

By the Committee on Appropriations

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A bill to be entitled
An act implementing the 2026-2027 General
Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;
incorporating by reference certain calculations;
amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the services
required to be provided by regional consortium service
organizations under certain circumstances; revising
the allocation that certain regional consortium
service organizations are eligible to receive from the
General Appropriations Act; requiring regional
consortium service organizations to submit certain
annual reports to the Department of Education;
requiring the carry forward of certain unexpended
funds; requiring each regional consortium service
organization to provide quarterly financial reports to
member districts; requiring member districts to
designate fiscal agent districts for certain purposes;
providing for compensation of fiscal agent districts;
providing for certain personnel recommendations,
policies, salary schedules, and job descriptions;
authorizing the purchase or lease of property and
facilities; providing for the distribution of certain
revenues upon dissolution of a regional consortium
service organization; revising authorized means of
revenue generation; requiring the establishment of a
fund balance for certain purposes; providing for the
future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
text; creating s. 1001.4511, F.S.; creating the
Regional Consortia Service Organization Supplemental

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Services Program; authorizing the use of program funds for specified purposes; requiring each regional consortium service organization to annually report certain information to the Legislature; authorizing the carryforward of certain funds; creating s. 1009.635, F.S.; establishing the Rural Incentive for Professional Educators (RIPE) Program within the Department of Education for a specified purpose; providing eligibility requirements for the program; providing for student loan repayment assistance, up to a specified amount; requiring the department to verify certain participant information before disbursement of an award; specifying that the program is administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the department; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules by a specified date; authorizing certain state university boards of trustees to accept a health care provider's procurement methods and construction contracts under certain circumstances; authorizing the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University board of trustees to expend available reserves or carryforward certain balances for a specified purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign Medicaid funding for specified purposes, subject to certain limitations; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories or to

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59 increase budget authority for certain purposes;
60 specifying the time period within which such budget
61 amendment must be submitted; amending s. 381.986,
62 F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the exemption of
63 certain rules pertaining to the medical use of
64 marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;
65 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
66 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional
67 spending authority to implement specified programs and
68 payments; requiring institutions participating in a
69 specified workforce expansion and education program to
70 provide quarterly reports to the agency; authorizing
71 the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
72 budget amendment for a specified purpose; authorizing
73 the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
74 budget amendment requesting additional spending
75 authority to implement the Low Income Pool component
76 of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance
77 Demonstration up to a certain amount; requiring that
78 the amendment include a signed attestation and
79 acknowledgment for entities relating to the Low Income
80 Pool; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
81 Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting
82 additional spending authority to implement certain
83 payments and specified programs; authorizing the
84 Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
85 budget amendment requesting additional spending
86 authority to implement a certified expenditure program
87 for emergency medical transportation services;

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authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program; requiring such amendment to include specified information; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty hospitals; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to create the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force for a certain purpose; requiring the task force to evaluate certain information and develop recommendations; providing for membership of the task force; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide staff support; authorizing staff from specified agencies to provide additional expertise; providing for meetings of the task force; providing that members of the task force serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses; requiring the task force to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within specified areas of the department based on implementation of the Guardianship Assistance

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Program; authorizing the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support certain refugee programs; requiring the Department of Children and Families to submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support specified federal grant programs; reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S., relating to community services and treatment; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of a managing entity to carry forward certain unexpended funds; specifying that nonqualified funds carried forward are not included in a cumulative cap on the percentage that may be carried forward; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.; requiring that core services funding be allocated as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the Department of Children and Families to continue to collect certain data from community-based care lead agencies and to use a certain Tiered Funding Model; requiring community-based care lead agencies to submit certain data to the department; requiring the department to conduct certain ongoing performance monitoring; requiring the department to provide monthly status reports to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring

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the department to submit a final report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring that certain funds held by a community-based care lead agency and carried forward be returned to the Department of Children and Families; requiring the department to hold such funds in a separate account and report certain information to specified entities; providing for the reversion of such funds to the General Revenue Fund; authorizing the Department of Health 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 a certain condition is met; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if a certain condition is met; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19 relief funds become available; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to replace the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a specified new system; specifying items that may not be included in the new system; providing directives to the Agency for Health Care Administration related to the new Florida Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to meet certain

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requirements in replacing FMMIS and the current Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement a specified program governance structure that includes an executive steering committee composed of specified members; providing the duties of the executive steering committee; requiring the establishment of specified working groups; providing the composition of such groups; providing requirements for such groups; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract for a certain assessment of the agency's Medicaid management information system (MMIS); providing requirements for the assessment; requiring submission of the assessment to specified entities by a certain date; requiring the agency to develop a new time-phased implementation roadmap for the MMIS replacement based on the assessment; requiring the agency to submit the roadmap to specified entities by a certain date; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for certain prescribed drugs and biological products; providing specifications for such contract; authorizing the issuance or renewal of certain inactive or partially inactive licenses to skilled nursing providers and requiring the extension of certificate-of-need

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validity periods under certain circumstances;
providing for subsequent renewal periods of such
inactive licenses and validity periods under certain
circumstances; authorizing the Agency for Persons with
Disabilities to submit budget amendments to transfer
funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation
categories for a specified purpose; authorizing the
Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget
amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum-Home and
Community-Based Waiver category for a specified
purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
Administration and the Agency for Persons with
Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a
specified timeframe for a specified purpose;
authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative
Budget Commission approval, requesting certain
authority for certain purposes relating to veterans'
nursing homes; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending
for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain
funds used for the hospital directed payment program;
authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
expend certain funds and submit budget amendments,
subject to certain approval, for the planning and
construction of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and
Adult Day Health Center in a specified county;
authorizing the department to apply for a specified
federal grant for the Collier County State Veterans'
Nursing Home; authorizing the Department of Elderly

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Affairs to submit a budget amendment requesting certain authority for an Adult Care Food Program or the Older Americans Act under certain circumstances; amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of the Department of Corrections to submit a budget amendment for additional positions and appropriations under certain circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority and related repayment requirements for temporary trust fund loans to the state court system which are sufficient to meet the system's appropriation; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to review county juvenile detention payments to determine whether a county has met specified financial responsibilities; requiring that amounts owed by a certain county for such financial responsibilities be deducted from certain county funds; requiring the Department of Revenue to transfer withheld funds to a specified trust fund; requiring the Department of Revenue to ensure that such reductions in amounts distributed do not reduce distributions below amounts necessary for certain payments due on bonds and to comply with bond covenants; requiring the Department of Revenue to notify the Department of Juvenile Justice if bond payment requirements mandate a reduction in deductions for amounts owed by a county; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to take certain actions; reenacting s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and

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(7), F.S., relating to court-appointed counsel;
providing for the future expiration and reversion of
specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s.
27.5304, F.S., relating to the extension for 1 fiscal
year of limitations on compensation for representation
in criminal proceedings; providing for the future
expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal
year provisions authorizing local law enforcement
agencies to apply to the State Board of Immigration
Enforcement to provide bonus payments for certain
certified correctional officers; amending s. 934.50,
F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder Grant
Program within the Department of Law Enforcement;
providing the purpose of the program; providing
eligibility requirements; requiring the department to
develop an application process and allocate funds on a
first-come, first-served basis; requiring that grants
be matched by local funds in a specified percentage;
authorizing the department to waive the matching funds
requirement for certain agencies; defining the term
"first responder agency"; authorizing the department
to adopt rules; authorizing emergency rulemaking;
requiring the Department of Management Services, with
the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant
broker services to renegotiate or reprocur certain
private lease agreements for office or storage space;
requiring the Department of Management Services to
provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature

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by a specified date; prohibiting an agency from transferring funds from a data processing category to another category other than another data processing category; authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain categories between departments for purposes of aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance and for human resources services purchased per statewide contract; authorizing the Department of Management Services to use certain facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses; authorizing the Department of Management Services to submit budget amendments for an increase in appropriation under certain circumstances; requiring that such amendments include specified information; requiring the Department of Financial Services to replace specified components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of Financial Services from including certain components in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing requirements for the Department of Financial Services related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the composition of an executive steering committee to oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing requirements for the executive steering committee chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the

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executive steering committee; reenacting s.
282.709(3), F.S., relating to the state agency law
enforcement radio system and interoperability network;
providing for future expiration and reversion of
specified statutory text; authorizing state agencies
and other eligible users of the Statewide Law
Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of
Management Services contract to purchase equipment and
services; requiring that a specified transaction fee
percentage for use of the online procurement system be
collected for a specified fiscal year; amending s.
24.105, F.S.; specifying requirements for the adoption
of rules of the Department of the Lottery, excluding
certain rules for 1 fiscal year regarding the
commission for lottery ticket sales; limiting
additional retailer compensation in a specified
manner; providing for the future expiration and
reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.
627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year the specified
authority of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation;
amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; extending for 1 year the
homeowner eligibility criteria for a hurricane
mitigation grant from the My Safe Florida Home
Program; providing that certain funds appropriated to
the Department of Financial Services may be carried
forward through a specified fiscal year; authorizing
the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds
between departments to align the budget authority
granted based on the estimated costs for data

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processing services for a specified fiscal year;
limiting the auxiliary assessments that may be charged
to state agencies related to contract management
services provided to the Northwest Regional Data
Center; reenacting and amending s. 284.51, F.S.,
relating to the electroencephalogram combined
transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment (eTMS)
pilot program; extending for 1 year the expiration of
the program; requiring the Department of Financial
Services to continue its existing contract for the
establishment of the eTMS pilot program for veterans
and first responders; amending s. 717.123, F.S.;
authorizing the Department of Financial Services to
retain specified funds, not to exceed a certain
amount; requiring that the funds be held in a separate
account; requiring the department to make prompt
payment of certain claims from the separate account;
amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year
certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust
funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in
certain circumstances; requiring the Department of
Environmental Protection to transfer designated
proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land
Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land
acquisition trust funds in the Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission according to specified parameters and
calculations; defining the term "department";

