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Senator Truenow moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 515 - 952

and insert:

applicant reasonably believes that he or she ~~the home~~ is eligible under the new requirements; or

d. More than 24 months have passed since the applicant received a hurricane mitigation inspection under this section, and the applicant has not received a grant payment through the program for that inspection.

(c) An applicant meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)



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12 may receive an inspection of the a home through ~~under~~ the
13 program without being eligible for a grant under subsection (2)
14 or applying for such grant.

15 (d) Licensed inspectors are to provide initial home
16 inspections of eligible homes to determine ~~what mitigation~~
17 ~~measures are needed,~~ what insurance premium discounts may be
18 available, and what improvements to existing residential
19 properties are needed to reduce the properties' property's
20 vulnerability to hurricane damage. ~~An inspector may inspect a~~
21 ~~townhouse as defined in s. 481.203 to determine if opening~~
22 ~~protection mitigation as listed in subparagraph (2)(e)1. would~~
23 ~~provide improvements to mitigate hurricane damage.~~

24 (e) The department shall contract with wind certification
25 entities to provide hurricane mitigation inspections. The
26 initial inspections provided to applicants homeowners, at a
27 minimum, must include:

28 1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the
29 inspection results and identifies recommended improvements an
30 applicant a homeowner may make take to mitigate hurricane
31 damage.

32 2. A range of cost estimates regarding the recommended
33 mitigation improvements.

34 3. Information regarding estimated premium discounts,
35 correlated to the current mitigation features and the
36 recommended mitigation improvements identified by the
37 inspection.

38 (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be
39 used by applicants homeowners to make improvements recommended
40 by an initial inspection which increase a home's resistance to



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41 hurricane damage.

42 (a) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ is eligible for a hurricane
43 mitigation grant if all of the following criteria are met:

44 1. The applicant ~~home~~ must be eligible for an inspection
45 under subsection (1).

46 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of
47 \$700,000 or less. ~~Homeowners who are low-income persons, as~~
48 ~~defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.~~

49 3. The home must undergo an initial ~~acceptable~~ hurricane
50 mitigation inspection through the program as provided in
51 subsection (1) within the 24 months immediately preceding the
52 date of application.

53 4. ~~The building permit application for initial construction~~
54 ~~of the home must have been~~ built ~~made~~ before January 1, 2008, as
55 reflected on the county property appraiser's website.

56 5. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to make his or her
57 home available for a final inspection once a mitigation project
58 is completed.

59 6. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to provide to the
60 department information received from the applicant's ~~homeowner's~~
61 insurer identifying the discounts realized by the applicant
62 ~~homeowner~~ because of the mitigation improvements funded through
63 the program.

64 7.a. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must be a low-income person or
65 moderate-income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

66 ~~b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred~~
67 ~~within the previous 24 months from the date of application.~~

68 ~~c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-~~
69 ~~income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt~~



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70 ~~from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an~~
71 ~~insured value of \$700,000 or less.~~

72 ~~d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.~~

73 (b)1. An application for a grant must contain a signed or
74 electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury
75 that the applicant has submitted only one grant application or
76 that the application is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the
77 application must have documents attached demonstrating that the
78 applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

79 2. An applicant may submit a subsequent grant application
80 if:

81 a. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn
82 because the application contained errors or omissions;

83 b. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn
84 because the applicant home did not meet the eligibility criteria
85 for a grant at the time of the previous application, and the
86 applicant homeowner reasonably believes that he or she is the
87 home now is eligible for a grant; or

88 c. The program's eligibility requirements for a grant have
89 changed since the original application date, and the applicant
90 reasonably believes that he or she is ~~an~~ eligible ~~homeowner~~
91 under the new requirements.

