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The Conference Committee on HB 5003E offered the following:

**Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

**Section 2.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled "Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program

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14 (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 26, 2026, and filed  
15 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are incorporated  
16 by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used  
17 by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state  
18 law, in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance  
19 Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

20 **Section 3.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation 80  
21 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the school  
22 readiness reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year  
23 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program  
24 Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 26, 2026,  
25 and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are  
26 incorporated by reference, consistent with the requirements of  
27 state law, in making appropriations for the school readiness  
28 program allocation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

29 **Section 4.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5**  
30 **and 88 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph**  
31 **(a) of subsection (4), paragraph (b) of subsection (6),**  
32 **paragraph (b) of subsection (16), and subsection (19) of section**  
33 **1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

34 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual  
35 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each  
36 district for operation of schools is not determined in the  
37 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing

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38 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as  
39 follows:

40 (4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The  
41 Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort  
42 for all school districts collectively as an item in the General  
43 Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each  
44 district shall provide annually toward the cost of the Florida  
45 Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12  
46 programs shall be calculated as follows:

47 (a) Estimated taxable value calculations.—

48 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before July 19, the  
49 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of  
50 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for  
51 school purposes in each school district and the total for all  
52 school districts in the state for the current calendar year  
53 based on the latest available data obtained from the local  
54 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable  
55 value for school purposes for that year, and no further  
56 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to  
57 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by  
58 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (15) (b). Not  
59 later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education shall compute  
60 a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one one-thousandth  
61 of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of the estimated  
62 state total taxable value for school purposes, would generate

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63 the prescribed aggregate required local effort for that year for  
64 all districts. The Commissioner of Education shall certify to  
65 each district school board the millage rate, computed as  
66 prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum millage rate  
67 necessary to provide the district required local effort for that  
68 year.

69 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the  
70 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for  
71 required local effort for all school districts collectively from  
72 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue  
73 from required local effort millage will produce more than 85 ~~90~~  
74 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance  
75 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the  
76 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort  
77 millage rate of each district that produces more than 85 ~~90~~  
78 percent of its total Florida Education Finance Program  
79 entitlement to a level that will produce only 85 ~~90~~ percent of  
80 its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement in the  
81 July calculation.

82 2. On the same date as the certification in sub-  
83 subparagraph 1.a., the Department of Revenue shall certify to  
84 the Commissioner of Education for each district:

85 a. Each year for which the property appraiser has  
86 certified the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if

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87 applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph  
88 1.a.

89 b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the  
90 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.  
91 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification  
92 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that  
93 reflects all final administrative actions of the value  
94 adjustment board.

95 (6) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY CONTRIBUTION.—The state-  
96 funded discretionary contribution is created to fund the  
97 nonvoted discretionary millage for operations pursuant to s.  
98 1011.71(1) and (3) for developmental research schools (lab  
99 schools) established in s. 1002.32, charter schools sponsored by  
100 a Florida College System institution or a state university  
101 pursuant to s. 1002.33(5), and the Florida Virtual School  
102 established in s. 1002.37.

103 (b) To calculate the state-funded discretionary  
104 contribution for a charter school sponsored by a Florida College  
105 System institution or a state university and the Florida Virtual  
106 School, multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary  
107 millage for operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the  
108 value of 96 percent of the current year's taxable value for  
109 school purposes for the state; divide the result by the total  
110 full-time equivalent membership of the state; and multiply the  
111 result by the full-time equivalent membership of the charter

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112 school sponsored by a Florida College System institution or  
113 state university or of the Florida Virtual School.

114 (16) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY SUPPLEMENT.—

115 (b) The state-funded discretionary supplement shall be  
116 recalculated during the fiscal year based on actual full-time  
117 equivalent student membership. If the recalculated amount is  
118 greater than the amount provided in the General Appropriations  
119 Act, the allocation shall be prorated to the level provided to  
120 support the appropriation, based on each school district's  
121 proportionate share of the total allocation.

122 (19) EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM.—

123 (a) The educational enrollment stabilization program is  
124 created to provide supplemental state funds as needed, when the  
125 Florida Education Finance Program is recalculated and if any of  
126 the following occur:

127 1. The number of weighted full-time equivalent Family  
128 Empowerment Scholarship students included in the school  
129 district's total weighted full-time equivalent membership is  
130 greater than the number of such students provided in the General  
131 Appropriations Act and the school district's amount of funds per  
132 weighted full-time equivalent student is less than the amount of  
133 such funds provided in the General Appropriations Act;

134 2. The amount of the state-funded discretionary supplement  
135 established in subsection (16) is not sufficient to fully fund  
136 the supplement;

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137 3. The number of school district weighted full-time  
138 equivalent students is less than the number of such students  
139 provided in the General Appropriations Act; or

140 4. A school district has entered a state of financial  
141 emergency and a financial emergency board has been appointed by  
142 the State Board of Education. Any funds provided pursuant to  
143 this subparagraph are supplemental and may not be added to the  
144 district's total Florida Education Finance Program funds for any  
145 future recalculation to maintain the stability of the operations  
146 of public schools in each school district and to protect  
147 districts, including charter schools, from financial instability  
148 as a result of changes in full-time equivalent student  
149 enrollment throughout the school year.

150 (b) The Legislature may ~~shall~~ annually appropriate funds  
151 in the General Appropriations Act to the Department of Education  
152 for this program in an amount necessary to ensure there is no  
153 negative fiscal impact to a school district and to fully fund  
154 the number of eligible Family Empowerment Scholarship students.

155 (c) The amount of program funding for each school district  
156 shall be calculated as follows:

157 1. To calculate the amount of funds for each school  
158 district based on subparagraph (a)1.:

159 a. Subtract from the current number of weighted full-time  
160 equivalent Family Empowerment Scholarship students the

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161 appropriated number of weighted full-time equivalent Family  
162 Empowerment Scholarship students.

163 b. Subtract from the appropriated amount of funds per  
164 weighted full-time equivalent student the current amount of  
165 funds per weighted full-time equivalent student.

166 c. If both amounts calculated in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.  
167 and 1.b. are greater than zero, multiply the difference  
168 calculated in sub-subparagraph 1.a. by the appropriated amount  
169 of funds per weighted full-time equivalent student and multiply  
170 the difference calculated in sub-subparagraph 1.b. by the  
171 current number of weighted full-time equivalent students.

172 d. The lesser of the two amounts calculated in sub-  
173 subparagraph 1.c. equals the amount of the school district's  
174 program funding.

175 2. To calculate the amount of funds for each school  
176 district based on subparagraph (a)2.:

177 a. If the state-funded discretionary supplement is  
178 prorated in the current calculation of the Florida Education  
179 Finance Program, subtract the amount of the supplement from the  
180 amount of the supplement prior to proration.

181 b. The difference calculated in sub-subparagraph 2.a.  
182 equals the amount of the school district's program funding.

183 3. To calculate the amount of funds for each school  
184 district based on subparagraph (a)3.:

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185 a. Subtract the number of current school district weighted  
186 full-time equivalent students from the number of school district  
187 weighted full-time equivalent students provided in the General  
188 Appropriations Act.

189 b. Multiply 25 percent of the difference calculated in  
190 sub-subparagraph 3.a. by the comparable wage factor, multiplied  
191 by the small district factor, multiplied by the current year  
192 base student allocation in the Florida Education Finance  
193 Program.

194 4. The amount of funds for each school district based on  
195 subparagraph (a)4. shall be the amount necessary to increase the  
196 school district's unreserved general fund balance to 3 percent  
197 general fund revenues.

198 (d) In addition to the amount of funds provided pursuant  
199 to subparagraph (a)4., if any, the total amount of funding a  
200 school district receives from the educational enrollment  
201 stabilization program is the sum of sub-subparagraph (c)3.b and  
202 the greater of sub-subparagraph (c)1.d. or sub-subparagraph  
203 (c)2.b.

204 (e) The total amount of funding for the educational  
205 enrollment stabilization program is the sum of the amounts  
206 calculated per school district pursuant to paragraph (d). If  
207 this amount exceeds the appropriated amount for the program,  
208 each school district's allocation shall be prorated based on its  
209 proportionate share of the calculated amount.

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210           (f) The funding for the educational enrollment  
211 stabilization program shall be recalculated during the fiscal  
212 year based on actual full-time equivalent student membership and  
213 the Legislature shall maintain a projected minimum balance of  
214 \$250 million at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year. The  
215 Department of Education shall use funds as appropriated to  
216 ensure that based on each recalculation of the Florida Education  
217 Finance Program pursuant to paragraph (1) (a), a school  
218 district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student are  
219 not less than the greater of either the school district's funds  
220 per unweighted full-time equivalent student as appropriated in  
221 the General Appropriations Act or the school district's funds  
222 per unweighted full-time equivalent student as recalculated  
223 based upon the receipt of the certified taxable value for school  
224 purposes pursuant to s. 1011.62(4).

225           (g) (e) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s.  
226 216.351, the unexpended balance of funds appropriated pursuant  
227 to this subsection which is not disbursed by June 30 of the  
228 fiscal year in which the funds are appropriated may be carried  
229 forward for up to 10 years after the effective date of the  
230 original appropriation.

231           **Section 5.** The amendments to s. 1011.62(4) (a), (6) (b),  
232 (16) (b) and (19), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July  
233 1, 2027, and the text of those paragraphs and subsection, as  
234 applicable, shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,

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235 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
236 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
237 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
238 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

239 **Section 6.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
240 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
241 and notwithstanding s. 1011.62(17)(f)1., Florida Statutes, for  
242 purposes of calculating the academic acceleration options  
243 supplement, a value of 0.025 is assigned to each elementary and  
244 middle school grade student who earns a CAPE Digital Tool  
245 certificate in the 2026-2027 school year. This section expires  
246 July 1, 2027.

247 **Section 7.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
248 134 through 136 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

249 (1) On or before September 1, 2026, the Department of  
250 Education, through a request for information, as defined in s.  
251 287.012(22), Florida Statutes, that has been reviewed and  
252 approved by the chair of the House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee  
253 and the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on PreK-12  
254 Education must seek information from interested parties who can  
255 provide a statewide data interoperability platform for use in  
256 the administration of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program  
257 established by s. 1002.394, Florida Statutes, that meets the  
258 requirements of subsection (2). The department must submit the

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259 request for information for such review and approval on or  
260 before August 14, 2026.

261 (2) The statewide data interoperability platform must  
262 include all of the following components:

263 (a) Use nationally-recognized education data standards for  
264 the secure and confidential exchange of student data among  
265 entities participating in the administration of the Family  
266 Empowerment Scholarship Program.

267 (b) Provide an automated reconciliation process for  
268 identifying students reported by an eligible nonprofit  
269 scholarship-funding organization and a school district or the  
270 Florida Virtual School and students previously determined  
271 ineligible. The process must cross-check the scholarship payment  
272 file that includes the applicants verified as eligible to  
273 receive a quarterly scholarship payment against the student  
274 attendance records and reports data required by s. 1003.23,  
275 Florida Statutes, maintained by school districts, including the  
276 Florida Virtual School.

277 (c) Provide real-time notification of any student included  
278 on a payment file and also reported by a school district or the  
279 Florida Virtual School.

280 (d) Resolve when a student is included on the scholarship  
281 payment file and is also currently being reported as a student  
282 in attendance at a public school in this state.

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283 (e) Provide to the department, prior to the quarterly  
284 payment deadlines established in s. 1002.394(12), Florida  
285 Statutes, the list of cross-checked scholarship students  
286 determined eligible to receive scholarship funds. Cross-checked  
287 scholarship students determined eligible to receive scholarship  
288 funds only includes the students reported for funding by an  
289 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization and are not  
290 reported in attendance at a public school in the state by a  
291 school district or the Florida Virtual School; or if reported by  
292 a school district or the Florida Virtual School, have submitted  
293 a completed standard withdrawal form.

294 (f) Comply with all applicable state and federal data  
295 privacy requirements, including the Family Educational Rights  
296 and Privacy Act (FERPA) and s. 1006.1494, Florida Statutes, and  
297 must allow the Department of Education and the school districts  
298 to retain authority over student data.

299 (3) On or before November 2, 2026, the Department of  
300 Education must submit a report to the President of the Senate  
301 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which details  
302 the results of the request for information under subsection (1).

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

304 **Section 8.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
305 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
306 and notwithstanding s. 1012.22(1)(c)5.b., Florida Statutes, and  
307 the flush left provision of s. 1012.22(1)(c)5., Florida

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308 Statutes, a school district or charter school must provide the  
309 salary increases as specified in Specific Appropriation 88 of  
310 the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Florida Education Finance Program.  
311 This section expires July 1, 2027.

312 **Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
313 **102 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a)**  
314 **of subsection (2) of section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, is**  
315 **amended to read:**

316 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In  
317 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of  
318 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the  
319 development of new programs and services:

320 (2) (a) Each regional consortium service organization that  
321 consists of four or more school districts is eligible to  
322 ~~receive, through the Department of Education, subject to the~~  
323 ~~funds provided in the General Appropriations Act,~~ an incentive  
324 grant based on an amount specified in the General Appropriations  
325 Act, of \$50,000 per school district and eligible member to be  
326 used for the delivery of services within the participating  
327 school districts and members. The determination of services and  
328 use of such funds shall be established by the board of directors  
329 of the regional consortium service organization. The funds shall  
330 be distributed to each regional consortium service organization  
331 no later than 30 days following the release of the funds to the  
332 department.

