

By Senator Hooper

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act implementing the 2026-2027 General  
3       Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;  
4       incorporating by reference certain calculations;  
5       amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the services  
6       required to be provided by regional consortium service  
7       organizations under certain circumstances; revising  
8       the allocation that certain regional consortium  
9       service organizations are eligible to receive from the  
10      General Appropriations Act; requiring regional  
11      consortium service organizations to submit certain  
12      annual reports to the Department of Education;  
13      requiring certain unexpended funds to be carried  
14      forward; requiring each regional consortium service  
15      organization to provide quarterly financial reports to  
16      member districts; requiring member districts to  
17      designate fiscal agent districts for certain purposes;  
18      providing for compensation of fiscal agent districts;  
19      providing for certain personnel recommendations,  
20      policies, salary schedules, and job descriptions;  
21      authorizing the purchase or lease of property and  
22      facilities; providing for the distribution of certain  
23      revenues upon dissolution of a regional consortium  
24      service organization; revising authorized means of  
25      revenue generation; requiring the establishment of a  
26      fund balance for certain purposes; providing for the  
27      future expiration and reversion of specified statutory  
28      text; creating s. 1001.4511, F.S.; creating the  
29      Regional Consortia Service Organization Supplemental

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30 Services Program; authorizing the use of program funds  
31 for specified purposes; requiring each regional  
32 consortium service organization to annually report  
33 certain information to the Legislature; authorizing  
34 certain funds to be carried forward; creating s.  
35 1009.635, F.S.; establishing the Rural Incentive for  
36 Professional Educators (RIPE) Program within the  
37 Department of Education for a specified purpose;  
38 providing eligibility requirements for the program;  
39 providing for student loan repayment assistance, up to  
40 a specified amount; requiring the department to verify  
41 certain participant information before disbursement of  
42 an award; specifying that the program is administered  
43 by the Office of Student Financial Assistance within  
44 the department; requiring the State Board of Education  
45 to adopt rules by a specified date; authorizing  
46 certain state university boards of trustees to accept  
47 a health care provider's procurement methods and  
48 construction contracts under certain circumstances;  
49 authorizing the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
50 University board of trustees to expend available  
51 reserves or carry forward certain balances for a  
52 specified purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health  
53 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to  
54 realign Medicaid funding for specified purposes,  
55 subject to certain limitations; authorizing the Agency  
56 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
57 amendment to realign funding within the Florida  
58 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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88 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
89 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional  
90 spending authority to implement the Disproportionate  
91 Share Hospital Program; requiring such amendment to  
92 include specified information; authorizing the Agency  
93 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
94 amendment requesting additional spending authority to  
95 implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient  
96 supplemental payments for specialty hospitals;  
97 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
98 to submit budget amendments to increase budget  
99 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services  
100 program; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
101 Administration to create the Applied Behavior Analysis  
102 (ABA) Task Force for a certain purpose; requiring the  
103 task force to evaluate certain information and develop  
104 recommendations; providing for membership of the task  
105 force; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
106 Administration to provide staff support; authorizing  
107 staff from specified agencies to provide additional  
108 expertise; providing for meetings of the task force;  
109 providing that members of the task force serve without  
110 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of  
111 travel expenses; requiring the task force to provide a  
112 report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
113 specified date; authorizing the Department of Children  
114 and Families to submit a budget amendment to realign  
115 funding within specified areas of the department based  
116 on implementation of the Guardianship Assistance

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117 Program; authorizing the Department of Children and  
118 Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for  
119 Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments  
120 to increase budget authority to support certain  
121 refugee programs; requiring the Department of Children  
122 and Families to submit quarterly reports to the  
123 Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature;  
124 authorizing the Department of Children and Families to  
125 submit budget amendments to increase budget authority  
126 to support specified federal grant programs;  
127 reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S., relating to community  
128 services and treatment; providing for the future  
129 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
130 amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal  
131 year the authority of a managing entity to carry  
132 forward certain unexpended funds; specifying that  
133 nonqualified funds carried forward are not included in  
134 a cumulative cap on the percentage that may be carried  
135 forward; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.; requiring that  
136 core services funding be allocated as provided in the  
137 General Appropriations Act; requiring the Department  
138 of Children and Families to continue to collect  
139 certain data from community-based care lead agencies  
140 and to use a certain Tiered Funding Model; requiring  
141 community-based care lead agencies to submit certain  
142 data to the department; requiring the department to  
143 conduct certain ongoing performance monitoring;  
144 requiring the department to provide monthly status  
145 reports to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring

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146 the department to submit a final report to the  
147 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;  
148 amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring that certain  
149 funds held by a community-based care lead agency and  
150 carried forward be returned to the Department of  
151 Children and Families; requiring the department to  
152 hold such funds in a separate account and report  
153 certain information to specified entities; providing  
154 for the reversion of such funds to the General Revenue  
155 Fund; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
156 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
157 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and  
158 Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a  
159 certain condition is met; authorizing the Department  
160 of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase  
161 budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and  
162 Treatment Program if a certain condition is met;  
163 authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
164 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
165 department if additional federal revenues specific to  
166 COVID-19 relief funds become available; requiring the  
167 Agency for Health Care Administration to replace the  
168 Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS)  
169 and fiscal agent operations with a specified new  
170 system; specifying items that may not be included in  
171 the new system; providing directives to the Agency for  
172 Health Care Administration related to the new Florida  
173 Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the  
174 Agency for Health Care Administration to meet certain

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175 requirements in replacing FMMIS and the current  
176 Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency for Health  
177 Care Administration to implement a specified program  
178 governance structure that includes an executive  
179 steering committee composed of specified members;  
180 providing the duties of the executive steering  
181 committee; requiring the establishment of specified  
182 working groups; providing the composition of such  
183 groups; providing requirements for such groups;  
184 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
185 contract for a certain assessment of the agency's  
186 Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS);  
187 providing requirements for the assessment; requiring  
188 submission of the assessment to specified entities by  
189 a certain date; requiring the agency to develop a new  
190 time-phased implementation roadmap for the MMIS  
191 replacement based on the assessment; requiring the  
192 agency to submit the roadmap to specified entities by  
193 a certain date; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
194 Administration, in consultation with the Department of  
195 Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
196 Department of Children and Families, and the  
197 Department of Corrections, to competitively procure a  
198 contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for certain  
199 prescribed drugs and biological products; providing  
200 specifications for such contract; authorizing the  
201 issuance or renewal of certain inactive or partially  
202 inactive licenses to skilled nursing providers and  
203 requiring the extension of certificate-of-need

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204 validity periods under certain circumstances;  
205 providing for subsequent renewal periods of such  
206 inactive licenses and validity periods under certain  
207 circumstances; authorizing the Agency for Persons with  
208 Disabilities to submit budget amendments to transfer  
209 funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
210 categories for a specified purpose; authorizing the  
211 Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget  
212 amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum-Home and  
213 Community-Based Waiver category for a specified  
214 purpose; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
215 Administration and the Agency for Persons with  
216 Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a  
217 specified timeframe for a specified purpose;  
218 authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
219 submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative  
220 Budget Commission approval, requesting certain  
221 authority for certain purposes relating to veterans'  
222 nursing homes; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending  
223 for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain  
224 funds used for the hospital directed payment program;  
225 authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
226 expend certain funds and submit budget amendments,  
227 subject to certain approval, for the planning and  
228 construction of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and  
229 Adult Day Health Center in a specified county;  
230 authorizing the department to apply for a specified  
231 federal grant for the Collier County State Veterans'  
232 Nursing Home; authorizing the Department of Elderly

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

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262 (7), F.S., relating to court-appointed counsel;  
263 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
264 specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s.  
265 27.5304, F.S., relating to the extension for 1 fiscal  
266 year of limitations on compensation for representation  
267 in criminal proceedings; providing for the future  
268 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
269 amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal  
270 year provisions authorizing local law enforcement  
271 agencies to apply to the State Board of Immigration  
272 Enforcement to provide bonus payments for certain  
273 certified correctional officers; amending s. 934.50,  
274 F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder Grant  
275 Program within the Department of Law Enforcement;  
276 providing the purpose of the program; providing  
277 eligibility requirements; requiring the department to  
278 develop an application process and allocate funds on a  
279 first-come, first-served basis; requiring that grants  
280 be matched by local funds in a specified percentage;  
281 authorizing the department to waive the matching funds  
282 requirement for certain agencies; defining the term  
283 "first responder agency"; authorizing the department  
284 to adopt rules; authorizing emergency rulemaking;  
285 requiring the Department of Management Services, with  
286 the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant  
287 broker services to renegotiate or reprocure certain  
288 private lease agreements for office or storage space;  
289 requiring the Department of Management Services to  
290 provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature

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291 by a specified date; prohibiting an agency from  
292 transferring funds from a data processing category to  
293 another category other than another data processing  
294 category; authorizing the Executive Office of the  
295 Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain  
296 categories between departments for purposes of  
297 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance  
298 and for human resources services purchased per  
299 statewide contract; authorizing the Department of  
300 Management Services to use certain facility  
301 disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
302 Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses;  
303 authorizing the Department of Management Services to  
304 submit budget amendments for an increase in  
305 appropriation under certain circumstances; requiring  
306 that such amendments include specified information;  
307 requiring the Department of Financial Services to  
308 replace specified components of the Florida Accounting  
309 Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash  
310 Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated  
311 enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of  
312 Financial Services from including certain components  
313 in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing  
314 requirements for the Department of Financial Services  
315 related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the  
316 composition of an executive steering committee to  
317 oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing  
318 requirements for the executive steering committee  
319 chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the

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320 executive steering committee; reenacting s.  
321 282.709(3), F.S., relating to the state agency law  
322 enforcement radio system and interoperability network;  
323 providing for future expiration and reversion of  
324 specified statutory text; authorizing state agencies  
325 and other eligible users of the Statewide Law  
326 Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of  
327 Management Services contract to purchase equipment and  
328 services; requiring that a specified transaction fee  
329 percentage for use of the online procurement system be  
330 collected for a specified fiscal year; amending s.  
331 24.105, F.S.; specifying requirements for the adoption  
332 of rules of the Department of the Lottery, excluding  
333 certain rules for 1 fiscal year regarding the  
334 commission for lottery ticket sales; limiting  
335 additional retailer compensation in a specified  
336 manner; providing for the future expiration and  
337 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.  
338 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year the specified  
339 authority of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation;  
340 amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; extending for 1 year the  
341 homeowner eligibility criteria for a hurricane  
342 mitigation grant from the My Safe Florida Home  
343 Program; providing that certain funds appropriated to  
344 the Department of Financial Services may be carried  
345 forward through a specified fiscal year; authorizing  
346 the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds  
347 between departments to align the budget authority  
348 granted based on the estimated costs for data

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349 processing services for a specified fiscal year;  
350 limiting the auxiliary assessments that may be charged  
351 to state agencies related to contract management  
352 services provided to the Northwest Regional Data  
353 Center; reenacting and amending s. 284.51, F.S.,  
354 relating to the electroencephalogram combined  
355 transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment (eTMS)  
356 pilot program; extending for 1 year the expiration of  
357 the program; requiring the Department of Financial  
358 Services to continue its existing contract for the  
359 establishment of the eTMS pilot program for veterans  
360 and first responders; amending s. 717.123, F.S.;

361 authorizing the Department of Financial Services to  
362 retain specified funds, not to exceed a certain  
363 amount; requiring that the funds be held in a separate  
364 account; requiring the department to make prompt  
365 payment of certain claims from the separate account;  
366 amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year  
367 certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust  
368 funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in  
369 certain circumstances; requiring the Department of  
370 Environmental Protection to transfer designated  
371 proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land  
372 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land  
373 acquisition trust funds in the Department of  
374 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
375 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
376 Commission according to specified parameters and  
377 calculations; defining the term "department";

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378 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection  
379 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds  
380 monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer  
381 amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental  
382 Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition  
383 trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
384 Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified  
385 purposes; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; requiring that  
386 proceeds from a specified trust fund be distributed as  
387 provided in the General Appropriations Act for a  
388 specified fiscal year; amending s. 376.91, F.S.;  
389 extending for 1 year the date by which the Department  
390 of Environmental Protection shall adopt statewide  
391 cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain  
392 circumstances; providing for future expiration and  
393 reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting s.  
394 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland  
395 Protection Trust Fund; providing for the future  
396 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
397 requiring the Department of Citrus to enter into  
398 agreements for specified purposes by a certain date;  
399 requiring the Department of Citrus to file certain  
400 information with the department's Inspector General;  
401 reenacting s. 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan  
402 Mayfield Working Waterfronts; providing for the future  
403 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
404 authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
405 Commission to use specified funds to provide grants  
406 for a specified purpose; amending s. 403.890, F.S.;

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407 authorizing the use of revenues deposited into or  
408 appropriated to the Water Protection and  
409 Sustainability Program Trust Fund as provided in the  
410 General Appropriations Act; amending s. 375.041, F.S.;  
411 extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds  
412 for the Land Acquisition Trust Fund be appropriated in  
413 a specified manner; authorizing the Department of  
414 Agriculture and Consumer Services to lease an existing  
415 facility and administer a specified program;  
416 authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
417 Services to submit budget amendments to increase  
418 budget authority for the National School Lunch  
419 Program; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1  
420 fiscal year a requirement that the use of funds in the  
421 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane  
422 Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending  
423 for 1 year the authority for the chair and vice chair  
424 of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve  
425 certain work program amendments under specified  
426 circumstances; authorizing the Department of  
427 Transportation to request a specified amount of budget  
428 authority to the extent necessary to advance or defer  
429 certain projects in the Work Program and align  
430 resources for a specified purpose; amending s.  
431 288.0655, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a  
432 requirement that certain appropriated funds relating  
433 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a  
434 specified manner; creating s. 288.013, F.S.; providing  
435 legislative findings; creating the Office of Rural

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436 Prosperity within the Department of Commerce;  
437 requiring the Governor to appoint a director, subject  
438 to Senate confirmation; providing that the director  
439 reports to and serves at the pleasure of the secretary  
440 of the department; providing duties of the office;  
441 requiring the office to establish and staff a certain  
442 number of regional rural community liaison centers for  
443 a specified purpose; providing the powers and duties  
444 of the liaison centers; requiring coordination between  
445 certain entities; requiring the liaison centers to  
446 engage with the Rural Economic Development Initiative  
447 (REDI); requiring at least one staff member of a  
448 liaison center to attend the monthly REDI meetings in  
449 person or by means of electronic communication;  
450 requiring the director of the office to submit a  
451 report to the Administration Commission within the  
452 Executive Office of the Governor; specifying  
453 requirements for the report; requiring that the report  
454 also be submitted to the Legislature by a specified  
455 date and published on the office's website; requiring  
456 the director of the office to attend the next  
457 Administration Commission meeting to present detailed  
458 information from the annual report; amending s.  
459 288.001, F.S.; requiring the Florida Small Business  
460 Development Center Network to use certain funds  
461 appropriated for a specified purpose; authorizing the  
462 network to dedicate funds to facilitate certain  
463 events; creating s. 288.014, F.S.; providing  
464 legislative findings; requiring the Office of Rural