92 3. A grant application must include a statement from the
93 applicant homeowner which contains the name and state license
94 number of the contractor that the applicant homeowner
95 acknowledges as the intended contractor for the mitigation work.
96 The program must ~~electronically~~ verify that the contractor's
97 state license number is valid ~~accurate and up to date before~~
98 ~~grant approval.~~



99 (c) All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided
100 by the applicant for \$2 provided by the state up to a maximum
101 state contribution of \$10,000 toward the actual cost of the
102 mitigation project, except as provided in paragraph (h).

103 (d) All hurricane mitigation performed under the program
104 must be based upon the securing of all required local permits
105 and inspections and must be performed by properly licensed
106 contractors.

107 (e) When recommended by an initial ~~a~~ hurricane mitigation
108 inspection, grants for eligible applicants ~~homes~~ may be used for
109 all of the following improvements:

110 1. Opening protection improvements, including:

111 a. Exterior doors.~~7~~

112 b. Garage doors.~~7~~

113 c. Windows.~~7~~ ~~and~~

114 d. Skylights.

115 2. Roof improvements, including:

116 a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.

117 b.~~3.~~ Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.

118 c.~~4.~~ Installing secondary water resistance for roof and
119 replacing the roof covering.

120 (f) Improvements must be identified by the final hurricane
121 mitigation inspection to receive grant funds ~~When recommended by~~
122 ~~a hurricane mitigation inspection, grants for townhouses, as~~
123 ~~defined in s. 481.203, may only be used for opening protection.~~

124 (g) The department may require that improvements be made to
125 all openings, including exterior doors, garage doors, windows,
126 and skylights, as a condition of reimbursing an applicant ~~a~~
127 ~~homeowner~~ approved for a grant. The department may adopt, by



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128 rule, the maximum grant allowances for any improvement allowable
129 under paragraph (e) ~~or paragraph (f)~~.

130 (h) Low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, as defined in s.
131 420.0004(11), who otherwise meet the applicable requirements of
132 this subsection are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and
133 are not required to provide a matching amount to receive the
134 grant.

135 (i)1. The department shall develop a process that ensures
136 the most efficient means to collect and verify inspection
137 applications and grant applications to determine eligibility.
138 The department may direct hurricane mitigation inspectors to
139 collect and verify grant application information or use the
140 Internet or other electronic means to collect information and
141 determine eligibility.

142 2. The department shall prioritize the review and approval
143 of such inspection applications and grant applications in the
144 following order:

145 a. First, applications from low-income persons, as defined
146 in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old;

147 b. Second, applications from all other low-income persons,
148 as defined in s. 420.0004;

149 c. Third, applications from moderate-income persons, as
150 defined in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old; and

151 d. Fourth, applications from all other moderate-income
152 persons, as defined in s. 420.0004; and

153 e. Last, all other applications for an inspection.

154 3. The department shall start accepting inspection
155 applications and grant applications no earlier than the
156 effective date of a legislative appropriation funding



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157 inspections and grants, as follows:

158 a. Initially, from applicants prioritized under sub-
159 subparagraph 2.a.;

160 b. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph 2.b.,
161 beginning 15 days after the program initially starts accepting
162 applications;

163 c. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph 2.c.,
164 beginning 30 days after the program initially starts accepting
165 applications;

166 d. From applicants described in sub-subparagraph 2.d.,
167 beginning 45 days after the program initially starts accepting
168 applications; and

169 e. From all other applicants for an inspection, beginning
170 60 days after the program initially starts accepting
171 applications.

172 4. The program may accept a certification directly from a
173 low-income applicant homeowner or moderate-income applicant
174 ~~homeowner~~ who meets the requirements of s. 420.0004(11) or (12),
175 respectively, if the applicant homeowner provides such
176 certification in a signed or electronically verified statement
177 made under penalty of perjury.

178 5. The program may accept a certification directly from an
179 applicant attesting to his or her age if the applicant provides
180 such certification in a signed or electronically verified
181 statement made under penalty of perjury.