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333           **Section 10.** The amendments to s. 1001.451(2)(a), Florida  
334 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of  
335 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
336 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
337 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
338 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
339 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

340           **Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
341 **152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
342 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 5 of chapter**  
343 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 1011.45,**  
344 **Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is reenacted,**  
345 **to read:**

346           1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts  
347 in any fund in a university current year operating budget shall  
348 be carried forward and included as the balance forward for that  
349 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

350           (3) A university's carry forward spending plan must  
351 include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a  
352 timeline for completion of the expenditure. A carry forward  
353 spending plan may include retention of the carry forward balance  
354 as a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses in  
355 subsequent years. For any annual reserve balance in excess of  
356 the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to  
357 subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward

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358 spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the  
359 university's 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year state operating  
360 fund carry forward balance to fund a public education capital  
361 outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been  
362 provided which requires additional funds for completion and  
363 which is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d) or  
364 for deferred building maintenance expenses. The carry forward  
365 spending plan must identify the specific public education  
366 capital outlay project and the amount the university will  
367 contribute toward the fixed capital outlay project pursuant to  
368 s. 1001.706(12) (d) or specific deferred maintenance project.  
369 Authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may  
370 include:

371 (a) Commitment of funds to a public education capital  
372 outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been  
373 provided that requires additional funds for completion and which  
374 is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12) (d);

375 (b) Completion of a renovation, repair, or maintenance  
376 project that is consistent with s. 1013.64(1) or replacement of  
377 a minor facility;

378 (c) Completion of a remodeling or infrastructure project,  
379 including a project for a developmental research school, if such  
380 project is survey recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31;

381 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project  
382 necessary due to damage caused by a natural disaster for

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383 buildings included in the inventory required pursuant to s.  
384 1013.31;

385 (e) Operating expenditures that support the university's  
386 mission;

387 (f) Any purpose specified by the board or in the General  
388 Appropriations Act, including the requirements in s.  
389 1001.706(12)(c) or similar requirements pursuant to Board of  
390 Governors regulations;

391 (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for  
392 expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared  
393 by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36; and

394 (h) Deferred building maintenance expenses for the  
395 maintenance, repair, and renovation of projects to improve the  
396 health and safety of such facilities.

397 (5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to  
398 subsection (1) must provide detailed documentation of  
399 expenditures that the university applied toward the prior year  
400 carry forward spending plan.

401 **Section 12.** The text of s. 1011.45(5), Florida Statutes,  
402 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by  
403 this act and the text of s. 1011.45(3), as amended by this act,  
404 expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall  
405 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any  
406 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
407 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such

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

410 **Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
411 **152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
412 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 7 of chapter**  
413 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (18) of section 1009.26,**  
414 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

415 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

416 (18) (a) For every course in a Program of Strategic  
417 Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program  
418 identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in  
419 subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled and has out-of-  
420 pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other federal,  
421 state, and institutional gift aid is applied, a state university  
422 shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees of the student's  
423 out-of-pocket expenses for an equivalent course in such program  
424 for a student who:

- 425 1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.
- 426 2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a  
427 baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial  
428 enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.
- 429 3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as  
430 adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher  
431 preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight  
432 Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology,

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433 engineering, or math; beginning with the 2022-2023 academic  
434 year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical  
435 workforce gap analysis category; and beginning with the 2023-  
436 2024 academic year, two state-approved teacher preparation  
437 programs for which a student may be eligible to receive the  
438 tuition and fee waiver authorized by this subsection. The  
439 programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of  
440 the state and be offered at a majority of state universities at  
441 the time the Board of Governors approves the list.

442 (b) A waiver granted under this subsection is applicable  
443 only for upper-level courses and up to 110 percent of the number  
444 of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for  
445 which the student is enrolled. A student granted a waiver under  
446 this subsection shall continue receiving the waiver until the  
447 student graduates, exceeds the number of allowable credit hours,  
448 or withdraws from an eligible program, regardless of whether the  
449 program is removed from the approved list of eligible programs  
450 subsequent to the student's enrollment.

451 (c) Each state university shall report to the Board of  
452 Governors the number and value of all waivers granted annually  
453 under this subsection. A state university in compliance with  
454 this subsection may earn incentive funding, subject to  
455 appropriation, in addition to the funding provided under s.  
456 1001.92.

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457 (d) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to  
458 administer this subsection.

459 **Section 14.** The text of s. 1009.26(18), Florida Statutes,  
460 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by  
461 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection  
462 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that  
463 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
464 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
465 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
466 expire pursuant to this section.

467 **Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
468 **129 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
469 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 9 of chapter**  
470 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is**  
471 **reenacted to read:**

472 1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.— The  
473 Institute for Freedom in the Americas is hereby created at Miami  
474 Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free society and  
475 promote democracy in the Americas. The institute shall be  
476 located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

477 (1) Hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that  
478 provide networking opportunities for leaders throughout the  
479 region to gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy,  
480 including knowledge of and insight into the intellectual,

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481 political, and economic freedoms that are foundational to a  
482 democratic society.

483 (2) Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center for  
484 Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic  
485 coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and  
486 economic and legal reforms.

487 (3) Provide educational and experiential opportunities for  
488 regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and  
489 governance.

490 **Section 16.** The text of s. 1004.89, Florida Statutes, as  
491 carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this  
492 act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall  
493 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any  
494 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
495 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
496 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
497 expire pursuant to this section.

498 **Section 17.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
499 17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
500 notwithstanding s. 1001.706(7), Florida Statutes, a state  
501 university board of trustees that is beginning an approved  
502 capital outlay project with a health care provider may accept  
503 the health care provider's procurement methods and construction  
504 contracts entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care  
505 provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond

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506 issuance approved by the Board of Governors. This section  
507 expires July 1, 2027.

508 **Section 18.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
509 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
510 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
511 Florida State University Board of Trustees may expend available  
512 reserves or carryforward balances from previous years'  
513 operational and programmatic appropriations toward the payment  
514 of the annual payment to the City of Tallahassee under the  
515 transfer of assets agreement for FSU Health. This section  
516 expires July 1, 2027.

517 **Section 19.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
518 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
519 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
520 Florida State University Board of Trustees may expend available  
521 reserves or carryforward balances from previous years'  
522 operational and programmatic appropriations for land  
523 acquisitions. Land purchased under this provision may  
524 subsequently be used in support of any element of an updated  
525 campus master plan. This section expires July 1, 2027.

526 **Section 20.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
527 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
528 notwithstanding ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the  
529 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees  
530 may expend available reserves or carry forward balances from

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531 previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or  
532 other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated  
533 from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or from  
534 tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the President of  
535 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section  
536 expires July 1, 2027.

537 **Section 21.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
538 129 and 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
539 notwithstanding s. 1007.55, Florida Statutes, in performing the  
540 duties under ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25, Florida Statutes, by  
541 December 1, 2026, the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall  
542 submit to the State Board of Education and the Board of  
543 Governors courses that have been approved by public  
544 postsecondary educational institutions as meeting general  
545 education requirements. The listing of general education courses  
546 must include the information in s. 1007.55(2)(a), (b), and (c),  
547 Florida Statutes. The State Board of Education and the Board of  
548 Governors must approve, reject, or amend the list of general  
549 education courses for each Florida College System institution  
550 and state university, respectively. This section expires July 1,  
551 2027.

552 **Section 22.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
553 **152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (8)**  
554 **is added to section 1011.90, Florida Statutes, to read:**

555 1011.90 State university funding.—

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556       (8) State funds may be used in support of the requirements  
557 of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and s. 1006.71  
558 for construction, maintenance, and capital needs. This  
559 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

560       **Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
561 **16A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c)**  
562 **of subsection (18) of section 1001.03, Florida Statutes, is**  
563 **amended to read:**

564       1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

565       (18) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The State Board of  
566 Education shall develop and submit the prioritized list required  
567 by s. 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall  
568 be chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include  
569 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and  
570 the top two priorities of each Florida College System  
571 institution.

572       (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project  
573 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year shall  
574 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required  
575 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

576       1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow  
577 account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited  
578 each year an amount of funds equal to 0.5 percent of the total  
579 value of the building for future maintenance;

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580 2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and  
581 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference  
582 to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education  
583 Capital Outlay funding cycle; and

584 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s.  
585 1013.31.

586 **Section 24.** The amendment to s. 1001.03(18)(c), Florida  
587 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
588 that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,  
589 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
590 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
591 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
592 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

593 **Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
594 **17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of**  
595 **subsection (12) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is**  
596 **amended to read:**

597 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

598 (12) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The Board of  
599 Governors shall submit the prioritized list as required by s.  
600 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall be  
601 chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include  
602 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and  
603 the top two priorities of each state university.

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604 (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project  
605 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year shall  
606 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required  
607 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

608 1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow  
609 account, ~~specific to the project~~, into which shall be deposited  
610 each year an amount of funds equal to 1 percent of the total  
611 value of the building for future maintenance;

612 2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and  
613 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference  
614 to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education  
615 Capital Outlay funding cycle; and

616 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s.  
617 1013.31.

618 **Section 26.** The amendment to s. 1001.706(12)(c), Florida  
619 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
620 that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,  
621 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
622 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
623 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
624 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

625 **Section 27. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
626 **152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)**  
627 **of section 1011.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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628 1011.47 Auxiliary enterprises; contracts, grants, and  
629 donations.—As used in s. 19(f)(3), Art. III of the State  
630 Constitution, the term:

631 (1)(a) "Auxiliary enterprises" includes activities that  
632 directly or indirectly provide a product or a service, or both,  
633 to a university or its students, faculty, or staff and for which  
634 a charge is made. These auxiliary enterprises are business  
635 activities of a university which require no support from the  
636 General Revenue Fund, and include activities such as housing,  
637 bookstores, student health services, continuing education  
638 programs, food services, college stores, operation of vending  
639 machines, specialty shops, day care centers, golf courses,  
640 student activities programs, data center operations, and  
641 intercollegiate athletics programs.

642 (b) Each university board of trustees may determine  
643 whether its auxiliary services, including intercollegiate  
644 athletics programs, will be self-supporting on an individual or  
645 collective basis. A university board of trustees may approve the  
646 transfer of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to  
647 support another auxiliary enterprise as long as such transfer  
648 does not reduce revenues necessary to cover all expenditures of  
649 the auxiliary enterprise nor violate any bond covenants or  
650 impact debt service payments and required reserves. Transfers  
651 made under this paragraph shall be reported to the Board of  
652 Governors annually. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

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653           **Section 28.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
654 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
655 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
656 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
657 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
658 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
659 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address  
660 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to  
661 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment  
662 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal  
663 year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

664           **Section 29.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
665 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
666 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
667 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
668 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
669 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
670 within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories to  
671 address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or  
672 to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget  
673 amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter  
674 of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,  
675 2027.

676           **Section 30.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
677 **490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**

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678 **subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
679 **to read:**

680 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

681 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,  
682 2027 ~~2026~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This  
683 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

684 **Section 31.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
685 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
686 rule 64ER25-6, Florida Administrative Code, relating to  
687 advertising and marketing by medical marijuana treatment  
688 centers, is repealed. This section expires July 1, 2027.

689 **Section 32.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
690 216, 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
691 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a  
692 budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes,  
693 requesting additional spending authority to implement the  
694 federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals  
695 statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to  
696 Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education  
697 (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education  
698 program for certain institutions participating in a graduate  
699 medical education or nursing education program. The budget  
700 amendment must include written notice of approval from the  
701 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-  
702 directed payment. For institutions participating in the nursing

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703 workforce expansion and education program, the budget amendment  
704 must identify the educational institutions partnering with the  
705 teaching hospital. Institutions participating in the nursing  
706 workforce expansion and education program shall provide  
707 quarterly reports to the agency detailing the number of nurses  
708 participating in the program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

709 **Section 33.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
710 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
711 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
712 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
713 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
714 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service  
715 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the  
716 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). The budget  
717 amendment must include written notice of approval from the  
718 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-  
719 directed payment. This section expires July 1, 2027.

720 **Section 34.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
721 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
722 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
723 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
724 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
725 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
726 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the  
727 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget

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728 amendment must include an approved Reimbursement and Funding  
729 Methodology, the final terms and conditions of the Low Income  
730 Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a listing of  
731 entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to support the  
732 state match required. In addition, for each entity included in  
733 the distribution model, a signed attestation must be provided  
734 that includes the charity care cost upon which the Low Income  
735 Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should the  
736 distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low Income  
737 Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for returning  
738 that overpayment to the agency for return to the federal Centers  
739 for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires July 1,  
740 2027.

741 **Section 35.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
742 222 and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
743 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
744 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
745 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
746 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for  
747 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners  
748 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental  
749 school, or a public hospital. The budget amendment must include  
750 written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and  
751 Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. This  
752 section expires July 1, 2027.

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753           **Section 36.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
754 220, 223, and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
755 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
756 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
757 additional spending authority to implement a certified  
758 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation  
759 services. The budget amendment must include written notice of  
760 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
761 approving the state-directed payment. This section expires July  
762 1, 2027.

763           **Section 37.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
764 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
765 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
766 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
767 amendment subject to the notice, review, and objection  
768 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, requesting  
769 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate  
770 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a  
771 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities  
772 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public  
773 expenditures to support the state match required. This section  
774 expires July 1, 2027.

775           **Section 38.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
776 217 and 219 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
777 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget

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778 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
779 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
780 inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty  
781 hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes,  
782 providing comprehensive acute care services to children with  
783 Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50  
784 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000  
785 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. The budget amendment must include  
786 written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and  
787 Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. This  
788 section expires July 1, 2027.

789 **Section 39.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
790 201 and 228 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
791 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
792 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget  
793 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
794 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
795 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program.  
796 This section expires July 1, 2027.

797 **Section 40.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
798 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:  
799 (1) The Applied Behavior Analysis Task Force, a task force  
800 as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within  
801 the Agency for Health Care Administration to evaluate the  
802 delivery of applied behavior analysis services in a manner that

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803 promotes high-quality, family-centered care while ensuring long-  
804 term financial sustainability of the Medicaid program and cost  
805 predictability without disrupting access for current enrollees  
806 and families.

807 (2) The task force shall evaluate:

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

810 (b) Appropriate transitions for enrollees receiving ABA  
811 services across developmental, educational, and community  
812 settings;

813 (c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;

814 (d) Limits and utilization controls related to the length  
815 of time applied behavior analysis (ABA) services may be  
816 authorized;

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

819 (f) Ways to enhance Medicaid provider enrollment and  
820 billing standards for ABA services to promote program integrity  
821 and fiscal accountability.

822 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for  
823 revising the state's service delivery model to improve care  
824 experience and service continuity for enrollees and families  
825 receiving ABA services, while safeguarding long-term program  
826 sustainability.