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465 Prosperity to administer the Renaissance Grants  
466 Program to provide block grants to eligible  
467 communities; requiring the Office of Economic and  
468 Demographic Research to certify to the Office of Rural  
469 Prosperity certain information by a specified date;  
470 defining the term "growth-impeded"; requiring the  
471 Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify  
472 annually that a county remains growth-impeded until  
473 certain conditions are met; providing that a county is  
474 eligible to participate in the program for 1  
475 additional year under certain circumstances; requiring  
476 participating counties to enter into an agreement with  
477 the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive a block  
478 grant; giving such counties certain authority;  
479 prohibiting the Office of Rural Prosperity from  
480 determining how such counties implement the block  
481 grant; requiring regional rural community liaison  
482 center staff to provide certain assistance; requiring  
483 participating counties to report certain information  
484 to the Office of Rural Prosperity; providing that a  
485 participating county receives a specified amount from  
486 funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share  
487 of the funds appropriated under certain circumstances;  
488 requiring participating counties to limit certain  
489 expenses; authorizing participating counties to  
490 supplement the block grant with other funding sources;  
491 requiring participating counties to hire and retain a  
492 renaissance coordinator; providing the  
493 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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523 for future expiration and reversion of specified  
524 statutory text; authorizing the Division of Emergency  
525 Management to submit budget amendments to increase  
526 budget authority for certain expenditures under  
527 certain circumstances; amending s. 282.201, F.S.;  
528 extending for 1 year the Division of Emergency  
529 Management's exemption from the use of the state data  
530 center; amending s. 443.1113, F.S.; providing that  
531 certain improvements to the Reemployment Assistance  
532 Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to  
533 appropriation; revising the date a certain report from  
534 the Department of Commerce is required to be  
535 submitted; revising the report requirements; providing  
536 for the future expiration and reversion of specified  
537 statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 445.08,  
538 F.S., relating to the Florida Law Enforcement  
539 Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; extending the  
540 program for 1 year; authorizing the Department of  
541 Commerce to submit budget amendments to increase  
542 budget authority to support specified federal grant  
543 programs; requiring the Department of Management  
544 Services to assess an administrative health insurance  
545 assessment on each state agency; providing the rate of  
546 such assessment; defining the term "state agency";  
547 requiring the Department of Management Services to  
548 take certain actions in case of delinquencies;  
549 requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer  
550 funds under specified circumstances; requiring state  
551 agencies to provide a list of positions that qualify

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552 for a certain exception by a specified date and to  
553 update the list monthly thereafter; requiring state  
554 agencies to include the administrative health  
555 insurance assessment in their indirect cost plan  
556 beginning for a specified fiscal year and annually  
557 thereafter; requiring agencies to notify the  
558 Department of Management Services, the Executive  
559 Office of the Governor, and the Legislature regarding  
560 the approval of their updated indirect cost plans;  
561 authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to  
562 transfer budget authority between agencies in  
563 specified circumstances; providing that the annual  
564 salaries of the members of the Legislature be  
565 maintained at a specified level for a specified fiscal  
566 year; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating to  
567 the authorization for transferring unappropriated cash  
568 balances from selected trust funds to the Budget  
569 Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing  
570 for the future expiration and reversion of specified  
571 statutory text; specifying the type of travel which  
572 may be used with state employee travel funds for a  
573 specified fiscal year; providing exceptions; providing  
574 applicability; providing a monetary cap on lodging  
575 costs for state employee travel to certain meetings  
576 organized or sponsored by a state agency or the  
577 judicial branch; authorizing employees to expend their  
578 own funds for lodging expenses that exceed the  
579 monetary caps; providing construction; amending s.  
580 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the

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581 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to  
582 approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital  
583 outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending  
584 for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain  
585 transfers; authorizing state agencies to purchase  
586 vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without  
587 prior approval from the Department of Management  
588 Services under certain circumstances; amending s.  
589 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency  
590 reporting requirements regarding implementation of  
591 legislation; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for  
592 1 fiscal year an exception from certain planning  
593 requirements; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; extending for  
594 1 year a requirement that certain entities include a  
595 specified inventory in their legislative budget  
596 requests; requiring that a specified percentage of  
597 funds appropriated for information technology projects  
598 be held in reserve and that general revenue funds not  
599 held in reserve be released; authorizing the Agency  
600 for Health Care Administration, Department of Children  
601 and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of  
602 Financial Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission,  
603 Department of Health, and Department of Revenue to  
604 submit a budget amendment to request release of funds;  
605 limiting the amount that may be requested; providing  
606 that release is contingent upon certain submissions;  
607 requiring entities receiving such funds to submit  
608 monthly project status reports to certain entities;  
609 providing requirements for such status reports;

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610 providing conditions under which the veto of certain  
611 appropriations or proviso language in the General  
612 Appropriations Act voids language that implements such  
613 appropriation; providing for the continued operation  
614 of certain provisions notwithstanding a future repeal  
615 or expiration provided by the act; providing for  
616 construction of the act in pari materia with laws  
617 enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the  
618 Legislature; providing for severability; providing for  
619 contingent retroactivity; providing effective dates.

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

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

626 Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5,  
627 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
628 calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the  
629 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled "Public  
630 School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)  
631 Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 7, 2026, and filed with the  
632 Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by reference for the  
633 purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature,  
634 consistent with the requirements of state law, in making  
635 appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. This  
636 section expires July 1, 2027.

637 Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 80  
638 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the school

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639 readiness reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year  
 640 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program  
 641 Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 7, 2026,  
 642 and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, are incorporated by  
 643 reference, consistent with the requirements of state law, in  
 644 making appropriations for the school readiness program  
 645 allocation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

650 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In  
 651 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of  
 652 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the  
 653 development of new programs and services:

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

662 (a) Exceptional student education;

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

665 (c) State and federal grant procurement and coordination;

666 (d) Data services ~~processing; health~~

667 (e) Insurance services;

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- 668        (f) Risk management insurance;  
669        (g) Professional learning;  
670        (h) College, career, and workforce development;  
671        (i) Business and operational services staff development;  
672        (j) Purchasing; or  
673        (k) Planning and accountability.

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

694        (b) Member districts shall designate a district to serve as  
695 a fiscal agent for contractual and reporting purposes. Such  
696 fiscal agent district is entitled to reasonable compensation for

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

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

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

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

725 (5) The board of directors of a regional consortium service

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726 organization may use various means to generate revenue in  
727 support of its activities, including, but not limited to,  
728 contracting for services to nonmember districts. The board of  
729 directors may acquire, enjoy, use, and dispose of patents,  
730 copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and associated ~~other~~  
731 rights or interests ~~thereunder or therein~~. Ownership of all such  
732 patents, copyrights, trademarks, licenses, and associated rights  
733 or interests ~~thereunder or therein~~ shall vest in the state, with  
734 the board of directors having full right of use and full right  
735 to retain associated ~~the~~ revenues ~~derived therefrom~~. Any funds  
736 realized from contracted services, patents, copyrights,  
737 trademarks, or licenses are ~~shall be~~ considered internal funds  
738 as provided in s. 1011.07. A fund balance must be established  
739 for maintaining or expanding services, facilities maintenance,  
740 terminal pay, and other liabilities ~~Such funds shall be used to~~  
741 ~~support the organization's marketing and research and~~  
742 ~~development activities in order to improve and increase services~~  
743 ~~to its member districts.~~

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

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

754 1001.4511 Regional Consortia Service Organization

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755 Supplemental Services Program.—

756 (1) There is created the Regional Consortia Service  
757 Organization Supplemental Services Program to increase the  
758 ability of regional consortium service organizations under s.  
759 1001.451 to provide programs and services to consortia members  
760 through cooperative agreements. Program funds may be used to  
761 supplement member needs related to transportation; district  
762 finance personnel services; property insurance, including  
763 property insurance obtained from any source; cybersecurity  
764 support; school safety; college, career, and workforce  
765 development; academic support; and behavior support within  
766 exceptional student education services.

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

771 (3) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,  
772 funds allocated for this purpose which are not disbursed by June  
773 30 of the fiscal year in which the funds are allocated may be  
774 carried forward for up to 5 years after the effective date of  
775 the original appropriation.

776 (4) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

780 1009.635 Rural Incentive for Professional Educators  
781 Program.—

782 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Rural Incentive for Professional  
783 Educators (RIPE) Program is established within the Department of

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784 Education to support the recruitment and retention of qualified  
785 instructional personnel in rural communities. The program shall  
786 provide financial assistance for the repayment of student loans  
787 for eligible participants who establish permanent residency and  
788 employment in rural areas of opportunity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

827 (b) Monitor compliance with program requirements.

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

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

832 Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17  
833 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a state university  
834 board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay  
835 project with a health care provider may accept the health care  
836 provider's procurement methods and construction contracts  
837 entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care provider  
838 for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance  
839 approved by the Board of Governors. This section expires July 1,  
840 2027.

841 Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152

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842 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
843 ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the Florida  
844 Agricultural and Mechanical University board of trustees may  
845 expend available reserves or carry forward balances from  
846 previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or  
847 other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated  
848 from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or from  
849 tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the president of the  
850 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section  
851 expires July 1, 2027.

852 Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
853 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
854 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
855 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
856 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
857 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
858 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address  
859 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to  
860 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment  
861 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal  
862 year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

863 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
864 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
865 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
866 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
867 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
868 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
869 within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories, or  
870 to increase budget authority in the Children's Medical Services

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871 network category, to address projected surpluses and deficits  
872 within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds.  
873 A single budget amendment must be submitted in the last quarter  
874 of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,  
875 2027.

876 Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
877 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
878 subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended  
879 to read:

880 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.-

881 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,  
882 2027 ~~2026~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This  
883 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

884 Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
885 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
886 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
887 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
888 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
889 approved directed payment program for hospitals statewide  
890 providing inpatient and outpatient services to Medicaid managed  
891 care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education (IME) Program,  
892 and a nursing workforce expansion and education program for  
893 certain institutions participating in a graduate medical  
894 education or nursing education program. For institutions  
895 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
896 program, the budget amendment must identify the educational  
897 institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions  
898 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
899 program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing

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900 the number of nurses participating in the program. This section  
901 expires July 1, 2027.

902 Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
903 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
904 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
905 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
906 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
907 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service  
908 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the  
909 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). This section  
910 expires July 1, 2027.

911 Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
912 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
913 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
914 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
915 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
916 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
917 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the  
918 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget  
919 amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low  
920 Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a  
921 listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to  
922 support the state match required. In addition, for each entity  
923 included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be  
924 provided which includes the charity care cost upon which the Low  
925 Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should  
926 the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low  
927 Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for  
928 returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the

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929 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section  
930 expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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958 expires July 1, 2027.

959 Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
960 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
961 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
962 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
963 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
964 inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty  
965 hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes,  
966 providing comprehensive acute care services to children with  
967 Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50  
968 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000  
969 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. This section expires July 1, 2027.

970 Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
971 201 and 228 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
972 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
973 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget  
974 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
975 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
976 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program.  
977 This section expires July 1, 2027.

978 Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
979 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

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

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987 and families.

988 (2) The task force shall evaluate:

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

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

994 (c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;

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

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

999 (f) Ways to enhance Medicaid provider enrollment and  
1000 billing standards for ABA services to promote program integrity  
1001 and fiscal accountability.

1002 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for  
1003 revising the state's service delivery model to improve care  
1004 experience and service continuity for enrollees and families  
1005 receiving ABA services, while safeguarding long-term program  
1006 sustainability.

1007 (4) The task force shall consist of 10 members as provided  
1008 in this subsection.

1009 (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or  
1010 her designee, shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of  
1011 the task force and shall serve as the chair.

1012 (b) The remainder of the task force membership shall be  
1013 composed as follows:

1014 1. Two members appointed by the Governor, three members  
1015 appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members

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1016 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, based  
1017 upon the criteria of this subparagraph. The appointing officers  
1018 must make their appointments prioritizing members who have the  
1019 following experience or expertise:

1020 a. Persons with academic credentials or scientific  
1021 expertise relating to autism and applied behavior analysis;

1022 b. Representatives of the applied behavior analysis  
1023 provider community;

1024 c. Representatives of Medicaid managed care plans with  
1025 managerial experience and expertise relating to autism and  
1026 applied behavior analysis; or

1027 d. Physicians licensed under chapter 458, Florida Statutes,  
1028 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, with expertise relating to  
1029 autism and applied behavior analysis.

1030 2. One family member of a Medicaid managed care plan  
1031 enrollee who receives applied behavior analysis services,  
1032 appointed by the Governor.

1033 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration shall  
1034 coordinate with the appointing officers to ensure the task  
1035 force's membership adequately represents the criteria provided  
1036 under paragraph (b).

1037 (d) Any vacancy occurring on the task force must be filled  
1038 in the same manner as the original appointment.

1039 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration must provide  
1040 staff support for the work of the task force, and staff from the  
1041 Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families,  
1042 the Department of Education, and the Agency for Persons with  
1043 Disabilities may provide additional expertise.

1044 (6) Meetings of the task force may be held through

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1045 teleconference or other electronic means. The task force shall  
1046 convene for its initial meeting by August 15, 2026, and  
1047 thereafter, upon the call of the chair. Notices for any task  
1048 force meetings must be published in advance on the Agency for  
1049 Health Care Administration's website.

1050 (7) Members of the task force shall serve without  
1051 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as  
1052 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

1053 (8) The task force shall report its findings and  
1054 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
1055 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,  
1056 2026. The report must include advantages and disadvantages of  
1057 each recommendation.

1058 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1059 Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1060 339, 339B, 368 through 369 of the 2026-2027 General  
1061 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1062 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may  
1063 submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and  
1064 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign  
1065 funding within the department based on the implementation of the  
1066 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific  
1067 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care  
1068 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,  
1069 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,  
1070 2027.

1071 Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1072 209 through 212, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475,  
1073 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General

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1074 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1075 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the  
1076 Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care  
1077 Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1078 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1079 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee  
1080 programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee  
1081 Resettlement due to the ongoing instability of federal  
1082 immigration policy and the resulting inability of the state to  
1083 reasonably predict, with certainty, the budgetary needs of this  
1084 state with respect to the number of refugees relocated to the  
1085 state as part of those federal programs. The Department of  
1086 Children and Families shall submit quarterly reports to the  
1087 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
1088 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the number of  
1089 refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of such  
1090 refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section  
1091 expires July 1, 2027.

