191 **1609 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (i)**  
2192 **is added to subsection (13) of section 376.3071, Florida**  
2193 **Statutes, to read:**

2194 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
2195 funding.—

2196 (13) PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—To encourage  
2197 detection, reporting, and cleanup of contamination caused by  
2198 discharges of petroleum or petroleum products, the department  
2199 shall, within the guidelines established in this subsection,  
2200 implement a cleanup program to provide rehabilitation funding



2201 assistance for all property contaminated by discharges of  
2202 petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system  
2203 occurring before January 1, 1995. Eligibility is subject to an  
2204 annual appropriation from the fund. Additionally, funding for  
2205 eligible sites is contingent upon annual appropriation in  
2206 subsequent years. Such continued state funding is not an  
2207 entitlement or a vested right under this subsection. Eligibility  
2208 shall be determined in the program, notwithstanding any other  
2209 provision of law, consent order, order, judgment, or ordinance  
2210 to the contrary.

2211 (i) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2025-2026 fiscal  
2212 year, program deductibles and copayments shall not be assessed,  
2213 monetary caps shall not be enforced, and all costs for  
2214 activities described in this subsection shall be absorbed at the  
2215 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to  
2216 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

2217 1. This paragraph does not apply to a site where the  
2218 department has been denied site access to implement this  
2219 section.

2220 2. This paragraph does not authorize or require  
2221 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the  
2222 beginning of the grace period.

2223 3. Upon discovery by the department that the owner or  
2224 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly  
2225 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;

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2226 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious  
2227 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records  
2228 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is  
2229 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage  
2230 system, the site at which such system is located shall be  
2231 ineligible for participation in the incentive program and the  
2232 owner shall be liable for all costs due to discharges from  
2233 petroleum storage systems at that site.

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2235 This paragraph expires July 1, 2026.

2236 **Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2237 **1609 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (5)**  
2238 **of section 376.3072, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as**  
2239 **subsection (6) and a new subsection (5) is added to that**  
2240 **section, to read:**

2241 376.3072 Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration  
2242 Insurance Program.—

2243 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), for the 2025-2026  
2244 fiscal year, program deductibles or copayments shall not be  
2245 assessed, monetary caps shall not be enforced, and all costs for  
2246 activities described in this section shall be absorbed at the  
2247 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to  
2248 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

2249 (a) This subsection does not apply to a site where the  
2250 department has been denied site access to implement this

2251 section.

2252 (b) This subsection does not authorize or require  
 2253 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the  
 2254 beginning of the grace period.

2255 (c) Upon discovery by the department that the owner or  
 2256 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly  
 2257 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;  
 2258 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious  
 2259 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records  
 2260 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is  
 2261 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage  
 2262 system, the site at which such system is located shall be  
 2263 ineligible for participation in the incentive program and the  
 2264 owner shall be liable for all costs due to discharges from  
 2265 petroleum storage systems at that site.

2266  
 2267 This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2268 **Section 66.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
 2269 1536 through 1557A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,  
 2270 the Local Government Water Supply Pilot Grant Program is created  
 2271 within the Department of Environmental Protection. In  
 2272 recognition of the area's unique water source constraints,  
 2273 including the protection of the Coastal Floridan aquifer, the  
 2274 Department of Environmental Protection shall implement the pilot  
 2275 program to provide funds to local governments for water supply

2276 infrastructure, including distribution and transmission  
2277 facilities. To be eligible for the pilot program, a water supply  
2278 infrastructure project must be located within Region I or Region  
2279 II of the Northwest Florida Regional Water Supply Plan. If a  
2280 developer is involved in the project, the Department of  
2281 Environmental Protection shall require match funding equal to  
2282 the amount of the grant request from local, federal, or private  
2283 funds. The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
2284 expeditiously develop an application process and may adopt rules  
2285 to implement this pilot program. This section expires July 1,  
2286 2026.

2287 **Section 67. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2288 **1502 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and**  
2289 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 71 of chapter**  
2290 **2024-228, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,**  
2291 **is reenacted to read:**

2292 380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida  
2293 Forever program.—

2294 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
2295 it is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall  
2296 administer the working waterfronts land acquisition program as  
2297 set forth in this section.

