

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Griffitts offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

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

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14 (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for
15 state moneys specifically transferred or appropriated to the
16 fund by the Legislature. The moneys deposited in the fund are
17 available as a primary funding source for the Governor for
18 purposes of preparing or responding to an emergency as defined
19 in s. 252.34(4) ~~disaster~~ declared by the Governor as a state of
20 emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

21 (a) Moneys in the fund may be used for a state of
22 emergency that is a natural emergency as defined in s.
23 252.34(8). If such state of emergency has been renewed pursuant
24 to s. 252.36, the use of moneys in the fund is subject to the
25 notice, review, and objection procedures set forth in s.
26 216.177.

27 (b) Moneys in the fund may be used for a state of emergency
28 that is a manmade emergency as defined in s. 252.34(7) or a
29 technological emergency as defined in s. 252.34(12), subject to
30 the notice, review, and objection procedures set forth in s.
31 216.177. Notwithstanding s. 216.177(2)(b), either the chair or
32 vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission or the President
33 of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives may
34 timely advise, in writing, that an action or proposed action
35 exceeds the delegated authority or is contrary to legislative
36 policy and intent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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64 termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.
65 215.3208 ~~s. 215.3206(1) and (2)~~.

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

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

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71 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

72 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

73 A bill to be entitled

74 An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the
75 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the
76 Executive Office of the Governor; amending s.
77 252.3711, F.S.; revising and providing uses of moneys
78 deposited in the fund; providing requirements for the
79 deposit of federal reimbursements of state emergency
80 expenditures; providing reporting requirements;
81 revising provisions relating to the termination of the
82 fund; providing for retroactive application; providing
83 an effective date.