1092       Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1093 295 through 390A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1094 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
1095 the Department of Children and Families may submit budget  
1096 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
1097 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
1098 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the  
1099 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic  
1100 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the  
1101 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and  
1102 Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living

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1103 Services, the Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-  
1104 B Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, the Elder Justice Act, the STOP  
1105 Violence Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor  
1106 Housing Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section  
1107 expires July 1, 2027.

1108 Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1109 267 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1110 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 32 of chapter  
1111 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 393.066,  
1112 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1113 393.066 Community services and treatment.—

1114 (2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than  
1115 provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services  
1116 is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All  
1117 purchased services must be approved by the agency. As a  
1118 condition of payment and before billing, persons or entities  
1119 under contract with the agency to provide services shall use  
1120 agency data management systems to document service provision to  
1121 clients or shall maintain such information in its own data  
1122 management system and electronically transmit it to the agency  
1123 data management system in an industry standard electronic format  
1124 designated by the agency. The agency may not require training on  
1125 the use of agency data management systems by persons or entities  
1126 that choose to maintain data in their own data management  
1127 system, provided that they electronically transmit required  
1128 information in a format and frequency designated by the agency.  
1129 Contracted persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware  
1130 and software technical requirements established by the agency  
1131 for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also

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1132 meet any requirements established by the agency for training and  
1133 professional development of staff providing direct services to  
1134 clients.

1135 Section 26. The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes, as  
1136 carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this  
1137 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall  
1138 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any  
1139 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
1140 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1141 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1142 expire pursuant to this section.

1143 Section 27. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in  
1144 order to implement Specific Appropriation 382 of the 2026-2027  
1145 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of  
1146 section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1147 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

1148 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

1149 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-~~  
1150 ~~2026~~ fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented  
1151 unexpended funds appropriated from the State Opioid Settlement  
1152 Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the next. Nonqualified funds  
1153 carried forward pursuant to this paragraph are not included in  
1154 the 8 percent cumulative cap that may be carried forward. This  
1155 paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1156 Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1157 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A of the 2026-2027 General  
1158 Appropriations Act, subsection (10) is added to section  
1159 409.9913, Florida Statutes, to read:

1160 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead

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1161 agencies.—

1162 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core  
1163 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General  
1164 Appropriations Act. The department shall use the Tiered Funding  
1165 Model developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant to  
1166 section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the baseline  
1167 framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements to the  
1168 model and shall continue to collect detailed cost, expenditure,  
1169 and census data from community-based care lead agencies.

1170 (a) Each lead agency shall submit any cost, expenditure,  
1171 and census data requested by the department to support the  
1172 continued development and refinement of the Tiered Funding  
1173 Model. Lead agencies shall complete and validate a standardized  
1174 expenditure report template in the form and manner prescribed by  
1175 the department.

1176 (b) The department shall conduct ongoing performance  
1177 monitoring by comparing trends in individual metrics against  
1178 broader indicators of system health and shall analyze emerging  
1179 market trends that may impact organizational financial  
1180 stability. The department's analysis and reporting shall include  
1181 a comprehensive explanation of the methodology used to establish  
1182 residential group home rates, a description of the current rate-  
1183 setting processes employed by each community-based care lead  
1184 agency, and recommendations to enhance the fiscal sustainability  
1185 and transparency of those processes.

1186 (c) Beginning in July 2026 and continuing through November  
1187 2026, the department shall provide monthly status reports to the  
1188 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1189 House of Representatives detailing activities and progress

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1190 related to the development of the funding methodology, including  
1191 preliminary recommendations for adjustments for the subsequent  
1192 fiscal year.

1193 (d) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a  
1194 final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
1195 the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes  
1196 recommendations for adjustments to the funding methodology for  
1197 the next fiscal year. The recommendations shall continue the  
1198 Tiered Funding Model approach while proposing enhancements  
1199 intended to strengthen operational and financial outcomes.

1200 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1201 Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1202 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A and section 74 of the 2026-2027  
1203 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section  
1204 409.990, Florida Statutes, to read:

1205 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established  
1206 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a  
1207 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or  
1208 applicable federal funding sources.

1209 (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a  
1210 lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of  
1211 July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. The department  
1212 must hold such funds in a separate account and, by August 1,  
1213 2026, report to the chair of the Senate Committee on  
1214 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget  
1215 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of  
1216 Policy and Budget the amount of funds returned by each lead  
1217 agency. As of September 30, 2026, all funds returned pursuant to  
1218 this subsection shall revert to the General Revenue Fund. This

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1219 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1220 Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1221 465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1222 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1223 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1224 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1225 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1226 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children  
1227 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal  
1228 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1229 section expires July 1, 2027.

1230 Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1231 476 and 526 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1232 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1233 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1234 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1235 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS  
1236 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues  
1237 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available  
1238 in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1239 Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1240 432 through 593 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1241 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1242 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1243 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1244 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1245 department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19  
1246 relief funds become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1247 section expires July 1, 2027.

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1248           Section 33. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1249 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

1250           (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall replace  
1251 the current Florida Medicaid Management Information System  
1252 (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations with a system that is  
1253 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid  
1254 program and that complies with all applicable federal and state  
1255 laws and requirements. The agency may not include in the program  
1256 to replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

1257           (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the information  
1258 systems of the other health and human services state agencies;

1259           (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to  
1260 Medicaid programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid  
1261 technology infrastructure for other purposes without legislative  
1262 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these  
1263 requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care Connection  
1264 (FX) system, must provide better integration with subsystems  
1265 supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity, consistency,  
1266 and improved access to data; and compatibility with the Centers  
1267 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid Information  
1268 Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures and expands  
1269 its functionality; or

1270           (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not including  
1271 staff augmentation services purchased off the Department of  
1272 Management Services Information Technology staff augmentation  
1273 state term contract which are not deliverables based fixed price  
1274 contracts.

1275           (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current  
1276 Medicaid fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration

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1277 shall:

1278 (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the  
1279 current functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the  
1280 current Medicaid fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend  
1281 all or portions of the current fiscal agent contract.

1282 (b) Comply with and not exceed the Centers for Medicare and  
1283 Medicaid Services funding authorizations for the FX system.

1284 (c) Develop and mature an enterprise architecture framework  
1285 to align the requirements of the FX project phases and  
1286 overarching program objectives, including completing and  
1287 maintaining key components such as the Business Capability Model  
1288 and Business Value Model.

1289 (d) Apply value-based measures to support informed  
1290 decisionmaking around release readiness and go-live criteria.  
1291 These measures must be tracked and reported quarterly to the  
1292 executive steering committee established in paragraph (k) post-  
1293 implementation to support performance monitoring and continuous  
1294 improvement.

1295 (e) Through documented FX architecture governance  
1296 practices, ensure that the Medicaid business needs and the  
1297 business architecture are the primary drivers of information and  
1298 technical architecture design decisions. All such decisions must  
1299 be documented with traceable rationale to promote transparency  
1300 and accountability across the program. The business,  
1301 information, and technical architectures must align with the  
1302 MITA framework where applicable. In areas where MITA guidance is  
1303 not available, alignment will be maintained through adherence to  
1304 The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF).

1305 (f) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published

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1306 MITA framework and guidelines. The agency shall:

1307 1. Implement an Enterprise Architecture (EA) management  
1308 tool that supports an integrated approach to FX program  
1309 architecture. The EA tool must serve as a centralized repository  
1310 for the FX Business Process Inventory and support the integrated  
1311 management and oversight of the FX business, technical, and  
1312 information architectures.

1313 2. Establish governance structures and define user roles  
1314 within the EA tool for the business, technical, and information  
1315 architecture components.

1316 (g) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
1317 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies  
1318 for their review and input and approved by the executive  
1319 steering committee.

1320 (h) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's  
1321 working group for interagency information technology integration  
1322 for the development of competitive solicitations that provide  
1323 for data interoperability and shared information technology  
1324 services across the state's health and human services agencies.

1325 (i) Implement a data governance structure for the program  
1326 to coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state  
1327 health care entities.

1328 (j) Establish a continuing oversight team for each contract  
1329 pursuant to s. 287.057(26), Florida Statutes. The teams must  
1330 provide quarterly reports to the executive steering committee,  
1331 summarizing the status of the contract, the pace of  
1332 deliverables, the quality of deliverables, contractor  
1333 responsiveness, and contractor performance.

1334 (k) Implement a program governance structure that includes

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1335 an executive steering committee composed of:

1336 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or the  
1337 executive sponsor of the program.

1338 2. A representative of the Division of Health Care Finance  
1339 and Data of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed  
1340 by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

1341 3. Two representatives from the Division of Medicaid  
1342 Policy, Quality, and Operations of the Agency for Health Care  
1343 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
1344 Administration.

1345 4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy  
1346 and Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration,  
1347 appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

1348 5. A representative of the Florida Center for Health  
1349 Information and Transparency of the Agency for Health Care  
1350 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care  
1351 Administration.

1352 6. The Chief Information Officer of the Agency for Health  
1353 Care Administration, or his or her designee.

1354 (3) (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or the  
1355 executive sponsor of the program shall serve as chair of the  
1356 executive steering committee, and the committee shall take  
1357 action by a vote of at least 5 affirmative votes with the chair  
1358 voting on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive  
1359 steering committee consists of at least 5 members.

1360 (b)1. The chair shall establish a program finance and  
1361 contracting working group composed of:

1362 a. The FX program director.

1363 b. A representative from the agency's Office of the General

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- 1364 Counsel.
- 1365 c. A representative from the agency's Division of
- 1366 Administration.
- 1367 d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.
- 1368 e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.
- 1369 f. The FX program project managers.
- 1370 g. The FX program risk manager.
- 1371 h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.
- 1372 2. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review
- 1373 the program status and all contract and program operations,
- 1374 policies, risks, and issues related to the budget, spending
- 1375 plans and contractual obligations, and shall develop
- 1376 recommendations to the executive steering committee for
- 1377 improvement. The working group shall review all change requests
- 1378 that impact the program's scope, schedule, or budget related to
- 1379 contract management and vendor payments and submit those
- 1380 recommended for adoption to the executive steering committee.
- 1381 The chair shall request input from the working group on agenda
- 1382 items for each scheduled meeting. The program shall make
- 1383 available program staff to the group, as needed, for the group
- 1384 to fulfill its duties.
- 1385 (c)1. The chair shall establish a state agency stakeholder
- 1386 working group composed of:
- 1387 a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.
- 1388 b. A representative of the Department of Children and
- 1389 Families, appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.
- 1390 c. A representative of the Department of Health, appointed
- 1391 by the State Surgeon General.
- 1392 d. A representative of the Agency for Persons with

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1393 Disabilities, appointed by the director of the Agency for  
1394 Persons with Disabilities.

1395 e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids  
1396 Corporation.

1397 f. A representative from the Department of Elderly Affairs,  
1398 appointed by the Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

1399 g. The state chief information officer, or his or her  
1400 designee.

1401 h. A representative of the Department of Financial Services  
1402 who has experience with the state's financial processes,  
1403 including development of the PALM system, appointed by the Chief  
1404 Financial Officer.

1405 2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to  
1406 review the program status and all program operations, policies,  
1407 risks, and issues that may impact the operations external to the  
1408 Agency for Health Care Administration FX program, and shall  
1409 develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for  
1410 improvement. The chair shall request input from the working  
1411 group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program  
1412 shall make available program staff to the group to provide  
1413 system demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed,  
1414 for the group to fulfill its duties.

1415 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
1416 responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS  
1417 and the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business  
1418 objectives and shall:

1419 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
1420 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1421 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to

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1422 implement the modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest  
1423 extent possible, the state's health care data and business  
1424 processes.

1425 (b) Review and approve any changes to the program's scope,  
1426 schedule, and budget.

1427 (c) Review and approve any changes to the program's  
1428 strategic roadmap.

1429 (d) Review and approve change requests that impact the  
1430 program's scope, schedule, or budget recommended for adoption by  
1431 the program finance and contracting working group.

1432 (e) Review recommendations provided by the program working  
1433 groups.

1434 (f) Review vendor scorecards, reports, and notifications  
1435 produced by the continuing oversight teams.

1436 (g) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
1437 all phases of the program.

1438 (h) Approve all major program deliverables.

1439 (i) Review and verify that all procurement and contractual  
1440 documents associated with the replacement of the current FMMIS  
1441 and Medicaid fiscal agent align with the scope, schedule, and  
1442 anticipated budget for the program.

1443 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1444 Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1445 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for  
1446 Health Care Administration shall contract for a comprehensive,  
1447 independent technical architecture and feasibility assessment of  
1448 the agency's Medicaid management information system (MMIS),  
1449 including components completed under the FX project.

1450 (1) The assessment must evaluate the agency's current

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1451 technical architecture and technology standards related to its  
1452 MMIS replacement activities and assess alignment with all  
1453 applicable federal and state laws and requirements, including,  
1454 but not limited to, the federal Centers for Medicare and  
1455 Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Patient Access Rule  
1456 (CMS-9115), the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture  
1457 (MITA) frameworks and guidelines, and recognized industry and  
1458 governmental best practices, including CMS modularity guidance  
1459 and National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity  
1460 standards.

1461 (2) The assessment must, at a minimum:

1462 (a) Identify and document current deficiencies in the  
1463 technical architecture, system design, and standards that may  
1464 affect long-term sustainability, including issues related to  
1465 maintainability, scalability, security, interoperability,  
1466 technical debt, vendor dependency, and compliance with evolving  
1467 federal and state requirements.

1468 (b) Develop a future-state technical architecture that is  
1469 driven by and aligned with the business architecture, Medicaid  
1470 program needs, and CMS modularity and interoperability  
1471 principles, including identification of core components,  
1472 interfaces, data flows, and applicable standards.

1473 (c) Evaluate the feasibility of transitioning from the  
1474 current-state architecture to the future-state architecture,  
1475 including phased or modular implementation options, associated  
1476 risks, estimated costs, implementation timelines, operational  
1477 impacts, and implications for federal funding eligibility.

1478 (d) Prioritize replacement of the functionality provided  
1479 under the current fiscal agent contract and recommend a

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1480 sustainable path forward, including identification of any  
1481 prerequisite governance, policy, or remediation actions required  
1482 prior to implementation.

1483 (e) Assess the agency's readiness to implement and operate  
1484 the recommended solution, including evaluation of governance  
1485 structures, staffing capacity, and resource sufficiency.

1486 (3) The completed assessment must be submitted  
1487 simultaneously to the Agency for Health Care Administration, the  
1488 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of  
1489 the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive  
1490 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by January  
1491 8, 2027.

1492 (4) Based on the results of the assessment, the Agency for  
1493 Health Care Administration shall develop a new time-phased  
1494 implementation roadmap with measurable success criteria for the  
1495 MMIS replacement that aligns investments with the agency's  
1496 Medicaid program goals and business strategy. The agency must  
1497 submit the roadmap to chair of the Senate Committee on  
1498 Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget  
1499 Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of  
1500 Policy and Budget by February 2, 2027.