2298 (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and  
2299 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically  
2300 establishing an application process and a process for the

2301 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.  
 2302 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph  
 2303 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a  
 2304 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to  
 2305 projects:

2306 1. Within a municipality with a population less than  
 2307 30,000;

2308 2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and  
 2309 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,  
 2310 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate  
 2311 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

2312 3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency  
 2313 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

2314 4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as  
 2315 an aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2316 5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local  
 2317 economy.

2318 (b) For projects that will require more than the grant  
 2319 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in  
 2320 their project application funding sources that will provide the  
 2321 difference between the grant award and the estimated project  
 2322 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those  
 2323 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2324 (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on  
 2325 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and

2326 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to  
2327 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of  
2328 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present  
2329 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of  
2330 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board  
2331 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may  
2332 not add projects.

2333 (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of  
2334 less-than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust.  
2335 Waterfront communities that receive grant awards must submit  
2336 annual progress reports to the trust identifying project  
2337 activities which are complete, and the progress achieved in  
2338 meeting the goals outlined in the project application. The trust  
2339 must implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance  
2340 of grant recipients in completing projects that are funded  
2341 through the working waterfronts program.

2342 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
2343 it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of  
2344 Environmental Protection shall administer the working  
2345 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this  
2346 section to support the commercial fishing industry, including  
2347 the infrastructure for receiving or unloading seafood for the  
2348 purpose of supporting the seafood economy.

2349 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program  
2350 is created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater

2351 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer  
2352 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their  
2353 operations.

2354 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital  
2355 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited  
2356 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the  
2357 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent  
2358 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation  
2359 of shoreside facilities.

2360 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local  
2361 economy.

2362 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports  
2363 to the department identifying project activities that are  
2364 complete and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined  
2365 in the project application.

2366 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor  
2367 and evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing  
2368 projects funded through the program.

2369 **Section 68.** The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as  
2370 carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by this  
2371 act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of that section shall  
2372 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any  
2373 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
2374 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
2375 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which

2376 expire pursuant to this section.

2377 **Section 69. In order to implement section 163 of the 2025-**  
2378 **2026 General Appropriations Act, section 10 of chapter 2022-272,**  
2379 **Laws of Florida, as amended by section 72 of chapter 2024-228,**  
2380 **Laws of Florida, is amended to read:**

2381 Section 10. Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant  
2382 Program.—

2383 (1) There is hereby created within the Department of  
2384 Environmental Protection the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement  
2385 Grant Program for the purpose of providing financial assistance  
2386 to mitigate coastal beach erosion for coastal homeowners whose  
2387 property was significantly impacted by Hurricane Ian or  
2388 Hurricane Nicole in 2022. The department is authorized to  
2389 provide financial assistance grants to eligible recipients  
2390 located in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler,  
2391 Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, Saint  
2392 Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota, and Volusia Counties.

2393 (2) The department may provide grants to property owners  
2394 to mitigate for coastal beach erosion caused by Hurricane Ian or  
2395 Hurricane Nicole during 2022. Grant funding may only be used to  
2396 reimburse a property owner for construction costs:

2397 (a) Related to sand placement and temporary or permanent  
2398 coastal armoring construction projects to mitigate coastal beach  
2399 erosion and may not be used for the repair of residential  
2400 structures.



2401 (b) Incurred as a result of preparation for or damage  
 2402 sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole in 2022.

2403 (c) Incurred after September 23, 2022.

2404 (d) Related to a project that has been permitted, is  
 2405 exempt from permitting requirements, or is otherwise authorized  
 2406 by law.

2407 (3) Financial assistance grants may only be provided to  
 2408 mitigate damage to property located in Brevard, Broward,  
 2409 Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee,  
 2410 Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota,  
 2411 and Volusia Counties that is a:

2412 (a) Residential property that meets the following  
 2413 requirements:

2414 1. The parcel must be a single-family, site-built,  
 2415 residential property or a multi-family, site-built, residential  
 2416 property not to exceed four units; and

2417 2. The homeowner must have been granted a homestead  
 2418 exemption on the home under chapter 196, Florida Statutes;

2419 (b) Residential condominium, as defined in chapter 718,  
 2420 Florida Statutes; or

2421 (c) Cooperative, as defined in chapter 719, Florida  
 2422 Statutes.