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

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

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

834 1. Two members appointed by the Governor, three members  
835 appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members  
836 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, based  
837 upon the criteria of this subparagraph. The appointing officers  
838 must make their appointments prioritizing members who have the  
839 following experience or expertise:

840 a. Persons with academic credentials or scientific  
841 expertise relating to autism and ABA;

842 b. Representatives of the ABA provider community;

843 c. Representatives of Medicaid managed care plans with  
844 managerial experience and expertise relating to autism and ABA;

845 or

846 d. Physicians licensed under chapter 458, Florida  
847 Statutes, or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, with expertise  
848 relating to autism and ABA.

849 2. One family member of a Medicaid managed care plan  
850 enrollee who receives ABA services, appointed by the Governor.

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851 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration shall  
852 coordinate with the appointing officers to ensure the task  
853 force's membership adequately represents the criteria provided  
854 under paragraph (b).

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

857 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration must provide  
858 staff support for the work of the task force, and staff from the  
859 Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families,  
860 the Department of Education, and the Agency for Persons with  
861 Disabilities may provide additional expertise.

862 (6) Meetings of the task force may be held through  
863 teleconference or other electronic means. The task force shall  
864 convene for its initial meeting by August 15, 2026, and  
865 thereafter, upon the call of the chair. Notices for any task  
866 force meetings must be published in advance on the Agency for  
867 Health Care Administration's website.

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

871 (8) The task force shall report its findings and  
872 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
873 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,  
874 2026. The report must include advantages and disadvantages of  
875 each recommendation.

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

877 **Section 41.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
878 339, 339B, 368, and 369 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
879 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida  
880 Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a  
881 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
882 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
883 within the department based on the implementation of the  
884 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific  
885 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care  
886 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,  
887 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,  
888 2027.

889 **Section 42.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
890 209 through 211, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475,  
891 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General  
892 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
893 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the  
894 Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care  
895 Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
896 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
897 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee  
898 programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee  
899 Resettlement. The Department of Children and Families shall  
900 submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the

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901 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
902 House of Representatives on the number of refugees entering the  
903 state, the nations of origin of such refugees, and current  
904 expenditure projections. This section expires July 1, 2027.

905 **Section 43.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
906 295 through 390 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
907 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
908 Department of Children and Families may submit budget  
909 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
910 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
911 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the  
912 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Summer  
913 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the  
914 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and  
915 Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living  
916 Services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B  
917 Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, Elder Justice Act, STOP Violence  
918 Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing  
919 Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section expires  
920 July 1, 2027.

921 **Section 44.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
922 **250, 254, and 267 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
923 **and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 32 of chapter**  
924 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 393.066,**  
925 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

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926 393.066 Community services and treatment.—

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

948 **Section 45.** The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes,  
949 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by  
950 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection

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951 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that  
952 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
953 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
954 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
955 expire pursuant to this section.

956 **Section 46. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in**  
957 **order to implement Specific Appropriations 373 through 390 of**  
958 **the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of**  
959 **subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
960 **to read:**

961 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

962 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

963 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-~~  
964 ~~2026~~ fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented  
965 unexpended funds appropriated for Non-Qualified Counties from  
966 the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the  
967 next. Funds carried forward pursuant to this paragraph are not  
968 included in the 8 percent cumulative cap that may be carried  
969 forward. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

970 **Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
971 **324A, 339, 339B, 368, 369, and 384A of the 2026-2027 General**  
972 **Appropriations Act, subsection (10) is added to section**  
973 **409.9913, Florida Statutes, to read:**

974 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead  
975 agencies.—

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976 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core  
977 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General  
978 Appropriations Act. The department shall use the tiered funding  
979 methodology developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant  
980 to section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the  
981 baseline framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements  
982 to the model and shall continue to collect detailed cost,  
983 expenditure, and census data from community-based care lead  
984 agencies.

985 (a) Each lead agency shall submit any cost, expenditure,  
986 and census data requested by the department to support the  
987 continued development and refinement of the tiered funding  
988 methodology. Lead agencies shall complete and validate a  
989 standardized expenditure report template in the form and manner  
990 prescribed by the department.

991 (b) The department shall conduct ongoing performance  
992 monitoring by comparing trends in individual metrics against  
993 broader indicators of system health and shall analyze emerging  
994 market trends that may impact organizational financial  
995 stability. The department's analysis and reporting shall include  
996 a comprehensive explanation of the methodology used to establish  
997 residential group home rates, a description of the current rate-  
998 setting processes employed by each community-based care lead  
999 agency, and recommendations to enhance the fiscal sustainability  
1000 and transparency of those processes.

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1001 (c) Beginning in July 2026 and continuing through November  
1002 2026, the department shall provide monthly status reports to the  
1003 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
1004 House of Representatives detailing activities and progress  
1005 related to the development of the funding methodology, including  
1006 preliminary recommendations for adjustments for the subsequent  
1007 fiscal year.

1008 (d) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a  
1009 final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
1010 the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes  
1011 recommendations for adjustments to the funding methodology for  
1012 the next fiscal year. The recommendations shall continue the  
1013 tiered funding methodology approach while proposing enhancements  
1014 intended to strengthen operational and financial outcomes.

1015 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1016 **Section 48. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1017 **324A, 339, 339B, and 384A and section 93 of the 2026-2027**  
1018 **General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section**  
1019 **409.990, Florida Statutes, to read:**

1020 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established  
1021 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a  
1022 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or  
1023 applicable federal funding sources.

1024 (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a  
1025 lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of

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1026 July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. By August 1,  
1027 2026, the department must report to the chair of the Senate  
1028 Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of  
1029 Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of  
1030 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget the amount of funds  
1031 returned by each lead agency. The funds returned shall be held  
1032 in reserve and the Department of Children and Families may  
1033 submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216 requesting  
1034 release of funds in amounts necessary to satisfy fourth quarter  
1035 payment obligations to community-based care lead agencies or  
1036 address potential revenue shortfalls associated with declining  
1037 Title IV-E eligibility within the state's foster care  
1038 population. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1039 **Section 49.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1040 465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1041 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1042 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1043 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1044 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1045 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children  
1046 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal  
1047 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1048 section expires July 1, 2027.

1049 **Section 50.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1050 476 and 526 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and

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1051 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1052 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1053 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1054 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS  
1055 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues  
1056 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available  
1057 in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1058 **Section 51.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1059 432 through 593 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1060 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1061 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1062 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,  
1063 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1064 department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19  
1065 relief funds become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1066 section expires July 1, 2027.

1067 **Section 52.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1068 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1069 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Agency for  
1070 Health Care Administration shall immediately suspend all  
1071 development activities related to the modular replacement of the  
1072 Florida Medicaid Management Information System, referred to as  
1073 the Florida Health Care Connections Project (FX), for any system  
1074 components, modules, or functionality that have not yet achieved  
1075 operational status and federal certification where applicable;

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1076 provided, however, that system components that are currently  
1077 certified and operational shall continue to be maintained and  
1078 supported to ensure uninterrupted service delivery. This section  
1079 expires July 1, 2027.

1080 **Section 53.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1081 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027  
1082 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care  
1083 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,  
1084 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of  
1085 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall  
1086 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for  
1087 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological  
1088 products excluded from the program established under s.  
1089 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s.  
1090 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The  
1091 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these  
1092 products for participating agencies when feasible and  
1093 advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a  
1094 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved  
1095 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs  
1096 and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1097 **Section 54.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1098 238 through 245 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1099 notwithstanding ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), Florida Statutes:

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1100           (1) (a) An inactive license or a partially inactive license  
1101 with an expiration date on or after June 1, 2024, may be issued  
1102 or renewed to a skilled nursing provider subject to the  
1103 certificate-of-need provisions in part I of chapter 408, Florida  
1104 Statutes, if the provider currently holds an active or inactive  
1105 license, does not have a provisional license, and will be  
1106 temporarily unable to provide services due to impacts from a  
1107 natural disaster or state of emergency; or will be deactivating  
1108 or has deactivated beds to improve and modernize the licensees  
1109 physical plant, but is reasonably expected to resume services  
1110 within 48 months.

1111           (b) Such issuance or renewal may be made for a period of  
1112 12 months and may be further renewed for up to 36 additional  
1113 months upon demonstration by the licensee of the provider's  
1114 progress toward reopening. During each 12-month renewal cycle,  
1115 the applicant shall attest that good-faith progress towards  
1116 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1117 delayed by litigation or by governmental action or inaction with  
1118 respect to regulations or permitting that precludes commencement  
1119 of the project.

1120           (2) (a) The certificate-of-need validity period for a  
1121 project shall be extended by the agency if the certificateholder  
1122 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that good-faith  
1123 progress toward the commencement of the project is ongoing or  
1124 that the project is delayed by litigation or by government

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1125 action or inaction with respect to regulations or permitting  
1126 that precludes commencement of the project.

1127 (b) Such extension may be made for a period of 12 months  
1128 and may be renewed for up to 36 additional months upon  
1129 demonstration by the certificateholder of the progress towards  
1130 opening. During each 12-month validity period renewal cycle, the  
1131 certificateholder shall attest that good-faith progress towards  
1132 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is  
1133 being delayed by litigation or by governmental action or  
1134 inaction.

1135 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1136 **Section 55.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1137 272, 277, 278, 283, 288, and 289 of the 2026-2027 General  
1138 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
1139 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may  
1140 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
1141 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
1142 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
1143 categories to categories used for contractual services in order  
1144 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the  
1145 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,  
1146 2027.

1147 **Section 56.** In order to implement section 82 of the 2026-  
1148 2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181  
1149 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with

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1150 Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1151 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1152 Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump  
1153 Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address  
1154 any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1,  
1155 2027.

1156 **Section 57.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1157 231 and 254 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1158 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1159 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons  
1160 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
1161 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
1162 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the  
1163 action, to increase budget authority to support the  
1164 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid  
1165 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This  
1166 section expires July 1, 2027.

1167 **Section 58.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1168 594 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1169 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
1170 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to  
1171 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority  
1172 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the  
1173 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and  
1174 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate

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1175 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing  
1176 homes, if the department projects that additional direct care  
1177 staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This  
1178 section expires July 1, 2027.

1179 **Section 59. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1180 **209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
1181 **subsection (1) of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1182 **to read:**

1183 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the  
1184 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of  
1185 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state  
1186 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to  
1187 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1188 (1) (a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid  
1189 expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds  
1190 for the federal Medicaid program.

1191 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by  
1192 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share  
1193 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.  
1194 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1195 **Section 60. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1196 **594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
1197 **and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,**  
1198 **the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to:**

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1199 (1) Expend funds pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement  
1200 between the department and the Collier County Board of County  
1201 Commissioners, as well as funds appropriated in chapter 2023-  
1202 239, Laws of Florida, for the planning and construction of a new  
1203 State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Center in  
1204 Collier County.

1205 (2) Apply for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
1206 Construction Grant for the Collier County State Veterans'  
1207 Nursing Home.

1208 (3) Submit budget amendments subject to the notice,  
1209 review, and objection procedures in s. 216.177, Florida  
1210 Statutes, subject to federal approval, requesting additional  
1211 spending authority to support the development and construction  
1212 of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care  
1213 Center in Collier County.

1214  
1215 This section expires July 1, 2027.

1216 **Section 61.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1217 404 and 406 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1218 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1219 Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,  
1220 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1221 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the  
1222 United States Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food  
1223 Program or the Older Americans Act if additional federal

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1224 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This  
1225 section expires July 1, 2027.

1226 **Section 62. In order to implement appropriations of the**  
1227 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of**  
1228 **subsection (9) of section 766.314, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1229 **to read:**

1230 766.314 Assessments; plan of operation.—

1231 (9)

1232 (c)1. If the total of all current estimates equals or  
1233 exceeds 100 percent of the funds on hand and the funds that will  
1234 become available to the association within the next 12 months  
1235 from all sources described in subsection (4) and paragraph  
1236 (5) (a), the association may not accept any new claims without  
1237 express authority from the Legislature. This section does not  
1238 preclude the association from accepting any claim if the injury  
1239 occurred 18 months or more before the effective date of this  
1240 suspension. Within 30 days after the effective date of this  
1241 suspension, the association shall notify the Governor, the  
1242 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the  
1243 Senate, the Office of Insurance Regulation, the Agency for  
1244 Health Care Administration, and the Department of Health of this  
1245 suspension.

1246 2. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the association is  
1247 authorized to accept new claims during the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~  
1248 fiscal year if the total of all current estimates exceeds the

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1249 limits described in subparagraph 1. during that fiscal year.  
1250 This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1251  
1252 **Section 63.** The amendments made by this act to s. 766.314,  
1253 Florida Statutes, shall not take effect if SB 1668, 2026 Regular  
1254 Session, becomes law.

1255 **Section 64.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1256 237 of the General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the  
1257 provisions of s. 430.84, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health  
1258 Care Administration is authorized to contract with additional  
1259 PACE organizations in Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade,  
1260 Okaloosa, Orange, Pinellas, and Santa Rosa Counties. This  
1261 section expires July 1, 2027.

1262 **Section 65.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1263 223 and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
1264 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
1265 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
1266 additional spending authority to implement a managed care  
1267 organization quality incentive program. The budget amendment  
1268 must identify the specific activities and quality-based outcomes  
1269 on which managed care organization will focus. Payments under  
1270 the quality incentive program are contingent upon a managed care  
1271 organization achieving the applicable quality metrics and  
1272 performance outcomes established by the agency. The budget  
1273 amendment must include written notice of approval from the

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1274 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires  
1275 July 1, 2027.

1276 **Section 66. Upon the expiration and reversion of the**  
1277 **amendments made to s. 409.908, Florida Statutes, pursuant to**  
1278 **section 26 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b)**  
1279 **of subsection (2) of section 409.908, Florida Statutes, is**  
1280 **amended to read:**

1281 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to  
1282 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid  
1283 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according  
1284 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in  
1285 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.  
1286 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement  
1287 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive  
1288 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency  
1289 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or  
1290 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based  
1291 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost  
1292 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate  
1293 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester  
1294 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and  
1295 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected  
1296 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost  
1297 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost  
1298 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on

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1299 | behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons is subject to the  
1300 | availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
1301 | provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.  
1302 | Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent  
1303 | or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,  
1304 | lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or  
1305 | making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the  
1306 | availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
1307 | provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the  
1308 | adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

1309 | (2)

1310 | (b) Subject to any limitations or directions in the  
1311 | General Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and  
1312 | implement a state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan  
1313 | for nursing home care in order to provide care and services in  
1314 | conformance with the applicable state and federal laws, rules,  
1315 | regulations, and quality and safety standards and to ensure that  
1316 | individuals eligible for medical assistance have reasonable  
1317 | geographic access to such care.