1501 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1502 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1503 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027  
1504 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care  
1505 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,  
1506 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of  
1507 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall  
1508 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for

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1509 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological  
1510 products excluded from the program established under s.  
1511 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s.  
1512 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The  
1513 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these  
1514 products for participating agencies when feasible and  
1515 advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a  
1516 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved  
1517 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs  
1518 and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1519 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1520 238 through 245 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1521 notwithstanding ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), Florida Statutes:

1522 (1)(a) An inactive license or a partially inactive license  
1523 with an expiration date on or after June 1, 2024, may be issued  
1524 or renewed to a skilled nursing provider subject to the  
1525 certificate-of-need provisions in part I of chapter 408, Florida  
1526 Statutes, if the provider currently holds an active or inactive  
1527 license, does not have a provisional license, and will be  
1528 temporarily unable to provide services due to impacts from a  
1529 natural disaster or state of emergency; or will be deactivating  
1530 or has deactivated beds to improve and modernize the licensees  
1531 physical plant, but is reasonably expected to resume services  
1532 within 48 months.

1533 (b) Such issuance or renewal may be made for a period of 12  
1534 months and may be further renewed for up to 36 additional months  
1535 upon demonstration by the licensee of the provider's progress  
1536 toward reopening. During each 12-month renewal cycle, the  
1537 applicant shall attest that good-faith progress towards

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1538 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1539 delayed by litigation or by governmental action or inaction with  
1540 respect to regulations or permitting that precludes commencement  
1541 of the project.

1542 (2) (a) The certificate-of-need validity period for a  
1543 project shall be extended by the agency if the certificateholder  
1544 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that good-faith  
1545 progress toward the commencement of the project is ongoing or  
1546 that the project is delayed by litigation or by government  
1547 action or inaction with respect to regulations or permitting  
1548 that precludes commencement of the project.

1549 (b) Such extension may be made for a period of 12 months  
1550 and may be renewed for up to 36 additional months upon  
1551 demonstration by the certificateholder of the progress towards  
1552 opening. During each 12-month validity period renewal cycle, the  
1553 certificateholder shall attest that good-faith progress towards  
1554 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1555 being delayed by litigation or by governmental action or  
1556 inaction.

1557 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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1567 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,  
1568 2027.

1569 Section 38. In order to implement section 66 of the 2026-  
1570 2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181  
1571 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with  
1572 Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1573 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1574 Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump  
1575 Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address  
1576 any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1,  
1577 2027.

1578 Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1579 231 and 254 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1580 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1581 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons  
1582 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1583 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1584 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the  
1585 action, to increase budget authority to support the  
1586 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid  
1587 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This  
1588 section expires July 1, 2027.

1589 Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1590 594 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1591 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
1592 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1593 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority  
1594 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the  
1595 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and

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1596 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate  
1597 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing  
1598 homes, if the department projects that additional direct care  
1599 staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This  
1600 section expires July 1, 2027.

1601 Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1602 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)  
1603 of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1604 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the  
1605 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of  
1606 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state  
1607 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to  
1608 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1609 (1)(a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid  
1610 expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds  
1611 for the federal Medicaid program.

1612 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by  
1613 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share  
1614 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.  
1615 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1616 Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1617 594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1618 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
1619 the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to:

1620 (1) Expend funds pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement  
1621 between the department and the Collier County Board of County  
1622 Commissioners, as well as funds appropriated in chapter 2023-  
1623 239, Laws of Florida, for the planning and construction of a new  
1624 State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Center in

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1625 Collier County.

1626 (2) Apply for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
1627 Construction Grant for the Collier County State Veterans'  
1628 Nursing Home.

1629 (3) Submit budget amendments subject to the notice, review,  
1630 and objection procedures in s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,  
1631 subject to federal approval, requesting additional spending  
1632 authority to support the development and construction of a new  
1633 State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in  
1634 Collier County.

1635  
1636 This section expires July 1, 2027.

1637 Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1638 404 and 406 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1639 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1640 Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,  
1641 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1642 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1643 United States Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food  
1644 Program or the Older Americans Act if additional federal  
1645 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1646 section expires July 1, 2027.

1647 Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1648 626 through 718 and 729 through 782 of the 2026-2027 General  
1649 Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida  
1650 Statutes, is amended to read:

1651 216.262 Authorized positions.-

1652 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating  
1653 to increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the

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1654 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate  
 1655 population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate  
 1656 population projections of the December 23 ~~February 21~~, 2025,  
 1657 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2  
 1658 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive  
 1659 Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative  
 1660 Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice  
 1661 Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible  
 1662 to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then  
 1663 submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of  
 1664 positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature  
 1665 and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue  
 1666 sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed capital  
 1667 improvements, and other resources to provide classification,  
 1668 security, food services, health services, and other variable  
 1669 expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated  
 1670 increase in the inmate population. All actions taken pursuant to  
 1671 this subsection are subject to review and approval by the  
 1672 Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1,  
 1673 2027 ~~2026~~.

1674 Section 45. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
 1675 3340 through 3409 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
 1676 subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1677 to read:

1678 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

1679 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one  
 1680 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system  
 1681 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2026-2027  
 1682 ~~2025-2026~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice

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1683 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the  
1684 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.  
1685 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which  
1686 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts  
1687 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned  
1688 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5  
1689 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If  
1690 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial  
1691 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds  
1692 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid  
1693 by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year. This  
1694 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1695 Section 46. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1696 1183 through 1194 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

1697 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall review county  
1698 juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill  
1699 their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865,  
1700 Florida Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile Justice  
1701 determines that a county has not met its obligations, the  
1702 department shall direct the Department of Revenue to deduct the  
1703 amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from the funds  
1704 provided to the county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes. The  
1705 Department of Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld to the  
1706 Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

1707 (2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties  
1708 before July 1, 2026, for which distributions made pursuant to s.  
1709 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund  
1710 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded  
1711 and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each

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1712 fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county  
1713 shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to  
1714 any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department  
1715 of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an  
1716 affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed  
1717 pursuant to subsection (1) does not reduce the amount of  
1718 distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the  
1719 timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds  
1720 and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the  
1721 bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of  
1722 the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution  
1723 must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the  
1724 Department of Revenue must notify the Department of Juvenile  
1725 Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the Department of  
1726 Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of such amount to  
1727 the affected county.

1728 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1729 Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1730 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the  
1731 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the  
1732 expiration date in section 52 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of  
1733 Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),  
1734 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and  
1735 (7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

1736 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum  
1737 requirements; appointment by court.—

1738 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual  
1739 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed  
1740 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized

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1741 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to  
1742 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office  
1743 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be  
1744 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision  
1745 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public  
1746 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public  
1747 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict  
1748 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The  
1749 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific  
1750 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a  
1751 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this  
1752 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

1753 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent  
1754 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-  
1755 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict  
1756 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified  
1757 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil  
1758 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a  
1759 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional  
1760 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of  
1761 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly  
1762 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall  
1763 submit this information to the Justice Administrative  
1764 Commission.

1765 (3) In using a registry:

1766 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of  
1767 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of  
1768 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each  
1769 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number

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1770 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a  
1771 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

1772 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief  
1773 judge and by general law for court appointment;

1774 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases  
1775 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

1776 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for  
1777 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

1778

1779 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a  
1780 contract for services with the Justice Administrative  
1781 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for  
1782 services may result in termination of the contract and removal  
1783 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible  
1784 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice  
1785 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.  
1786 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination  
1787 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until  
1788 the requirement is fulfilled.

1789 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve  
1790 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of  
1791 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms  
1792 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for  
1793 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the  
1794 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform  
1795 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with  
1796 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and  
1797 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's  
1798 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is

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1799 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.”

1800 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately  
1801 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance  
1802 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms  
1803 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1804 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the  
1805 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as  
1806 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection  
1807 (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the  
1808 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under  
1809 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment  
1810 that there were no registry attorneys available for  
1811 representation for that case and only if the requirements of  
1812 subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

1813 (b) 1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
1814 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be  
1815 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate  
1816 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly  
1817 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the  
1818 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed  
1819 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek  
1820 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304  
1821 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents  
1822 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission  
1823 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client  
1824 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall  
1825 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the  
1826 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in  
1827 order to facilitate the commission’s review of the records and

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1828 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact  
1829 information from the records and documents only to the extent  
1830 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice  
1831 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall  
1832 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1833 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the  
1834 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to  
1835 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by  
1836 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that  
1837 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming  
1838 the presumption.

1839       2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit the  
1840 commission or the Auditor General to review documentation for a  
1841 case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives the  
1842 right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation in  
1843 excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General  
1844 Appropriations Act for that case.

1845       3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived  
1846 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee  
1847 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as  
1848 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,  
1849 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and  
1850 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1851 presumption.

1852       Section 48. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),  
1853 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1854 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and  
1855 the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,  
1856 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that

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1857 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
1858 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1859 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1860 expire pursuant to this section.

1861 Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1862 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the  
1863 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the  
1864 expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of  
1865 Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,  
1866 is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11) and  
1867 paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section  
1868 are reenacted, to read:

1869 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;  
1870 notice.—

1871 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the manner  
1872 prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated by the  
1873 Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in this  
1874 section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees  
1875 prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The  
1876 specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established  
1877 annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also  
1878 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in  
1879 accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a  
1880 defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,  
1881 the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the  
1882 most serious offense for which he or she represented the  
1883 defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee  
1884 limits established by this section.

1885 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility

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1886 for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney  
1887 fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory  
1888 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-  
1889 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final  
1890 disposition of a case.

1891 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a court  
1892 appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1893 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation for  
1894 dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first  
1895 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700  
1896 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon  
1897 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case  
1898 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,  
1899 including any children born during the pendency of the  
1900 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an  
1901 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial  
1902 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for  
1903 dependency proceedings.

1904 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450  
1905 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

1906 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1907 following the first judicial review in the second year following  
1908 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1909 case remains under protective supervision.

1910 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective  
1911 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not  
1912 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an  
1913 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1914 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a

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1915 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,  
1916 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel  
1917 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle  
1918 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must  
1919 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

1920 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in  
1921 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed  
1922 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and  
1923 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall  
1924 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of  
1925 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of  
1926 children involved, including any children born during the  
1927 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal  
1928 from an order granting or denying termination of parental  
1929 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered  
1930 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights  
1931 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings  
1932 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered  
1933 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long  
1934 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

1935 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30  
1936 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for  
1937 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must  
1938 include the trial counsel's certification that:

1939 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or  
1940 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and

1941 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and a  
1942 motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the  
1943 signature of the parent, have been filed.

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1944           2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1945 following the first judicial review in the second year after the  
1946 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1947 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1948           (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,  
1949 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

1950           1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon  
1951 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1952 withdraw.

1953           2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat  
1954 fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

1955           (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of  
1956 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1957           1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon  
1958 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1959 withdraw.

1960           2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat  
1961 fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1962           (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the state  
1963 for representation pursuant to court appointment made in  
1964 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a  
1965 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter  
1966 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter  
1967 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the  
1968 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such  
1969 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

1970           (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat fees  
1971 prescribed under this section and the General Appropriations Act  
1972 comprise the full and complete compensation for private court-

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1973 appointed counsel. It is further the intent of the Legislature  
1974 that the fees in this section are prescribed for the purpose of  
1975 providing counsel with notice of the limit on the amount of  
1976 compensation for representation in particular proceedings and  
1977 the sole procedure and requirements for obtaining payment for  
1978 the same.

1979 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to  
1980 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion  
1981 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not  
1982 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under  
1983 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1984 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from  
1985 representation prior to the full performance of his or her  
1986 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints  
1987 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial  
1988 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee  
1989 established under this section and the General Appropriations  
1990 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

1991  
1992 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed  
1993 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat  
1994 fee.

1995 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an  
1996 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and  
1997 unusual effort.

1998 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits  
1999 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief  
2000 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess  
2001 of these limits.

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2002           1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a  
2003 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting  
2004 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice  
2005 Administrative Commission.

2006           2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the  
2007 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and  
2008 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall  
2009 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
2010 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission  
2011 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection  
2012 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the  
2013 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file  
2014 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission  
2015 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of  
2016 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating  
2017 its objection.

2018           (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee  
2019 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an  
2020 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge  
2021 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this  
2022 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit  
2023 may have up to two designees.

2024           1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must  
2025 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case  
2026 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or  
2027 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of  
2028 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and  
2029 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a  
2030 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial

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2031 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal  
2032 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number  
2033 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's  
2034 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

2035 2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative  
2036 Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by  
2037 the attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the  
2038 court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial  
2039 evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption. The chief  
2040 judge or single designee shall enter a written order detailing  
2041 his or her findings and identifying the extraordinary nature of  
2042 the time and efforts of the attorney in the case which warrant  
2043 exceeding the flat fee established by this section and the  
2044 General Appropriations Act.

2045 (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on  
2046 the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days  
2047 before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative  
2048 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may  
2049 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing  
2050 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order  
2051 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses  
2052 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of  
2053 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice  
2054 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or  
2055 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for  
2056 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving  
2057 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact  
2058 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to  
2059 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the

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2060 documentation is not binding on the court.

2061 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that  
2062 counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that  
2063 the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief  
2064 judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid  
2065 to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,  
2066 depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort  
2067 required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to  
2068 ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.  
2069 The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established  
2070 flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat  
2071 fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or  
2072 single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee  
2073 would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of  
2074 compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for  
2075 a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,  
2076 the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be  
2077 only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid  
2078 are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.  
2079 27.40(7).

2080 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must be  
2081 attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the  
2082 Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the  
2083 requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

2084 (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in subsection  
2085 (5) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the  
2086 compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may not  
2087 exceed the following:

2088 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the trial

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2089 level: \$2,000.

2090 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the  
2091 trial level: \$15,000.

2092 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:  
2093 \$15,000.

2094 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:  
2095 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any  
2096 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state  
2097 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

2098 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

2099 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2100 Section 50. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and  
2101 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
2102 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),  
2103 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws  
2104 of Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2105 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to  
2106 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
2107 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
2108 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
2109 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
2110 this section.

2111 Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2112 1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2113 subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2114 to read:

2115 908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

2116 (3)(a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the  
2117 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments

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2118 for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate  
2119 in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task  
2120 force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for  
2121 a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer  
2122 employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency  
2123 must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer  
2124 participated in one or more operations and provide any  
2125 information required by the board. Eligible participation does  
2126 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
2127 facilities or county detention facilities.

