

By Senator Burgess

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 499.02955, F.S.; creating the Experimental Treatment Access Trust Fund within the Department of Health for specified purposes; authorizing licensed experimental treatment centers to contribute a specified amount to the trust fund or provide specified care at no cost; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 499.02955, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

499.02955 Experimental Treatment Access Trust Fund.—

(1) There is created in the State Treasury the Experimental Treatment Access Trust Fund within the Department of Health, from which the Legislature may appropriate funds for the purpose of assisting eligible patients who are residents of this state with costs associated with travel to receive experimental treatment or partial care costs under this section.

(2) Each licensed experimental treatment center may contribute 2 percent of net annual profits from experimental treatments to the Experimental Treatment Access Trust Fund or may provide at no cost experimental treatment care in an equivalent amount as adopted by rule by the department.

(3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2030. Before its termination, the trust

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30 fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026, if SB
32 _____ or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative
33 session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.