1318 | 1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement  
1319 | plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and  
1320 | indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the  
1321 | per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the  
1322 | patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate prices  
1323 | shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent,

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1324 initially based on the September 2016 rate setting cost reports  
 1325 and subsequently based on the most recently audited cost report  
 1326 used during a rebasing year. The direct care subcomponent of the  
 1327 per diem rate for any providers still being reimbursed on a cost  
 1328 basis shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the  
 1329 indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the  
 1330 cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the  
 1331 individual provider target. The ceilings and targets apply only  
 1332 to providers being reimbursed on a cost-based system. Effective  
 1333 October 1, 2018, a prospective payment methodology shall be  
 1334 implemented for rate setting purposes with the following  
 1335 parameters:

- 1336 a. Peer Groups, including:
  - 1337 (I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee
  - 1338 Counties; and
  - 1339 (II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and
  - 1340 Okeechobee Counties.

1341 b. Percentage of Median Costs based on the cost reports  
 1342 used for September 2016 rate setting:

- 1343 (I) Direct Care Costs.....100 percent.
- 1344 (II) Indirect Care Costs.....92 percent.
- 1345 (III) Operating Costs.....86 percent.

- 1346 c. Floors:
  - 1347 (I) Direct Care Component.....95 percent.
  - 1348 (II) Indirect Care Component.....92.5 percent.

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- 1349 (III) Operating Component.....None.
- 1350 d. Pass-through Payments.....Real Estate and
- 1351 Personal Property
- 1352 Taxes and Property Insurance.
- 1353 e. Quality Incentive Program Payment
- 1354 Pool 18.1373 ~~40~~ percent of September
- 1355 2016 non-property related
- 1356 payments of included facilities.
- 1357 f. Quality Score Threshold to Qualify for Quality
- 1358 Incentive Payment.....33
- 1359 percent of all available points in
- 1360 the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program ~~20<sup>th</sup>~~
- 1361 ~~percentile of included facilities.~~
- 1362 g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:
- 1363 (I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.
- 1364 (II) Land Valuation.....10 percent of Gross Building value.
- 1365 (III) Facility Square Footage.....Actual Square Footage.
- 1366 (IV) Movable Equipment Allowance.....\$8,000 per bed.
- 1367 (V) Obsolescence Factor.....1.5 percent.
- 1368 (VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return.....8 percent.
- 1369 (VII) Minimum Occupancy.....90 percent.
- 1370 (VIII) Maximum Facility Age.....40 years.
- 1371 (IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed.....350.
- 1372 (X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed.....500.
- 1373 (XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements\$500 per bed.

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1374 h. Ventilator Supplemental payment of \$200 per Medicaid  
1375 day of 40,000 ventilator Medicaid days per fiscal year.

1376 2. The agency shall revise its methodology for calculating  
1377 Quality Incentive Program payments to:

1378 a. Include the results of consumer satisfaction surveys  
1379 conducted pursuant to s. 400.0225 as a measure of nursing home  
1380 quality. The agency shall so revise the methodology after the  
1381 surveys have been in effect for an amount of time the agency  
1382 deems sufficient for statistical and scientific validity as a  
1383 meaningful quality measure that may be incorporated into the  
1384 methodology.

1385 b. During the next rebasing for the Quality Incentive  
1386 Program, consider implementing the recommendations proposed in  
1387 sections 3.1.1-3.1.5 of the Study of Nursing Home Quality  
1388 Incentive Programs Final Report pursuant to section 20 of  
1389 chapter 2025-204, Laws of Florida, and presented to the agency  
1390 on December 22, 2025.

1391 c. Delay the effective date of any change made to its  
1392 methodology or scoring due to rebasing for 1 year after any  
1393 recalculations have been completed and the scores have been made  
1394 available to the public.

1395 3. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and  
1396 benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services  
1397 including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and  
1398 certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to

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1399 residents in the nursing home facility, allowable therapy costs,  
1400 and dietary costs. This excludes nursing administration, staff  
1401 development, the staffing coordinator, and the administrative  
1402 portion of the minimum data set and care plan coordinators. The  
1403 direct care subcomponent also includes medically necessary  
1404 dental care, vision care, hearing care, and podiatric care.

1405 4. All other patient care costs shall be included in the  
1406 indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem  
1407 rate, including complex medical equipment, medical supplies, and  
1408 other allowable ancillary costs. Costs may not be allocated  
1409 directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a  
1410 home office or management company.

1411 5. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the  
1412 Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average  
1413 direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and  
1414 direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category  
1415 of staff member per facility.

1416 6. Every fourth year, the agency shall rebase nursing home  
1417 prospective payment rates to reflect changes in cost based on  
1418 the most recently audited cost report for each participating  
1419 provider.

1420 7. A direct care supplemental payment may be made to  
1421 providers whose direct care hours per patient day are above the  
1422 80th percentile and who provide Medicaid services to a larger  
1423 percentage of Medicaid patients than the state average.

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1424 8. Pediatric, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and  
1425 government-owned facilities are exempt from the pricing model  
1426 established in this subsection and shall remain on a cost-based  
1427 prospective payment system. Effective October 1, 2018, the  
1428 agency shall set rates for all facilities remaining on a cost-  
1429 based prospective payment system using each facility's most  
1430 recently audited cost report, eliminating retroactive  
1431 settlements.

1432 9. By October 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, the  
1433 agency shall submit to the Governor, the President of the  
1434 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report  
1435 on each Quality Incentive Program payment made pursuant to sub-  
1436 subparagraph 1.e. The report must, at a minimum, include all of  
1437 the following information:

1438 a. The name of each facility that received a Quality  
1439 Incentive Program payment and the dollar amount of such payment  
1440 each facility received.

1441 b. The total number of quality incentive metric points  
1442 awarded by the agency to each facility and the number of points  
1443 awarded by the agency for each individual quality metric  
1444 measured.

1445 c. An examination of any trends in the improvement of the  
1446 quality of care provided to nursing home residents which may be  
1447 attributable to incentive payments received under the Quality  
1448 Incentive Program. The agency shall include examination of

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1449 trends both for the program as a whole as well as for each  
1450 individual quality metric used by the agency to award program  
1451 payments.

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1453 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan  
1454 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing  
1455 home residents who require large amounts of care while  
1456 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home  
1457 care for residents who can be served within the community. The  
1458 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of  
1459 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys  
1460 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency  
1461 may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of  
1462 scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from  
1463 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum  
1464 rate of payment. The agency shall base the rates of payments in  
1465 accordance with the minimum wage requirements as provided in the  
1466 General Appropriations Act.

1467 **Section 67.** The amendment to s. 409.908(2)(b), Florida  
1468 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
1469 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
1470 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
1471 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
1472 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
1473 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

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1474           **Section 68. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1475 **626 through 718 and 742 through 782 of the 2026-2027 General**  
1476 **Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida**  
1477 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1478           216.262 Authorized positions.—

1479           (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter  
1480 relating to increasing the number of authorized positions, and  
1481 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, if the actual  
1482 inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the  
1483 inmate population projections of the December 23, 2025 ~~February~~  
1484 ~~21, 2025~~, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent  
1485 for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the  
1486 Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the  
1487 Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the  
1488 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as  
1489 soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of  
1490 Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the  
1491 establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by  
1492 the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated  
1493 general revenue sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed  
1494 capital improvements, and other resources to provide  
1495 classification, security, food services, health services, and  
1496 other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate  
1497 the estimated increase in the inmate population. All actions  
1498 taken pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and

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1499 approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection  
1500 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1501 **Section 69. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1502 **3340 through 3409 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
1503 **subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1504 **to read:**

1505 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

1506 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one  
1507 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system  
1508 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2026-2027  
1509 ~~2025-2026~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice  
1510 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the  
1511 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.  
1512 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which  
1513 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts  
1514 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned  
1515 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5  
1516 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If  
1517 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial  
1518 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds  
1519 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid  
1520 by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year. This  
1521 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1522 **Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1523 **793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the**

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1524 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the**  
1525 **expiration date in section 52 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of**  
1526 **Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),**  
1527 **paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and**  
1528 **(7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:**

1529 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum  
1530 requirements; appointment by court.—

1531 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual  
1532 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed  
1533 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized  
1534 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to  
1535 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office  
1536 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be  
1537 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision  
1538 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public  
1539 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public  
1540 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict  
1541 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The  
1542 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific  
1543 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a  
1544 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this  
1545 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

1546 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent  
1547 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-  
1548 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict

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1549 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified  
1550 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil  
1551 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a  
1552 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional  
1553 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of  
1554 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly  
1555 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall  
1556 submit this information to the Justice Administrative  
1557 Commission.

1558 (3) In using a registry:

1559 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of  
1560 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of  
1561 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each  
1562 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number  
1563 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a  
1564 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

1565 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief  
1566 judge and by general law for court appointment;

1567 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases  
1568 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

1569 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for  
1570 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

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1572 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a  
1573 contract for services with the Justice Administrative

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1574 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for  
1575 services may result in termination of the contract and removal  
1576 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible  
1577 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice  
1578 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.  
1579 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination  
1580 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until  
1581 the requirement is fulfilled.

1582 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve  
1583 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of  
1584 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms  
1585 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for  
1586 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the  
1587 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform  
1588 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with  
1589 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and  
1590 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's  
1591 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is  
1592 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

1593 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately  
1594 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance  
1595 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms  
1596 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1597 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the  
1598 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as

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1599 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection  
1600 (1) and paragraph (2)(a) are met. An attorney appointed by the  
1601 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under  
1602 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment  
1603 that there were no registry attorneys available for  
1604 representation for that case and only if the requirements of  
1605 subsection (1) and paragraph (2)(a) are met.

1606 (b)1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
1607 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be  
1608 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate  
1609 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly  
1610 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the  
1611 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed  
1612 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek  
1613 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304  
1614 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents  
1615 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission  
1616 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client  
1617 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall  
1618 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the  
1619 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in  
1620 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and  
1621 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact  
1622 information from the records and documents only to the extent  
1623 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice

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1624 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall  
1625 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1626 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the  
1627 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to  
1628 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by  
1629 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that  
1630 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming  
1631 the presumption.

1632 2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit  
1633 the commission or the Auditor General to review documentation  
1634 for a case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives  
1635 the right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation  
1636 in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the  
1637 General Appropriations Act for that case.

1638 3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived  
1639 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee  
1640 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as  
1641 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,  
1642 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and  
1643 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1644 presumption.

1645 **Section 71.** The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),  
1646 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1647 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027,  
1648 and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,

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1649 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that  
1650 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
1651 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
1652 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
1653 expire pursuant to this section.

1654 **Section 72. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1655 **793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the**  
1656 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the**  
1657 **expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of**  
1658 **Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,**  
1659 **is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and**  
1660 **paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section**  
1661 **are reenacted, to read:**

1662 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;  
1663 notice.—

1664 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the  
1665 manner prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated  
1666 by the Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in  
1667 this section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees  
1668 prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The  
1669 specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established  
1670 annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also  
1671 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in  
1672 accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a  
1673 defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,

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1674 the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the  
1675 most serious offense for which he or she represented the  
1676 defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee  
1677 limits established by this section.

1678 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility  
1679 for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney  
1680 fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory  
1681 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-  
1682 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final  
1683 disposition of a case.

1684 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a  
1685 court appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1686 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation  
1687 for dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first  
1688 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700  
1689 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon  
1690 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case  
1691 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,  
1692 including any children born during the pendency of the  
1693 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an  
1694 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial  
1695 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for  
1696 dependency proceedings.

1697 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450  
1698 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

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1699           2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1700 following the first judicial review in the second year following  
1701 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1702 case remains under protective supervision.

1703           3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective  
1704 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not  
1705 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an  
1706 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1707           4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a  
1708 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,  
1709 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel  
1710 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle  
1711 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must  
1712 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

1713           (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in  
1714 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed  
1715 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and  
1716 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall  
1717 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of  
1718 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of  
1719 children involved, including any children born during the  
1720 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal  
1721 from an order granting or denying termination of parental  
1722 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered  
1723 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights

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1724 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings  
1725 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered  
1726 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long  
1727 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

1728 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30  
1729 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for  
1730 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must  
1731 include the trial counsel's certification that:

1732 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or  
1733 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and

1734 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and  
1735 a motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the  
1736 signature of the parent, have been filed.

1737 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700  
1738 following the first judicial review in the second year after the  
1739 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the  
1740 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1741 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,  
1742 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

1743 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon  
1744 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1745 withdraw.

1746 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional  
1747 flat fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

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1748 (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of  
1749 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1750 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon  
1751 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to  
1752 withdraw.

1753 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional  
1754 flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1755 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the  
1756 state for representation pursuant to court appointment made in  
1757 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a  
1758 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter  
1759 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter  
1760 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the  
1761 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such  
1762 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

1763 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat  
1764 fees prescribed under this section and the General  
1765 Appropriations Act comprise the full and complete compensation  
1766 for private court-appointed counsel. It is further the intent of  
1767 the Legislature that the fees in this section are prescribed for  
1768 the purpose of providing counsel with notice of the limit on the  
1769 amount of compensation for representation in particular  
1770 proceedings and the sole procedure and requirements for  
1771 obtaining payment for the same.

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1772 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to  
1773 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion  
1774 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not  
1775 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under  
1776 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1777 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from  
1778 representation prior to the full performance of his or her  
1779 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints  
1780 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial  
1781 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee  
1782 established under this section and the General Appropriations  
1783 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

1784  
1785 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed  
1786 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat  
1787 fee.

1788 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an  
1789 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and  
1790 unusual effort.

1791 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits  
1792 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief  
1793 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess  
1794 of these limits.

1795 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a  
1796 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting

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1797 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice  
1798 Administrative Commission.