2128 (b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65  
2129 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance  
2130 Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

2131 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2026-2027  
2132 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply  
2133 to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus  
2134 payments for the agency's certified correctional officers under  
2135 s. 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under s. 287(g)  
2136 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an  
2137 immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under s.  
2138 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357.  
2139 The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to  
2140 \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with  
2141 that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency  
2142 must certify to the board that the certified correctional  
2143 officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or  
2144 an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at  
2145 least 6 months preceding the application and provide any  
2146 information required by the board. Eligible participation does

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2147 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
2148 facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2149 Section 52. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2150 1336A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (g)  
2151 is added to subsection (7) of section 934.50, Florida Statutes,  
2152 to read:

2153 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

2154 (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

2155 (g) Subject to appropriation, the Drone as First Responder  
2156 Grant Program is created within the Department of Law  
2157 Enforcement.

2158 1. The grant program shall provide funds to law enforcement  
2159 agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews, or other  
2160 first responders that apply for funding to acquire new drones  
2161 that comply with this section. To be eligible, the applicant  
2162 must provide the department with any information the department  
2163 deems necessary. A law enforcement agency, fire service,  
2164 ambulance service, or other first responder agency may apply  
2165 directly to the department or a local governmental entity may  
2166 submit an application on behalf of one or more of its agencies  
2167 to purchase one or more new drones.

2168 2. The department shall expeditiously develop an  
2169 application process. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come,  
2170 first-served basis, determined by the date the department  
2171 receives the application.

2172 3. Grants must be matched by at least 50 percent local  
2173 funds, but the department may waive this requirement for  
2174 agencies solely serving within a fiscally constrained county as  
2175 described in s. 218.67(1), Florida Statutes. Each grant is

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2176 limited to a total of \$250,000 per agency and a maximum \$50,000  
2177 per drone.

2178 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "first  
2179 responder agency" has the same meaning as in s. 365.179(1)(a).

2180 5. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
2181 paragraph. The department is authorized, and all conditions are  
2182 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 120.54(4) for the  
2183 purpose of implementing this paragraph. Notwithstanding any  
2184 other law, emergency rules adopted under this section are  
2185 effective for 12 months after adoption and may be renewed during  
2186 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing  
2187 the subject of the emergency rules.

2188  
2189 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

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

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2205 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,  
2206 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2207 Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease  
2208 contract for private office or storage space, the status of  
2209 renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires  
2210 July 1, 2027.

2211 Section 54. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
2212 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for data center  
2213 services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida  
2214 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data  
2215 processing category to a category other than another data  
2216 processing category or a cloud computing category for  
2217 information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This  
2218 section expires July 1, 2027.

2219 Section 55. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2220 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk  
2221 Management Insurance" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
2222 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
2223 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
2224 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category  
2225 between departments in order to align the budget authority  
2226 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk  
2227 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2228 Section 56. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2229 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer  
2230 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services  
2231 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General  
2232 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and  
2233 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the

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2234 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated  
2235 in that category between departments in order to align the  
2236 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid  
2237 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for  
2238 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,  
2239 2027.

2240 Section 57. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2241 2935 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act in the Building  
2242 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental  
2243 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in  
2244 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

2245 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,  
2246 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of  
2247 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
2248 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of  
2249 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and  
2250 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the  
2251 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.  
2252 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted  
2253 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

2254 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit budget  
2255 amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary for the  
2256 implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216, Florida  
2257 Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in appropriation  
2258 shall include a detailed plan providing all estimated costs and  
2259 relocation proposals.

2260 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2261 Section 58. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2262 2513 through 2516 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

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2263       (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the  
2264 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information  
2265 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,  
2266 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and  
2267 shall replace the cash management and accounting management  
2268 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an  
2269 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,  
2270 define, and standardize its financial management business  
2271 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida  
2272 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of  
2273 FLAIR and CMS:

2274       (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other  
2275 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management  
2276 Information System; or

2277       (b) Agency business processes related to any of the  
2278 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the  
2279 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations  
2280 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2281       (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the Department  
2282 of Financial Services shall:

2283       (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation  
2284 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,  
2285 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,  
2286 version 031.

2287       (b) Ensure that all business requirements and technical  
2288 specifications have been provided to all state agencies for  
2289 their review and input and approved by the executive steering  
2290 committee established in paragraph (c), including any updates to  
2291 these documents.

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2292 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes  
2293 an executive steering committee composed of:

2294 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of  
2295 the project.

2296 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the  
2297 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief  
2298 Financial Officer.

2299 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of  
2300 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental  
2301 Protection.

2302 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and  
2303 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by  
2304 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience  
2305 relating to at least one of the four main components that  
2306 compose FLAIR.

2307 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the Governor,  
2308 appointed by the Governor. One employee must have experience  
2309 relating to the Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and  
2310 Budgeting Subsystem.

2311 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed  
2312 by the executive director, who has experience using or  
2313 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

2314 7. Two employees from the Department of Management  
2315 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One  
2316 employee must have experience relating to the department's  
2317 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have  
2318 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

2319 8. A state agency administrative services director,  
2320 appointed by the Governor.

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2321 9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care  
2322 Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the  
2323 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

2324 10. The state chief information officer, or his or her  
2325 designee, as a nonvoting member. The state chief information  
2326 officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status  
2327 reports to the executive steering committee pursuant to the  
2328 oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

2329 11. One employee from the Department of Business and  
2330 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and  
2331 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and  
2332 Professional Regulation.

2333 12. One employee from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2334 Commission who has experience using or maintaining the  
2335 commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by the  
2336 chair of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

2337 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or  
2338 his or her designee.

2339 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor  
2340 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering  
2341 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at  
2342 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer  
2343 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing  
2344 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee consists of  
2345 at least 10 members.

2346 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the executive  
2347 steering committee, the chair shall request input from committee  
2348 members on agenda items for the next scheduled meeting.

2349 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of

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2350 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain  
2351 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four  
2352 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The  
2353 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM  
2354 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial  
2355 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations  
2356 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair  
2357 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for  
2358 each scheduled meeting. The Florida PALM project team shall  
2359 dedicate a staff member to the group and provide system  
2360 demonstrations and any project documentation, as needed, for the  
2361 group to fulfill its duties.

2362 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to  
2363 provide bimonthly status reports to the executive steering  
2364 committee. The form and format of the bimonthly status reports  
2365 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to  
2366 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such  
2367 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive  
2368 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the  
2369 agency to prepare its systems and impacted employees for the  
2370 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first bimonthly  
2371 status report is due September 1, 2026, and bimonthly  
2372 thereafter.

2373 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
2374 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR  
2375 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

2376 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
2377 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
2378 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to

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2379 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to  
2380 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management  
2381 business processes.

2382 (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,  
2383 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements  
2384 of subsection (1).

2385 (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
2386 all phases of the project.

2387 (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost  
2388 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

2389 (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all  
2390 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of  
2391 FLAIR and CMS.

2392 (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the  
2393 bimonthly agency status reports to include objective and  
2394 quantifiable information on each agency's progress in planning  
2395 for the Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's  
2396 people, processes, technology, and data transformation  
2397 activities.

2398 (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,  
2399 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

2400 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2401 Section 59. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2402 3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2403 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter  
2404 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,  
2405 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2406 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and  
2407 interoperability network.-

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2408 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide  
2409 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature  
2410 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,  
2411 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the  
2412 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.  
2413 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to  
2414 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public  
2415 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of  
2416 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is  
2417 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to  
2418 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

2419 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall enter  
2420 into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating the  
2421 statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021. The  
2422 contract must include:

- 2423 1. The purchase of radios;
- 2424 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
- 2425 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for  
2426 system users;
- 2427 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual  
2428 rate;
- 2429 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the  
2430 department; and
- 2431 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the  
2432 department.

2433 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust  
2434 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges  
2435 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon  
2436 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the

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2437 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,  
2438 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,  
2439 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the  
2440 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs  
2441 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the  
2442 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the  
2443 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

2444 Section 60. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes, as  
2445 carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by this  
2446 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall  
2447 revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that any  
2448 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
2449 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
2450 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
2451 expire pursuant to this section.

2452 Section 61. In order to implement appropriations relating  
2453 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the  
2454 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in  
2455 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.  
2456 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible  
2457 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management  
2458 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.  
2459 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2460 Section 62. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2461 2954 through 2965 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2462 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,  
2463 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida  
2464 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement  
2465 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only.

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2466 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2467 Section 63. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2468 2866 through 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2469 and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by  
2470 section 69 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)  
2471 of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is  
2472 amended to read:

2473 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department  
2474 shall:

2475 (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation  
2476 of the state lottery, including:

2477 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,  
2478 except for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only, effective July 1,  
2479 2026, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent  
2480 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize  
2481 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited  
2482 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program  
2483 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2892 of the 2026-2027  
2484 General Appropriations Act.

2485 Section 64. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida  
2486 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2487 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
2488 2022, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
2489 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2490 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2491 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2492 Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2493 3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2494 paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida

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2495 Statutes, is amended to read:

2496 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

2497 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

2498 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative  
2499 dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may  
2500 adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes  
2501 regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding  
2502 coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a  
2503 proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any  
2504 such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings  
2505 in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such  
2506 policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the  
2507 courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120  
2508 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil  
2509 Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,  
2510 except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,  
2511 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer  
2512 shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the  
2513 request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings  
2514 and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set  
2515 for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such  
2516 proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant  
2517 to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the  
2518 office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

2519 2. The corporation may contract with the division to  
2520 conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim  
2521 determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies  
2522 of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2523 Section 66. In order to implement section 125 of the 2026-

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2524 2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (2)  
2525 of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2526       215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established  
2527 within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida  
2528 Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal  
2529 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership  
2530 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does  
2531 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the  
2532 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of  
2533 residential property in this state. Implementation of this  
2534 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is  
2535 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability  
2536 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed  
2537 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of  
2538 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects  
2539 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in  
2540 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by  
2541 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other  
2542 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of  
2543 available funds. If, after applications are processed and  
2544 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept  
2545 applications up to the available amount. The program shall  
2546 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach  
2547 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements  
2548 provided in this section.

2549       (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be  
2550 used by homeowners to make improvements recommended by an  
2551 inspection which increase resistance to hurricane damage.

2552       (a) A homeowner is eligible for a hurricane mitigation

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2553 grant if all of the following criteria are met:

2554 1. The home must be eligible for an inspection under  
2555 subsection (1).

2556 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of  
2557 \$700,000 or less. Homeowners who are low-income persons, as  
2558 defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.

2559 3. The home must undergo an acceptable hurricane mitigation  
2560 inspection as provided in subsection (1).

2561 4. The building permit application for initial construction  
2562 of the home must have been made before January 1, 2008.

2563 5. The homeowner must agree to make his or her home  
2564 available for inspection once a mitigation project is completed.

2565 6. The homeowner must agree to provide to the department  
2566 information received from the homeowner's insurer identifying  
2567 the discounts realized by the homeowner because of the  
2568 mitigation improvements funded through the program.

2569 7.a. The homeowner must be a low-income person or moderate-  
2570 income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

2571 b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred  
2572 within the previous 24 months from the date of application.

2573 c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-  
2574 income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt  
2575 from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an  
2576 insured value of \$700,000 or less.

2577 d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2578 Section 67. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in  
2579 order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027  
2580 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301,  
2581 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of

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2582 Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A and section  
2583 74 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act will not revert  
2584 and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027 fiscal year.  
2585 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2586       Section 68. In order to implement the appropriation of  
2587 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data  
2588 Center" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2589 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
2590 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor  
2591 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between  
2592 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based  
2593 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the  
2594 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2595       Section 69. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
2596 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state data  
2597 center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies  
2598 related to contract management services provided to Northwest  
2599 Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This section  
2600 expires July 1, 2027.

2601       Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2602 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
2603 284.51, Florida Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

2604       284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic  
2605 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

2606       (1) As used in this section, the term:

2607       (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of the  
2608 Department of Financial Services.

2609       (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic  
2610 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial

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2611 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's  
2612 physiology and biometric data.

2613 (c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a  
2614 part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law  
2615 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as  
2616 defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as  
2617 defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or  
2618 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local  
2619 government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law  
2620 enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
2621 technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the  
2622 state or a local government.

2623 (d) "Veteran" means:

- 2624 1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);
- 2625 2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined in  
2626 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or
- 2627 3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

2628 (2) The division shall select a provider to establish a  
2629 statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans,  
2630 first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and  
2631 first responders with:

- 2632 (a) Substance use disorders.
- 2633 (b) Mental illness.
- 2634 (c) Sleep disorders.
- 2635 (d) Traumatic brain injuries.
- 2636 (e) Sexual trauma.
- 2637 (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying  
2638 comorbidities.
- 2639 (g) Concussions.

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- 2640 (h) Other brain trauma.
- 2641 (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,  
2642 including issues related to or resulting from problems with  
2643 cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or  
2644 focus.
- 2645 (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran  
2646 and first responder populations at a statewide level. The  
2647 provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite  
2648 care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration  
2649 shall be provided to locations with a large population of first  
2650 responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS  
2651 devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic  
2652 Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations  
2653 in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment  
2654 or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to  
2655 establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate  
2656 outcomes of such clinical practice.
- 2657 (4) The pilot program shall include:
- 2658 (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by  
2659 the provider made available to all individuals receiving  
2660 treatment under the program.
- 2661 (b) The requirement that each individual who receives  
2662 treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological  
2663 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other  
2664 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness  
2665 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also  
2666 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by  
2667 the provider.
- 2668 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use of

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2669 adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based on  
2670 EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing, as  
2671 well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

2672 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2673 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2674 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the  
2675 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2676 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics  
2677 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received  
2678 from the department.

2679 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2680 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2681 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be  
2682 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug  
2683 Administration studies or trials.

2684 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this section.

2685 (6) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2686 Section 71. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2687 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
2688 Department of Financial Services shall continue its existing  
2689 contract for the establishment of the Electroencephalogram  
2690 Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Treatment pilot  
2691 program for veterans and first responders. The department's  
2692 existing contract, and all funds paid by the department pursuant  
2693 to that contract, do not constitute state financial assistance  
2694 as provided in s. 215.97, Florida Statutes. This section expires  
2695 July 1, 2027.