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requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified purposes; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; requiring that proceeds from a specified trust fund be distributed as provided in the General Appropriations Act for a specified fiscal year; amending s. 376.91, F.S.; extending for 1 year the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain circumstances; providing for future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland Protection Trust Fund; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; requiring the Department of Citrus to enter into agreements for specified purposes by a certain date; requiring the Department of Citrus to file certain information with the department's Inspector General; reenacting s. 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use specified funds to provide grants for a specified purpose; amending s. 403.890, F.S.;

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authorizing the use of revenues deposited into or appropriated to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund as provided in the General Appropriations Act; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund be appropriated in a specified manner; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to lease an existing facility and administer a specified program; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for the National School Lunch Program; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that the use of funds in the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending for 1 year the authority for the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve certain work program amendments under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Transportation to request a specified amount of budget authority to the extent necessary to advance or defer certain projects in the Work Program and align resources for a specified purpose; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that certain appropriated funds relating to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a specified manner; creating s. 288.013, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Office of Rural

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Prosperity within the Department of Commerce;
requiring the Governor to appoint a director, subject
to Senate confirmation; providing that the director
reports to and serves at the pleasure of the secretary
of the department; providing duties of the office;
requiring the office to establish and staff a certain
number of regional rural community liaison centers for
a specified purpose; providing the powers and duties
of the liaison centers; requiring coordination between
certain entities; requiring the liaison centers to
engage with the Rural Economic Development Initiative
(REDI); requiring at least one staff member of a
liaison center to attend the monthly REDI meetings in
person or by means of electronic communication;
requiring the director of the office to submit a
report to the Administration Commission within the
Executive Office of the Governor; specifying
requirements for the report; requiring that the report
also be submitted to the Legislature by a specified
date and published on the office's website; requiring
the director of the office to attend the next
Administration Commission meeting to present detailed
information from the annual report; amending s.
288.001, F.S.; requiring the Florida Small Business
Development Center Network to use certain funds
appropriated for a specified purpose; authorizing the
network to dedicate funds to facilitate certain
events; creating s. 288.014, F.S.; providing
legislative findings; requiring the Office of Rural

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Prosperity to administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block grants to eligible communities; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify to the Office of Rural Prosperity certain information by a specified date; defining the term "growth-impeded"; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify annually that a county remains growth-impeded until certain conditions are met; providing that a county is eligible to participate in the program for 1 additional year under certain circumstances; requiring participating counties to enter into an agreement with the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive a block grant; giving such counties certain authority; prohibiting the Office of Rural Prosperity from determining how such counties implement the block grant; requiring regional rural community liaison center staff to provide certain assistance; requiring participating counties to report certain information to the Office of Rural Prosperity; providing that a participating county receives a specified amount from funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share of the funds appropriated under certain circumstances; requiring participating counties to limit certain expenses; authorizing participating counties to supplement the block grant with other funding sources; requiring participating counties to hire and retain a renaissance coordinator; providing the responsibilities of the renaissance coordinator;

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494 requiring the regional rural community liaison center
495 staff to provide assistance and training to the
496 renaissance coordinator, upon request; requiring
497 participating counties to design a certain plan;
498 specifying requirements for such plan; requiring
499 participating counties to develop intergovernmental
500 agreements with certain entities to implement the
501 plan; requiring the Auditor General to conduct an
502 operational audit of each county's grant activities;
503 requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic
504 Research to submit a certain report to the
505 Legislature; specifying requirements for the report;
506 providing that funds appropriated from the program are
507 not subject to reversion; creating s. 288.0175, F.S.;
508 creating the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology
509 Grant Program within the Office of Rural Prosperity;
510 defining terms; requiring the office to contract with
511 one or more smart technology lead organizations to
512 administer the grant program for a specified purpose;
513 providing the criteria for such contracts; requiring
514 that a summary of projects funded by the grant program
515 be included in the office's annual report; amending s.
516 288.065, F.S.; establishing the Rural Community
517 Development Revolving Loan Fund within the Office of
518 Rural Prosperity, rather than the Department of
519 Commerce; defining the term "unit of local
520 government"; requiring the office to include in its
521 annual report certain information about the Rural
522 Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; providing

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for future expiration and reversion of specified
statutory text; authorizing the Division of Emergency
Management to submit budget amendments to increase
budget authority for certain expenditures under
certain circumstances; amending s. 282.201, F.S.;
extending for 1 year the Division of Emergency
Management's exemption from the use of the state data
center; amending s. 443.1113, F.S.; providing that
certain improvements to the Reemployment Assistance
Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to
appropriation; revising the date a certain report from
the Department of Commerce is required to be
submitted; revising the report requirements; providing
for the future expiration and reversion of specified
statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 445.08,
F.S., relating to the Florida Law Enforcement
Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; extending the
program for 1 year; authorizing the Department of
Commerce to submit budget amendments to increase
budget authority to support specified federal grant
programs; requiring the Department of Management
Services to assess an administrative health insurance
assessment on each state agency; providing the rate of
such assessment; defining the term "state agency";
requiring the Department of Management Services to
take certain actions in case of delinquencies;
requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer
funds under specified circumstances; requiring state
agencies to provide a list of positions that qualify

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for a certain exception by a specified date and to
update the list monthly thereafter; requiring state
agencies to include the administrative health
insurance assessment in their indirect cost plan
beginning for a specified fiscal year and annually
thereafter; requiring agencies to notify the
Department of Management Services, the Executive
Office of the Governor, and the Legislature regarding
the approval of their updated indirect cost plans;
authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to
transfer budget authority between agencies in
specified circumstances; providing that the annual
salaries of the members of the Legislature be
maintained at a specified level for a specified fiscal
year; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating to
the authorization for transferring unappropriated cash
balances from selected trust funds to the Budget
Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing
for the future expiration and reversion of specified
statutory text; specifying the type of travel which
may be used with state employee travel funds for a
specified fiscal year; providing exceptions; providing
applicability; providing a monetary cap on lodging
costs for state employee travel to certain meetings
organized or sponsored by a state agency or the
judicial branch; authorizing employees to expend their
own funds for lodging expenses that exceed the
monetary caps; providing construction; amending s.
216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the

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authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain transfers; authorizing state agencies to purchase vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the Department of Management Services under certain circumstances; amending s. 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency reporting requirements regarding implementation of legislation; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year an exception from certain planning requirements; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; extending for 1 year a requirement that certain entities include a specified inventory in their legislative budget requests; requiring that a specified percentage of funds appropriated for information technology projects be held in reserve and that general revenue funds not held in reserve be released; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of Financial Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission, Department of Health, and Department of Revenue to submit a budget amendment to request release of funds; limiting the amount that may be requested; providing that release is contingent upon certain submissions; requiring entities receiving such funds to submit monthly project status reports to certain entities; providing requirements for such status reports;

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providing conditions under which the veto of certain appropriations or proviso language in the General Appropriations Act voids language that implements such appropriation; providing for the continued operation of certain provisions notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided by the act; providing for severability; providing for contingent retroactivity; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled "Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated February 18, 2026, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state law, in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 80 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the school readiness reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled "School Readiness Program

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Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated February 18, 2026, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference, consistent with the requirements of state law, in making appropriations for the school readiness program allocation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 102 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the development of new programs and services:

(1) School districts with 20,000 or fewer unweighted full-time equivalent students, developmental research (laboratory) schools established pursuant to s. 1002.32, and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind may enter into cooperative agreements to form a regional consortium service organization. Each regional consortium service organization shall provide any ~~at a minimum, three~~ of the following services determined necessary and appropriate by the board of directors:

(a) Exceptional student education;

(b) Safe schools support ~~teacher education centers;~~
~~environmental education;~~

(c) State and federal grant procurement and coordination;

(d) Data services processing; health

(e) Insurance services;

(f) Risk management ~~insurance;~~

(g) Professional learning;

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(h) College, career, and workforce development;

(i) Business and operational services ~~staff development;~~

(j) Purchasing; or

(k) Planning and accountability.

(2)(a) Each regional consortium service organization composed ~~that consists~~ of four or more school districts is eligible to receive, through the Department of Education, subject to the funds provided in the General Appropriations Act, an allocation ~~incentive grant~~ of \$150,000 ~~\$50,000~~ per school district and eligible member to be used for the delivery of services within ~~the~~ participating school districts. The determination of services and use of such funds must ~~shall~~ be established by the board of directors of the regional consortium service organization. The funds must ~~shall~~ be distributed to each regional consortium service organization no later than 30 days following the release of the funds to the department. Each regional consortium service organization shall submit an annual report to the department regarding the use of funds for consortia services. Unexpended amounts in any fund in a consortium's current year operating budget must be carried forward and included as the balance forward for that fund in the approved operating budget for the following year. Each regional consortium service organization shall provide quarterly financial reports to member districts.

(b) Member districts shall designate a district to serve as a fiscal agent for contractual and reporting purposes. Such fiscal agent district is entitled to reasonable compensation for accounting and other services performed. The regional consortium service organization shall retain all funds received from grants

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697 or contracted services to cover indirect or administrative costs
698 associated with the provision of such services. The regional
699 consortium service organization board of directors shall
700 determine the products and services to be provided by the
701 consortium; however, in all contractual matters, the school
702 board of the fiscal agent district shall act on proposed actions
703 of the regional consortium service organization.

704 (c) The regional consortium service organization board of
705 directors shall recommend establishment of positions and
706 individuals for appointment to the fiscal agent district.
707 Personnel must be employed under the personnel policies of the
708 fiscal agent district and are deemed to be public employees of
709 the fiscal agent district. The regional consortium service
710 organization board of directors may recommend a salary schedule
711 and job descriptions specific to its personnel.

712 (d) The regional consortium service organization may
713 purchase or lease property and facilities essential for its
714 operations and is responsible for their maintenance and
715 associated overhead costs.