1799 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the  
1800 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and  
1801 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall  
1802 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing  
1803 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission  
1804 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection  
1805 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the  
1806 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file  
1807 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission  
1808 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of  
1809 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating  
1810 its objection.

1811 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee  
1812 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an  
1813 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge  
1814 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this  
1815 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit  
1816 may have up to two designees.

1817 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must  
1818 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case  
1819 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or  
1820 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of  
1821 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and

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1822 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a  
1823 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial  
1824 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal  
1825 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number  
1826 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's  
1827 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

1828         2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice  
1829 Administrative Commission to records or documents or to claims  
1830 for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by the  
1831 court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent  
1832 and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the  
1833 presumption. The chief judge or single designee shall enter a  
1834 written order detailing his or her findings and identifying the  
1835 extraordinary nature of the time and efforts of the attorney in  
1836 the case which warrant exceeding the flat fee established by  
1837 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

1838         (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served  
1839 on the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business  
1840 days before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative  
1841 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may  
1842 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing  
1843 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order  
1844 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses  
1845 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of  
1846 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice

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1847 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or  
1848 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for  
1849 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving  
1850 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact  
1851 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to  
1852 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the  
1853 documentation is not binding on the court.

1854 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that  
1855 counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that  
1856 the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief  
1857 judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid  
1858 to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,  
1859 depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort  
1860 required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to  
1861 ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.  
1862 The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established  
1863 flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat  
1864 fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or  
1865 single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee  
1866 would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of  
1867 compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for  
1868 a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,  
1869 the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be  
1870 only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid

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1871 are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.  
1872 27.40(7).

1873 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must  
1874 be attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the  
1875 Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the  
1876 requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

1877 (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in  
1878 subsection (5) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only,  
1879 the compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may  
1880 not exceed the following:

1881 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the  
1882 trial level: \$2,000.

1883 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the  
1884 trial level: \$15,000.

1885 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:  
1886 \$15,000.

1887 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:  
1888 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any  
1889 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state  
1890 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

1891 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

1892 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1893 **Section 73.** The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and  
1894 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter  
1895 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),

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1896 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws  
1897 of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
1898 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to  
1899 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
1900 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
1901 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
1902 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
1903 this section.

1904 **Section 74. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
1905 **1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
1906 **subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1907 **to read:**

1908 908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

1909 (3) (a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the  
1910 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments  
1911 for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate  
1912 in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task  
1913 force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for  
1914 a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer  
1915 employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency  
1916 must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer  
1917 participated in one or more operations and provide any  
1918 information required by the board. Eligible participation does  
1919 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
1920 facilities or county detention facilities.

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1921 (b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65  
1922 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance  
1923 Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

1924 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2026-2027  
1925 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply  
1926 to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus  
1927 payments for the agency's certified correctional officers under  
1928 s. 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under s. 287(g)  
1929 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an  
1930 immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under s.  
1931 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357.  
1932 The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to  
1933 \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with  
1934 that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency  
1935 must certify to the board that the certified correctional  
1936 officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or  
1937 an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at  
1938 least 6 months preceding the application and provide any  
1939 information required by the board. Eligible participation does  
1940 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional  
1941 facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1942 **Section 75.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1943 1405 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
1944 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
1945 Department of Legal Affairs may submit a budget amendment,

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1946 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1947 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for  
1948 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants if additional  
1949 federal revenues specific to VOCA assistance services become  
1950 available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires  
1951 July 1, 2027.

1952 **Section 76.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1953 1325 through 1340 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
1954 the Department of Law Enforcement shall conduct a study on  
1955 payment scams.

1956 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "payment"  
1957 means any mechanism through which an individual can  
1958 electronically transfer funds to another individual. The study  
1959 must:

1960 (a) Examine current trends and developments in payment  
1961 scams, identify effective methods for preventing such scams, and  
1962 issue recommendations to enhance efforts to identify and prevent  
1963 such activities.

1964 (b) Adopt a cross-sector approach to ensure its  
1965 recommendations reflect the full scope of the issue, given that  
1966 scams impact individuals across a wide range of industries,  
1967 including financial services, telecommunications, and  
1968 technology.

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1969 (c) Evaluate best practices for combating methods used by  
1970 scammers, including spoofed calls, scam text messages, and  
1971 malicious advertisements, pop-ups, and websites.

1972 (d) Assess how other state, federal, and international  
1973 jurisdictions have tried to prevent payment scams.

1974 (e) Identify and review current methods used to scam a  
1975 consumer through payment platforms.

1976 (f) Determine a strategy for education programs that  
1977 better equip consumers to identify, avoid, and report payment  
1978 scam attempts to the appropriate authorities.

1979 (g) Identify strategies to ensure perpetrators of payment  
1980 scams can be identified and pursued by law enforcement.

1981 (h) Consult with other relevant stakeholders, including  
1982 federal, state, local, and tribal agencies and financial  
1983 services providers.

1984 (i) Determine whether any additional legislation would be  
1985 beneficial for law enforcement in mitigating payment scams.

1986 (j) Identify potential solutions to payment scams  
1987 involving business e-mail compromise.

1988 (2) By February 1, 2027, the Department of Law Enforcement  
1989 shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
1990 the House of Representatives and make publicly available online  
1991 a report detailing all of the following:

1992 (a) The results of the study under subsection (1).

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1993 (b) Any legislative or regulatory recommendations that  
1994 would enhance the ability to detect and prevent payment scams.

1995 (c) Recommendations to enhance cooperation among federal,  
1996 state, local, and tribal authorities in the investigation and  
1997 prosecution of scams, including harmonizing data collection,  
1998 improving reporting mechanisms and streams, estimating the  
1999 number of complaints and consumers affected, and evaluating the  
2000 effectiveness of anti-scam training programs.

2001 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2002 **Section 77. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
2003 **1336A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (g)**  
2004 **is added to subsection (7) of section 934.50, Florida Statutes,**  
2005 **to read:**

2006 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

2007 (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

2008 (g) Subject to appropriation, the Drone as First Responder  
2009 Grant Program is created within the Department of Law  
2010 Enforcement.

2011 1. The grant program shall provide funds to law  
2012 enforcement agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews,  
2013 or other first responders that apply for funding to acquire new  
2014 drones that comply with this section. To be eligible, the  
2015 applicant must provide the department with any information the  
2016 department deems necessary. A law enforcement agency, fire  
2017 service, ambulance service, or other first responder agency may

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2018 apply directly to the department or a local governmental entity  
2019 may submit an application on behalf of one or more of its  
2020 agencies to purchase one or more new drones.

2021 2. The department shall expeditiously develop an  
2022 application process. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come,  
2023 first-served basis, determined by the date the department  
2024 receives the application.

2025 3. Grants must be matched by at least 50 percent local  
2026 funds, but the department may waive this requirement for  
2027 agencies solely serving within a fiscally constrained county as  
2028 described in s. 218.67(1). Each grant is limited to a total of  
2029 \$250,000 per agency and a maximum \$50,000 per drone.

2030 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "first  
2031 responder agency" has the same meaning as in s. 365.179(1)(a).

2032 5. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
2033 paragraph. The department is authorized, and all conditions are  
2034 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 120.54(4) for the  
2035 purpose of implementing this paragraph. Notwithstanding any  
2036 other law, emergency rules adopted under this section are  
2037 effective for 12 months after adoption and may be renewed during  
2038 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing  
2039 the subject of the emergency rules.

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2041 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

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2042           **Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2043 **1370 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section**  
2044 **943.0536, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

2045           943.0536 Immigration detainer information; collection and  
2046 storage; fingerprinting; administrative expunction for  
2047 immigration detainer records made contrary to law or by  
2048 mistake.—

2049           (1) The department's Criminal Justice Information Program,  
2050 acting as the state's central criminal justice information  
2051 repository, shall collect, process, store, maintain, and  
2052 disseminate immigration detainer information.

2053           (2) (a) A law enforcement agency shall capture and  
2054 electronically submit to the department in the manner prescribed  
2055 by rule the fingerprints of a qualifying offender, as defined in  
2056 s. 943.325(2), who is in its custody and subject to an  
2057 immigration detainer.

2058           (b) Upon receipt of the fingerprints required to be  
2059 submitted under paragraph (a), the department must create a  
2060 record containing the qualifying offender's immigration detainer  
2061 information.

2062           (3) As used in this section, the terms "immigration  
2063 detainer" and "law enforcement agency" have the same meanings as  
2064 in s. 908.102.

2065           (4) Notwithstanding any law dealing with the preservation  
2066 and destruction of public records, the department may adopt a

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2067 rule pursuant to pursuant to chapter 120 for the administrative  
2068 expunction of a record containing immigration detainer  
2069 information described in this section of a minor or an adult  
2070 made contrary to law or by mistake.

2071 (5) A law enforcement agency shall apply to the department  
2072 in the manner prescribed by rule for the administrative  
2073 expunction of any record containing immigration detainer  
2074 information described in this section of a minor or an adult who  
2075 is subsequently determined by the detaining agency, at its  
2076 discretion, or by the final order of a court of competent  
2077 jurisdiction, to have been detained contrary to law or by  
2078 mistake.

2079 (6) An adult or, in the case of a minor child, the parent  
2080 or legal guardian of the minor child, may apply to the  
2081 department in the manner prescribed by rule for the  
2082 administrative expunction of any record containing immigration  
2083 detainer information described in this section alleged to have  
2084 been made contrary to law or by mistake, provided that the  
2085 application is supported by the endorsement of the head of the  
2086 detaining agency or his or her designee.

2087 (7) An application for an administrative expunction for a  
2088 record containing immigration detainer information as described  
2089 in this section must include the date and time when the person  
2090 was detained, the person's name, the offender-based tracking  
2091 system number, and information relating to the immigration

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2092 detainer. The application must be on the submitting detaining  
2093 agency's letterhead and must be signed by the head of the  
2094 submitting agency or his or her designee.

2095 (8) An application or endorsement under this section is  
2096 not admissible as evidence in any judicial or administrative  
2097 proceeding and may not be construed in any way as an admission  
2098 of liability in connection with a detention.

2099 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2100 **Section 79.** In order to implement appropriations used to  
2101 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess  
2102 of 2,000 square feet in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
2103 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation  
2104 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office  
2105 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to  
2106 renegotiate or reprocure all private lease agreements for office  
2107 or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2027, and  
2108 June 30, 2029, in order to reduce costs in future years. The  
2109 department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2026  
2110 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida  
2111 Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the  
2112 possibilities of collocating office or storage space, to review  
2113 the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and  
2114 terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department  
2115 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,  
2116 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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2117 Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease  
2118 contract for private office or storage space, the status of  
2119 renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires  
2120 July 1, 2027.

2121 **Section 80.** In order to implement appropriations  
2122 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for data  
2123 center services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida  
2124 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data  
2125 processing category to a category other than another data  
2126 processing category or a cloud computing category for  
2127 information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This  
2128 section expires July 1, 2027.

2129 **Section 81.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
2130 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk  
2131 Management Insurance" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations  
2132 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
2133 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
2134 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category  
2135 between departments in order to align the budget authority  
2136 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk  
2137 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2138 **Section 82.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
2139 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer  
2140 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services  
2141 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General

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2142 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and  
2143 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the  
2144 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated  
2145 in that category between departments in order to align the  
2146 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid  
2147 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for  
2148 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,  
2149 2027.

2150 **Section 83.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2151 2935 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act in the Building  
2152 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental  
2153 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in  
2154 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

2155 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,  
2156 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of  
2157 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust  
2158 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of  
2159 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and  
2160 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the  
2161 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.  
2162 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted  
2163 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

2164 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit  
2165 budget amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary  
2166 for the implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216,

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2167 Florida Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in  
2168 appropriation shall include a detailed plan providing all  
2169 estimated costs and relocation proposals.

2170 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2171 **Section 84.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2172 2514 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

2173 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the  
2174 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information  
2175 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,  
2176 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and  
2177 shall replace the cash management and accounting management  
2178 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an  
2179 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,  
2180 define, and standardize its financial management business  
2181 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida  
2182 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of  
2183 FLAIR and CMS:

2184 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other  
2185 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management  
2186 Information System; or

2187 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the  
2188 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the  
2189 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations  
2190 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

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2191 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the  
2192 Department of Financial Services shall:

2193 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation  
2194 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,  
2195 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,  
2196 version 031.

2197 (b) Ensure that all documents concerning business  
2198 requirements and technical specifications have been provided to  
2199 all state agencies for their review and input and approved by  
2200 the executive steering committee established in paragraph (c),  
2201 including any updates to these documents.

2202 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes  
2203 an executive steering committee composed of:

2204 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of  
2205 the project.

2206 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the  
2207 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief  
2208 Financial Officer.

2209 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of  
2210 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental  
2211 Protection.

2212 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and  
2213 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by  
2214 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience

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2215 relating to at least one of the four main components that  
2216 compose FLAIR.

2217 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the  
2218 Governor, appointed by the Governor. One employee must have  
2219 experience relating to the Legislative Appropriations  
2220 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2221 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed  
2222 by the executive director, who has experience using or  
2223 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

2224 7. Two employees from the Department of Management  
2225 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One  
2226 employee must have experience relating to the department's  
2227 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have  
2228 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

2229 8. A state agency administrative services director,  
2230 appointed by the Governor.

2231 9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care  
2232 Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the  
2233 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

2234 10. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her  
2235 designee, as a nonvoting member. The State Chief Information  
2236 Officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status  
2237 reports at the executive steering committee meeting pursuant to  
2238 the oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

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2239 11. One employee from the Department of Business and  
2240 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and  
2241 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and  
2242 Professional Regulation.

2243 12. One employee from the Florida Fish and Wildlife  
2244 Conservation Commission who has experience using or maintaining  
2245 the commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by  
2246 the Chair of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
2247 Commission.

2248 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or  
2249 his or her designee.

2250 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor  
2251 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering  
2252 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at  
2253 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer  
2254 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing  
2255 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee composed of  
2256 at least 10 members.

2257 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the  
2258 executive steering committee, the chair shall request input from  
2259 committee members on agenda items for the next scheduled  
2260 meeting.

