

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: SB 7040  
INTRODUCER: Appropriations  
SUBJECT: Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund/Executive Office of the Governor  
DATE: March 9, 2026

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 520451** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 520451** re-creates the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor and extends the termination date to July 1, 2030.

The amendment also makes the following modifications to the trust fund:

- For natural emergencies, requires that upon renewal of the emergency (after 60 days) use of the funds is subject to the budget amendment consultation process.
- For manmade or technological emergencies, provides that use of the funds is subject to the budget amendment consultation process, but notwithstanding s. 216.177(2)(b), F.S., to allow for the objection of any action to be declared void by the chair or vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission or the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Prohibits funds from being used to purchase aircraft, boats, or motor vehicles.
- Prohibits federal reimbursements from being deposited into the fund.
- Requires additional reporting, including projected year-end cash balances and cash flow statements.

The amendment provides that the act shall operate retroactively to February 17, 2026.