2696 Section 72. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in  
2697 order to implement Specific Appropriations 2505 through 2512 of

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2698 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is  
2699 added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:

2700 717.123 Deposit of funds.—

2701 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), and for the 2025-2026  
2702 and 2026-2027 fiscal years, the department shall retain, from  
2703 the funds received under this chapter, an amount not to exceed  
2704 the amount estimated to be received as atypical receipts for the  
2705 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years by the Revenue Estimating  
2706 Conference resulting from the implementation of chapter 2024-  
2707 140, Laws of Florida. This amount must be held in a separate  
2708 account and is in addition to the \$15 million the department is  
2709 authorized to retain pursuant to subsection (1). From the  
2710 separate account the department shall make prompt payment of  
2711 claims relating to the atypical receipts allowed by the  
2712 department. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

2713 Section 73. In order to implement specific appropriations  
2714 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of  
2715 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
2716 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish  
2717 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the  
2718 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section  
2719 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2720 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

2721 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to  
2722 a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture  
2723 and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental  
2724 Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife  
2725 Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a  
2726 land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund

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

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2756 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of  
2757 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys  
2758 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
2759 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in  
2760 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This  
2761 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2762       Section 74. (1) In order to implement specific  
2763 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the  
2764 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department  
2765 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the  
2766 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in  
2767 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of  
2768 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land  
2769 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land  
2770 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2771 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2772 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As  
2773 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department  
2774 of Environmental Protection.

2775       (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,  
2776 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each  
2777 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the  
2778 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for  
2779 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land  
2780 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land  
2781 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2782 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2783 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The  
2784 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the

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2785 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the  
2786 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land  
2787 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
2788 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2789 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its  
2790 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition  
2791 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land  
2792 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and  
2793 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
2794 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total  
2795 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

2796 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the  
2797 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds  
2798 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
2799 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2800 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts  
2801 appropriated in chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida, to the  
2802 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land  
2803 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred  
2804 between those trust funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

2805 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning  
2806 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to  
2807 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
2808 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a  
2809 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts  
2810 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2811 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,  
2812 2027.

2813 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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2814 Section 75. In order to implement specific appropriations  
2815 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of  
2816 Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027  
2817 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of  
2818 section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2819 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

2820 (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding  
2821 reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the  
2822 proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this  
2823 section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund  
2824 created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the  
2825 Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

2826 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2026-  
2827 2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as  
2828 provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph  
2829 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2830 Section 76. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2831 1776 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2832 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 85 of chapter  
2833 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of  
2834 section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2835 376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and  
2836 polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

2837 (2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

2838 (a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
2839 has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water,  
2840 groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, the department  
2841 shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in  
2842 drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth

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2843 in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules  
2844 for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until  
2845 ratified by the Legislature.

2846 Section 77. The amendment to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida  
2847 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2848 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
2849 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
2850 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2851 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2852 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2853 Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2854 1831A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2855 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 89 of chapter  
2856 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of  
2857 section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2858 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
2859 funding.—

2860 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The  
2861 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10  
2862 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor  
2863 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems  
2864 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended  
2865 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce  
2866 the potential for such damage.

2867 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

- 2868 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the  
2869 application and required documentation;
- 2870 2. Certified public accountant costs;
- 2871 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess

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2872 of the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or  
2873 which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;

2874 4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or  
2875 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or  
2876 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;

2877 5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department  
2878 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been  
2879 resolved; or

2880 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage  
2881 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the  
2882 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

2883 Section 79. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida  
2884 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of  
2885 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
2886 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but  
2887 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-  
2888 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted  
2889 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
2890 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
2891 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

2892 Section 80. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2893 2320 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2894 notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
2895 Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing  
2896 production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
2897 greening and to commercialize technologies that produce  
2898 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The  
2899 department shall enter into these agreements no later than  
2900 January 1, 2027, and shall file with the department's Inspector

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2901 General a certification of conditions and circumstances  
2902 justifying each agreement entered into without competitive  
2903 solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2904 Section 81. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2905 1715 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2906 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter  
2907 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,  
2908 as amended by chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of Florida,  
2909 is reenacted to read:

2910 380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida  
2911 Forever program.—

2912 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it  
2913 is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall administer  
2914 the working waterfronts land acquisition program as set forth in  
2915 this section.

2916 (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and  
2917 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically  
2918 establishing an application process and a process for the  
2919 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.  
2920 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph  
2921 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a  
2922 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to  
2923 projects:

2924 1. Within a municipality with a population less than  
2925 30,000;

2926 2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and  
2927 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,  
2928 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate  
2929 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

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2930           3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency  
2931 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

2932           4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an  
2933 aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2934           5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local  
2935 economy.

2936           (b) For projects that will require more than the grant  
2937 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in  
2938 their project application funding sources that will provide the  
2939 difference between the grant award and the estimated project  
2940 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those  
2941 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2942           (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on  
2943 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and  
2944 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to  
2945 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of  
2946 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present  
2947 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of  
2948 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board  
2949 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may  
2950 not add projects.

2951           (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of less-  
2952 than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust. Waterfront  
2953 communities that receive grant awards must submit annual  
2954 progress reports to the trust identifying project activities  
2955 which are complete, and the progress achieved in meeting the  
2956 goals outlined in the project application. The trust must  
2957 implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance of  
2958 grant recipients in completing projects that are funded through

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2959 the working waterfronts program.

2960 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it  
2961 is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of  
2962 Environmental Protection shall administer the working  
2963 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this  
2964 section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture  
2965 industries, including the infrastructure for receiving or  
2966 unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood  
2967 economy.

2968 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program is  
2969 created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater  
2970 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer  
2971 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their  
2972 operations.

2973 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital  
2974 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited  
2975 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the  
2976 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent  
2977 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation  
2978 of shoreside facilities.

2979 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local  
2980 economy.

2981 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports to  
2982 the department identifying project activities that are complete  
2983 and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined in the  
2984 project application.

2985 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor and  
2986 evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing  
2987 projects funded through the program.

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2988           Section 82. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as  
2989 carried forward from chapters 2024-228 and 2025-199, Laws of  
2990 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
2991 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024,  
2992 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
2993 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2994 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2995 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2996           Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2997 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and  
2998 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and  
2999 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for  
3000 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local  
3001 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to  
3002 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose  
3003 of, derelict vessels or vessels declared a public nuisance  
3004 pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa), Florida Statutes. This section  
3005 expires July 1, 2027.

3006           Section 84. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3007 1744A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection  
3008 (4) is added to section 403.890, Florida Statutes, to read:  
3009           403.890 Water Protection and Sustainability Program.—  
3010           (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), revenues  
3011 deposited into or appropriated to the Water Protection and  
3012 Sustainability Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the  
3013 General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1,  
3014 2027.

3015           Section 85. In order to implement appropriations from the  
3016 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of

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3017 Environmental Protection in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
3018 Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida  
3019 Statutes, is amended to read:

3020 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

3021 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
3022 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

3023 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
3024 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
3025 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

3026 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
3027 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that  
3028 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
3029 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
3030 Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
3031 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
3032 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
3033 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
3034 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
3035 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
3036 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed  
3037 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
3038 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
3039 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
3040 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
3041 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
3042 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the  
3043 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake  
3044 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage  
3045 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the

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3046 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand  
3047 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection  
3048 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give  
3049 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce  
3050 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.  
3051 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the  
3052 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this  
3053 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to  
3054 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3055 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the  
3056 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph  
3057 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
3058 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3059 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3060 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

3061 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
3062 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
3063 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
3064 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
3065 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
3066 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3067 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
3068 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
3069 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal  
3070 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
3071 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3072 subparagraph.

3073 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually  
3074 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.

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3075 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to  
3076 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be  
3077 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3078 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3079 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3080 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be  
3081 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019  
3082 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA  
3083 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining  
3084 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of  
3085 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in  
3086 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws  
3087 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such  
3088 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount  
3089 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be  
3090 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3091 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the  
3092 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3093 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually to  
3094 the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake  
3095 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.  
3096 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal  
3097 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
3098 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this  
3099 subparagraph.

3100 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually  
3101 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the  
3102 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.

3103 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 6. ~~subparagraphs 3. and 6.,~~

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3104 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be  
3105 appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This  
3106 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3107 Section 86. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3108 1650 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3109 notwithstanding chapter 255, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3110 Agriculture and Consumer Services may lease an existing facility  
3111 that meets the requirements of s. 581.1843(6), Florida Statutes,  
3112 and may administer a program to expedite the expansion of the  
3113 propagation of *Citrus sinensis* or *Citrus sinensis*-like budwood  
3114 trees and seedlings that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
3115 greening, and to commercialize technologies that produce  
3116 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. This  
3117 section expires July 1, 2027.

3118 Section 87. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3119 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3120 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
3121 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit  
3122 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
3123 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
3124 authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This  
3125 section expires July 1, 2027.

3126 Section 88. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3127 2331 through 2338 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
3128 subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is  
3129 amended to read:

3130 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

3131 (3) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be  
3132 used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to

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3133 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael  
3134 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection  
3135 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3136 Section 89. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3137 2055 through 2068, 2069D through 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092  
3138 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General  
3139 Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section  
3140 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3141 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
3142 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

3143 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

3144 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new  
3145 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess  
3146 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget  
3147 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this  
3148 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of  
3149 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work  
3150 program which are eligible for the funds within the  
3151 appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment.  
3152 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for  
3153 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of  
3154 the proposed amendment.

3155 2. If the department submits an amendment to the  
3156 Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet  
3157 or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal,  
3158 the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the  
3159 amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This  
3160 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3161 Section 90. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

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3162 2055 through 2068, 2069D, 2069E, 2080 through 2082, 2092 through  
 3163 2100 and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General  
 3164 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b),  
 3165 Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized  
 3166 to request up to \$100 million of budget authority to the extent  
 3167 necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work  
 3168 Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations  
 3169 and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced  
 3170 to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments  
 3171 to realign budget authority consistent with this section and  
 3172 pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section  
 3173 expires July 1, 2027.

3174 Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
 3175 2396 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)  
 3176 of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3177 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

3178 (6) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the funds  
 3179 appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle  
 3180 counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes  
 3181 described in the proviso language associated with Specific  
 3182 Appropriation 2396 ~~2113~~ of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ General  
 3183 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3184 Section 92. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
 3185 2396A through 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
 3186 section 288.013, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

3187 288.013 Office of Rural Prosperity.—

3188 (1) The Legislature finds that the unique characteristics  
 3189 of the rural communities in this state are integral to making  
 3190 Florida an attractive place to visit, work, and live. The

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3191 Legislature further finds that fostering a prosperous rural  
3192 economy and vibrant rural communities serves the best interests  
3193 of this state. Rural prosperity supports this state's  
3194 infrastructure, housing, agricultural, and food-processing needs  
3195 and advances the overall health of Florida's economy. It is  
3196 essential that rural areas be able to grow and thrive, whether  
3197 independently or through regional partnerships. To better serve  
3198 rural communities, and in recognition of the unique challenges  
3199 and opportunities they face, the Office of Rural Prosperity is  
3200 established to ensure that state efforts to support rural  
3201 Florida are coordinated, focused, and effective.

3202 (2) Notwithstanding s. 20.60, the Office of Rural  
3203 Prosperity is created within the Department of Commerce to  
3204 support rural communities by helping rural stakeholders navigate  
3205 available programs and resources and by representing rural  
3206 interests across state government.

3207 (3) The Governor shall appoint a director to lead the  
3208 office, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The director  
3209 shall report to the secretary of the department and shall serve  
3210 at the pleasure of the secretary.

3211 (4) The office shall do all of the following:

3212 (a) Serve as the state's point of contact for rural local  
3213 governments.

3214 (b) Provide administrative support to the Rural Economic  
3215 Development Initiative (REDI) pursuant to s. 288.0656.

3216 (c) Provide training and technical assistance to rural  
3217 local governments on a broad range of community and economic  
3218 development activities. The training and technical assistance  
3219 may be offered using communications technology or in person. In

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3220 addition, the office shall post a recorded training and  
3221 technical assistance video to the office's website which covers  
3222 all of the required topics. The training and technical  
3223 assistance must include, at a minimum, the following topics:  
3224 1. How to access state and federal resources, including  
3225 training on the online rural resource directory required under  
3226 paragraph (d).  
3227 2. Best practices for comprehensive planning, economic  
3228 development, and land development in rural communities.  
3229 3. Strategies to address staffing shortages and strengthen  
3230 management functions in rural local governments.  
3231 4. Requirements of, and updates on recent changes to, the  
3232 Community Planning Act under s. 163.3161.  
3233 5. Updates on other recent state and federal laws affecting  
3234 rural local governments.  
3235 (d) Create and maintain an online rural resource directory  
3236 to serve as an interactive tool for users to navigate state and  
3237 federal resources, tools, and services available to rural local  
3238 governments. The office shall ensure the directory is regularly  
3239 updated and, to the greatest extent possible, includes current  
3240 information on programs, resources, and services that address  
3241 the needs of rural communities in all areas of governance. Each  
3242 state agency shall routinely provide information and updates to  
3243 the office to support maintenance of the directory. The  
3244 directory must allow users to search by indicators, such as  
3245 agency name, resource type, or topic, and include a notification  
3246 feature that alerts users when new or updated resources are  
3247 available. To the greatest extent possible, the directory must  
3248 identify any financial match requirements associated with listed

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3249 programs.

3250 (5) (a) By October 1, 2026, the office shall establish and  
3251 provide staff for seven regional rural community liaison centers  
3252 across this state to provide specialized in-person state support  
3253 to rural local governments located in rural areas of opportunity  
3254 as defined in s. 288.0656. The department shall, by rule, divide  
3255 the state into seven regions and assign a liaison center to each  
3256 region. Each liaison center shall serve the local governments  
3257 within its geographic area and shall be staffed with at least  
3258 two full-time department employees. At a minimum, each liaison  
3259 center has the following powers and duties:

3260 1. Assist local governments in planning and achieving goals  
3261 related to local or regional growth, economic development, and  
3262 rural prosperity.

3263 2. Facilitate access to state and federal resources,  
3264 including grants, loans, and other available assistance.

3265 3. Advise local governments on available program waivers,  
3266 including financial match waivers or reductions for projects  
3267 using state or federal funds through REDI under s. 288.0656.

3268 4. Coordinate technical assistance needs with the  
3269 department and other state or federal agencies.

3270 5. Promote model ordinances, policies, and strategies  
3271 related to economic development.

3272 6. Assist local governments with regulatory and reporting  
3273 compliance requirements.

3274 (b) To the greatest extent possible, each regional rural  
3275 community liaison center shall coordinate with local and  
3276 regional governmental entities, regional economic development  
3277 organizations as defined in s. 288.018, and other appropriate

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3278 entities to establish a network that fosters community-driven  
3279 solutions promoting viable and sustainable rural communities.

3280 (c) Each regional rural community liaison center shall  
3281 regularly engage with REDI established in s. 288.0656, and at  
3282 least one staff member from each liaison center shall attend the  
3283 monthly REDI meeting, either in person or by means of electronic  
3284 communication.

