

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the  
3       Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the  
4       Executive Office of the Governor; amending s.  
5       252.3711, F.S.; revising and providing uses of moneys  
6       deposited in the fund; providing requirements for the  
7       deposit of federal reimbursements of state emergency  
8       expenditures; providing reporting requirements;  
9       revising provisions relating to the termination of the  
10      fund; providing for retroactive application; providing  
11      an effective date.

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

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15       **Section 1.** The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund  
16 within the Executive Office of the Governor, which is to be  
17 terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State  
18 Constitution on February 17, 2026, is re-created.

19       **Section 2. Section 252.3711, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
20 **to read:**

21       252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

22       (1) The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund is  
23 created within the Executive Office of the Governor.

24       (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for  
25 state moneys specifically transferred or appropriated to the

26 fund by the Legislature. The moneys deposited in the fund are  
27 available as a primary funding source for the Governor for  
28 purposes of preparing or responding to a natural emergency as  
29 defined in s. 252.34(8) ~~disaster~~ declared by the Governor as a  
30 state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding  
31 sources.

32 (a) Moneys in the fund that are appropriated for a state  
33 of emergency that is a natural emergency and that has been  
34 renewed pursuant to s. 252.36 are subject to the notice, review,  
35 and objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

36 (b) Moneys in the fund may not be used to purchase  
37 aircraft, boats, or motor vehicles.

38 (c) Moneys in the fund may not be invested as provided in  
39 s. 17.61 but shall be retained in the fund for investment with  
40 interest appropriated to the General Revenue Fund as provided in  
41 s. 17.57.

42 (3) Federal reimbursements of state emergency expenditures  
43 shall not be deposited in the fund. Federal reimbursements of  
44 state emergency expenditures shall be deposited in the General  
45 Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 215.32(2)(a).

46 (4) On or before the 15th day of the month following each  
47 quarter, the Executive Office of the Governor shall submit a  
48 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
49 House of Representatives that includes the following:

50 (a) The projected year-end cash balance of the fund;

51        (b) An updated cash flow statement for that fiscal year;

52        (c) An accounting of all inventory and assets purchased,  
53        separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for,  
54        responding to, or recovering from a state of emergency that is a  
55        natural emergency and the current status of such assets; and

56        (d) A written attestation, under penalty of perjury, from  
57        the director of the Division of Emergency Management that the  
58        information in the report is true, accurate, and complete.

59        (5)-(3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the  
60        State Constitution, The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund  
61        shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2030 4  
62        years after the effective date of this act. Before its scheduled  
63        termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.  
64        215.3208 ~~s. 215.3206(1) and (2).~~

65        **Section 3.** This act shall operate retroactively to  
66        February 17, 2026.

67        **Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.