182 (j) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ who receives a grant shall
183 finalize construction and request a final inspection, ~~or request~~
184 ~~an extension for an additional 6 months~~, within 18 months ~~1 year~~
185 after grant application approval. If an applicant ~~a homeowner~~



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186 fails to comply with this paragraph, his or her application is
187 deemed abandoned and the grant money reverts to the department.

188 (3) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—The department may request
189 that an applicant provide additional information. An application
190 is deemed abandoned ~~withdrawn~~ by the applicant if the department
191 does not receive a response to its request for additional
192 information within 60 days after the notification of any
193 apparent error or omission.

194 (4) ABANDONED APPLICATIONS.—The department shall notify an
195 applicant at least 5 business days before an application is
196 deemed abandoned. If the applicant responds to such notification
197 within 5 business days after receiving the notice and
198 demonstrates good cause for why the application should not be
199 deemed abandoned, the applicant may submit a subsequent grant
200 application or the department may determine the application is
201 not abandoned.

202 ~~(9)~~ ~~(8)~~ CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.—

203 (a) The department may contract with third parties for
204 grants management, inspection services, contractor services for
205 low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, information technology,
206 educational outreach, and auditing services. Such contracts are
207 considered direct costs of the program and are not subject to
208 administrative cost limits. The department shall contract with
209 providers that have a demonstrated record of successful business
210 operations in areas directly related to the services to be
211 provided and shall ensure the highest accountability for use of
212 state funds, consistent with this section.

213 ~~(11)~~ ~~(10)~~ REPORTS.—The department shall make an annual
214 report on the activities of the program that shall account for



215 the use of state funds and indicate the number of inspections
216 requested, the number of inspections performed, the number of
217 grant applications received, the number and value of grants
218 approved, and the estimated average annual amount of insurance
219 premium discounts and total estimated annual amount of insurance
220 premium discounts applicants homeowners received from insurers
221 as a result of mitigation funded through the program. The report
222 must be delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
223 of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

224 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraphs (a) and
225 (j) of subsection (5) of section 215.55871, Florida Statutes,
226 are amended to read:

227 215.55871 My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program.—There
228 is established within the Department of Financial Services the
229 My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to be implemented
230 pursuant to appropriations. The department shall provide fiscal
231 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership
232 for the pilot program, consistent with this section. This
233 section does not create an entitlement for associations or unit
234 owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection
235 or retrofitting of condominiums in the state. Implementation of
236 this pilot program is subject to annual legislative
237 appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the My
238 Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program provide licensed
239 inspectors to perform inspections for and grants to eligible
240 associations as funding allows.

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

242 (a) "Area median income" means the median household income,
243 as published annually by the United States Department of Housing



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244 and Urban Development, for the county in which the condominium
245 property is located.

246 (b)~~(a)~~ "Association" has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

247 (c)~~(b)~~ "Association property" means property, real and
248 personal, which is owned or leased by, or is dedicated by a
249 recorded plat to, an association for the use and benefit of its
250 members ~~and is located in the service area.~~

251 (d)~~(e)~~ "Board of administration" has the same meaning as in
252 s. 718.103.

253 (e)~~(d)~~ "Condominium" has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.
254 For purposes of this section, the term does not include detached
255 units on individual parcels of land.

256 (f)~~(e)~~ "Condominium property" means the lands, leaseholds,
257 and personal property that are subjected to condominium
258 ownership, whether or not contiguous, and all improvements
259 thereon and all easements and rights appurtenant thereto
260 intended for use in connection with the condominium ~~and are~~
261 ~~located in the service area.~~

262 (g)~~(f)~~ "Department" means the Department of Financial
263 Services.