3285 (6) By December 1, 2026, the director of the office shall  
3286 submit to the Administration Commission within the Executive  
3287 Office of the Governor a written report describing the office's  
3288 operations and accomplishments for the preceding year. In  
3289 consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
3290 Services, the office shall also include in the report  
3291 recommendations for policies, programs, and funding initiatives  
3292 to further support the needs of rural communities in this state.  
3293 The office shall also submit the report to the President of the  
3294 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
3295 December 1 of each year and publish it on the office's website.  
3296 At the next scheduled meeting of the Administration Commission  
3297 following submission of the report, the director shall, in  
3298 person, present detailed information from the report required  
3299 under this subsection.

3300 (7) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3301 Section 93. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3302 2396E of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (f)  
3303 is added to subsection (7) of section 288.001, Florida Statutes,  
3304 to read:

3305 288.001 The Florida Small Business Development Center  
3306 Network.-

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3307 (7) ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS; USES; PAY-PER-PERFORMANCE  
3308 INCENTIVES; STATEWIDE SERVICE; SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS; BEST  
3309 PRACTICES; ELIGIBILITY.—

3310 (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the  
3311 network shall use funds directly appropriated for the specific  
3312 purpose of expanding service in rural communities as defined in  
3313 s. 288.0656, in addition to any funds allocated by the network  
3314 from other sources. The network shall use the funds to develop  
3315 an activity plan focused on network consultants and resources in  
3316 rural communities. In collaboration with regional economic  
3317 development organizations as defined in s. 288.018, the plan  
3318 must provide for either full- or part-time consultants to be  
3319 available for at least 20 hours per week in rural areas or to be  
3320 permanently stationed in rural areas. This may include  
3321 establishing a circuit in specific rural locations to ensure the  
3322 consultants' availability on a regular basis. By using the funds  
3323 to create a regular presence in rural areas, the network will  
3324 strengthen community collaboration, raise awareness of available  
3325 resources to provide opportunities for new business development  
3326 or existing business growth, and make professional experience,  
3327 education, and business information available in these essential  
3328 communities. The network may dedicate funds to facilitate local  
3329 or regional events that focus on small business topics, provide  
3330 consulting services, and leverage partner organizations, such as  
3331 the regional economic development organizations, local workforce  
3332 development boards as described in s. 445.007, and Florida  
3333 College System institutions. This paragraph expires July 1,  
3334 2027.

3335 Section 94. In order to implement Specific Appropriation

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3336 2396F of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
3337 288.014, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

3338 288.014 Renaissance Grants Program.—

3339 (1) The Legislature finds that it has historically provided  
3340 programs to assist rural communities with economic development  
3341 and to enhance their ability to attract businesses and that, by  
3342 providing that extra component of economic viability, rural  
3343 communities are able to attract new businesses and grow existing  
3344 ones. However, the Legislature further finds that a subset of  
3345 rural communities has decreased in population over the past  
3346 decade, contributing to a decline in local business activity and  
3347 economic development. The Legislature therefore determines that  
3348 state assistance must evolve to support these communities in  
3349 achieving the foundation necessary for economic viability. The  
3350 intent of the Renaissance Grants Program is to reverse economic  
3351 deterioration in such rural communities by retaining and  
3352 attracting residents by giving them a reason to stay, which will  
3353 stimulate natural economic growth, business opportunities, and  
3354 improved quality of life.

3355 (2) The Office of Rural Prosperity within the department  
3356 shall administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block  
3357 grants to eligible counties. By August 1, 2026, the Office of  
3358 Economic and Demographic Research shall certify to the Office of  
3359 Rural Prosperity which counties are growth-impeded. For the  
3360 purposes of this section, the term "growth-impeded" means a  
3361 county that, as of the most recent population estimate, has  
3362 experienced a declining population over the previous 10 years.  
3363 After the initial certification, the Office of Economic and  
3364 Demographic Research shall annually certify whether the county

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3365 remains growth-impeded, until the office certifies the county  
3366 has had 3 consecutive years of population growth. Upon such  
3367 certification of population growth, the county remains eligible  
3368 for the program for 1 additional year to prepare for the end of  
3369 block grant funding.

3370 (3) (a) Each participating county shall enter into an  
3371 agreement with the Office of Rural Prosperity to receive block  
3372 grant funds. Counties have broad authority to design their  
3373 specific plan to achieve population growth consistent with this  
3374 section. The Office of Rural Prosperity may not determine the  
3375 manner in which a county implements its plan. However, regional  
3376 rural community liaison center staff shall provide assistance in  
3377 developing the county's plan, upon the county's request.

3378 (b) Each participating county shall submit a report to the  
3379 Office of Rural Prosperity detailing program activities,  
3380 intergovernmental agreements, and other information as required  
3381 by the office.

3382 (c) Each participating county shall receive \$1 million from  
3383 the funds appropriated to the program, or an equal share of the  
3384 funds appropriated if insufficient to provide that amount.  
3385 Counties shall make all attempts to limit expenses for  
3386 administrative costs, consistent with the need for prudent  
3387 management and accountability in the use of public funds.  
3388 Counties may supplement the block grant with other funding  
3389 sources, including local, state, or federal grants, and may seek  
3390 public or private contributions or in-kind support to advance  
3391 program activities.

3392 (4) (a) Each participating county shall hire and retain a  
3393 renaissance coordinator, who may be funded from block grant

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3394 proceeds. The renaissance coordinator is responsible for:

3395 1. Ensuring that block grant funds are used as provided in  
3396 this section;

3397 2. Coordinating with other local governments, school  
3398 boards, Florida College System institutions, and other partners;  
3399 and

3400 3. Reporting as necessary to the state, including  
3401 information necessary pursuant to subsection (7).

3402 (b) The Office of Rural Prosperity regional rural community  
3403 liaison center staff shall, upon request, provide assistance and  
3404 training to the renaissance coordinator to support successful  
3405 implementation of the block grant.

3406 (5) Each participating county shall design a plan for  
3407 targeted community investments designed to achieve population  
3408 growth and increase economic vitality. The plan must include the  
3409 following key features for use of the state support:

3410 (a) Technology centers located within schools or on school  
3411 premises, administered by the local school board, providing  
3412 extended hours and access for students.

3413 (b) Facilities that colocate adult day care with child care  
3414 facilities. The site-sharing facilities must be managed to also  
3415 encourage interaction between generations and increase the  
3416 health and well-being of younger and older participants, reduce  
3417 social isolation, and create cost and time efficiencies for  
3418 working families. The regional rural community liaison center  
3419 staff of the Office of Rural Prosperity shall, upon request,  
3420 assist the county with bringing recommendations to the Rural  
3421 Economic Development Initiative or the appropriate state agency  
3422 to streamline all required state permits, licenses, regulations,

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3423 or other requirements.

3424 (c) Technology labs operated in partnership with the  
3425 nearest Florida College System institution or a career center  
3426 under s. 1001.44. Repurposed vacant industrial sites or existing  
3427 office space must be given priority in the selection of lab  
3428 locations. Each local technology lab must be staffed and open  
3429 for extended hours with the capacity to provide:

3430 1. Access to trainers and equipment necessary for earning  
3431 certificates or online degrees in technology;

3432 2. Hands-on assistance in securing remote work  
3433 opportunities; and

3434 3. Studio space equipped for remote technology-based work  
3435 available for graduates and other qualifying residents.

3436 Participating counties may determine which residents receive  
3437 priority access. Collaboration with community partners,  
3438 including the local workforce development board as described in  
3439 s. 445.007, to provide training opportunities, in-kind support  
3440 such as transportation to and from the lab, financing of  
3441 equipment for in-home use, or basic maintenance of such  
3442 equipment is required.

3443 (6) In addition to hiring a renaissance coordinator, each  
3444 participating county shall develop intergovernmental agreements  
3445 for shared responsibilities with its municipalities, school  
3446 board, and Florida College System institution or career center  
3447 and enter into necessary contracts with providers and community  
3448 partners in order to implement the plan.

3449 (7) (a) Beginning in 2027, the Auditor General shall conduct  
3450 an operational audit as defined in s. 11.45 of each county's  
3451 grant activities.

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3452       (b) By July 1, 2027, the Office of Economic and Demographic  
3453 Research shall submit a report to the President of the Senate  
3454 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing  
3455 renaissance block grant recipients by county. The report must  
3456 provide key economic indicators that measure progress in  
3457 reversing long-term trends in the county. The Office of Rural  
3458 Prosperity shall, upon request, provide any data necessary to  
3459 complete the report.

3460       (8) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the  
3461 purposes of this section are not subject to reversion.

3462       (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3463       Section 95. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3464 2396G of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
3465 288.0175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

3466       288.0175 Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant  
3467 Program.—

3468       (1) The Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant  
3469 Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity  
3470 within the department to fund and support public infrastructure  
3471 smart technology projects in communities located in rural areas  
3472 of opportunity, subject to legislative appropriation.

3473       (2) As used in this section, the term:

3474       (a) "Public infrastructure smart technology" means systems  
3475 or applications that use connectivity, data analytics, or  
3476 automation to improve public infrastructure by increasing  
3477 efficiency, enhancing public services, and promoting sustainable  
3478 development.

3479       (b) "Rural area of opportunity" has the same meaning as in  
3480 s. 288.0656.

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3481 (c) "Smart region" means a geographic area that uses  
3482 technology and innovative ideas to improve the quality of life  
3483 for its citizens by addressing regional challenges through  
3484 collaboration among government, businesses, and communities.

3485 (d) "Smart technology lead organization" means a not-for-  
3486 profit corporation organized under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
3487 Revenue Code which has been in existence for at least 3 years  
3488 and specializes in smart region planning.

3489 (3)(a) By October 1, 2026, the Office of Rural Prosperity  
3490 shall contract with one or more smart technology lead  
3491 organizations to administer the grant program for the purpose of  
3492 deploying public infrastructure smart technology in rural  
3493 communities. Under such contracts, the smart technology lead  
3494 organization shall award grants to counties and municipalities  
3495 located within a rural area of opportunity for eligible public  
3496 infrastructure smart technology projects.

3497 (b) Each contract must specify deliverables, reporting  
3498 requirements, timeframes, and any other term the office deems  
3499 necessary. At a minimum, the contract must require the smart  
3500 technology lead organization to:

3501 1. Collaborate with counties and municipalities in rural  
3502 areas of opportunity to identify cost-effective smart technology  
3503 solutions for improving public services and infrastructure.

3504 2. Provide technical assistance to counties and  
3505 municipalities located in rural areas of opportunity in  
3506 developing public infrastructure smart technology project plans.

3507 3. Facilitate connections between rural communities and  
3508 other entities, including companies and regional partners to  
3509 maximize the impact of funded projects.

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3510       (4) The Office of Rural Prosperity shall include a summary  
 3511 of projects funded under this section in its report required by  
 3512 s. 288.013(6).

3513       (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3514       Section 96. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
 3515 2396J of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
 3516 288.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3517       288.065 Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund.—

3518       (1) The Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund  
 3519 Program is established within the Office of Rural Prosperity  
 3520 ~~department~~ to facilitate the use of existing federal, state, and  
 3521 local financial resources by providing local governments with  
 3522 financial assistance to further promote the economic viability  
 3523 of rural communities. These funds may be used to finance  
 3524 initiatives directed toward maintaining or developing the  
 3525 economic base of rural communities, especially initiatives  
 3526 addressing employment opportunities for residents of these  
 3527 communities.

3528       (2) (a) The program shall provide for long-term loans, loan  
 3529 guarantees, and loan loss reserves to units of local  
 3530 governments, or economic development organizations substantially  
 3531 underwritten by a unit of local government.7

3532       (b) For purposes of this section, the term "unit of local  
 3533 government" means any of the following:

3534       1. A county ~~within counties~~ with a population ~~populations~~  
 3535 of 75,000 or less. ~~fewer, or within any~~

3536       2. A county with a population of 125,000 or less ~~fewer~~  
 3537 which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or  
 3538 less. ~~fewer~~

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3539       3. A municipality within a county described in subparagraph  
3540 1. or subparagraph 2.

3541       4. A county or municipality within a rural area of  
3542 opportunity designated under s. 288.0656.

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3544 For purposes of this paragraph, population is determined in  
3545 accordance with the most recent official estimates pursuant to  
3546 s. 186.901 and must include those residing in incorporated and  
3547 unincorporated areas of a county, ~~based on the most recent~~  
3548 ~~official population estimate as determined under s. 186.901,~~  
3549 ~~including those residing in incorporated areas and those~~  
3550 ~~residing in unincorporated areas of the county, or to units of~~  
3551 ~~local government, or economic development organizations~~  
3552 ~~substantially underwritten by a unit of local government, within~~  
3553 ~~a rural area of opportunity.~~

3554       ~~(c)(b)~~ Requests for loans must ~~shall~~ be made by application  
3555 to the office department. Loans must ~~shall~~ be made pursuant to  
3556 agreements specifying the terms and conditions agreed to between  
3557 the applicant and the office department. The loans are ~~shall be~~  
3558 the legal obligations of the applicant.

3559       ~~(d)(e)~~ All repayments of principal and interest must ~~shall~~  
3560 be returned to the loan fund and made available for loans to  
3561 other applicants. However, in a rural area of opportunity  
3562 designated under s. 288.0656 ~~by the Governor~~, and upon approval  
3563 by the office department, repayments of principal and interest  
3564 may be retained by the applicant if such repayments are  
3565 dedicated and matched to fund regionally based economic  
3566 development organizations representing the rural area of  
3567 opportunity.

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3568 (3) The office ~~department~~ shall manage the fund,  
3569 establishing loan practices that must include, but are not  
3570 limited to, procedures for establishing loan interest rates,  
3571 uses of funding, application procedures, and application review  
3572 procedures. The office has ~~department shall have~~ final approval  
3573 authority for any loan under this section.

3574 (4) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 216.301, funds  
3575 appropriated for this loan fund may ~~purpose shall~~ not be subject  
3576 to reversion.

3577 (5) The office shall include in its report required under  
3578 s. 288.013 detailed information about the fund, including loans  
3579 made during the previous fiscal year, loans active, loans  
3580 terminated or repaid, and the amount of funds not obligated as  
3581 of 14 days before the date the report is due.

3582 Section 97. The amendments to s. 288.065, Florida Statutes,  
3583 made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
3584 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,  
3585 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
3586 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
3587 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
3588 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3589 Section 98. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3590 2759 through 2764 and sections 157 and 158 of the 2026-2027  
3591 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and  
3592 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management  
3593 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
3594 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
3595 increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to  
3596 reimbursements from federally declared disasters if additional

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3597 federal revenues specific to such programs become available in  
3598 the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3599 Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3600 2750 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2)  
3601 of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3602 282.201 State data center.—The state data center is  
3603 established within the department. The provision of data center  
3604 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,  
3605 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,  
3606 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint  
3607 a director of the state data center who has experience in  
3608 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-  
3609 computing management.

3610 (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

3611 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data  
3612 center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the  
3613 Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the  
3614 Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management  
3615 centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll  
3616 Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board  
3617 of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal  
3618 conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional  
3619 counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

3620 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the  
3621 use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,  
3622 2027 ~~2026~~.