716 (e) If a regional consortium service organization is
717 dissolved, any revenue from the sale of assets must be
718 distributed among the member districts as determined by the
719 board of directors ~~Application for incentive grants shall be~~
720 ~~made to the Commissioner of Education by July 30 of each year~~
721 ~~for distribution to qualifying regional consortium service~~
722 ~~organizations by January 1 of the fiscal year.~~

723 (5) The board of directors of a regional consortium service
724 organization may use various means to generate revenue in
725 support of its activities, including, but not limited to,

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726 contracting for services to nonmember districts. The board of
727 directors may acquire, enjoy, use, and dispose of patents,
728 copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and associated ~~other~~
729 rights or interests ~~thereunder or therein~~. Ownership of all such
730 patents, copyrights, trademarks, licenses, and associated rights
731 or interests ~~thereunder or therein shall~~ vest in the state, with
732 the board of directors having full right of use and full right
733 to retain associated ~~the~~ revenues ~~derived therefrom~~. Any funds
734 realized from contracted services, patents, copyrights,
735 trademarks, or licenses are ~~shall be~~ considered internal funds
736 as provided in s. 1011.07. A fund balance must be established
737 for maintaining or expanding services, facilities maintenance,
738 terminal pay, and other liabilities ~~Such funds shall be used to~~
739 ~~support the organization's marketing and research and~~
740 ~~development activities in order to improve and increase services~~
741 ~~to its member districts.~~

742 Section 5. The amendments to s. 1001.451, Florida Statutes,
743 made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that
744 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,
745 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
746 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
747 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
748 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

749 Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 102
750 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 1001.4511,
751 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

752 1001.4511 Regional Consortia Service Organization
753 Supplemental Services Program.—

754 (1) There is created the Regional Consortia Service

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Organization Supplemental Services Program to increase the ability of regional consortium service organizations under s. 1001.451 to provide programs and services to consortia members through cooperative agreements. Program funds may be used to supplement member needs related to transportation; district finance personnel services; property insurance, including property insurance obtained from any source; cybersecurity support; school safety; college, career, and workforce development; academic support; and behavior support within exceptional student education services.

(2) Each regional consortium service organization shall annually report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the distribution of funds, including members awarded and services provided.

(3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, funds allocated for this purpose which are not disbursed by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the funds are allocated may be carried forward for up to 5 years after the effective date of the original appropriation.

(4) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 7. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 64A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 1009.635, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.635 Rural Incentive for Professional Educators Program.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Rural Incentive for Professional Educators (RIPE) Program is established within the Department of Education to support the recruitment and retention of qualified instructional personnel in rural communities. The program shall

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784 provide financial assistance for the repayment of student loans
785 for eligible participants who establish permanent residency and
786 employment in rural areas of opportunity.

787 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible to participate
788 in the RIPE Program if he or she does all of the following:

789 (a) Establishes permanent residency on or after July 1,
790 2026, in a rural area of opportunity as designated pursuant to
791 s. 288.0656. The address on an individual's state-issued
792 identification card or driver license is evidence of residence.

793 (b) Secures full-time employment as a teacher or
794 administrator in a private school as defined in s. 1002.01, or
795 as instructional or administrative personnel as those terms are
796 defined in s. 1012.01(2) and (3), respectively, in the public
797 school district located within the same rural area of
798 opportunity as he or she resides.

799 (c) Holds an associate degree, bachelor's degree,
800 postgraduate degree, or certificate from an accredited
801 institution earned before establishing residency.

802 (d) Has an active student loan balance incurred for the
803 completion of the qualifying degree or certificate.

804 (3) LOAN REPAYMENT.—Eligible participants may receive up to
805 \$15,000 in total student loan repayment assistance over 5 years,
806 disbursed in annual payments not to exceed \$3,000 per year.
807 Payments must be made directly to the lender servicing the
808 participant's student loan.

809 (4) AWARD DISTRIBUTION.—Before disbursement of an award,
810 the department shall verify that the participant:

811 (a) Has maintained continuous employment with the school
812 district in an instructional or administrative position;

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813 (b) Has received a rating of effective or highly effective
814 pursuant to s. 1012.34; and

815 (c) Has not been placed on probation, had his or her
816 certificate suspended or revoked, or been placed on the
817 disqualification list, pursuant to s. 1012.796.

818 (5) ADMINISTRATION.—The program shall be administered by
819 the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Department
820 of Education, which shall:

821 (a) Develop application procedures requiring documentation,
822 including proof of residency, verification of employment,
823 official academic transcripts, and details of outstanding
824 student loans; and

825 (b) Monitor compliance with program requirements.

826 (6) RULEMAKING.—The State Board of Education shall adopt
827 rules no later than January 31, 2027, to administer this
828 section.

829 (7) EXPIRATION.—This section expires July 1, 2027.

830 Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17
831 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a state university
832 board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay
833 project with a health care provider may accept the health care
834 provider's procurement methods and construction contracts
835 entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care provider
836 for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance
837 approved by the Board of Governors. This section expires July 1,
838 2027.

839 Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152
840 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding
841 ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the Florida

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Agricultural and Mechanical University board of trustees may expend available reserves or carry forward balances from previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or from tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, 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.

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A single budget amendment must be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

(17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement the federally approved directed payment program for hospitals statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education program for certain institutions participating in a graduate medical education or nursing education program. For institutions participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education program, the budget amendment must identify the educational institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing the number of nurses participating in the program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to support the state match required. In addition, for each entity included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be provided which includes the charity care cost upon which the Low Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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929 Section 16. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
930 222 and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
931 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
932 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
933 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service
934 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for
935 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners
936 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental
937 school, or a public hospital. This section expires July 1, 2027.

938 Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
939 220, 223, and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
940 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
941 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
942 additional spending authority to implement a certified
943 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation
944 services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

945 Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
946 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
947 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
948 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
949 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
950 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, requesting
951 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate
952 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a
953 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities
954 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public
955 expenditures to support the state match required. This section
956 expires July 1, 2027.

957 Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes, providing comprehensive acute care services to children with Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 201 and 228 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within the Agency for Health Care Administration to evaluate the delivery of applied behavior analysis services in a manner that promotes high-quality, family-centered care while ensuring long-term financial sustainability of the Medicaid program and cost predictability without disrupting access for current enrollees and families.

(2) The task force shall evaluate:

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987 (a) Clinical care models that lead to best practices for
988 the provision of therapy at the appropriate ages;

989 (b) Appropriate transitions for enrollees receiving ABA
990 services across developmental, educational, and community
991 settings;

992 (c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;

993 (d) Limits and utilization controls related to the length
994 of time ABA services may be authorized;

995 (e) Potential caps on the number of months an enrollee may
996 receive ABA services; and

997 (f) Ways to enhance Medicaid provider enrollment and
998 billing standards for ABA services to promote program integrity
999 and fiscal accountability.

1000 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for
1001 revising the state's service delivery model to improve care
1002 experience and service continuity for enrollees and families
1003 receiving ABA services, while safeguarding long-term program
1004 sustainability.

1005 (4) The task force shall consist of 10 members as provided
1006 in this subsection.

1007 (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or
1008 her designee, shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of
1009 the task force and shall serve as the chair.

1010 (b) The remainder of the task force membership shall be
1011 composed as follows:

1012 1. Two members appointed by the Governor, three members
1013 appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members
1014 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, based
1015 upon the criteria of this subparagraph. The appointing officers

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1016 must make their appointments prioritizing members who have the
1017 following experience or expertise:

1018 a. Persons with academic credentials or scientific
1019 expertise relating to autism and applied behavior analysis;

1020 b. Representatives of the applied behavior analysis
1021 provider community;

1022 c. Representatives of Medicaid managed care plans with
1023 managerial experience and expertise relating to autism and
1024 applied behavior analysis; or

1025 d. Physicians licensed under chapter 458, Florida Statutes,
1026 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, with expertise relating to
1027 autism and applied behavior analysis.

1028 2. One family member of a Medicaid managed care plan
1029 enrollee who receives applied behavior analysis services,
1030 appointed by the Governor.

1031 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration shall
1032 coordinate with the appointing officers to ensure the task
1033 force's membership adequately represents the criteria provided
1034 under paragraph (b).

1035 (d) Any vacancy occurring on the task force must be filled
1036 in the same manner as the original appointment.

1037 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration must provide
1038 staff support for the work of the task force, and staff from the
1039 Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families,
1040 the Department of Education, and the Agency for Persons with
1041 Disabilities may provide additional expertise.

1042 (6) Meetings of the task force may be held through
1043 teleconference or other electronic means. The task force shall
1044 convene for its initial meeting by August 15, 2026, and

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thereafter, upon the call of the chair. Notices for any task force meetings must be published in advance on the Agency for Health Care Administration's website.

(7) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

(8) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2026. The report must include advantages and disadvantages of each recommendation.

(9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 339, 339B, 368 through 369 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the department based on the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments, and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 212, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475, 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the

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Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement due to the ongoing instability of federal immigration policy and the resulting inability of the state to reasonably predict, with certainty, the budgetary needs of this state with respect to the number of refugees relocated to the state as part of those federal programs. The Department of Children and Families shall submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the number of refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of such refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 295 through 390A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the following federal grant programs: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living Services, the Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, the Elder Justice Act, the STOP

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Violence Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 267 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 32 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 393.066, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

393.066 Community services and treatment.—

(2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All purchased services must be approved by the agency. As a condition of payment and before billing, persons or entities under contract with the agency to provide services shall use agency data management systems to document service provision to clients or shall maintain such information in its own data management system and electronically transmit it to the agency data management system in an industry standard electronic format designated by the agency. The agency may not require training on the use of agency data management systems by persons or entities that choose to maintain data in their own data management system, provided that they electronically transmit required information in a format and frequency designated by the agency. Contracted persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware and software technical requirements established by the agency for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also meet any requirements established by the agency for training and professional development of staff providing direct services to

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clients.

Section 26. The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 27. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order to implement Specific Appropriation 382 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

(9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented unexpended funds appropriated from the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the next. Nonqualified funds carried forward pursuant to this paragraph are not included in the 8 percent cumulative cap that may be carried forward. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (10) is added to section 409.9913, Florida Statutes, to read:

409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead agencies.—

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core

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1161 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General
1162 Appropriations Act. The department shall use the Tiered Funding
1163 Model developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant to
1164 section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the baseline
1165 framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements to the
1166 model and shall continue to collect detailed cost, expenditure,
1167 and census data from community-based care lead agencies.