2261 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of  
2262 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain  
2263 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four

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2264 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The  
2265 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM  
2266 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial  
2267 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations  
2268 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair  
2269 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for  
2270 each scheduled meeting. The PALM project team shall dedicate a  
2271 staff member to the group and provide system demonstrations and  
2272 any project documentation, as needed, for the group to fulfill  
2273 its duties.

2274 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to  
2275 provide monthly status reports to the executive steering  
2276 committee. The form and format of the monthly status reports  
2277 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to  
2278 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such  
2279 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive  
2280 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the  
2281 agency to prepare their systems and impacted employees for the  
2282 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first monthly status  
2283 report is due September 1, 2026, and monthly thereafter.

2284 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall  
2285 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR  
2286 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

2287 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the  
2288 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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2289 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to  
2290 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to  
2291 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management  
2292 business processes.

2293 (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,  
2294 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements  
2295 of subsection (1).

2296 (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout  
2297 all phases of the project.

2298 (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost  
2299 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

2300 (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all  
2301 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of  
2302 FLAIR and CMS.

2303 (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the  
2304 monthly agency status reports to include objective and  
2305 quantifiable information on each agency's progress in planning  
2306 for the Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's  
2307 people, processes, technology, and data transformation  
2308 activities.

2309 (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,  
2310 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

2311 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2312 **Section 85. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2313 **3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**

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2314 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter**  
2315 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,**  
2316 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

2317 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and  
2318 interoperability network.—

2319 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide  
2320 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature  
2321 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,  
2322 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the  
2323 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.  
2324 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to  
2325 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public  
2326 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of  
2327 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is  
2328 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to  
2329 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

2330 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall  
2331 enter into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating  
2332 the statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021.  
2333 The contract must include:

- 2334 1. The purchase of radios;
- 2335 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
- 2336 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for  
2337 system users;

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2338 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual  
2339 rate;

2340 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the  
2341 department; and

2342 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the  
2343 department.

2344 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust  
2345 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges  
2346 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon  
2347 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the  
2348 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,  
2349 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,  
2350 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the  
2351 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs  
2352 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the  
2353 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the  
2354 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

2355 **Section 86.** The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes,  
2356 as carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by  
2357 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection,  
2358 shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that  
2359 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act,  
2360 shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that  
2361 such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text  
2362 which expire pursuant to this section.

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2363           **Section 87.** In order to implement appropriations relating  
2364 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the  
2365 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in  
2366 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.  
2367 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible  
2368 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management  
2369 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.  
2370 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2371           **Section 88.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2372 2954 through 2965 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2373 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,  
2374 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida  
2375 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement  
2376 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only.  
2377 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2378           **Section 89.** **In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
2379 **2866 through 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
2380 **and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by**  
2381 **section 68 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)**  
2382 **of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is**  
2383 **amended to read:**

2384           24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department  
2385 shall:

2386           (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation  
2387 of the state lottery, including:

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2388 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,  
2389 except for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only, effective July 1,  
2390 2026, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent  
2391 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize  
2392 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited  
2393 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program  
2394 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2888 of the 2026-2027  
2395 General Appropriations Act.

2396 **Section 90.** The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida  
2397 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of  
2398 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
2399 2022, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
2400 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
2401 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
2402 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2403 **Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
2404 **3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
2405 **paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida**  
2406 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

2407 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

2408 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

2409 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative  
2410 dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may  
2411 adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes  
2412 regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding

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2413 coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a  
2414 proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any  
2415 such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings  
2416 in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such  
2417 policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the  
2418 courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120  
2419 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil  
2420 Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,  
2421 except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,  
2422 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer  
2423 shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the  
2424 request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings  
2425 and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set  
2426 for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such  
2427 proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant  
2428 to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the  
2429 office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

2430 2. The corporation may contract with the division to  
2431 conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim  
2432 determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies  
2433 of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2434 **Section 92. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
2435 **2485 through 2492 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
2436 **subsection (15) is added to section 112.215, Florida Statutes,**  
2437 **to read:**

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2438 112.215 Government employees; deferred compensation  
2439 program.—

2440 (15) Notwithstanding the requirements in paragraphs (6) (a)  
2441 and (b) that deferred compensation not be included in the  
2442 employee's taxable income until actually received by the  
2443 employee under the terms of the plan, a deferred compensation  
2444 plan established pursuant to this section may offer to all  
2445 eligible employees a qualified Roth contribution program in  
2446 accordance with s. 402A of the Internal Revenue Code. This  
2447 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

2448 **Section 93. Effective upon this act becoming law, and in**  
2449 **order to implement Specific Appropriations 3006 through 3014 of**  
2450 **the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of**  
2451 **section 110.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2452 110.116 Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—

2453 (2) (a) In recognition of the critical nature of the  
2454 statewide personnel and payroll system commonly known as People  
2455 First, the Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of  
2456 the state to continue partnering with the current People First  
2457 third-party operator. The People First System annually processes  
2458 500,000 employment applications, 455,000 personnel actions, and  
2459 the state's \$9.5-billion payroll. The Legislature finds that the  
2460 continuity of operations of the People First System and the  
2461 critical functions it provides such as payroll, employee health  
2462 insurance benefit records, and other critical services must not

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2463 be interrupted. Presently, the Chief Financial Officer is  
2464 undertaking the development of a new statewide accounting and  
2465 financial management system, commonly known as the Planning,  
2466 Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, scheduled to be  
2467 operational in the year 2027. The procurement and implementation  
2468 of an entire replacement of the People First System will impede  
2469 the timeframe needed to successfully integrate the state's  
2470 payroll system with the PALM System. In order to maintain  
2471 continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion  
2472 of the PALM System, the Legislature directs that the department:

2473 1. Continue the integration of the current People First  
2474 System with PALM.

2475 2. Suspend major functionality updates or changes to the  
2476 People First System until the completion of the PALM System.

2477 This does not include:

2478 a. Routine system maintenance such as code updates  
2479 following open enrollment; or

2480 b. The technical remediation necessary to integrate the  
2481 system with PALM within the PALM project's planned  
2482 implementation schedule.

2483 3. Provide technical support for state agencies that may  
2484 need assistance in remediating or integrating current financial  
2485 shadow systems with People First in order to integrate with PALM  
2486 or the cloud version of People First.

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2487 4. Develop organizational change management and training  
2488 deliverables needed to support the implementation of PALM  
2489 payroll functionality and the People First System cloud upgrade.  
2490 Responsibilities of the operator and the department shall be  
2491 outlined in a project role and responsibility assignment chart  
2492 within the contract.

2493 5. Submit project planning and analysis deliverables that  
2494 detail the state's current and future state business,  
2495 functional, and technical requirements, including, but not  
2496 limited to:

2497 a. System capabilities and user requirements;  
2498 b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;  
2499 c. Data migration and conversion requirements;  
2500 d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and  
2501 third-party applications; and  
2502 e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.

2503 6. Conduct a complete system integration assessment to  
2504 identify dependencies, interoperability challenges, and  
2505 strategies for seamless data exchange.

2506 7. Document a streamlined transparent process to track,  
2507 test, and update all system requirements.

2508 8. Estimate the cost of transitioning the current People  
2509 First System to a cloud computing infrastructure within the  
2510 contract extension and after the successful integration with  
2511 PALM. The project cost evaluation shall estimate the annual cost

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2512 and capacity growth required to host the system in a cloud  
2513 environment.

2514  
2515 The department shall develop these project planning resources in  
2516 conjunction with all stakeholders.

2517 (b) The department shall submit, no later than December  
2518 31, 2026, its project planning and detailed cost estimates to  
2519 upgrade the current People First System to the chair of the  
2520 Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of  
2521 Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of  
2522 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

2523 ~~The department shall contract with an independent software~~  
2524 ~~quality assurance and testing provider to work with all~~  
2525 ~~stakeholders to:~~

2526 ~~1. Conduct a comprehensive business process analysis to~~  
2527 ~~document current workflows, identify inefficiencies, and develop~~  
2528 ~~recommendations to streamline business processes to improve~~  
2529 ~~service delivery, reduce redundancy, and enhance operational~~  
2530 ~~efficiency.~~

2531 ~~2. Develop detailed current and future state business,~~  
2532 ~~functional, and technical requirements, including, but not~~  
2533 ~~limited to:~~

2534 ~~a. System capabilities and user requirements;~~

2535 ~~b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;~~

2536 ~~c. Data migration and conversion requirements;~~

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2537 ~~d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and~~  
2538 ~~third party applications; and~~

2539 ~~e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.~~

2540 ~~3. Conduct a complete system integration assessment to~~  
2541 ~~identify dependencies, interoperability challenges, and~~  
2542 ~~strategies for seamless data exchange.~~

2543 ~~4. Deliver a streamlined transparent process to track,~~  
2544 ~~test, and update all system requirements.~~

2545 ~~5. Submit a report detailing these requirements, process~~  
2546 ~~improvements, and any related statutory change recommendations~~  
2547 ~~to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair~~  
2548 ~~of the House Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of the~~  
2549 ~~Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by June 30, 2026.~~

2550 ~~(c)(b)~~ This subsection expires July 1, 2027 2026.

2551 **Section 94. In order to implement Section 157 of the 2026-**  
2552 **2027 General Appropriations Act, present subsections (4) through**  
2553 **(10) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**  
2554 **subsections (5) through (11), respectively, a new subsection (4)**  
2555 **is added to that section, and paragraphs (a) through (e) of**  
2556 **subsection (1), subsections (2) and (3), paragraph (a) of**  
2557 **present subsection (8), and present subsection (10) of that**  
2558 **section are amended, to read:**

2559 215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is  
2560 established within the Department of Financial Services the My  
2561 Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal

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2562 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership  
2563 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does  
2564 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the  
2565 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of  
2566 residential property in this state. Implementation of this  
2567 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is  
2568 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability  
2569 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed  
2570 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of  
2571 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects  
2572 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in  
2573 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by  
2574 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other  
2575 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of  
2576 available funds. If, after applications are processed and  
2577 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept  
2578 applications up to the available amount. The program shall  
2579 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach  
2580 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements  
2581 provided in this section.

2582 (1) HURRICANE MITIGATION INSPECTIONS.—

2583 (a) 1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:

2584 a. "Attached" means a dwelling unit that shares a wall  
2585 with another dwelling unit.

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2586 b. "Detached" means a dwelling that does not share a wall  
2587 with another dwelling unit or building and has greater than zero  
2588 clearance between it and any other building. This term includes  
2589 a garage located under a contiguous roof with a residence.

2590 c. "Single-family" means a residence designed for and  
2591 containing only one dwelling unit.

2592 2. An applicant is ~~To be~~ eligible for a hurricane  
2593 mitigation inspection under the program if all of the following  
2594 conditions are met:

2595 a.1. ~~The A~~ home for which the inspection is sought is ~~must~~  
2596 ~~be~~ a single-family~~r~~ unit on an individual parcel of land which  
2597 is:

2598 (I) ~~A~~ detached residential property; or

2599 (II) ~~An attached residential property not exceeding three~~  
2600 ~~stories. A townhouse as defined in s. 481.203;~~

2601 b.2. ~~The A~~ home for which the inspection is sought is ~~must~~  
2602 ~~be~~ site-built and owner-occupied.~~r~~ and

2603 c.3. ~~The applicant is homeowner ~~must have been~~ granted a~~  
2604 homestead exemption on the home under chapter 196.

2605 (b)1. An application for a hurricane mitigation inspection  
2606 must contain a signed or electronically verified statement made  
2607 under penalty of perjury that the applicant has submitted only  
2608 one inspection application on the home or that the application  
2609 is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the application must have

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2610 documents attached which demonstrate that the applicant meets  
2611 the requirements of paragraph (a).

2612 2. An applicant may submit a subsequent hurricane  
2613 mitigation inspection application for the same home only if:

2614 a. The original hurricane mitigation inspection  
2615 application has been denied or withdrawn because of material  
2616 errors or omissions in the application;

2617 b. The original hurricane mitigation inspection  
2618 application was denied or withdrawn because the applicant home  
2619 did not meet the eligibility criteria for an inspection at the  
2620 time of the previous application, and the applicant homeowner  
2621 reasonably believes that he or she is ~~the home~~ now ~~is~~ eligible  
2622 for an inspection; ~~or~~

2623 c. The program's eligibility requirements for an  
2624 inspection have changed since the original application date, and  
2625 the applicant reasonably believes that he or she ~~the home~~ is  
2626 eligible under the new requirements; or

2627 d. More than 24 months have passed since the applicant  
2628 received a hurricane mitigation inspection under this section,  
2629 and the applicant has not received a grant payment through the  
2630 program for that inspection.

2631 (c) An applicant meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)  
2632 may receive an inspection of the a home through ~~under~~ the  
2633 program without being eligible for a grant under subsection (2)  
2634 or applying for such grant.

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2635 (d) Licensed inspectors are to provide initial home  
2636 inspections of eligible homes to determine ~~what mitigation~~  
2637 ~~measures are needed,~~ what insurance premium discounts may be  
2638 available, and what improvements to existing residential  
2639 properties are needed to reduce the properties' property's  
2640 vulnerability to hurricane damage. ~~An inspector may inspect a~~  
2641 ~~townhouse as defined in s. 481.203 to determine if opening~~  
2642 ~~protection mitigation as listed in subparagraph (2)(c)1. would~~  
2643 ~~provide improvements to mitigate hurricane damage.~~

2644 (e) The department shall contract with wind certification  
2645 entities to provide hurricane mitigation inspections. The  
2646 initial inspections provided to applicants homeowners, at a  
2647 minimum, must include:

2648 1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the  
2649 inspection results and identifies recommended improvements an  
2650 applicant a homeowner may make take to mitigate hurricane  
2651 damage.

2652 2. A range of cost estimates regarding the recommended  
2653 mitigation improvements.

2654 3. Information regarding estimated premium discounts,  
2655 correlated to the current mitigation features and the  
2656 recommended mitigation improvements identified by the  
2657 inspection.

2658 (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be  
2659 used by applicants homeowners to make improvements recommended

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2660 by an initial inspection which increase a home's resistance to  
2661 hurricane damage.