3623 Section 100. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3624 2367 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and upon the  
3625 expiration and reversion of the amendments to s. 443.1113,

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3626 Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 105 of chapter 2025-199,  
3627 Laws of Florida, subsections (4) and (5) of section 443.1113,  
3628 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3629       443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
3630 Information System.—

3631       (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual  
3632 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization  
3633 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and  
3634 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These  
3635 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but  
3636 need not be limited to:

- 3637           1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.
- 3638           2. Software improvements.
- 3639           3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.
- 3640           4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

3641       (b) The department shall seek input on recommended  
3642 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

- 3643           1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of  
3644 Management Services.
- 3645           2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within the  
3646 Department of Revenue.
- 3647           3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the  
3648 Department of Financial Services.

3649       (5) By September 1, 2026 ~~October 1, 2023~~, and each year  
3650 thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall submit a  
3651 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System  
3652 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
3653 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must, at a  
3654 minimum, include:

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3655 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and  
3656 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and  
3657 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

3658 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years ~~3-year outlook~~ of  
3659 recommended enhancements or modernization efforts that includes  
3660 projected nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and  
3661 timeframes for completion of each enhancement or modernization  
3662 effort in priority order, and the projected recurring operations  
3663 and maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement  
3664 or modernization effort.

3665 Section 101. The amendments to s. 443.1113(4) and (5),  
3666 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the  
3667 text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on  
3668 June 30, 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted  
3669 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
3670 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
3671 upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3672 Section 102. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3673 2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9)  
3674 of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections  
3675 (2) and (4) of that section are reenacted, to read:

3676 445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment  
3677 Program.—

3678 (2)(a) There is created within the department the Florida  
3679 Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the  
3680 recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The  
3681 purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments  
3682 of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

3683 (b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed

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3684 officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and  
3685 shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the  
3686 program.

3687 (4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the  
3688 administration of the program and distribution of bonus  
3689 payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the  
3690 department with the collection of any data necessary to  
3691 determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus  
3692 payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any  
3693 information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of  
3694 this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

3695 (a) The method for determining the estimated number of  
3696 newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time  
3697 employment during the applicable fiscal year.

3698 (b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed  
3699 officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which  
3700 must include:

3701 1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment as  
3702 a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

3703 2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal  
3704 justice agency.

3705 3. Maintaining full-time employment as a law enforcement  
3706 officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for at least 2  
3707 years from the date on which the officer obtained certification.  
3708 The required 2-year employment period may be satisfied by  
3709 maintaining full-time employment at one or more employing  
3710 agencies, but such period must not contain any break in service  
3711 longer than 180 calendar days.

3712 (c) The standards by which the department will determine

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3713 under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law  
3714 enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department  
3715 justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the  
3716 term "break in service" means a period of time during which the  
3717 person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is  
3718 not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period  
3719 of time during which the person is in between employment as a  
3720 full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days.  
3721 The time period for any break in service does not count toward  
3722 satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this  
3723 section.

3724 (d) The method that will be used to determine the bonus  
3725 payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

3726 (e) The method that will be used to distribute bonus  
3727 payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to  
3728 eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing  
3729 bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and  
3730 quickest manner possible.

3731 (f) The estimated cost to the department associated with  
3732 developing and administering the program and distributing bonus  
3733 payment funds.

3734 (g) The method by which an officer must reimburse the state  
3735 if he or she received a bonus payment under the program, but  
3736 failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-year  
3737 period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer is  
3738 discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other  
3739 than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation  
3740 completed by the employing agency and maintained by the  
3741 commission.

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3743 The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to  
3744 determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

3745 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3746 Section 103. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3747 2384 through 2386 and sections 146, 147, 148, 152, and 155 of  
3748 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
3749 ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3750 Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice,  
3751 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
3752 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the following  
3753 federal grant programs: the Broadband Equity, Access, and  
3754 Deployment Program (BEAD), Capital Projects Fund Program,  
3755 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program  
3756 (CDBG-DR), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Home Energy  
3757 Assistance Programs - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
3758 (LIHEAP), and Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, Pub. L.  
3759 No. 117-2. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3760 Section 104. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the  
3761 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026,  
3762 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of  
3763 Management Services shall assess an administrative health  
3764 insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the  
3765 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for  
3766 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage  
3767 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this  
3768 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the  
3769 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the  
3770 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities

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3771 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative  
3772 Commission, and the state courts system.

3773 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed  
3774 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)  
3775 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the  
3776 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and  
3777 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated moneys for  
3778 salaries and benefits within 30 days after receipt of the  
3779 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should  
3780 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment  
3781 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall  
3782 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the  
3783 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the  
3784 Department of Management Services.

3785 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall  
3786 apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether  
3787 fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions  
3788 partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the  
3789 assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage  
3790 share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No  
3791 assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with  
3792 federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of  
3793 Management Services with a complete list of position numbers  
3794 that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and  
3795 include the percentage of federal funding for each position no  
3796 later than July 31, 2026, and shall update the list on the last  
3797 day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant  
3798 positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state  
3799 agency shall immediately take steps to include the

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3800 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost  
3801 plan for the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year  
3802 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of  
3803 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the  
3804 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the chair  
3805 of the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval  
3806 of the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not  
3807 able to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the  
3808 state agency must notify the Department of Management Services,  
3809 the Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and  
3810 budget chairs no later than January 15, 2027.

3811 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
3812 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
3813 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in  
3814 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between  
3815 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the  
3816 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department  
3817 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance  
3818 assessment.

3819 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3820 Section 105. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3821 2852 and 2855 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3822 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized  
3823 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2026-2027 fiscal  
3824 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.  
3825 This section expires July 1, 2027.

3826 Section 106. In order to implement the transfer of funds  
3827 from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2026-2027  
3828 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration

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3829 date in section 111 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida,  
3830 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida  
3831 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3832 215.32 State funds; segregation.—

3833 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as  
3834 follows:

3835 (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by  
3836 the state which under law or under trust agreement are  
3837 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or  
3838 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys  
3839 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.  
3840 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state  
3841 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,  
3842 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the  
3843 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper  
3844 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief  
3845 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only  
3846 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at  
3847 the level of the account.

3848 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the  
3849 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds  
3850 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

3851 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a  
3852 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by  
3853 program revenues, with the exception of administrative  
3854 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a  
3855 proprietary fund.

3856 b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a  
3857 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

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3858 c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3859 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental  
3860 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments  
3861 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the  
3862 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

3863 d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a depository  
3864 for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor agreement  
3865 activities funded by restricted contractual revenue from private  
3866 and public nonfederal sources.

3867 e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a  
3868 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.

3869 f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3870 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful  
3871 recipients.

3872 g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3873 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by  
3874 restricted program revenues from federal sources.

3875  
3876 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal  
3877 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the  
3878 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have  
3879 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such  
3880 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the  
3881 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next  
3882 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.  
3883 215.3206.

3884 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended  
3885 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they  
3886 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216

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3887 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable  
3888 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the  
3889 State Treasury.

3890 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the  
3891 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash  
3892 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the  
3893 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and  
3894 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

3895 b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds required  
3896 by federal programs or mandates; trust funds established for  
3897 bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose revenues are  
3898 legally pledged by the state or public body to meet debt service  
3899 or other financial requirements of any debt obligations of the  
3900 state or any public body; the Division of Licensing Trust Fund  
3901 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
3902 State Transportation Trust Fund; the trust fund containing the  
3903 net annual proceeds from the Florida Education Lotteries; the  
3904 Florida Retirement System Trust Fund; trust funds under the  
3905 management of the State Board of Education or the Board of  
3906 Governors of the State University System, where such trust funds  
3907 are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance, and contracts,  
3908 grants, and donations, as those terms are defined by general  
3909 law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or accounts for  
3910 the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies; trust funds that  
3911 account for assets held by the state in a trustee capacity as an  
3912 agent or fiduciary for individuals, private organizations, or  
3913 other governmental units; and other trust funds authorized by  
3914 the State Constitution.

3915 Section 107. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes,

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3916 as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by  
3917 this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph  
3918 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, except that  
3919 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
3920 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
3921 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
3922 expire pursuant to this section.

3923 Section 108. In order to implement appropriations in the  
3924 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,  
3925 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used  
3926 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027  
3927 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each  
3928 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by  
3929 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,  
3930 staff training activities, or other administrative functions  
3931 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such  
3932 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head  
3933 shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of  
3934 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed  
3935 activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section  
3936 does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military  
3937 purposes, emergency management activities, or public health  
3938 activities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3939 Section 109. In order to implement appropriations in the  
3940 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel  
3941 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for  
3942 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention  
3943 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or  
3944 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may

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3945 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess  
 3946 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does  
 3947 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,  
 3948 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities  
 3949 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section  
 3950 expires July 1, 2027.

3951 Section 110. In order to implement the appropriations and  
 3952 reappropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General  
 3953 Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section  
 3954 216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3955 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital  
 3956 outlay.—

3957 (11)

3958 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2) (b), and  
 3959 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the Legislative  
 3960 Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for new fixed  
 3961 capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to  
 3962 state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects. This paragraph  
 3963 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3964  
 3965 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and  
 3966 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

3967 Section 111. In order to implement the salaries and  
 3968 benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted  
 3969 services, special categories, and operating capital outlay  
 3970 categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
 3971 paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida  
 3972 Statutes, is amended to read:

3973 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

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3974 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by  
3975 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
3976 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed  
3977 conditions:

3978 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical  
3979 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,  
3980 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original  
3981 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as  
3982 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

3983 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget  
3984 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
3985 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
3986 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
3987 this subsection.

3988 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of  
3989 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
3990 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
3991 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
3992 this subsection.

3993 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant to  
3994 s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be  
3995 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.  
3996 in the subsequent fiscal year.

3997 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and  
3998 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and  
3999 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least  
4000 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an  
4001 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring  
4002 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this

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4003 paragraph.

4004 5. For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the review  
4005 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph  
4006 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and  
4007 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative  
4008 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4009 Section 112. In order to implement appropriations in the  
4010 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of  
4011 motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida  
4012 Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a  
4013 state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from  
4014 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the  
4015 Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the  
4016 motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar  
4017 class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the  
4018 funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This  
4019 section expires July 1, 2027.

4020 Section 113. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4021 agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section  
4022 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4023 11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state  
4024 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of  
4025 the Governor with information about the status of implementation  
4026 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must  
4027 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the  
4028 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all  
4029 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The  
4030 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for  
4031 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to

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4032 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for  
4033 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,  
4034 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the  
4035 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to  
4036 implement or administer the legislation, programs started,  
4037 offices established, or other organization administrative  
4038 changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers  
4039 requested; any expenditures made directly related to the  
4040 implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,  
4041 including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative  
4042 rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular  
4043 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of  
4044 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature  
4045 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding  
4046 the implementation of the legislation and the status of any  
4047 litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy  
4048 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure  
4049 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This  
4050 section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4051 Section 114. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4052 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General  
4053 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida  
4054 Statutes, is amended to read:

4055 216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the  
4056 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to  
4057 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that  
4058 includes the development of integrated agency program service  
4059 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,  
4060 accountable, and developed through careful examination and

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4061 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

4062 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each  
4063 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required  
4064 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,  
4065 2026 ~~2025~~, for the 2027-2028 ~~2026-2027~~ fiscal year, except in  
4066 circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions  
4067 prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation  
4068 with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.  
4069 This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4070 Section 115. In order to implement appropriations for state  
4071 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General  
4072 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida  
4073 Statutes, is amended to read:

4074 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to  
4075 Legislature by agencies.—

4076 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state  
4077 agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all  
4078 ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative  
4079 estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The  
4080 inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following  
4081 information:

4082 (a) The name of the technology system.

4083 (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the  
4084 system.

4085 (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

4086 (d) The initiation date of the project.

4087 (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

4088 (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the health  
4089 and status of the project.

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4090 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates  
4091 of the project.

4092 (h) The original and current estimated costs of the  
4093 project.

4094 (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project  
4095 and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

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4097 For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related  
4098 project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected  
4099 to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing  
4100 technology-related project does not include the continuance of  
4101 existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the  
4102 renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the  
4103 replacement of desktop units with new technology that is  
4104 substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This  
4105 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4106 Section 116. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
4107 203, 583, 642, 1455A, 2514, and 3235, and sections 72 and 94 of  
4108 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

4109 (1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology  
4110 projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve. All general  
4111 revenue funds not held in reserve shall be fully released. The  
4112 Agency for Health Care Administration, Department of Children  
4113 and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of Financial  
4114 Services, Florida Gaming Control Commission, Department of  
4115 Health, and Department of Revenue are authorized to submit a  
4116 budget amendment to request release of funds pursuant to chapter  
4117 216, Florida Statutes. The amount requested to be released in  
4118 each budget amendment may not exceed the agency's projected

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4119 quarterly expenditures, reduced by any unexpended funds from  
4120 prior releases. Release is contingent upon submission of the  
4121 following:

4122 (a) An updated and comprehensive operational work plan;

4123 (b) A detailed monthly spend plan with expenditures broken  
4124 down by deliverable which identifies all planned and actual  
4125 project work and costs specified in the current project  
4126 schedule; and

4127 (c) A copy of the project status report from the most  
4128 recently completed month at the time of submission which  
4129 provides justification for any variance from the most recently  
4130 submitted project schedule and spend plan.

4131 (2) The agencies receiving funds pursuant to this section  
4132 must submit monthly project status reports to the Executive  
4133 Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair  
4134 of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House  
4135 Budget Committee, and any other designated project oversight  
4136 entity no later than 30 days after the close of the previous  
4137 month. Each status report must include copies of any new or  
4138 updated relevant task order, contract, or purchase order. The  
4139 status report must also describe progress made to date for each  
4140 project milestone and deliverable, planned and actual completion  
4141 dates, planned and actual costs incurred, and any current  
4142 project issues or risks.

4143 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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4148 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements  
4149 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of  
4150 specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027  
4151 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific  
4152 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
4153 language are vetoed.

4154 Section 118. If any other act passed during the 2026  
4155 Special Session E of the Legislature contains a provision that  
4156 is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that  
4157 removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied  
4158 to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the  
4159 provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to  
4160 operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

4161 Section 119. If any law amended by this act was also  
4162 amended by a law enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the  
4163 Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been  
4164 enacted during the same session of the Legislature and full  
4165 effect shall be given to each if possible.

4166 Section 120. If any provision of this act or its  
4167 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
4168 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
4169 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
4170 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
4171 severable.

4172 Section 121. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
4173 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
4174 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
4175 2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that  
4176 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate

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retroactively to July 1, 2026.