1168 (a) Each lead agency shall submit any cost, expenditure,
1169 and census data requested by the department to support the
1170 continued development and refinement of the Tiered Funding
1171 Model. Lead agencies shall complete and validate a standardized
1172 expenditure report template in the form and manner prescribed by
1173 the department.

1174 (b) The department shall conduct ongoing performance
1175 monitoring by comparing trends in individual metrics against
1176 broadier indicators of system health and shall analyze emerging
1177 market trends that may impact organizational financial
1178 stability. The department's analysis and reporting shall include
1179 a comprehensive explanation of the methodology used to establish
1180 residential group home rates, a description of the current rate-
1181 setting processes employed by each community-based care lead
1182 agency, and recommendations to enhance the fiscal sustainability
1183 and transparency of those processes.

1184 (c) Beginning in July 2026 and continuing through November
1185 2026, the department shall provide monthly status reports to the
1186 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1187 House of Representatives detailing activities and progress
1188 related to the development of the funding methodology, including
1189 preliminary recommendations for adjustments for the subsequent

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1190 fiscal year.

1191 (d) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a
1192 final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
1193 the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes
1194 recommendations for adjustments to the funding methodology for
1195 the next fiscal year. The recommendations shall continue the
1196 Tiered Funding Model approach while proposing enhancements
1197 intended to strengthen operational and financial outcomes.

1198 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1199 Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1200 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A and section 74 of the 2026-2027
1201 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section
1202 409.990, Florida Statutes, to read:

1203 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established
1204 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a
1205 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or
1206 applicable federal funding sources.

1207 (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a
1208 lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of
1209 July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. The department
1210 must hold such funds in a separate account and, by August 1,
1211 2026, report to the chair of the Senate Committee on
1212 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget
1213 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of
1214 Policy and Budget the amount of funds returned by each lead
1215 agency. As of September 30, 2026, all funds returned pursuant to
1216 this subsection shall revert to the General Revenue Fund. This
1217 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1218 Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, 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 will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 476 and 526 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 432 through 593 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19 relief funds become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 33. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

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1248 (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall replace
1249 the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System
1250 (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a system that is
1251 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid
1252 program and that complies with all applicable federal and state
1253 laws and requirements. The agency may not include in the program
1254 to replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

1255 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the information
1256 systems of the other health and human services state agencies;

1257 (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to
1258 Medicaid programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid
1259 technology infrastructure for other purposes without legislative
1260 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these
1261 requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care Connection
1262 (FX) system, must provide better integration with subsystems
1263 supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity, consistency,
1264 and improved access to data; and compatibility with the Centers
1265 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid Information
1266 Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures and expands
1267 its functionality; or

1268 (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not including
1269 staff augmentation services purchased off the Department of
1270 Management Services Information Technology staff augmentation
1271 state term contract which are not deliverables based fixed price
1272 contracts.

1273 (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current
1274 Medicaid fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration
1275 shall:

1276 (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the

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current functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the current Medicaid fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend all or portions of the current fiscal agent contract.

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

(c) Develop and mature an enterprise architecture framework to align the requirements of the FX project phases and overarching program objectives, including completing and maintaining key components such as the Business Capability Model and Business Value Model.

(d) Apply value-based measures to support informed decisionmaking around release readiness and go-live criteria. These measures must be tracked and reported quarterly to the executive steering committee established in paragraph (k) post-implementation to support performance monitoring and continuous improvement.

(e) Through documented FX architecture governance practices, ensure that the Medicaid business needs and the business architecture are the primary drivers of information and technical architecture design decisions. All such decisions must be documented with traceable rationale to promote transparency and accountability across the program. The business, information, and technical architectures must align with the MITA framework where applicable. In areas where MITA guidance is not available, alignment will be maintained through adherence to The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF).

(f) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published MITA framework and guidelines. The agency shall:

1. Implement an Enterprise Architecture (EA) management

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1306 tool that supports an integrated approach to FX program
1307 architecture. The EA tool must serve as a centralized repository
1308 for the FX Business Process Inventory and support the integrated
1309 management and oversight of the FX business, technical, and
1310 information architectures.

1311 2. Establish governance structures and define user roles
1312 within the EA tool for the business, technical, and information
1313 architecture components.

1314 (g) Ensure that all business requirements and technical
1315 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies
1316 for their review and input and approved by the executive
1317 steering committee.

1318 (h) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's
1319 working group for interagency information technology integration
1320 for the development of competitive solicitations that provide
1321 for data interoperability and shared information technology
1322 services across the state's health and human services agencies.

1323 (i) Implement a data governance structure for the program
1324 to coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state
1325 health care entities.

1326 (j) Establish a continuing oversight team for each contract
1327 pursuant to s. 287.057(26), Florida Statutes. The teams must
1328 provide quarterly reports to the executive steering committee,
1329 summarizing the status of the contract, the pace of
1330 deliverables, the quality of deliverables, contractor
1331 responsiveness, and contractor performance.

1332 (k) Implement a program governance structure that includes
1333 an executive steering committee composed of:

1334 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or the

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executive sponsor of the program.

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

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

4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy and Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

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

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

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

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

a. The FX program director.

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

c. A representative from the agency's Division of

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Administration.

d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.

e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.

f. The FX program project managers.

g. The FX program risk manager.

h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.

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

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

a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.

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

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

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

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1393 e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids
1394 Corporation.

1395 f. A representative from the Department of Elderly Affairs,
1396 appointed by the Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

1397 g. The state chief information officer, or his or her
1398 designee.

1399 h. A representative of the Department of Financial Services
1400 who has experience with the state's financial processes,
1401 including development of the PALM system, appointed by the Chief
1402 Financial Officer.

1403 2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to
1404 review the program status and all program operations, policies,
1405 risks, and issues that may impact the operations external to the
1406 Agency for Health Care Administration FX program, and shall
1407 develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for
1408 improvement. The chair shall request input from the working
1409 group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program
1410 shall make available program staff to the group to provide
1411 system demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed,
1412 for the group to fulfill its duties.

1413 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
1414 responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS
1415 and the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business
1416 objectives and shall:

1417 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the
1418 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1419 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to
1420 implement the modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest
1421 extent possible, the state's health care data and business

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processes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) Approve all major program deliverables.

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

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract for a comprehensive, independent technical architecture and feasibility assessment of the agency's Medicaid management information system (MMIS), including components completed under the FX project.

(1) The assessment must evaluate the agency's current technical architecture and technology standards related to its MMIS replacement activities and assess alignment with all

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1451 applicable federal and state laws and requirements, including,
1452 but not limited to, the federal Centers for Medicare and
1453 Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Patient Access Rule
1454 (CMS-9115), the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture
1455 (MITA) frameworks and guidelines, and recognized industry and
1456 governmental best practices, including CMS modularity guidance
1457 and National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity
1458 standards.

1459 (2) The assessment must, at a minimum:

1460 (a) Identify and document current deficiencies in the
1461 technical architecture, system design, and standards that may
1462 affect long-term sustainability, including issues related to
1463 maintainability, scalability, security, interoperability,
1464 technical debt, vendor dependency, and compliance with evolving
1465 federal and state requirements.

1466 (b) Develop a future-state technical architecture that is
1467 driven by and aligned with the business architecture, Medicaid
1468 program needs, and CMS modularity and interoperability
1469 principles, including identification of core components,
1470 interfaces, data flows, and applicable standards.

1471 (c) Evaluate the feasibility of transitioning from the
1472 current-state architecture to the future-state architecture,
1473 including phased or modular implementation options, associated
1474 risks, estimated costs, implementation timelines, operational
1475 impacts, and implications for federal funding eligibility.

1476 (d) Prioritize replacement of the functionality provided
1477 under the current fiscal agent contract and recommend a
1478 sustainable path forward, including identification of any
1479 prerequisite governance, policy, or remediation actions required

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1480 prior to implementation.

1481 (e) Assess the agency's readiness to implement and operate
1482 the recommended solution, including evaluation of governance
1483 structures, staffing capacity, and resource sufficiency.

1484 (3) The completed assessment must be submitted
1485 simultaneously to the Agency for Health Care Administration, the
1486 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of
1487 the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive
1488 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by January
1489 8, 2027.

1490 (4) Based on the results of the assessment, the Agency for
1491 Health Care Administration shall develop a new time-phased
1492 implementation roadmap with measurable success criteria for the
1493 MMIS replacement that aligns investments with the agency's
1494 Medicaid program goals and business strategy. The agency must
1495 submit the roadmap to chair of the Senate Committee on
1496 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget
1497 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of
1498 Policy and Budget by February 2, 2027.

1499 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1500 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1501 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027
1502 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care
1503 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,
1504 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of
1505 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall
1506 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for
1507 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological
1508 products excluded from the program established under s.

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381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s. 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these products for participating agencies when feasible and advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 238 through 245 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, notwithstanding ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), Florida Statutes:

(1)(a) An inactive license or a partially inactive license with an expiration date on or after June 1, 2024, may be issued or renewed to a skilled nursing provider subject to the certificate-of-need provisions in part I of chapter 408, Florida Statutes, if the provider currently holds an active or inactive license, does not have a provisional license, and will be temporarily unable to provide services due to impacts from a natural disaster or state of emergency; or will be deactivating or has deactivated beds to improve and modernize the licensee's physical plant, but is reasonably expected to resume services within 48 months.

(b) Such issuance or renewal may be made for a period of 12 months and may be further renewed for up to 36 additional months upon demonstration by the licensee of the provider's progress toward reopening. During each 12-month renewal cycle, the applicant shall attest that good-faith progress towards commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is delayed by litigation or by governmental action or inaction with

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1538 respect to regulations or permitting that precludes commencement
1539 of the project.