2423 (4) (a) The department shall reimburse 100 percent of the  
 2424 cost of eligible sand placement projects. For armoring projects  
 2425 on residential properties eligible under paragraph (3) (a), the

2426 department shall cost-share with \$1 provided by the property  
 2427 owner for every \$1 provided by the state with a maximum of  
 2428 \$300,000 in state funding toward the actual cost of an eligible  
 2429 project. For armoring projects on properties eligible under  
 2430 paragraphs (3)(b) and (c), the department shall cost-share with  
 2431 \$1 provided by the property owner for every \$1 provided by the  
 2432 state with a maximum of \$600,000 in state funding toward the  
 2433 actual cost of an eligible project. The department shall  
 2434 prioritize applicants who are low-income or moderate-income  
 2435 persons, as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes. Grants  
 2436 will be awarded to property owners for eligible projects  
 2437 following the receipt of a completed application on a first-  
 2438 come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

2439 1. Applications may be submitted beginning February 1,  
 2440 2023.

2441 2. Applicants must include evidence that the project meets  
 2442 the criteria in subsections (2) and (3).

2443 (b) If the department determines that an application meets  
 2444 the requirements of this section, the department shall enter  
 2445 into a cost-share grant agreement with the applicant consistent  
 2446 with this section.

2447 (c) The department shall disburse grant funds on a  
 2448 reimbursement basis. In order to receive reimbursement, property  
 2449 owners must submit, at a minimum:

2450 1. If applicable, the permit issued under chapter 161,

2451 Florida Statutes, or applicable statute, and evidence that the  
2452 project complies with all permitting requirements.

2453 2. All invoices and payment receipts for eligible  
2454 projects.

2455 3. If applicable, documentation that the eligible project  
2456 was completed by a licensed professional or contractor.

2457 (5) Beginning July 1, 2024, local governments and  
2458 municipalities may apply for program funds to implement large  
2459 scale sand placement projects located in a county listed in  
2460 subsection (1). Impacted counties and municipalities may request  
2461 funding for such projects that protect upland structures and  
2462 provide benefits to property owners at large. Funding will be  
2463 distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to 100  
2464 percent of costs are eligible. Projects must be able to be  
2465 completed by July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~. No more than 50 percent of  
2466 remaining funds will be used for this purpose.

2467 (6) No later than January 31, 2023, the department shall  
2468 adopt emergency rules prescribing the procedures,  
2469 administration, and criteria for approving the applications for  
2470 the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program. The  
2471 department is authorized, and all conditions are deemed met, to  
2472 adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54(4),  
2473 Florida Statutes, to implement this section. The Legislature  
2474 finds that such emergency rulemaking authority is necessary to  
2475 address critical shoreline erosion which may result in the loss

2476 of property by homeowners in those areas of the state that  
2477 sustained damage due to Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole during  
2478 2022. Such rules shall remain effective until the funding in the  
2479 grant program is exhausted or this section expires for 6 months  
2480 after the date of adoption.

2481 (7) This section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2482 **Section 70.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2483 1725 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act and  
2484 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and  
2485 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for  
2486 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local  
2487 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to  
2488 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose  
2489 of, derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance  
2490 pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa), Florida Statutes. This section  
2491 expires July 1, 2026.

2492 **Section 71.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2493 1456 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
2494 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
2495 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit  
2496 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
2497 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
2498 authority for the National School Lunch Program. This section  
2499 expires July 1, 2026.

2500 **Section 72.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation

2501 **1555 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9)**  
 2502 **of section 403.0673, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as**  
 2503 **subsection (10), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added**  
 2504 **to that section, to read:**

2505       403.0673 Water quality improvement grant program.—A grant  
 2506 program is established within the Department of Environmental  
 2507 Protection to address wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural  
 2508 sources of nutrient loading to surface water or groundwater.

2509       (9) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1)-  
 2510 (7), the department shall include the water initiatives funded  
 2511 in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act in the grant  
 2512 program. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2513       **Section 73. In order to implement appropriations from the**  
 2514 **Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of**  
 2515 **Environmental Protection in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations**  
 2516 **Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida**  
 2517 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2518       375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

2519       (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
 2520 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

2521       (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
 2522 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
 2523 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

2524       1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
 2525 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that

2526 | implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
2527 | forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
2528 | Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
2529 | Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
2530 | and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
2531 | From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
2532 | year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
2533 | Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
2534 | s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed  
2535 | under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
2536 | the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
2537 | each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
2538 | planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
2539 | Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
2540 | 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the  
2541 | Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake  
2542 | Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage  
2543 | Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the  
2544 | Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand  
2545 | Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection  
2546 | and the South Florida Water Management District shall give  
2547 | preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce  
2548 | harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.  
2549 | Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the  
2550 | purpose of performing the calculation provided in this

2551 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to  
2552 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
2553 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the  
2554 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph  
2555 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
2556 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
2557 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
2558 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

2559 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
2560 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
2561 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
2562 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
2563 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
2564 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
2565 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
2566 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
2567 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal  
2568 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
2569 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
2570 subparagraph.

