

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Appropriations

BILL: SB 2502

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee

SUBJECT: Implementing the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act

DATE: February 19, 2026

REVISED: _____

ANALYST

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REFERENCE

ACTION

AP Submitted as Comm. Bill/FAV

I. Summary:

SB 2502 provides the statutory authority necessary to implement and execute the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Statutory changes are temporary and expire on July 1, 2027.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

II. Present Situation:

Article III, s. 12 of the Florida Constitution provides that “[l]aws making appropriations for salaries of public officers and other current expenses of the state shall contain provisions on no other subject.” This language has been interpreted to defeat proviso language attached to appropriations that have the effect of changing general law.¹ For this reason, when general law changes are required to effectuate appropriations, those changes are placed in a general bill implementing the appropriations act instead of in the general appropriations act. The statutory changes are effective only for one year and either expire on July 1 of the next fiscal year or the language of the amended statute reverts to the text that existed before the changes made by the bill.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Section 2 incorporates the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) work papers by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.

¹ *Brown v. Firestone*, 382 So.2d 654 (Fla. 1980); *Chiles v. Milligan*, 659 So.2d 1055 (Fla. 1995).

Section 3 incorporates by reference the school readiness provider rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027." dated February 13, 2026.

Section 4 amends s. 1001.451, F.S., to increase the funding for consortiums from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per consortium and expand the authorized services under the consortium and authorizes all revenue to be carried forward for specified purposes.

Section 5 provides that the amendments to s. 1001.451, F.S., expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2026.

Section 6 creates s. 1001.4511, F.S., to increase the ability of regional consortium service organizations to provide services through cooperative agreements.

Section 7 creates s. 1009.635, F.S., to establish the Rural Incentive for Professional Educators (RIPE) program within the DOE to provide assistance for repayment of student loans for eligible participants.

Section 8 allows a university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a healthcare provider to accept the healthcare provider's procurement methods and construction contracts and reimburse the healthcare provider for its initial expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors.

Section 9 notwithstanding ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, F.S., to allow the Board of Trustees of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to use carry forward or non-state funds for presidential remuneration.

Section 10 authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address any projected surpluses and deficits for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Section 11 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida KidCare program appropriation categories, or to increase budget authority in the Children's Medical Services Network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment must be submitted in the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Section 12 amends s. 381.986(17), F.S., to provide that the Department of Health (DOH) is not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when adopting rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories, and any such rules adopted prior to July 1, 2026, are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S. Medical marijuana treatment centers are authorized to use a laboratory that has not been certified by the department until rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories are adopted by the department, but no later than July 1, 2027.

Section 13 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals statewide and the Indirect Medical Education Program and nursing workforce expansion and education program

Section 14 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for certain cancer hospitals.

Section 15 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement the Low-Income Pool Program.

Section 16 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and manage a supplemental payment plan to support physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental school, or a public hospital.

Section 17 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement a certified expenditure program for emergency medical transportation services.

Section 18 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program.

Section 19 authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting spending authority to implement a Supplemental Payment Plan for specialty children's hospitals.

Section 20 authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments to request additional budget authority to implement the Florida School-Based Services Program.

Section 21 authorizes the AHCA to establish the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force to evaluate cost-containment strategies for Medicaid-funded ABA services.

Section 22 authorizes the DCF to submit a budget amendment to realign funding between guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 board payments, and relative caregiver assistance payments for current caseload.

Section 23 authorizes the DCF, the DOH, and the AHCA to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority as necessary to meet caseload requirements for Refugee Programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. It requires the DCF to submit quarterly reports on caseload and expenditures.

Section 24 authorizes the DCF to submit budget amendments to increase funding for the following federal grants: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant, State Opioid Response Grant, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Mental Health Block Grant, Chafee Grant for independent living services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B Subparts 1 and 2 Grant, Elder Justice Act, STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Grant, and Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant.

Section 25 reenacts s. 393.066, F.S., to revise provider data reporting requirements, allowing providers to use their own systems if data is electronically transmitted in agency-approved formats, and updates billing, technical, and staff training requirements.

Section 26 provides that the amendments to s. 393.066(2), F.S., expire on July 1, 2027, and the text of those provisions reverts back to that in existence on June 30, 2025.

Section 27 amends s. 394.9082, F.S., to authorize funding appropriated to the Managing Entities from the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to be carried forward and provide that any nonqualified funds are exempt from the 8 percent carry forward threshold.