1540 (2) (a) The certificate-of-need validity period for a
1541 project shall be extended by the agency if the certificateholder
1542 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that good-faith
1543 progress toward the commencement of the project is ongoing or
1544 that the project is delayed by litigation or by government
1545 action or inaction with respect to regulations or permitting
1546 that precludes commencement of the project.

1547 (b) Such extension may be made for a period of 12 months
1548 and may be renewed for up to 36 additional months upon
1549 demonstration by the certificateholder of the progress towards
1550 opening. During each 12-month validity period renewal cycle, the
1551 certificateholder shall attest that good-faith progress towards
1552 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is
1553 being delayed by litigation or by governmental action or
1554 inaction.

1555 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1556 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1557 272, 277, 278, 283, 288, and 289 of the 2026-2027 General
1558 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
1559 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may
1560 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
1561 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to
1562 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation
1563 categories to categories used for contractual services in order
1564 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the
1565 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,
1566 2027.

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Section 38. In order to implement section 66 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 231 and 254 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the action, to increase budget authority to support the implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 594 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing

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homes, if the department projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

(b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to:

(1) Expend funds pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between the department and the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, as well as funds appropriated in chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, for the planning and construction of a new State Veterans’ Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Center in Collier County.

(2) Apply for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Construction Grant for the Collier County State Veterans'
Nursing Home.

(3) Submit budget amendments subject to the notice, review,
and objection procedures in s. 216.177, 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.

This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
404 and 406 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,
subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
United States Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food
Program or the Older Americans Act if additional federal
revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This
section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
626 through 718 and 729 through 782 of the 2026-2027 General
Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

216.262 Authorized positions.—

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating
to increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the
2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate
population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate

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population projections of the December 23 ~~February 21~~, 2025, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue sufficient to provide 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. All actions taken pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 45. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 3340 through 3409 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

(2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.

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The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 46. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1183 through 1194 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865, Florida Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile Justice determines that a county has not met its obligations, the department shall direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes. The Department of Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld to the Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

(2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties before July 1, 2026, for which distributions made pursuant to s. 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to

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any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed pursuant to subsection (1) does not reduce the amount of distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the Department of Revenue must notify the Department of Juvenile Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the Department of Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of such amount to the affected county.

(3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 52 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

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

(1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office

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of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public defender has certified to the court in writing that the public defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

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

(3) In using a registry:

(a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

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1770 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief
1771 judge and by general law for court appointment;

1772 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases
1773 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

1774 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for
1775 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

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1777 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a
1778 contract for services with the Justice Administrative
1779 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for
1780 services may result in termination of the contract and removal
1781 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible
1782 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice
1783 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.
1784 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination
1785 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until
1786 the requirement is fulfilled.

1787 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve
1788 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of
1789 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms
1790 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for
1791 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the
1792 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform
1793 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with
1794 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and
1795 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's
1796 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is
1797 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

1798 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately

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1799 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance
1800 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms
1801 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1802 (7)(a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the
1803 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as
1804 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection
1805 (1) and paragraph (2)(a) are met. An attorney appointed by the
1806 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under
1807 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment
1808 that there were no registry attorneys available for
1809 representation for that case and only if the requirements of
1810 subsection (1) and paragraph (2)(a) are met.

1811 (b)1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the
1812 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be
1813 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate
1814 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly
1815 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the
1816 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed
1817 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek
1818 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304
1819 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents
1820 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission
1821 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client
1822 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall
1823 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the
1824 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in
1825 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and
1826 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact
1827 information from the records and documents only to the extent

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necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall contemporaneously document such review before authorizing payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption.

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

3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct, unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption.

Section 48. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such

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amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
expire pursuant to this section.

Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11) and paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section are reenacted, to read:

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

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

(3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory

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limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final disposition of a case.

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

(a) At the trial level, compensation for representation for dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved, including any children born during the pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for dependency proceedings.

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

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

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

4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated, compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel

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handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

(b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved, including any children born during the pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an order granting or denying termination of parental rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat fees prescribed under this section and the General Appropriations Act comprise the full and complete compensation for private court-appointed counsel. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the fees in this section are prescribed for the purpose of

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providing counsel with notice of the limit on the amount of compensation for representation in particular proceedings and the sole procedure and requirements for obtaining payment for the same.

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

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

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

(12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and unusual effort.

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

1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a copy of the intended billing, together with supporting

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affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice Administrative Commission.

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

(b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit may have up to two designees.

1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number

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of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

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

(c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice Administrative Commission may contract with other public or private entities or individuals to appear before the court for the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the documentation is not binding on the court.

(d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that

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counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate, depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law. The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However, the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s. 27.40(7).

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

(13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in subsection (5) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may not exceed the following:

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

(b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the

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trial level: \$15,000.

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

(d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:
\$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any
offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state
has not waived seeking the death penalty.

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

(f) This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 50. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and
(12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter
2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),
Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws
of Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of
those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to
that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments
to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved
and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are
not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
this section.

Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

(3)(a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the
State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments
for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate
in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task

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force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer participated in one or more operations and provide any information required by the board. Eligible participation does not include operations occurring solely at state correctional facilities or county detention facilities.

(b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for the agency's certified correctional officers under s. 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under s. 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under s. 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357. The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency must certify to the board that the certified correctional officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at least 6 months preceding the application and provide any information required by the board. Eligible participation does not include operations occurring solely at state correctional facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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Section 52. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1336A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (g) is added to subsection (7) of section 934.50, Florida Statutes, to read:

934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

(7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

(g) Subject to appropriation, the Drone as First Responder Grant Program is created within the Department of Law Enforcement.

1. The grant program shall provide funds to law enforcement agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews, or other first responders that apply for funding to acquire new drones that comply with this section. To be eligible, the applicant must provide the department with any information the department deems necessary. A law enforcement agency, fire service, ambulance service, or other first responder agency may apply directly to the department or a local governmental entity may submit an application on behalf of one or more of its agencies to purchase one or more new drones.

2. The department shall expeditiously develop an application process. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date the department receives the application.

3. Grants must be matched by at least 50 percent local funds, but the department may waive this requirement for agencies solely serving within a fiscally constrained county as described in s. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes. Each grant is limited to a total of \$250,000 per agency and a maximum \$50,000 per drone.

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2176 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "first
2177 responder agency" has the same meaning as in s. 365.179(1)(a).

2178 5. The department may adopt rules to implement this
2179 paragraph. The department is authorized, and all conditions are
2180 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 120.54(4) for the
2181 purpose of implementing this paragraph. Notwithstanding any
2182 other law, emergency rules adopted under this section are
2183 effective for 12 months after adoption and may be renewed during
2184 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing
2185 the subject of the emergency rules.

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2187 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

2188 Section 53. In order to implement appropriations used to
2189 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess
2190 of 2,000 square feet in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
2191 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation
2192 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office
2193 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to
2194 renegotiate or reprocure all private lease agreements for office
2195 or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2027, and
2196 June 30, 2029, in order to reduce costs in future years. The
2197 department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2026
2198 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida
2199 Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the
2200 possibilities of colocating office or storage space, to review
2201 the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and
2202 terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department
2203 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,
2204 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease contract for private office or storage space, the status of renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 54. In order to implement appropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for data center services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data processing category to a category other than another data processing category or a cloud computing category for information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 55. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category between departments in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 56. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category between departments in order to align the

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2234 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid
2235 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for
2236 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,
2237 2027.

2238 Section 57. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2239 2935 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act in the Building
2240 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental
2241 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in
2242 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

2243 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,
2244 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of
2245 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
2246 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of
2247 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and
2248 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the
2249 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.
2250 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted
2251 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

2252 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit budget
2253 amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary for the
2254 implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216, Florida
2255 Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in appropriation
2256 shall include a detailed plan providing all estimated costs and
2257 relocation proposals.

2258 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2259 Section 58. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2260 2513 through 2516 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

2261 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the
2262 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information

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2263 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,
2264 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and
2265 shall replace the cash management and accounting management
2266 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an
2267 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,
2268 define, and standardize its financial management business
2269 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida
2270 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of
2271 FLAIR and CMS:

2272 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other
2273 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management
2274 Information System; or

2275 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the
2276 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the
2277 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations
2278 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2279 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the Department
2280 of Financial Services shall:

2281 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation
2282 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,
2283 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,
2284 version 031.

2285 (b) Ensure that all business requirements and technical
2286 specifications have been provided to all state agencies for
2287 their review and input and approved by the executive steering
2288 committee established in paragraph (c), including any updates to
2289 these documents.

2290 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes
2291 an executive steering committee composed of:

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2292 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of
2293 the project.

2294 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the
2295 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief
2296 Financial Officer.

2297 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of
2298 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental
2299 Protection.

2300 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and
2301 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by
2302 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience
2303 relating to at least one of the four main components that
2304 compose FLAIR.

2305 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the Governor,
2306 appointed by the Governor. One employee must have experience
2307 relating to the Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and
2308 Budgeting Subsystem.

2309 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed
2310 by the executive director, who has experience using or
2311 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

2312 7. Two employees from the Department of Management
2313 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One
2314 employee must have experience relating to the department's
2315 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have
2316 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

2317 8. A state agency administrative services director,
2318 appointed by the Governor.

2319 9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care
2320 Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the

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2321 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

2322 10. The state chief information officer, or his or her
2323 designee, as a nonvoting member. The state chief information
2324 officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status
2325 reports to the executive steering committee pursuant to the
2326 oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

2327 11. One employee from the Department of Business and
2328 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and
2329 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and
2330 Professional Regulation.

2331 12. One employee from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2332 Commission who has experience using or maintaining the
2333 commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by the
2334 chair of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

2335 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or
2336 his or her designee.

2337 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor
2338 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering
2339 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at
2340 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer
2341 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing
2342 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee consists of
2343 at least 10 members.

2344 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the executive
2345 steering committee, the chair shall request input from committee
2346 members on agenda items for the next scheduled meeting.