2662 (a) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ is eligible for a hurricane  
2663 mitigation grant if all of the following criteria are met:

2664 1. The applicant ~~home~~ must be eligible for an inspection  
2665 under subsection (1).

2666 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of  
2667 \$700,000 or less. ~~Homeowners who are low-income persons, as~~  
2668 ~~defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.~~

2669 3. The home must undergo an initial ~~acceptable~~ hurricane  
2670 mitigation inspection through the program as provided in  
2671 subsection (1) within the 24 months immediately preceding the  
2672 date of application.

2673 4. The ~~building permit application for initial~~  
2674 ~~construction of the~~ home must have been built ~~made~~ before  
2675 January 1, 2008, as reflected on the county property appraiser's  
2676 website.

2677 5. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to make his or her  
2678 home available for a final inspection once a mitigation project  
2679 is completed.

2680 6. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to provide to the  
2681 department information received from the applicant's ~~homeowner's~~  
2682 insurer identifying the discounts realized by the applicant  
2683 ~~homeowner~~ because of the mitigation improvements funded through  
2684 the program.

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2685           7.a. The applicant homeowner must be a low-income person  
2686 or moderate-income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

2687           ~~b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred~~  
2688 ~~within the previous 24 months from the date of application.~~

2689           ~~c. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are~~  
2690 ~~low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not~~  
2691 ~~exempt from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling~~  
2692 ~~with an insured value of \$700,000 or less.~~

2693           ~~d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.~~

2694           (b)1. An application for a grant must contain a signed or  
2695 electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury  
2696 that the applicant has submitted only one grant application or  
2697 that the application is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the  
2698 application must have documents attached demonstrating that the  
2699 applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

2700           2. An applicant may submit a subsequent grant application  
2701 if:

2702           a. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn  
2703 because the application contained errors or omissions;

2704           b. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn  
2705 because the applicant home did not meet the eligibility criteria  
2706 for a grant at the time of the previous application, and the  
2707 applicant homeowner reasonably believes that he or she is the  
2708 home now ~~is~~ eligible for a grant; or

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2709 c. The program's eligibility requirements for a grant have  
2710 changed since the original application date, and the applicant  
2711 reasonably believes that he or she is ~~an~~ eligible ~~homeowner~~  
2712 under the new requirements.

2713 3. A grant application must include a statement from the  
2714 applicant ~~homeowner~~ which contains the name and state license  
2715 number of the contractor that the applicant ~~homeowner~~  
2716 acknowledges as the intended contractor for the mitigation work.  
2717 The program must ~~electronically~~ verify that the contractor's  
2718 state license number is valid ~~accurate and up to date before~~  
2719 ~~grant approval~~.

2720 (c) All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided  
2721 by the applicant for \$2 provided by the state up to a maximum  
2722 state contribution of \$10,000 toward the actual cost of the  
2723 mitigation project, except as provided in paragraph (h).

2724 (d) All hurricane mitigation performed under the program  
2725 must be based upon the securing of all required local permits  
2726 and inspections and must be performed by properly licensed  
2727 contractors.

2728 (e) When recommended by an initial ~~a~~ hurricane mitigation  
2729 inspection, grants for eligible applicants ~~homes~~ may be used for  
2730 all of the following improvements:

2731 1. Opening protection improvements, including:

2732 a. Exterior doors.7

2733 b. Garage doors.7

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- 2734            c. Windows, ~~and~~  
2735            d. Skylights.
- 2736            2. Roof improvements, including:
- 2737            a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.
- 2738            ~~b.3.~~ Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.
- 2739            ~~c.4.~~ Installing secondary water resistance for roof and  
2740 replacing the roof covering.
- 2741            (f) Improvements must be identified by the final hurricane  
2742 mitigation inspection to receive grant funds ~~When recommended by~~  
2743 ~~a hurricane mitigation inspection, grants for townhouses, as~~  
2744 ~~defined in s. 481.203, may only be used for opening protection.~~
- 2745            (g) The department may require that improvements be made  
2746 to all openings, including exterior doors, garage doors,  
2747 windows, and skylights, as a condition of reimbursing an  
2748 applicant ~~a homeowner~~ approved for a grant. The department may  
2749 adopt, by rule, the maximum grant allowances for any improvement  
2750 allowable under paragraph (e) ~~or paragraph (f).~~
- 2751            (h) Low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, as defined in s.  
2752 420.0004(11), who otherwise meet the applicable requirements of  
2753 this subsection are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and  
2754 are not required to provide a matching amount to receive the  
2755 grant.
- 2756            (i)1. The department shall develop a process that ensures  
2757 the most efficient means to collect and verify inspection  
2758 applications and grant applications to determine eligibility.

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2759 The department may direct hurricane mitigation inspectors to  
2760 collect and verify grant application information or use the  
2761 Internet or other electronic means to collect information and  
2762 determine eligibility.

2763 2. The department shall prioritize the review and approval  
2764 of such inspection applications and grant applications in the  
2765 following order:

2766 a. First, applications from low-income persons, as defined  
2767 in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old;

2768 b. Second, applications from all other low-income persons,  
2769 as defined in s. 420.0004;

2770 c. Third, applications from moderate-income persons, as  
2771 defined in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old; and

2772 d. Fourth, applications from all other moderate-income  
2773 persons, as defined in s. 420.0004; and

2774 e. Last, all other applications for an inspection.

2775 3. The department shall start accepting inspection  
2776 applications and grant applications no earlier than the  
2777 effective date of a legislative appropriation funding  
2778 inspections and grants, as follows:

2779 a. Initially, from applicants prioritized under sub-  
2780 subparagraph 2.a.;

2781 b. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph  
2782 2.b., beginning 15 days after the program initially starts  
2783 accepting applications;

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2784 c. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph  
2785 2.c., beginning 30 days after the program initially starts  
2786 accepting applications;

2787 d. From applicants described in sub-subparagraph 2.d.,  
2788 beginning 45 days after the program initially starts accepting  
2789 applications; and

2790 e. From all other applicants for an inspection, beginning  
2791 60 days after the program initially starts accepting  
2792 applications.

2793 4. The program may accept a certification directly from a  
2794 low-income applicant homeowner or moderate-income applicant  
2795 ~~homeowner~~ who meets the requirements of s. 420.0004(11) or (12),  
2796 respectively, if the applicant homeowner provides such  
2797 certification in a signed or electronically verified statement  
2798 made under penalty of perjury.

2799 5. The program may accept a certification directly from an  
2800 applicant attesting to his or her age if the applicant provides  
2801 such certification in a signed or electronically verified  
2802 statement made under penalty of perjury.

2803 (j) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ who receives a grant shall  
2804 finalize construction and request a final inspection, ~~or request~~  
2805 ~~an extension for an additional 6 months,~~ within 18 months ~~1 year~~  
2806 after grant application approval. If an applicant ~~a homeowner~~  
2807 fails to comply with this paragraph, his or her application is  
2808 deemed abandoned and the grant money reverts to the department.

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2809 (3) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—The department may request  
2810 that an applicant provide additional information. An application  
2811 is deemed abandoned ~~withdrawn~~ by the applicant if the department  
2812 does not receive a response to its request for additional  
2813 information within 60 days after the notification of any  
2814 apparent error or omission.

2815 (4) ABANDONED APPLICATIONS.—The department shall notify an  
2816 applicant at least 5 business days before an application is  
2817 deemed abandoned. If the applicant responds to such notification  
2818 within 5 business days after receiving the notice and  
2819 demonstrates good cause for why the application should not be  
2820 deemed abandoned, the applicant may submit a subsequent grant  
2821 application or the department may determine the application is  
2822 not abandoned.

2823 (9) ~~(8)~~ CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.—

2824 (a) The department may contract with third parties for  
2825 grants management, inspection services, contractor services for  
2826 low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, information technology,  
2827 educational outreach, and auditing services. Such contracts are  
2828 considered direct costs of the program and are not subject to  
2829 administrative cost limits. The department shall contract with  
2830 providers that have a demonstrated record of successful business  
2831 operations in areas directly related to the services to be  
2832 provided and shall ensure the highest accountability for use of  
2833 state funds, consistent with this section.

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2834        (11)~~(10)~~ REPORTS.—The department shall make an annual  
2835 report on the activities of the program that shall account for  
2836 the use of state funds and indicate the number of inspections  
2837 requested, the number of inspections performed, the number of  
2838 grant applications received, the number and value of grants  
2839 approved, and the estimated average annual amount of insurance  
2840 premium discounts and total estimated annual amount of insurance  
2841 premium discounts applicants ~~homeowners~~ received from insurers  
2842 as a result of mitigation funded through the program. The report  
2843 must be delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
2844 of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

2845        **Section 95.** The amendments to s. 215.5586(1), (2), (3),  
2846 and (4) through (10), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire  
2847 July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to  
2848 that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments  
2849 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
2850 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
2851 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
2852 this section.

2853        **Section 96.** Effective upon this act becoming a law, in  
2854 order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027  
2855 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301,  
2856 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of  
2857 Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A of the 2025-  
2858 2026 General Appropriations Act and Specific Appropriation 2489A

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2859 and section 179 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act will  
2860 not revert and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027  
2861 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2862 **Section 97.** In order to implement the appropriation of  
2863 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data  
2864 Center" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
2865 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
2866 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor  
2867 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between  
2868 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based  
2869 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the  
2870 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2871 **Section 98.** In order to implement appropriations  
2872 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state  
2873 data center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state  
2874 agencies related to contract management services provided to  
2875 Northwest Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This  
2876 section expires July 1, 2027.

2877 **Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
2878 **2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section**  
2879 **284.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

2880 284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic  
2881 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

2882 (1) As used in this section, the term:

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2883 (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of  
2884 the Department of Financial Services.

2885 (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic  
2886 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial  
2887 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's  
2888 physiology and biometric data.

2889 (c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a  
2890 part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law  
2891 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as  
2892 defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as  
2893 defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or  
2894 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local  
2895 government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law  
2896 enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical  
2897 technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the  
2898 state or a local government.

2899 (d) "Veteran" means:

- 2900 1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);
- 2901 2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined  
2902 in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or
- 2903 3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

2904 (2) The division shall select a provider to establish a  
2905 statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans,  
2906 first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and  
2907 first responders with:

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- 2908 (a) Substance use disorders.  
2909 (b) Mental illness.  
2910 (c) Sleep disorders.  
2911 (d) Traumatic brain injuries.  
2912 (e) Sexual trauma.  
2913 (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying  
2914 comorbidities.  
2915 (g) Concussions.  
2916 (h) Other brain trauma.  
2917 (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,  
2918 including issues related to or resulting from problems with  
2919 cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or  
2920 focus.
- 2921 (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran  
2922 and first responder populations at a statewide level. The  
2923 provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite  
2924 care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration  
2925 shall be provided to locations with a large population of first  
2926 responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS  
2927 devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic  
2928 Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations  
2929 in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment  
2930 or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to  
2931 establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate  
2932 outcomes of such clinical practice.

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2933 (4) The pilot program shall include:

2934 (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by  
2935 the provider made available to all individuals receiving  
2936 treatment under the program.

2937 (b) The requirement that each individual who receives  
2938 treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological  
2939 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other  
2940 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness  
2941 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also  
2942 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by  
2943 the provider.

2944 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use  
2945 of adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based  
2946 on EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing,  
2947 as well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

2948 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2949 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2950 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the  
2951 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2952 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics  
2953 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received  
2954 from the department.

2955 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any  
2956 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected  
2957 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be

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2958 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug  
2959 Administration studies or trials.

2960 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this  
2961 section.

2962 (6) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2963 **Section 100.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
2964 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the  
2965 Department of Financial Services shall continue the  
2966 Electroencephalogram Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation  
2967 Treatment pilot program for veterans and first responders with  
2968 the current provider. The department's existing contract, and  
2969 all funds paid by the department pursuant to that contract, do  
2970 not constitute state financial assistance as provided in s.  
2971 215.97, Florida Statutes. The department shall amend the  
2972 existing contract, as needed, to clarify that funds paid  
2973 pursuant to the contract do not constitute state financial  
2974 assistance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2975 **Section 101. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and**  
2976 **in order to implement Specific Appropriations 2505 through 2512**  
2977 **of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is**  
2978 **added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:**

2979 717.123 Deposit of funds.—

2980 (3) The department shall segregate in a separate account  
2981 an amount that does not exceed the estimated atypical receipts  
2982 for fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 as a result of

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2983 implementation of chapter 2024-140, Laws of Florida, and as  
2984 identified by the Revenue Estimating Conference in its most  
2985 recently adopted official forecast. This amount must be held in  
2986 a separate account for the payment of claims associated with  
2987 such receipts as allowed by the department. In addition to the  
2988 \$15 million the department is authorized to retain pursuant to  
2989 subsection (1) and notwithstanding subsection (1), for the 2025-  
2990 2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years only, the department shall  
2991 retain any remaining funds held in the separate account. This  
2992 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

2993 **Section 102.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
2994 3230 through 3240 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,  
2995 the Department of Revenue shall include any aviation fuel taxes  
2996 collected for periods prior to the repeal of part III of chapter  
2997 206, Florida Statutes, with the distribution made under s.  
2998 206.606, Florida Statutes. The department shall deduct any  
2999 refunds and associated administrative costs for such taxes from  
3000 the distribution made under s. 206.606, Florida Statutes. This  
3001 section expires July 1, 2027.

3002 **Section 103.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3003 2513 through 2516 and 3230 through 3240 of the 2026-2027 General  
3004 Appropriations Act:

3005 (1) In order to transition from the Florida Accounting  
3006 Information Resource (FLAIR) system to the Florida Planning,

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3007 Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, the following  
3008 are authorized:

3009 (a) Notwithstanding s. 218.26(2), Florida Statutes, for  
3010 the third and fourth quarters of the 2026-2027 fiscal year,  
3011 during the transition to the Florida PALM system, the due date  
3012 for distributions may be extended by the Department of Revenue  
3013 from the 25th day of the month to the last working day of the  
3014 month.

3015 (b) Notwithstanding s. 215.422(1), Florida Statutes, valid  
3016 invoices received by agencies during the period beginning 7 days  
3017 before and ending 14 days after the departmental FLAIR payment  
3018 cutoff date for the Florida PALM system transition must be  
3019 entered into the Florida PALM system within 10 days after agency  
3020 users are granted access to the new Florida PALM system. All  
3021 other receipts shall remain subject to the 20-day requirement.