Section 28 amends s. 409.9913, F.S., to require core services funding to be allocated as provided in the GAA and require the DCF to use the tiered funding Model developed and submitted pursuant to section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the baseline framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements to the model and to continue to collect detailed cost, expenditure, and census data from community-based care lead agencies.

Section 29 notwithstanding s. 409.9913, F.S., to require the unexpended balance of carryforward funds from community-based care lead agencies as of July 1, 2026, to be returned to the DCF. Such funds shall revert to the General Revenue Fund on September 30, 2026.

Section 30 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 31 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 32 authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for COVID-19 grants if additional federal revenues become available.

Section 33 requires the AHCA to replace the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and provides requirements of the system. This section also establishes the executive steering committee (ESC) membership, duties and the process for ESC meetings and decisions. Provides requirements for deliverable-based fixed price contracts.

Section 34 requires the AHCA to contract for a comprehensive, independent technical architecture and feasibility assessment of the MMIS, including components completed under the FX project.

Section 35 requires the AHCA, in consultation with the DOH, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), the DCF, and the Department of Corrections (DOC), to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for prescription drugs, including insulin and epinephrine, for all participating agencies. The contract must require that the vendor be

compensated on a contingency basis paid from a portion of the savings achieved through the negotiation and purchase of prescription drugs.

Section 36 notwithstands ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), F.S., to authorize skilled nursing facilities to temporarily suspend all or part of their operations without losing licensure due to disasters, state of emergency, or facility modernization. The provision allows an additional year of inactive licensure, with renewals conditioned on demonstrated good-faith progress or delays beyond the provider's control, such as permitting or litigation. If further extensions are denied, the provider has 60 days to pursue a change of ownership, effective retroactive to the original inactive-license expiration date.

Section 37 authorizes the APD to submit budget amendments to transfer funding from salaries and benefits to contractual services in order to support additional staff augmentation at the Developmental Disability Centers.

Section 38 authorizes the APD to submit budget amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum Home and Community Based Waiver category necessary to address any deficits or funding shortfalls within its existing appropriation.

Section 39 authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments as needed, notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, F.S., to increase budget authority to implement the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver program of the APD.

Section 40 provides that the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), subject to Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) approval, may request authority to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing homes, if the DVA projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its staffing ratios.

Section 41 provides that, notwithstanding s. 409.915, F.S., the state Medicaid expenditures shall exclude the specially assessed funds for the Hospital Directed Payment Program.

Section 42 authorizes the DVA to submit a budget amendment pursuant to ch. 216 Florida Statutes, subject to federal approval, requesting additional spending authority to support the development and construction of a new State Veterans Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in Collier County.

Section 43 authorizes the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food Program if additional federal revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Section 44 amends s. 216.262(4), F.S., to allow the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the DOC if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide

classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to LBC review and approval.

Section 45 amends s. 215.18(2), F.S., to provide the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with the authority to request a trust fund loan.

Section 46 requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities. If the DJJ determines that a county has not met its obligations, the Department of Revenue (DOR) must deduct the amount owed to the DJJ from shared revenue funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, F.S.

Section 47 reenacts s. 27.40(1)(2)(a)(3)(a)(5)-(7), F.S., to continue to require written certification of conflict by the public defender or regional conflict counsel before a court may appoint private conflict counsel.

Section 48 provides that the amendments to s. 27.40(1)(2)(a)(3)(a)(5)-(7), F.S., expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 49 amends s. 27.5304(13), F.S. to create a rebuttable presumption of correctness for objections to billings made by the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) and provides requirements for payments to private counsel. This section reenacts s. 27.5304(1)(3)(6)(7)(11)(12)(a)-(e), F.S., to increase caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases.

Section 50 provides that the amendments to s. 27.5304(1), (3), (6), (7), (11), and (12)(a)-(e), F.S., expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2019.

Section 51 amends s. 908.1033, F.S., to clarify the eligibility for bonus payments provided to local law enforcement from the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program include county correctional officers.

Section 52 amends s. 934.50(7), F.S., to establish the Drone as the First Responder Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to provide drones to law enforcement and first responder agencies.

Section 53 requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) and agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements, in excess of 2,000 square feet, expiring between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2029, and submit a report by November 1, 2026.

Section 54 provides that, notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), F.S., which authorizes transfers of up to five percent of approved budget between categories, agencies may not transfer funds from a data center appropriation category to a category other than a data center appropriation category.

Section 55 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" between departments

in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance.