2347 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of
2348 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain
2349 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four

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2350 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The
2351 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM
2352 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial
2353 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations
2354 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair
2355 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for
2356 each scheduled meeting. The Florida PALM project team shall
2357 dedicate a staff member to the group and provide system
2358 demonstrations and any project documentation, as needed, for the
2359 group to fulfill its duties.

2360 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to
2361 provide bimonthly status reports to the executive steering
2362 committee. The form and format of the bimonthly status reports
2363 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to
2364 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such
2365 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive
2366 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the
2367 agency to prepare its systems and impacted employees for the
2368 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first bimonthly
2369 status report is due September 1, 2026, and bimonthly
2370 thereafter.

2371 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
2372 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR
2373 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

2374 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the
2375 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
2376 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to
2377 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to
2378 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management

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business processes.

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

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

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

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

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

(g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311, 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 59. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

(3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature

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finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the state to continue partnering with the system's current operator. The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of interoperability between users requires emergency action and is a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

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

1. The purchase of radios;
2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for system users;
4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual rate;
5. The conveyance of communications towers to the department; and
6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the department.

(b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering, administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,

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operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the recurring maintenance costs of the system.

Section 60. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 61. In order to implement appropriations relating to the purchase of equipment and services related to the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 62. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2954 through 2965 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code, the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement system and is 0.7 percent for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 63. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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2866 through 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by section 69 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i) of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department shall:

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

(i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers, except for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only, effective July 1, 2026, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act.

Section 64. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2022, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

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(6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

(11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79, except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

2. The corporation may contract with the division to conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 66. In order to implement section 125 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for the program, consistent with this section. This section does not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects on those homes. The department shall implement the program in such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of available funds. If, after applications are processed and approved, funds remain available, the department may accept applications up to the available amount. The program shall develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements provided in this section.

(2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be used by homeowners to make improvements recommended by an inspection which increase resistance to hurricane damage.

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

1. The home must be eligible for an inspection under

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subsection (1).

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

3. The home must undergo an acceptable hurricane mitigation inspection as provided in subsection (1).

4. The building permit application for initial construction of the home must have been made before January 1, 2008.

5. The homeowner must agree to make his or her home available for inspection once a mitigation project is completed.

6. The homeowner must agree to provide to the department information received from the homeowner's insurer identifying the discounts realized by the homeowner because of the mitigation improvements funded through the program.

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

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

c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an insured value of \$700,000 or less.

d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 67. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A and section 74 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act will not revert

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and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 68. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data Center" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category between departments in order to align the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data processing services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 69. In order to implement appropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state data center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies related to contract management services provided to Northwest Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 284.51, Florida Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment pilot program.—

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

(a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of the Department of Financial Services.

(b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's physiology and biometric data.

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(c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the state or a local government.

(d) "Veteran" means:

1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);
2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or
3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

(2) The division shall select a provider to establish a statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans, first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and first responders with:

- (a) Substance use disorders.
- (b) Mental illness.
- (c) Sleep disorders.
- (d) Traumatic brain injuries.
- (e) Sexual trauma.
- (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying comorbidities.
- (g) Concussions.
- (h) Other brain trauma.
- (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,

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including issues related to or resulting from problems with cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or focus.

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

(4) The pilot program shall include:

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

(b) The requirement that each individual who receives treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by the provider.

(c) The establishment of protocols which include the use of adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based on EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing, as

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well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

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

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

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

(6) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 71. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Financial Services shall continue its existing contract for the establishment of the Electroencephalogram Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Treatment pilot program for veterans and first responders. The department's existing contract, and all funds paid by the department pursuant to that contract, do not constitute state financial assistance as provided in s. 215.97, Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 72. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order to implement Specific Appropriations 2505 through 2512 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:

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717.123 Deposit of funds.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), and for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years, the department shall retain, from the funds received under this chapter, an amount not to exceed the amount estimated to be received as atypical receipts for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years by the Revenue Estimating Conference resulting from the implementation of chapter 2024-140, Laws of Florida. This amount must be held in a separate account and is in addition to the \$15 million the department is authorized to retain pursuant to subsection (1). From the separate account the department shall make prompt payment of claims relating to the atypical receipts allowed by the department. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

Section 73. In order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust

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2727 fund, and other trust funds in the State Treasury have moneys
2728 that are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the
2729 amounts necessary to meet the just requirements, including
2730 appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds, the
2731 Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one or
2732 more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust fund
2733 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2734 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,
2735 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action
2736 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,
2737 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor
2738 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the
2739 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that
2740 during July 2026 ~~2025~~, notice of such action shall be provided
2741 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless
2742 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the
2743 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a
2744 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and
2745 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,
2746 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2747 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the
2748 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal
2749 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the
2750 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition
2751 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
2752 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
2753 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2754 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of
2755 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys

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from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 74. (1) In order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As used in this section, the term "department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

(2) After subtracting any required debt service payments, the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The department shall transfer the proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land

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2785 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
2786 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2787 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its
2788 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition
2789 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land
2790 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and
2791 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2792 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total
2793 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

2794 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the
2795 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds
2796 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2797 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2798 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts
2799 appropriated in chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida, to the
2800 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land
2801 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred
2802 between those trust funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

2803 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning
2804 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to
2805 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife
2806 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a
2807 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts
2808 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2809 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,
2810 2027.

2811 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2812 Section 75. In order to implement specific appropriations
2813 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of

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Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

(3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

(m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 76. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1776 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 85 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

(2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

(a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, the department shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until

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ratified by the Legislature.

Section 77. The amendment to s. 376.91(2) (a), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1831A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 89 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

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

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

1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the application and required documentation;
2. Certified public accountant costs;
3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess of the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;

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4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;

5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been resolved; or

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

Section 79. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

Section 80. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2320 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening and to commercialize technologies that produce tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The department shall enter into these agreements no later than January 1, 2027, and shall file with the department's Inspector General a certification of conditions and circumstances justifying each agreement entered into without competitive

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solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 81. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1715 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of Florida, is reenacted to read:

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

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

(a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically establishing an application process and a process for the evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects. The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to projects:

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

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

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

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2930 4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an
2931 aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2932 5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local
2933 economy.

2934 (b) For projects that will require more than the grant
2935 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in
2936 their project application funding sources that will provide the
2937 difference between the grant award and the estimated project
2938 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those
2939 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2940 (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on
2941 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and
2942 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to
2943 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of
2944 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present
2945 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of
2946 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board
2947 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may
2948 not add projects.

2949 (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of less-
2950 than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust. Waterfront
2951 communities that receive grant awards must submit annual
2952 progress reports to the trust identifying project activities
2953 which are complete, and the progress achieved in meeting the
2954 goals outlined in the project application. The trust must
2955 implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance of
2956 grant recipients in completing projects that are funded through
2957 the working waterfronts program.

2958 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it

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is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Protection shall administer the working waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture industries, including the infrastructure for receiving or unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood economy.

(a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program is created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their operations.

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

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

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

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

Section 82. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of

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Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa), Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 84. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1744A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (4) is added to section 403.890, Florida Statutes, to read:

403.890 Water Protection and Sustainability Program.—

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), revenues deposited into or appropriated to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

Section 85. In order to implement appropriations from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

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

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

1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595. From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection

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and the South Florida Water Management District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the purpose of performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

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

3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St. Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be

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reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

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

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

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

7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 6. ~~subparagraphs 3. and 6.,~~ for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This

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subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 86. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1650 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding chapter 255, Florida Statutes, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may lease an existing facility that meets the requirements of s. 581.1843(6), Florida Statutes, and may administer a program to expedite the expansion of the propagation of *Citrus sinensis* or *Citrus sinensis*-like budwood trees and seedlings that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening, and to commercialize technologies that produce tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 87. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 88. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2331 through 2338 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

(3) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection

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expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 89. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2055 through 2068, 2069D through 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

(7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

(h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work program which are eligible for the funds within the appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment. The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of the proposed amendment.

2. If the department submits an amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal, the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 90. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2055 through 2068, 2069D, 2069E, 2080 through 2082, 2092 through 2100 and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General

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Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b),
Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized
to request up to \$100 million of budget authority to the extent
necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work
Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations
and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced
to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments
to realign budget authority consistent with this section and
pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section
expires July 1, 2027.

Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2396 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)
of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

(6) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the funds
appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle
counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes
described in the proviso language associated with Specific
Appropriation 2396 ~~2113~~ of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ General
Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 92. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2396A through 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
section 288.013, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.013 Office of Rural Prosperity.—

(1) The Legislature finds that the unique characteristics
of the rural communities in this state are integral to making
Florida an attractive place to visit, work, and live. The
Legislature further finds that fostering a prosperous rural
economy and vibrant rural communities serves the best interests

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of this state. Rural prosperity supports this state's infrastructure, housing, agricultural, and food-processing needs and advances the overall health of Florida's economy. It is essential that rural areas be able to grow and thrive, whether independently or through regional partnerships. To better serve rural communities, and in recognition of the unique challenges and opportunities they face, the Office of Rural Prosperity is established to ensure that state efforts to support rural Florida are coordinated, focused, and effective.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 20.60, the Office of Rural Prosperity is created within the Department of Commerce to support rural communities by helping rural stakeholders navigate available programs and resources and by representing rural interests across state government.

(3) The Governor shall appoint a director to lead the office, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The director shall report to the secretary of the department and shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

(4) The office shall do all of the following:

(a) Serve as the state's point of contact for rural local governments.

(b) Provide administrative support to the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) pursuant to s. 288.0656.

(c) Provide training and technical assistance to rural local governments on a broad range of community and economic development activities. The training and technical assistance may be offered using communications technology or in person. In addition, the office shall post a recorded training and technical assistance video to the office's website which covers

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all of the required topics. The training and technical assistance must include, at a minimum, the following topics:

1. How to access state and federal resources, including training on the online rural resource directory required under paragraph (d).