264 (h)~~(g)~~ "Property" means association property and
265 condominium property, as applicable, ~~located in the service~~
266 ~~area.~~

267 ~~(h) "Service area" means the area of the state which is 15~~
268 ~~miles inward of a coastline, as that term is defined in s.~~
269 ~~376.031.~~

270 (i) "Unit" has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

271 (j) "Unit owner" has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

272 (2) PARTICIPATION.-



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273 (a) Participation in the pilot program is limited to:
274 1. Condominium associations in which at least 80 percent of
275 the occupied units within the condominium are owned or occupied
276 by a person or family whose annual income is at or below 80
277 percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size,
278 applicable to the county in which the condominium is located.
279 Eligibility must be determined using the area median income
280 published at the time an application is submitted. For purposes
281 of determining whether a condominium association meets the 80
282 percent unit-occupied threshold:
283 a. Only occupied residential units may be counted.
284 b. Both owner-occupied and tenant-occupied residential
285 units may be counted as long as the persons or families living
286 in such residential units provide income documentation to the
287 department and the department has verified that such persons or
288 families meet the income requirements of this subparagraph.
289 2. Structures or buildings on the condominium property
290 which are three or more stories in height, provided that each
291 structure or building that is the subject of a mitigation grant
292 contains at least two single-family dwellings.
293 (b) The department shall adopt rules establishing
294 acceptable methods for verifying household income, including,
295 but not limited to, owner self-certification, tax returns,
296 income statements, or other documentation deemed sufficient by
297 the department. The department may require periodic
298 recertification of income eligibility to ensure compliance with
299 this section.
300 (c) A condominium with mixed-income occupancies is eligible
301 to participate in the pilot program under this section if the



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302 income threshold in subparagraph (a)1. is met.

303 (d)~~(b)~~ In order to apply for an inspection under subsection
304 (4) or a grant under subsection (5) for association property or
305 condominium property, an association must receive approval by a
306 majority vote of the board of administration or a majority vote
307 of the total voting interests of the association to participate
308 in the pilot program. An association may not apply for an
309 inspection under subsection (4) or a grant under subsection (5)
310 for association property or condominium property unless the
311 association has complied with the inspection requirements in ss.
312 553.899 and 718.112(2)(g) and (h). An association may not apply
313 for a grant under subparagraph (5)(e)1. for association property
314 or condominium property unless the windows of the association
315 property or condominium property are established as common
316 elements in the declaration.

317 (e)~~(e)~~ In order to apply for a grant under subsection (5)
318 which improves one or more units within a condominium, an
319 association must receive both of the following:

320 1. Approval by a majority vote of the board of
321 administration or a majority vote of the total voting interests
322 of the association to participate in a mitigation inspection.

323 2. Approval by at least 75 percent of all unit owners who
324 reside within the structure or building that is the subject of
325 the mitigation grant.

326 (f)~~(d)~~ A unit owner may participate in the pilot program
327 through a mitigation grant awarded to the association but may
328 not participate individually in the pilot program.

329 (g)~~(e)~~ The votes required under this subsection may take
330 place at the annual budget meeting of the association or at a



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331 unit owner meeting called for the purpose of taking such vote.
332 Before a vote of the unit owners may be taken, the association
333 must provide to the unit owners a clear disclosure of the pilot
334 program on a form created by the department. The president and
335 the treasurer of the board of administration must sign the
336 disclosure form indicating that a copy of the form was provided
337 to each unit owner of the association. The signed disclosure
338 form and the minutes from the meeting at which the unit owners
339 voted to participate in the pilot program must be maintained as
340 part of the official records of the association. Within 14 days
341 after an affirmative vote to participate in the pilot program,
342 the association must provide written notice in the same manner
343 as required under s. 718.112(2)(d) to all unit owners of the
344 decision to participate in the pilot program.

345 (5) MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants may be used by
346 associations to make improvements recommended in a hurricane
347 mitigation inspection report which increase the condominium's
348 resistance to hurricane damage.

349 (a) An application for a mitigation grant must:

350 1. Contain a signed or electronically verified statement
351 made under penalty of perjury by the president of the board of
352 administration that the association has submitted only a single
353 application for each property that the association operates or
354 maintains.

355 2. Include a notarized statement from the president of the
356 board of administration containing the name and license number
357 of each contractor the association intends to use for the
358 mitigation project.