Section 56 authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category “Special Categories - Transfer to DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract” of the GAA between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS for human resources management services.

Section 57 authorizes the DMS to use five percent of facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to offset relocation expenses associated with disposition of state office buildings.

Section 58 defines the components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource subsystem (FLAIR) and Cash Management System (CMS) included in the Department of Financial Services Planning Accounting and Ledger Management (PALM) system. This section also provides the executive steering committee membership and the procedures for executive steering committee meetings and decisions.

Section 59 reenacts s. 282.709(3), F.S., to carry forward the DMS's authority to execute a 15-year contract with the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) operator.

Section 60 provides that the amendment to s. 282.709(3), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 1, 2021.

Section 61 authorizes state agencies and other eligible users of the SLERS network to utilize the DMS state SLERS contract for the purchase of equipment and services.

Section 62 authorizes the reduction of the MFMP transaction fee from one percent to 0.70 percent.

Section 63 amends s. 24.105(9)(i), F.S., to require the commission for lottery ticket sales to be set at 6 percent of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize by a retailer.

Section 64 provides that the text of s. 24.105(9)(i), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2023.

Section 65 amends s. 627.351(6)(II), F.S., to authorize Citizen's Property Insurance Corp. to adopt policy forms authorizing disputes regarding claim determinations to come before the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH).

Section 66 amends s. 215.5586, F.S., to revise the eligibility requirements to only include individuals who have low or moderate income and have had an inspection completed within the last 24 months.

Section 67 notwithstanding s. 216.031, F.S., to prevent funds for local government fire equipment and services funded through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) from reverting at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 68 authorizes the Executive Office of the Governor to submit a budget amendment to transfer funds appropriated in the “Northwest Regional Data Center” category between departments in order to align the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data processing services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Section 69 provides that auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies related to contract management services provided to Northwest Regional Data Center shall not exceed three percent.

Section 70 amends s. 284.51, F.S., directing the Division of Risk Management at the DFS to select a provider to establish a statewide pilot program to make electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation (eTMS) available for veterans, first responders, and immediate family members thereof with certain medical conditions. The section also amends s. 284.51, F.S., to revise, for the purposes of this section, the definition of a first responder.

Section 71 authorizes the DFS to continue the existing eTMS contract and clarifies that any funds paid by the DFS pursuant to the contract do not constitute state financial assistance as provided in s. 215.97, F.S.

Section 72 notwithstanding s. 717.123(1), F.S., to require the DFS to retain the estimated amount of atypical receipts in a separate account in addition to the \$15 million the DFS is authorized to retain under current law.

Section 73 amends s. 215.18(3), F.S. to authorize loans to land acquisition trust funds within several agencies.

Section 74 provides that, in order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the DACS, the DEP, the FWC, and the Department of State (DOS), the DEP will transfer a proportionate share of revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP on a monthly basis, after subtracting required debt service payments, to each agency and retain a proportionate share within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the other agencies may not exceed the total appropriations for the fiscal year. The section further provides that the DEP may advance funds from the beginning unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) to the LATF within the FWC for cash flow purposes.

Section 75 amends s. 259.105(3), F.S., to notwithstanding the Florida Forever statutory distribution to authorize distributions as provided in the GAA

Section 76 extends the current requirement that the DEP adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not finalized standards by January 1, 2027.

Section 77 provides that the amendment to s. 376.91(2), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2025.

Section 78 amends s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., to revise the requirements for the usage of the trust fund for ethanol or biodiesel damage.

Section 79 provides that the amendment to s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on July 1, 2020.

Section 80 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., the Department of Citrus is authorized to enter into agreements to expedite the increased production of citrus trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening.

Section 81 amends s. 380.5105, F.S., to clarify that grants may be awarded for capital expenditure projects to support the commercial and marine aquaculture industries.

Section 82 provides that the amendment to s. 380.5105, F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2024.

Section 83 authorizes the FWC to use funds appropriated for derelict vessel removal for grants to local governments to remove themselves or pay private contractors to, remove, store, destroy, and dispose of derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance.

Section 84 notwithstands s. 403.890, F.S., to authorize funds appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to be used as provided in the GAA.

Section 85 amends s. 375.041(3)(b), F.S., to provide that the distribution from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be as provided in the GAA.

Section 86 notwithstands ch. 255, F.S., to allow the DACS to administer a program to expedite the expansion of citrus tree propagation.

Section 87 authorizes the DACS to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority to support the National School Lunch Program.