2571 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually  
2572 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.  
2573 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to  
2574 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be  
2575 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to

2576 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
2577 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2578 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be  
2579 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019  
2580 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA  
2581 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining  
2582 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of  
2583 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in  
2584 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws  
2585 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such  
2586 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount  
2587 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be  
2588 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
2589 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the  
2590 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2591 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually  
2592 to the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake  
2593 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.  
2594 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal  
2595 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
2596 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this  
2597 subparagraph.

2598 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually  
2599 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the  
2600 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.



2601 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., for the 2025-2026  
 2602 fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the  
 2603 General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1,  
 2604 2026.

2605 **Section 74. In order to implement section 156 of the 2025-**  
 2606 **2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section**  
 2607 **288.80125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2608 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

2609 (3) For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, funds shall  
 2610 be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to  
 2611 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael  
 2612 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection  
 2613 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2614 **Section 75. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
 2615 **2059 through 2064 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
 2616 **and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 80 of chapter**  
 2617 **2024-228, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 288.8013,**  
 2618 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

2619 288.8013 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; creation; funding;  
 2620 investment.—

2621 (3) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall establish a trust  
 2622 account at a federally insured financial institution to hold  
 2623 funds received from the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund and make  
 2624 deposits and payments. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., may invest  
 2625 surplus funds in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund,

2626 | pursuant to s. 218.407. Earnings generated by investments and  
 2627 | interest of the fund may be retained and used to make awards  
 2628 | pursuant to this act or, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(d), for  
 2629 | administrative costs, including costs in excess of the cap.  
 2630 | Administrative costs may include payment of travel and per diem  
 2631 | expenses of board members, audits, salary or other costs for  
 2632 | employed or contracted staff, including required staff under s.  
 2633 | 288.8014(9), and other allowable costs. The annual salary for  
 2634 | any employee or contracted staff may not exceed \$130,000, and  
 2635 | associated benefits may not exceed 35 percent of salary.

2636 |       **Section 76.** The text of s. 288.8013(3), Florida Statutes,  
 2637 | as carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by  
 2638 | this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection  
 2639 | shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2023, except that  
 2640 | any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
 2641 | be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
 2642 | amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
 2643 | expire pursuant to this section.

2644 |       **Section 77. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
 2645 | **2113 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)**  
 2646 | **of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2647 |       288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

2648 |       (6) For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, the funds  
 2649 | appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle  
 2650 | counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes

2651 described in the proviso language associated with Specific  
 2652 Appropriation 2113 ~~2348~~ of the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ General  
 2653 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2654 **Section 78.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
 2655 2445 through 2454 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,  
 2656 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
 2657 the Division of Emergency Management may submit budget  
 2658 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
 2659 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
 2660 authority for projected expenditures due to reimbursements from  
 2661 federally declared disasters. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2662 **Section 79.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
 2663 **2432 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations act, subsection (2)**  
 2664 **of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2665 282.201 State data center.—The state data center is  
 2666 established within the department. The provision of data center  
 2667 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,  
 2668 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,  
 2669 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint  
 2670 a director of the state data center who has experience in  
 2671 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-  
 2672 computing management.

2673 (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

2674 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state  
 2675 data center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department

2676 of the Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development  
2677 in the Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic  
2678 management centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office  
2679 of Toll Operations of the Department of Transportation, the  
2680 State Board of Administration, state attorneys, public  
2681 defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, capital  
2682 collateral regional counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance  
2683 Corporation.

2684 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from  
2685 the use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,  
2686 2026 ~~2025~~.