359 3. Include a notarized statement from the president of the



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360 board of administration which commits to the department that the
361 association will complete the mitigation improvements. If the
362 grant will be used to improve units, the application must also
363 include an acknowledged statement from each unit owner who is
364 required to provide approval for a grant under paragraph (2) (e)
365 ~~(2) (e)~~.

366 4. Include documentation deemed sufficient by the
367 department under paragraph (2) (b) for verifying household
368 income.

369 (j) Grant funds may only be awarded for a mitigation
370 improvement that addresses the common elements of the
371 condominium property that will result in a mitigation credit,
372 discount, or other rate differential for the building or
373 structure to which the improvement is made. As a condition of
374 receiving awarding a grant, the association department must
375 complete 100 percent of the opening protection improvements to
376 the common elements which were recommended in the final
377 hurricane mitigation inspection report require mitigation
378 improvements to be made to all openings, including exterior
379 doors, garage doors, windows, and skylights that are a part of
380 the common elements, if doing so is necessary for the building
381 or structure to qualify for a mitigation credit, discount, or
382 other rate differential.

383 Section 7. The amendments made by this act to s. 215.55871,
384 Florida Statutes, apply to inspection and grant applications
385 submitted to the Department of Financial Services by a
386 condominium association on or after July 1, 2026.

387 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 215.89, Florida
388 Statutes, is amended to read:



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389 215.89 Charts of account.—

390 ~~(3) REPORTING STRUCTURE.—~~

391 ~~(a) The Chief Financial Officer shall accept comments from~~
392 ~~state agencies, local governments, educational entities,~~
393 ~~entities of higher education, and other interested parties~~
394 ~~regarding the proposed charts of account until November 1, 2013.~~

395 ~~(b) By January 15, 2014, the Chief Financial Officer, after~~
396 ~~consultation with affected state agencies, local governments,~~
397 ~~educational entities, entities of higher education, and the~~
398 ~~Auditor General, shall submit to the Governor, the President of~~
399 ~~the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a~~
400 ~~report recommending a uniform charts of account which requires~~
401 ~~specific enterprise wide information related to revenues and~~
402 ~~expenditures of state agencies, local governments, educational~~
403 ~~entities, and entities of higher education. The report must~~
404 ~~include the estimated cost of adopting and implementing a~~
405 ~~uniform enterprise-wide charts of account.~~

406 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 215.93, Florida
407 Statutes, is amended to read:

408 215.93 Florida Financial Management Information System.—

409 (1) To provide the information necessary to carry out the
410 intent of the Legislature, there shall be a Florida Financial
411 Management Information System. The Florida Financial Management
412 Information System shall be fully implemented and shall be
413 upgraded as necessary to ensure the efficient operation of an
414 integrated financial management information system and to
415 provide necessary information for the effective operation of
416 state government. Upon the recommendation of the coordinating
417 council and approval of the board, the Florida Financial



418 Management Information System may require data from any state
419 agency information system or information subsystem or may
420 request data from any judicial branch information system or
421 information subsystem that the coordinating council and board
422 have determined to have statewide financial management
423 significance. Each functional owner information subsystem within
424 the Florida Financial Management Information System shall be
425 developed in such a fashion as to allow for timely, positive,
426 preplanned, and prescribed data transfers between the Florida
427 Financial Management Information System functional owner
428 information subsystems and from other information systems. The
429 principal unit of the system shall be the functional owner
430 information subsystem, and the system shall include, but shall
431 not be limited to, the following:

- 432 (a) Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.
- 433 ~~(b) Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem.~~
- 434 (b)~~(c)~~ Financial Management Subsystem.
- 435 (c)~~(d)~~ Purchasing Subsystem.
- 436 (d)~~(e)~~ Personnel Information System.

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438 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

439 And the title is amended as follows:

440 Delete lines 61 - 65

441 and insert:

442 Management Information System; amending s. 215.94,
443 F.S.; providing that