Section 88 amends s. 288.80125(3), F.S., to allow funds to be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael as provided in the GAA.

Section 89 amends s. 339.135(7)(h), F.S., to authorize the chair and vice chair of the LBC to approve, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S., a Department of Transportation (DOT) work program amendment that adds a new project, or a phase of a new project, in excess of \$3 million, if the LBC does not meet or consider, within 30 days of submittal, the amendment by the DOT.

Section 90 authorizes the Department of Transportation to advance or defer up to \$100 million in programmed projects in the Adopted Work Program in order to realign resources and ensure a balanced financial plan.

Section 91 amends s. 288.0655(6), F.S., creating a grant program for the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in 6 inland panhandle counties.

Section 92 creates s. 288.013, F.S., to establish the Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP) within the Department of Commerce.

Section 93 amends s. 288.001, F.S., to require that the funds be used to develop and activity plan focused on network consultants and resources in rural communities.

Section 94 creates s. 288.014, F.S., to establish the Renaissance Grant Program within the ORP.

Section 95 creates s. 288.0175, F.S., to establish the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program within the ORP.

Section 96 amends s. 288.065, F.S., to revise the eligibility requirements for the program and require additional reporting.

Section 97 provides that the amendment to s. 288.065, F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2026.

Section 98 authorizes the Division of Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to federal reimbursements from federally declared disasters.

Section 99 exempts the Division of Emergency Management from s. 282.201, F.S., relating to the use of the state data center.

Section 100 amends s. 443.1113, F.S., to clarify that enhancements to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to appropriation, and revises submission timelines and annual reporting requirements for future modernization efforts.

Section 101 provides that the amendments to s. 443.1113, F.S., expire on July 1, 2027, and the text of that provision reverts back to that in existence on June 30, 2025.

Section 102 amends s. 445.08, F.S., to modify the July 1, 2026, expiration date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Program. Provides a definition for the term "break in service" and establishes time periods related to employment requirements.

Section 103 authorizes the Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for certain federal grant programs.

Section 104 requires the DMS to assess an administrative health assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position.

Section 105 provides that notwithstanding s. 11.13, F.S., salaries of legislators must be maintained at the same level as July 1, 2010.

Section 106 reenacts s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 107 provides that the amendment to s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2011.

Section 108 provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. The section prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff training, or other administrative functions unless the agency head approves in writing. The agency head is required to consider the use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet the needs of the activity before approving travel.

Section 109 provides that, notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S., costs for lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$225.

Section 110 authorizes the LBC to approve budget amendments for new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects.

Section 111 requires reviews for transfers comply with ch. 216, maximize the use of available and appropriate funds, and not be contrary to legislative policy and intent.

Section 112 provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., state agencies are authorized to purchase vehicles from non-State Term Contract vendors provided certain conditions are met.

Section 113 amends s. 11.52, F.S., to require state agencies to provide information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation.

Section 114 amends s. 216.013, F.S., to provide that state executive agencies and the judicial branch are not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2026, for the 2027-2028 fiscal year, except in circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.

Section 115 amends s. 216.023, F.S., to require each state agency and the judicial branch, as part of their legislative budget request, to include an inventory of all ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The inventory must include specified information.

Section 116 requires 75 percent of the funding for certain IT projects to be held in reserve and authorizes budget amendments contingent on a spend plan and monthly status reporting requirements.

Section 117 specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed.

Section 118 provides that, if any other act passed during the 2026 Regular Session contains a provision that is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but removes or otherwise is not subject to the future repeal applied by this act, the intent is for the other provision to take precedence and continue to operate.

Section 119 provides for severability.

Section 120 provides for a general effective date of July 1, 2026 (except as otherwise provided).

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Because SB 2502 implements provisions of SB 2500, the Senate GAA for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, no direct fiscal impacts are created by this bill.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 11.52, 24.105, 215.18, 215.5586, 216.013, 216.023, 216.181, 216.262, 216.292, 259.105, 282.201, 288.001, 288.014, 288.0175, 288.065, 288.0655, 288.80125, 339.135, 375.041, 376.91, 381.986, 394.9082, 403.890, 409.915, 409.990, 409.915, 409.9913, 443.1113, 627.351, 717.123, 908, 1033, 934.50, and 1001.451.

This bill reenacts the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 27.40, 27.5304, 215.32, 284.51, 282.709, 376.3071, 380.5105, 393.066, and 445.08.

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 288.013, 1001.4511, and 1009.635

The bill creates undesignated sections of Florida law.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.