2687 **Section 80. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
2688 **2791 through 2799 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
2689 **subsection (12) is added to section 251.001, Florida Statutes,**  
2690 **to read:**

2691 251.001 Florida State Guard Act.—

2692 (12) Pursuant to s. 287.16(4), unless the Governor has  
2693 issued a declaration of a state of emergency due to a natural  
2694 emergency as those terms are defined in s. 252.34, in the  
2695 previous 30 days, Florida State Guard aircraft shall be assigned  
2696 to the Department of Law Enforcement for daily training activity  
2697 and operational use by the department. No later than July 31,  
2698 2025, the Florida State Guard and the department must sign a  
2699 Memorandum of Understanding implementing the terms of the  
2700 assignment of aircraft. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2701           **Section 81. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
 2702 **2089 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsections**  
 2703 **(4) and (5) of section 443.1113, Florida Statutes, are amended**  
 2704 **to read:**

2705           443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
 2706 Information System.—

2707           (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual  
 2708 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization  
 2709 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and  
 2710 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These  
 2711 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but  
 2712 need not be limited to:

- 2713           1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.
- 2714           2. Software improvements.
- 2715           3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.
- 2716           4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

2717           (b) The department shall seek input on recommended  
 2718 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

- 2719           1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of  
 2720 Management Services.
- 2721           2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within  
 2722 the Department of Revenue.
- 2723           3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the  
 2724 Department of Financial Services.

2725           (5) By September 1, 2025 ~~October 1, 2023~~, and each year

2726 thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall submit a  
2727 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System  
2728 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
2729 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must, at a  
2730 minimum, include:

2731 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and  
2732 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and  
2733 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

2734 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years ~~3-year outlook~~ of  
2735 recommended enhancements or modernization efforts that includes  
2736 projected nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and  
2737 timeframes for completion of each enhancement or modernization  
2738 effort in priority order, and the projected recurring operations  
2739 and maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement  
2740 or modernization effort.

2741 **Section 82.** (1) In order to implement section 8 of the  
2742 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2025,  
2743 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of  
2744 Management Services shall assess an administrative health  
2745 insurance assessment to each state agency equal to the  
2746 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for  
2747 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage  
2748 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this  
2749 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the  
2750 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the

2751 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities  
2752 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative  
2753 Commission, and the state courts system.

2754 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed  
2755 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)  
2756 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the  
2757 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and  
2758 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for  
2759 salaries and benefits, within 30 days after receipt of the  
2760 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should  
2761 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment  
2762 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall  
2763 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the  
2764 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the  
2765 Department of Management Services.

2766 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall  
2767 apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether  
2768 fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions  
2769 partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the  
2770 assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage  
2771 share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No  
2772 assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with  
2773 federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of  
2774 Management Services with a complete list of position numbers  
2775 that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and

2776 include the percentage of federal funding for each position no  
2777 later than July 31, 2025, and shall update the list on the last  
2778 day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant  
2779 positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state  
2780 agency shall immediately take steps to include the  
2781 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost  
2782 plan for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and each fiscal year  
2783 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of  
2784 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and  
2785 the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriation and the chair  
2786 of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, upon approval  
2787 of the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not  
2788 able to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the  
2789 state agency must notify the Department of Management Services,  
2790 the Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation  
2791 chairs no later than January 15, 2026.

2792 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
2793 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
2794 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in  
2795 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between  
2796 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the  
2797 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department  
2798 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance  
2799 assessment.

2800 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.



2801           **Section 83.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2802 2530 and 2531 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and  
2803 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized  
2804 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2025-2026 fiscal  
2805 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.  
2806 This section expires July 1, 2026.

2807           **Section 84.** **In order to implement the transfer of funds**  
2808 **from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2025-2026**  
2809 **General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration**  
2810 **date in section 91 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida,**  
2811 **paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida**  
2812 **Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

2813           215.32 State funds; segregation.—

2814           (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as  
2815 follows:

2816           (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by  
2817 the state which under law or under trust agreement are  
2818 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or  
2819 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys  
2820 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.  
2821 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state  
2822 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,  
2823 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the  
2824 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper  
2825 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief

2826 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only  
2827 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at  
2828 the level of the account.

2829 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the  
2830 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds  
2831 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

2832 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a  
2833 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by  
2834 program revenues, with the exception of administrative  
2835 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a  
2836 proprietary fund.

2837 b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a  
2838 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

2839 c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for  
2840 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental  
2841 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments  
2842 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the  
2843 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

2844 d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a  
2845 depository for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor  
2846 agreement activities funded by restricted contractual revenue  
2847 from private and public nonfederal sources.

2848 e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a  
2849 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.

2850 f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for

2851 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful  
 2852 recipients.