2. Best practices for comprehensive planning, economic development, and land development in rural communities.

3. Strategies to address staffing shortages and strengthen management functions in rural local governments.

4. Requirements of, and updates on recent changes to, the Community Planning Act under s. 163.3161.

5. Updates on other recent state and federal laws affecting rural local governments.

(d) Create and maintain an online rural resource directory to serve as an interactive tool for users to navigate state and federal resources, tools, and services available to rural local governments. The office shall ensure the directory is regularly updated and, to the greatest extent possible, includes current information on programs, resources, and services that address the needs of rural communities in all areas of governance. Each state agency shall routinely provide information and updates to the office to support maintenance of the directory. The directory must allow users to search by indicators, such as agency name, resource type, or topic, and include a notification feature that alerts users when new or updated resources are available. To the greatest extent possible, the directory must identify any financial match requirements associated with listed programs.

(5) (a) By October 1, 2026, the office shall establish and

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3249 provide staff for seven regional rural community liaison centers
3250 across this state to provide specialized in-person state support
3251 to rural local governments located in rural areas of opportunity
3252 as defined in s. 288.0656. The department shall, by rule, divide
3253 the state into seven regions and assign a liaison center to each
3254 region. Each liaison center shall serve the local governments
3255 within its geographic area and shall be staffed with at least
3256 two full-time department employees. At a minimum, each liaison
3257 center has the following powers and duties:

3258 1. Assist local governments in planning and achieving goals
3259 related to local or regional growth, economic development, and
3260 rural prosperity.

3261 2. Facilitate access to state and federal resources,
3262 including grants, loans, and other available assistance.

3263 3. Advise local governments on available program waivers,
3264 including financial match waivers or reductions for projects
3265 using state or federal funds through REDI under s. 288.0656.

3266 4. Coordinate technical assistance needs with the
3267 department and other state or federal agencies.

3268 5. Promote model ordinances, policies, and strategies
3269 related to economic development.

3270 6. Assist local governments with regulatory and reporting
3271 compliance requirements.

3272 (b) To the greatest extent possible, each regional rural
3273 community liaison center shall coordinate with local and
3274 regional governmental entities, regional economic development
3275 organizations as defined in s. 288.018, and other appropriate
3276 entities to establish a network that fosters community-driven
3277 solutions promoting viable and sustainable rural communities.

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3278 (c) Each regional rural community liaison center shall
3279 regularly engage with REDI established in s. 288.0656, and at
3280 least one staff member from each liaison center shall attend the
3281 monthly REDI meeting, either in person or by means of electronic
3282 communication.

3283 (6) By December 1, 2026, the director of the office shall
3284 submit to the Administration Commission within the Executive
3285 Office of the Governor a written report describing the office's
3286 operations and accomplishments for the preceding year. In
3287 consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
3288 Services, the office shall also include in the report
3289 recommendations for policies, programs, and funding initiatives
3290 to further support the needs of rural communities in this state.
3291 The office shall also submit the report to the President of the
3292 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
3293 December 1 of each year and publish it on the office's website.
3294 At the next scheduled meeting of the Administration Commission
3295 following submission of the report, the director shall, in
3296 person, present detailed information from the report required
3297 under this subsection.

3298 (7) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3299 Section 93. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3300 2396E of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (f)
3301 is added to subsection (7) of section 288.001, Florida Statutes,
3302 to read:

3303 288.001 The Florida Small Business Development Center
3304 Network.—

3305 (7) ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS; USES; PAY-PER-PERFORMANCE
3306 INCENTIVES; STATEWIDE SERVICE; SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS; BEST

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PRACTICES; ELIGIBILITY.—

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the network shall use funds directly appropriated for the specific purpose of expanding service in rural communities as defined in s. 288.0656, in addition to any funds allocated by the network from other sources. The network shall use the funds to develop an activity plan focused on network consultants and resources in rural communities. In collaboration with regional economic development organizations as defined in s. 288.018, the plan must provide for either full- or part-time consultants to be available for at least 20 hours per week in rural areas or to be permanently stationed in rural areas. This may include establishing a circuit in specific rural locations to ensure the consultants' availability on a regular basis. By using the funds to create a regular presence in rural areas, the network will strengthen community collaboration, raise awareness of available resources to provide opportunities for new business development or existing business growth, and make professional experience, education, and business information available in these essential communities. The network may dedicate funds to facilitate local or regional events that focus on small business topics, provide consulting services, and leverage partner organizations, such as the regional economic development organizations, local workforce development boards as described in s. 445.007, and Florida College System institutions. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

Section 94. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2396F of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 288.014, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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288.014 Renaissance Grants Program.—

(1) The Legislature finds that it has historically provided programs to assist rural communities with economic development and to enhance their ability to attract businesses and that, by providing that extra component of economic viability, rural communities are able to attract new businesses and grow existing ones. However, the Legislature further finds that a subset of rural communities has decreased in population over the past decade, contributing to a decline in local business activity and economic development. The Legislature therefore determines that state assistance must evolve to support these communities in achieving the foundation necessary for economic viability. The intent of the Renaissance Grants Program is to reverse economic deterioration in such rural communities by retaining and attracting residents by giving them a reason to stay, which will stimulate natural economic growth, business opportunities, and improved quality of life.

(2) The Office of Rural Prosperity within the department shall administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block grants to eligible counties. By August 1, 2026, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall certify to the Office of Rural Prosperity which counties are growth-impeded. For the purposes of this section, the term "growth-impeded" means a county that, as of the most recent population estimate, has experienced a declining population over the previous 10 years. After the initial certification, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall annually certify whether the county remains growth-impeded, until the office certifies the county has had 3 consecutive years of population growth. Upon such

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certification of population growth, the county remains eligible for the program for 1 additional year to prepare for the end of block grant funding.

(3) (a) Each participating county shall enter into an agreement with the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive block grant funds. Counties have broad authority to design their specific plan to achieve population growth consistent with this section. The Office of Rural Prosperity may not determine the manner in which a county implements its plan. However, regional rural community liaison center staff shall provide assistance in developing the county's plan, upon the county's request.

(b) Each participating county shall submit a report to the Office of Rural Prosperity detailing program activities, intergovernmental agreements, and other information as required by the office.

(c) Each participating county shall receive \$1 million from the funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share of the funds appropriated if insufficient to provide that amount. Counties shall make all attempts to limit expenses for administrative costs, consistent with the need for prudent management and accountability in the use of public funds. Counties may supplement the block grant with other funding sources, including local, state, or federal grants, and may seek public or private contributions or in-kind support to advance program activities.

(4) (a) Each participating county shall hire and retain a renaissance coordinator, who may be funded from block grant proceeds. The renaissance coordinator is responsible for:

1. Ensuring that block grant funds are used as provided in

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this section;

2. Coordinating with other local governments, school boards, Florida College System institutions, and other partners; and

3. Reporting as necessary to the state, including information necessary pursuant to subsection (7).

(b) The Office of Rural Prosperity regional rural community liaison center staff shall, upon request, provide assistance and training to the renaissance coordinator to support successful implementation of the block grant.

(5) Each participating county shall design a plan for targeted community investments designed to achieve population growth and increase economic vitality. The plan must include the following key features for use of the state support:

(a) Technology centers located within schools or on school premises, administered by the local school board, providing extended hours and access for students.

(b) Facilities that colocate adult day care with child care facilities. The site-sharing facilities must be managed to also encourage interaction between generations and increase the health and well-being of younger and older participants, reduce social isolation, and create cost and time efficiencies for working families. The regional rural community liaison center staff of the Office of Rural Prosperity shall, upon request, assist the county with bringing recommendations to the Rural Economic Development Initiative or the appropriate state agency to streamline all required state permits, licenses, regulations, or other requirements.

(c) Technology labs operated in partnership with the

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3423 nearest Florida College System institution or a career center
3424 under s. 1001.44. Repurposed vacant industrial sites or existing
3425 office space must be given priority in the selection of lab
3426 locations. Each local technology lab must be staffed and open
3427 for extended hours with the capacity to provide:

3428 1. Access to trainers and equipment necessary for earning
3429 certificates or online degrees in technology;

3430 2. Hands-on assistance in securing remote work
3431 opportunities; and

3432 3. Studio space equipped for remote technology-based work
3433 available for graduates and other qualifying residents.

3434 Participating counties may determine which residents receive
3435 priority access. Collaboration with community partners,
3436 including the local workforce development board as described in
3437 s. 445.007, to provide training opportunities, in-kind support
3438 such as transportation to and from the lab, financing of
3439 equipment for in-home use, or basic maintenance of such
3440 equipment is required.

3441 (6) In addition to hiring a renaissance coordinator, each
3442 participating county shall develop intergovernmental agreements
3443 for shared responsibilities with its municipalities, school
3444 board, and Florida College System institution or career center
3445 and enter into necessary contracts with providers and community
3446 partners in order to implement the plan.

3447 (7) (a) Beginning in 2027, the Auditor General shall conduct
3448 an operational audit as defined in s. 11.45 of each county's
3449 grant activities.

3450 (b) By July 1, 2027, the Office of Economic and Demographic
3451 Research shall submit a report to the President of the Senate

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and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing renaissance block grant recipients by county. The report must provide key economic indicators that measure progress in reversing long-term trends in the county. The Office of Rural Prosperity shall, upon request, provide any data necessary to complete the report.

(8) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the purposes of this section are not subject to reversion.

(9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 95. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2396G of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 288.0175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.0175 Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program.—

(1) The Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity within the department to fund and support public infrastructure smart technology projects in communities located in rural areas of opportunity, subject to legislative appropriation.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Public infrastructure smart technology" means systems or applications that use connectivity, data analytics, or automation to improve public infrastructure by increasing efficiency, enhancing public services, and promoting sustainable development.

(b) "Rural area of opportunity" has the same meaning as in s. 288.0656.

(c) "Smart region" means a geographic area that uses technology and innovative ideas to improve the quality of life

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for its citizens by addressing regional challenges through collaboration among government, businesses, and communities.

(d) "Smart technology lead organization" means a not-for-profit corporation organized under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which has been in existence for at least 3 years and specializes in smart region planning.