2853 g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for  
 2854 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by  
 2855 restricted program revenues from federal sources.

2856  
 2857 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal  
 2858 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the  
 2859 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have  
 2860 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such  
 2861 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the  
 2862 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next  
 2863 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.  
 2864 215.3206.

2865 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended  
 2866 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they  
 2867 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216  
 2868 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable  
 2869 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the  
 2870 State Treasury.

2871 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the  
 2872 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash  
 2873 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the  
 2874 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and  
 2875 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

2876           b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds  
2877 required by federal programs or mandates; trust funds  
2878 established for bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose  
2879 revenues are legally pledged by the state or public body to meet  
2880 debt service or other financial requirements of any debt  
2881 obligations of the state or any public body; the Division of  
2882 Licensing Trust Fund in the Department of Agriculture and  
2883 Consumer Services; the State Transportation Trust Fund; the  
2884 trust fund containing the net annual proceeds from the Florida  
2885 Education Lotteries; the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund;  
2886 trust funds under the management of the State Board of Education  
2887 or the Board of Governors of the State University System, where  
2888 such trust funds are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance,  
2889 and contracts, grants, and donations, as those terms are defined  
2890 by general law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or  
2891 accounts for the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies;  
2892 trust funds that account for assets held by the state in a  
2893 trustee capacity as an agent or fiduciary for individuals,  
2894 private organizations, or other governmental units; and other  
2895 trust funds authorized by the State Constitution.

2896           **Section 85.** The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes,  
2897 as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by  
2898 this act, expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that paragraph  
2899 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, except that  
2900 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall

2901 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
2902 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
2903 expire pursuant to this section.

2904 **Section 86.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
2905 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,  
2906 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used  
2907 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2025-2026  
2908 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each  
2909 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by  
2910 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,  
2911 staff training activities, or other administrative functions  
2912 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such  
2913 activities are critical to the agency's mission. When state  
2914 funds are used for a state employee to travel outside the state  
2915 of Florida, a state agency must provide to the Department of  
2916 Management Services, all itineraries, travel expenses, and  
2917 related documentation detailing the costs incurred by the state  
2918 employee. This information must be reported to the department on  
2919 the first day of each month for any travel by state employees in  
2920 the previous month, and the department shall compile and publish  
2921 to their website a quarterly report detailing any such travel.  
2922 The agency head shall consider using teleconferencing and other  
2923 forms of electronic communication to meet the needs of the  
2924 proposed activity before approving mission-critical travel. This  
2925 section does not apply to travel within the state for law

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2926 enforcement purposes, military purposes, emergency management  
2927 activities, or public health activities. This section expires  
2928 July 1, 2026.

2929 **Section 87.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
2930 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel  
2931 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for  
2932 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention  
2933 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or  
2934 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may  
2935 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess  
2936 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does  
2937 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,  
2938 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities  
2939 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section  
2940 expires July 1, 2026.

2941 **Section 88.** **In order to implement the appropriations and**  
2942 **reappropriations authorized in the 2025-2026 General**  
2943 **Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section**  
2944 **216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2945 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital  
2946 outlay.—

2947 (11)

2948 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2) (b),  
2949 and for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, the  
2950 Legislative Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for

2951 new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts  
 2952 appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay  
 2953 projects. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

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 2955 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and  
 2956 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

2957 **Section 89. In order to implement the salaries and**  
 2958 **benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted**  
 2959 **services, special categories, and operating capital outlay**  
 2960 **categories of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,**  
 2961 **paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida**  
 2962 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2963 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

2964 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by  
 2965 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
 2966 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed  
 2967 conditions:

2968 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical  
 2969 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,  
 2970 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original  
 2971 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as  
 2972 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

2973 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget  
 2974 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
 2975 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget

2976 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
 2977 this subsection.

2978 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of  
 2979 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
 2980 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
 2981 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
 2982 this subsection.

2983 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant  
 2984 to s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be  
 2985 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.  
 2986 in the subsequent fiscal year.

2987 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and  
 2988 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and  
 2989 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least  
 2990 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an  
 2991 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring  
 2992 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this  
 2993 paragraph.