(3)(a) By October 1, 2026, the Office of Rural Prosperity shall contract with one or more smart technology lead organizations to administer the grant program for the purpose of deploying public infrastructure smart technology in rural communities. Under such contracts, the smart technology lead organization shall award grants to counties and municipalities located within a rural area of opportunity for eligible public infrastructure smart technology projects.

(b) Each contract must specify deliverables, reporting requirements, timeframes, and any other term the office deems necessary. At a minimum, the contract must require the smart technology lead organization to:

1. Collaborate with counties and municipalities in rural areas of opportunity to identify cost-effective smart technology solutions for improving public services and infrastructure.

2. Provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities located in rural areas of opportunity in developing public infrastructure smart technology project plans.

3. Facilitate connections between rural communities and other entities, including companies and regional partners to maximize the impact of funded projects.

(4) The Office of Rural Prosperity shall include a summary of projects funded under this section in its report required by

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s. 288.013(6).

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 96. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 288.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.065 Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund.—

(1) The Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity ~~department~~ to facilitate the use of existing federal, state, and local financial resources by providing local governments with financial assistance to further promote the economic viability of rural communities. These funds may be used to finance initiatives directed toward maintaining or developing the economic base of rural communities, especially initiatives addressing employment opportunities for residents of these communities.

(2)(a) The program shall provide for long-term loans, loan guarantees, and loan loss reserves to units of local governments, or economic development organizations substantially underwritten by a unit of local government.7

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "unit of local government" means any of the following:

1. A county ~~within counties~~ with a population ~~populations~~ of 75,000 or less. ~~fewer, or within any~~

2. A county with a population of 125,000 or less ~~fewer~~ which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or less. ~~fewer~~

3. A municipality within a county described in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.

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3539 4. A county or municipality within a rural area of
3540 opportunity designated under s. 288.0656.

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3542 For purposes of this paragraph, population is determined in
3543 accordance with the most recent official estimates pursuant to
3544 s. 186.901 and must include those residing in incorporated and
3545 unincorporated areas of a county, ~~based on the most recent~~
3546 ~~official population estimate as determined under s. 186.901,~~
3547 ~~including those residing in incorporated areas and those~~
3548 ~~residing in unincorporated areas of the county, or to units of~~
3549 ~~local government, or economic development organizations~~
3550 ~~substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, within~~
3551 ~~a rural area of opportunity.~~

3552 ~~(c)(b)~~ Requests for loans must ~~shall~~ be made by application
3553 to the office ~~department~~. Loans must ~~shall~~ be made pursuant to
3554 agreements specifying the terms and conditions agreed to between
3555 the applicant and the office ~~department~~. The loans are ~~shall be~~
3556 the legal obligations of the applicant.

3557 ~~(d)(c)~~ All repayments of principal and interest must ~~shall~~
3558 be returned to the loan fund and made available for loans to
3559 other applicants. However, in a rural area of opportunity
3560 designated under s. 288.0656 ~~by the Governor~~, and upon approval
3561 by the office ~~department~~, repayments of principal and interest
3562 may be retained by the applicant if such repayments are
3563 dedicated and matched to fund regionally based economic
3564 development organizations representing the rural area of
3565 opportunity.

3566 (3) The office ~~department~~ shall manage the fund,
3567 establishing loan practices that must include, but are not

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limited to, procedures for establishing loan interest rates, uses of funding, application procedures, and application review procedures. The office has ~~department shall have~~ final approval authority for any loan under this section.

(4) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 216.301, funds appropriated for this loan fund may ~~purpose shall~~ not be subject to reversion.

(5) The office shall include in its report required under s. 288.013 detailed information about the fund, including loans made during the previous fiscal year, loans active, loans terminated or repaid, and the amount of funds not obligated as of 14 days before the date the report is due.

Section 97. The amendments to s. 288.065, Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 98. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2759 through 2764 and sections 157 and 158 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to reimbursements from federally declared disasters if additional federal revenues specific to such programs become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2750 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

(a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

(b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 100. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2367 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments to s. 443.1113, Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 105 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsections (4) and (5) of section 443.1113,

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Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
Information System.—

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

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

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

1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of Management Services.
2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within the Department of Revenue.
3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the Department of Financial Services.

(5) By September 1, 2026 ~~October 1, 2023~~, and each year thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall submit a Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must, at a minimum, include:

(a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and

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modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

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

Section 101. The amendments to s. 443.1113(4) and (5), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

Section 102. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (2) and (4) of that section are reenacted, to read:

445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.—

(2)(a) There is created within the department the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

(b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the

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program.

(4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the administration of the program and distribution of bonus payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the department with the collection of any data necessary to determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

(a) The method for determining the estimated number of newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time employment during the applicable fiscal year.

(b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which must include:

1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal justice agency.

3. Maintaining full-time employment as a law enforcement officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for at least 2 years from the date on which the officer obtained certification. The required 2-year employment period may be satisfied by maintaining full-time employment at one or more employing agencies, but such period must not contain any break in service longer than 180 calendar days.

(c) The standards by which the department will determine under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department

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justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the term "break in service" means a period of time during which the person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period of time during which the person is in between employment as a full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days. The time period for any break in service does not count toward satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this section.

(d) The method that will be used to determine the bonus payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

(e) The method that will be used to distribute bonus payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and quickest manner possible.

(f) The estimated cost to the department associated with developing and administering the program and distributing bonus payment funds.

(g) The method by which an officer must reimburse the state if he or she received a bonus payment under the program, but failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-year period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer is discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation completed by the employing agency and maintained by the commission.

The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to

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determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

(9) This section expires July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

Section 103. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2384 through 2386 and sections 146, 147, 148, 152, and 155 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the following federal grant programs: the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), Capital Projects Fund Program, Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Home Energy Assistance Programs - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, Pub. L. No. 117-2. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 104. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of Management Services shall assess an administrative health insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the Justice Administrative Commission and all entities administratively housed in the Justice Administrative Commission, and the state courts system.

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

(3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of Management Services with a complete list of position numbers that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and include the percentage of federal funding for each position no later than July 31, 2026, and shall update the list on the last day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state agency shall immediately take steps to include the administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost plan for the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year

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thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval of the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state agency must notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and budget chairs no later than January 15, 2027.

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

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 105. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2852 and 2855 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2026-2027 fiscal year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 106. In order to implement the transfer of funds from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 111 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida

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Statutes, is reenacted to read:

215.32 State funds; segregation.—

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

(b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by the state which under law or under trust agreement are segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law. Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state government responsible for the administration of the trust fund, the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at the level of the account.

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

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

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

c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used for management activities that are departmental

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in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

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

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

f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful recipients.

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

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

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

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State Treasury.

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

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

Section 107. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph

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shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, except that
any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
expire pursuant to this section.

Section 108. In order to implement appropriations in the
2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,
the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used
for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027
fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each
state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by
state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,
staff training activities, or other administrative functions
unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such
activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head
shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of
electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed
activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section
does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military
purposes, emergency management activities, or public health
activities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 109. In order to implement appropriations in the
2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel
and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, 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 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does

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not include travel activities for conducting an audit,
examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities
related to a litigation or emergency response. This section
expires July 1, 2027.

Section 110. In order to implement the appropriations and
reappropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General
Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section
216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital
outlay.—

(11)

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2)(b), and
for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the Legislative
Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for new fixed
capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to
state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects. This paragraph
expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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

Section 111. In order to implement the salaries and
benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted
services, special categories, and operating capital outlay
categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

(2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by
the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme

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Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed conditions:

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

1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under this subsection.

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

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

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

5. For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the review

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shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 112. In order to implement appropriations in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 113. In order to implement appropriations for state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of the Governor with information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must be provided 90 days following the effective date of the legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,

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any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to implement or administer the legislation, programs started, offices established, or other organization administrative changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers requested; any expenditures made directly related to the implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation, including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding the implementation of the legislation and the status of any litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 114. In order to implement appropriations for state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that includes the development of integrated agency program service outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven, accountable, and developed through careful examination and justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each

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state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2026 ~~2025~~, for the 2027-2028 ~~2026-2027~~ 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. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 115. In order to implement appropriations for state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state agency and the judicial branch shall 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, at a minimum, contain all of the following information:

(a) The name of the technology system.

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

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

(d) The initiation date of the project.

(e) The key performance indicators for the project.

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

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

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

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

For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing technology-related project does not include the continuance of existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the replacement of desktop units with new technology that is substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

Section 116. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 203, 583, 642, 1455A, 2514, and 3235, and sections 72 and 94 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve. All general revenue funds not held in reserve shall be fully released. The Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of Financial Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission, Department of Health, and Department of Revenue are authorized to submit a budget amendment to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes. The amount requested to be released in each budget amendment may not exceed the agency's projected quarterly expenditures, reduced by any unexpended funds from prior releases. Release is contingent upon submission of the

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4120 (a) An updated and comprehensive operational work plan;

4121 (b) A detailed monthly spend plan with expenditures broken
4122 down by deliverable which identifies all planned and actual
4123 project work and costs specified in the current project
4124 schedule; and

4125 (c) A copy of the project status report from the most
4126 recently completed month at the time of submission which
4127 provides justification for any variance from the most recently
4128 submitted project schedule and spend plan.

4129 (2) The agencies receiving funds pursuant to this section
4130 must submit monthly project status reports to the Executive
4131 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair
4132 of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House
4133 Budget Committee, and any other designated project oversight
4134 entity no later than 30 days after the close of the previous
4135 month. Each status report must include copies of any new or
4136 updated relevant task order, contract, or purchase order. The
4137 status report must also describe progress made to date for each
4138 project milestone and deliverable, planned and actual completion
4139 dates, planned and actual costs incurred, and any current
4140 project issues or risks.

4141 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4142 Section 117. Any section of this act which implements a
4143 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
4144 language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if
4145 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
4146 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements
4147 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of

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specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027
General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific
appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso
language are vetoed.

Section 118. If any other act passed during the 2026
Regular Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is
substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that
removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied
to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the
provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to
operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

Section 119. If any provision of this act or its
application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
severable.

Section 120. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that
date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate
retroactively to July 1, 2026.