2994 5. For the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, the review  
 2995 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph  
 2996 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and  
 2997 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative  
 2998 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2999 **Section 90. In order to implement appropriations for state**  
 3000 **agencies in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section**



3001 **11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3002       11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state  
3003 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of  
3004 the Governor with information about the status of implementation  
3005 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must  
3006 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the  
3007 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all  
3008 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The  
3009 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for  
3010 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to  
3011 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for  
3012 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,  
3013 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the  
3014 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to  
3015 implement or administer the legislation, programs started, or  
3016 federal waivers requested; any expenditures made directly  
3017 related to the implementation; and any impediments or delays in  
3018 implementation. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular  
3019 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of  
3020 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature  
3021 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding  
3022 the implementation of the legislation, and identify any policy  
3023 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure  
3024 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This  
3025 section expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3026           **Section 91.** In order to implement appropriations for state  
3027 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General  
3028 Appropriations Act, each state agency and the judicial branch  
3029 shall review all reports required of the agency or the judicial  
3030 branch by statute, prepare a list of such reports that the  
3031 agency would recommend to modify or repeal in a template  
3032 provided by the Executive Office of the Governor, and shall  
3033 submit such list to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of  
3034 the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the  
3035 Governor no later than October 15, 2025. At a minimum, the list  
3036 must include the report name; the statutory authority for the  
3037 report; the first year that the report was required; a  
3038 descriptive rationale that supports the recommended modification  
3039 or repeal, which may include any information or recommendation  
3040 for alternative availability of the information required by the  
3041 report such as a current online source; and proposed statutory  
3042 language to effectuate any recommended modification. This  
3043 section expires July 1, 2026.

3044           **Section 92.** **In order to implement appropriations for state**  
3045 **agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General**  
3046 **Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida**  
3047 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

3048           216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the  
3049 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to  
3050 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that

3051 includes the development of integrated agency program service  
 3052 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,  
 3053 accountable, and developed through careful examination and  
 3054 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

3055 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each  
 3056 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required  
 3057 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,  
 3058 2025 ~~2024~~, for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, except in  
 3059 circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions  
 3060 prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation  
 3061 with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.  
 3062 This subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3063 **Section 93. In order to implement appropriations for state**  
 3064 **agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General**  
 3065 **Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida**  
 3066 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

3067 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to  
 3068 Legislature by agencies.—

3069 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state  
 3070 agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all  
 3071 ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative  
 3072 estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The  
 3073 inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following  
 3074 information:

3075 (a) The name of the technology system.

3076 (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the  
 3077 system.

3078 (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

3079 (d) The initiation date of the project.

3080 (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

3081 (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the  
 3082 health and status of the project.

3083 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates  
 3084 of the project.

3085 (h) The original and current estimated costs of the  
 3086 project.

3087 (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project  
 3088 and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

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3090 For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related  
 3091 project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected  
 3092 to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing  
 3093 technology-related project does not include the continuance of  
 3094 existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the  
 3095 renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the  
 3096 replacement of desktop units with new technology that is  
 3097 substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This  
 3098 subsection expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

3099 **Section 94.** In order to implement the 2025-2026 General  
 3100 Appropriations Act, the use of state funds must be consistent

3101 with the following principles of individual freedom:

3102 (1) No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive,  
3103 whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or  
3104 her race or sex.

3105 (2) No race is inherently superior to another race.

3106 (3) No person should be discriminated against or receive  
3107 adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color,  
3108 national origin, religion, disability, or sex.

3109 (4) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are  
3110 not racist but fundamental to the right to pursue happiness and  
3111 be rewarded for industry.

3112 (5) A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does  
3113 not bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by  
3114 other members of the same race or sex.

3115 (6) A person should not be instructed that he or she must  
3116 feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress  
3117 for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the  
3118 past by other members of the same race or sex.

3119 **Section 95.** Any section of this act which implements a  
3120 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
3121 language in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act is void if  
3122 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
3123 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements  
3124 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of  
3125 specifically identified proviso language in the 2025-2026

3126 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific  
3127 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
3128 language are vetoed.

3129 **Section 96.** If any other act passed during the 2025  
3130 Regular Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is  
3131 substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that  
3132 removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied  
3133 to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the  
3134 provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to  
3135 operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

3136 **Section 97.** If any provision of this act or its  
3137 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
3138 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
3139 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
3140 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
3141 severable.

3142 **Section 98.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
3143 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
3144 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
3145 2025, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that  
3146 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate  
3147 retroactively to July 1, 2025.