3022 (2) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3023 **Section 104.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3024 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3025 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
3026 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit  
3027 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
3028 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
3029 authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This  
3030 section expires July 1, 2027.

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3031           **Section 105. In order to implement specific appropriations**  
3032 **from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of**  
3033 **Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of**  
3034 **Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish**  
3035 **and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the**  
3036 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section**  
3037 **215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3038           215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

3039           (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect  
3040 to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of  
3041 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
3042 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish  
3043 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a  
3044 deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund which would render  
3045 that trust fund temporarily insufficient to meet its just  
3046 requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations  
3047 from that trust fund, and other trust funds in the State  
3048 Treasury have moneys that are for the time being or otherwise in  
3049 excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just requirements,  
3050 including appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds,  
3051 the Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one  
3052 or more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust  
3053 fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
3054 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,  
3055 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action

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3056 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,  
3057 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor  
3058 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the  
3059 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that  
3060 during July 2026 ~~2025~~, notice of such action shall be provided  
3061 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless  
3062 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the  
3063 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a  
3064 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and  
3065 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,  
3066 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
3067 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the  
3068 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal  
3069 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the  
3070 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
3071 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
3072 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
3073 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
3074 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of  
3075 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys  
3076 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition  
3077 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in  
3078 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This  
3079 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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3080           **Section 106.**   (1) In order to implement specific  
3081 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the  
3082 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department  
3083 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the  
3084 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in  
3085 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of  
3086 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land  
3087 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land  
3088 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
3089 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
3090 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As  
3091 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department  
3092 of Environmental Protection.

3093           (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,  
3094 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each  
3095 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the  
3096 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for  
3097 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land  
3098 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land  
3099 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
3100 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
3101 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The  
3102 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the  
3103 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the  
3104 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land

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3105 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
3106 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
3107 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its  
3108 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition  
3109 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land  
3110 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and  
3111 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
3112 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total  
3113 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

3114 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the  
3115 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds  
3116 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
3117 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
3118 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts  
3119 appropriated in chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida, to the  
3120 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land  
3121 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred  
3122 between those trust funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

3123 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning  
3124 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to  
3125 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
3126 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a  
3127 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts  
3128 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation

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3129 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,  
3130 2026.

3131 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3132 **Section 107. In order to implement specific appropriations**  
3133 **from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of**  
3134 **Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027**  
3135 **General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of**  
3136 **section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3137 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

3138 (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding  
3139 reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the  
3140 proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this  
3141 section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund  
3142 created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the  
3143 Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

3144 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2026-  
3145 2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as  
3146 provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph  
3147 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3148 **Section 108. In order to implement section 149 of the**  
3149 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of**  
3150 **subsection (2) of section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
3151 **to read:**

3152 376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and  
3153 polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

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3154 (2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

3155 (a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
3156 has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water,  
3157 groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, the department  
3158 shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in  
3159 drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth  
3160 in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules  
3161 for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until  
3162 ratified by the Legislature.

3163 **Section 109.** The amendments to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida  
3164 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of  
3165 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,  
3166 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than  
3167 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
3168 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
3169 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3170 **Section 110. In order to implement section 149 of the**  
3171 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (i) of**  
3172 **subsection (13) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is**  
3173 **amended to read:**

3174 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
3175 funding.—

3176 (13) PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—To encourage  
3177 detection, reporting, and cleanup of contamination caused by  
3178 discharges of petroleum or petroleum products, the department

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3179 shall, within the guidelines established in this subsection,  
3180 implement a cleanup program to provide rehabilitation funding  
3181 assistance for all property contaminated by discharges of  
3182 petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system  
3183 occurring before January 1, 1995. Eligibility is subject to an  
3184 annual appropriation from the fund. Additionally, funding for  
3185 eligible sites is contingent upon annual appropriation in  
3186 subsequent years. Such continued state funding is not an  
3187 entitlement or a vested right under this subsection. Eligibility  
3188 shall be determined in the program, notwithstanding any other  
3189 provision of law, consent order, order, judgment, or ordinance  
3190 to the contrary.

3191 (i) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-~~  
3192 ~~2026~~ fiscal year, program deductibles and copayments may not be  
3193 assessed, monetary caps may not be enforced, and all costs for  
3194 activities described in this subsection must be absorbed at the  
3195 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to  
3196 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

3197 1. This paragraph does not apply to a site where the  
3198 department has been denied site access to implement this  
3199 section.

3200 2. This paragraph does not authorize or require  
3201 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the  
3202 beginning of the grace period.

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3203           3. Upon discovery by the department that the owner or  
3204 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly  
3205 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;  
3206 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious  
3207 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records  
3208 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is  
3209 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage  
3210 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible  
3211 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is  
3212 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage  
3213 systems at that site.

3214  
3215 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3216           **Section 111. In order to implement section 149 of the**  
3217 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (5) of section**  
3218 **376.3072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3219           376.3072 Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration  
3220 Insurance Program.—

3221           (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(4), for the 2026-2027  
3222 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, program deductibles or copayments may not  
3223 be assessed, monetary caps may not be enforced, and all costs  
3224 for activities described in this section must be absorbed at the  
3225 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to  
3226 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

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3227 (a) This subsection does not apply to a site where the  
3228 department has been denied site access to implement this  
3229 section.

3230 (b) This subsection does not authorize or require  
3231 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the  
3232 beginning of the grace period.

3233 (c) Upon discovery by the department that the owner or  
3234 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly  
3235 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;  
3236 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious  
3237 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records  
3238 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is  
3239 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage  
3240 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible  
3241 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is  
3242 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage  
3243 systems at that site.

3244  
3245 This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3246 **Section 112. In order to implement section 149 of the**  
3247 **2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the**  
3248 **expiration date in section 89 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of**  
3249 **Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071,**  
3250 **Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

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3251 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;  
3252 funding.—

3253 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The  
3254 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10  
3255 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor  
3256 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems  
3257 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended  
3258 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce  
3259 the potential for such damage.

3260 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

3261 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the  
3262 application and required documentation;

3263 2. Certified public accountant costs;

3264 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in  
3265 excess of the amount approved by the department under paragraph  
3266 (b) or which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase  
3267 order;

3268 4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or  
3269 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or  
3270 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;

3271 5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department  
3272 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been  
3273 resolved; or

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3274 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage  
3275 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the  
3276 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

3277 **Section 113.** The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida  
3278 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of  
3279 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
3280 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but  
3281 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-  
3282 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted  
3283 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to  
3284 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent  
3285 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

3286 **Section 114.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3287 2320 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3288 notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3289 Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing  
3290 production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
3291 greening and to commercialize technologies that produce  
3292 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The  
3293 department shall enter into these agreements no later than  
3294 January 1, 2027, and shall file with the department's Inspector  
3295 General a certification of conditions and circumstances  
3296 justifying each agreement entered into without competitive  
3297 solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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3298           **Section 115. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3299 **1715 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
3300 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter**  
3301 **2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,**  
3302 **is reenacted to read:**

3303           380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida  
3304 Forever program.—

3305           (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
3306 it is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall  
3307 administer the working waterfronts land acquisition program as  
3308 set forth in this section.

3309           (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and  
3310 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically  
3311 establishing an application process and a process for the  
3312 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.  
3313 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph  
3314 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a  
3315 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to  
3316 projects:

3317           1. Within a municipality with a population less than  
3318 30,000;

3319           2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and  
3320 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,  
3321 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate  
3322 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

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3323 3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency  
3324 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

3325 4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as  
3326 an aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

3327 5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local  
3328 economy.

3329 (b) For projects that will require more than the grant  
3330 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in  
3331 their project application funding sources that will provide the  
3332 difference between the grant award and the estimated project  
3333 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those  
3334 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

3335 (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on  
3336 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and  
3337 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to  
3338 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of  
3339 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present  
3340 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of  
3341 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board  
3342 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may  
3343 not add projects.

3344 (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of  
3345 less-than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust.  
3346 Waterfront communities that receive grant awards must submit  
3347 annual progress reports to the trust identifying project

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3348 activities which are complete, and the progress achieved in  
3349 meeting the goals outlined in the project application. The trust  
3350 must implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance  
3351 of grant recipients in completing projects that are funded  
3352 through the working waterfronts program.

3353 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
3354 it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of  
3355 Environmental Protection shall administer the working  
3356 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this  
3357 section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture  
3358 industries, including the infrastructure for receiving or  
3359 unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood  
3360 economy.

3361 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program  
3362 is created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater  
3363 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer  
3364 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their  
3365 operations.

3366 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital  
3367 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited  
3368 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the  
3369 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent  
3370 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation  
3371 of shoreside facilities.

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3372 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local  
3373 economy.

3374 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports  
3375 to the department identifying project activities that are  
3376 complete and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined  
3377 in the project application.

3378 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor  
3379 and evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing  
3380 projects funded through the program.

3381 **Section 116.** The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as  
3382 carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by this  
3383 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall  
3384 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any  
3385 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
3386 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
3387 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
3388 expire pursuant to this section.

3389 **Section 117.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3390 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and  
3391 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and  
3392 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for  
3393 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local  
3394 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to  
3395 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose  
3396 of, derelict vessels, migrant vessels, at-risk vessel turn in

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3397 program vessels, or vessels declared a public nuisance pursuant  
3398 to s. 327.73(1)(aa) and (gg), Florida Statutes. This section  
3399 expires July 1, 2027.

3400 **Section 118. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3401 **1766A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection**  
3402 **(9) of section 403.0673, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3403 403.0673 Water quality improvement grant program.—A grant  
3404 program is established within the Department of Environmental  
3405 Protection to address wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural  
3406 sources of nutrient loading to surface water or groundwater.

3407 (9) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, and  
3408 notwithstanding the requirements of this section and s. 403.890,  
3409 funds appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability  
3410 Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the General  
3411 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3412 **Section 119. In order to implement appropriations from the**  
3413 **Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of**  
3414 **Environmental Protection in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations**  
3415 **Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida**  
3416 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

3417 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

3418 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund  
3419 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

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3420 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required  
3421 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,  
3422 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

3423 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
3424 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that  
3425 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
3426 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
3427 Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
3428 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
3429 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
3430 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
3431 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
3432 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
3433 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed  
3434 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
3435 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
3436 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
3437 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
3438 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
3439 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the  
3440 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake  
3441 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage  
3442 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the  
3443 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand  
3444 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection

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3445 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give  
3446 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce  
3447 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.  
3448 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the  
3449 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this  
3450 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to  
3451 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3452 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the  
3453 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph  
3454 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
3455 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3456 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3457 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

3458 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
3459 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
3460 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
3461 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
3462 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
3463 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3464 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
3465 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
3466 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal  
3467 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
3468 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
3469 subparagraph.

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3470           3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually  
3471 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.  
3472 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to  
3473 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be  
3474 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3475 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
3476 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3477           4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be  
3478 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019  
3479 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA  
3480 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining  
3481 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of  
3482 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in  
3483 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws  
3484 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such  
3485 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount  
3486 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be  
3487 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
3488 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the  
3489 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

3490           5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually  
3491 to the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake  
3492 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.  
3493 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal  
3494 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds

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3495 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this  
3496 subparagraph.

3497 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually  
3498 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the  
3499 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.

3500 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 6. ~~subparagraphs 3. and~~  
3501 ~~6.~~, for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be  
3502 appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This  
3503 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3504 **Section 120.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3505 1650 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3506 notwithstanding chapter 255, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
3507 Agriculture and Consumer Services may lease an existing facility  
3508 that meets the requirements of s. 581.1843(6), Florida Statutes,  
3509 and may administer a program to expedite the expansion of the  
3510 propagation of *Citrus sinensis* or *Citrus sinensis*-like budwood  
3511 trees and seedlings that show tolerance or resistance to citrus  
3512 greening, and to commercialize technologies that produce  
3513 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. This  
3514 section expires July 1, 2027.

3515 **Section 121.** In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
3516 1820 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a county or  
3517 municipal government may not adopt or enforce an ordinance that  
3518 requires a distributor or retailer to establish battery  
3519 collection sites or to collect or handle batteries and products

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3520 containing batteries for off-site recycling or disposal until a  
3521 study providing recommended practices for a distributor or  
3522 retailer regarding the proper collection and handling of such  
3523 has been produced. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3524 **Section 122. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
3525 **2331 through 2337 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
3526 **subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is**  
3527 **amended to read:**

3528 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

3529 (3) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall  
3530 be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to  
3531 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael  
3532 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection  
3533 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3534 **Section 123. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
3535 **2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092**  
3536 **through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General**  
3537 **Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section**  
3538 **339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3539 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;  
3540 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

3541 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

3542 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new  
3543 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess  
3544 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget

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3545 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this  
3546 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of  
3547 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work  
3548 program which are eligible for the funds within the  
3549 appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment.  
3550 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for  
3551 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of  
3552 the proposed amendment.

3553 2. If the department submits an amendment to the  
3554 Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet  
3555 or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal,  
3556 the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the  
3557 amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This  
3558 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3559 **Section 124.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3560 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092  
3561 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General  
3562 Appropriations Act, the Department of Transportation is  
3563 authorized to realign or increase budget authority within the  
3564 Work Program to account for laws enacted which adjust the  
3565 department's statutory revenue distributions. The department may  
3566 submit budget amendments to realign or increase budget authority  
3567 consistent with this section and pursuant to s. 339.135(7),  
3568 Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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3569           **Section 125.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3570 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092  
3571 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General  
3572 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b),  
3573 Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized  
3574 to request up to \$200 million of budget authority to the extent  
3575 necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work  
3576 Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations  
3577 and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced  
3578 to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments  
3579 to realign budget authority consistent with this section and  
3580 pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section  
3581 expires July 1, 2027.

3582           **Section 126. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3583 **2396 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)**  
3584 **of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

3585           288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

3586           (6) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the funds  
3587 appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle  
3588 counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes  
3589 described in the proviso language associated with Specific  
3590 Appropriation 2396 ~~2113~~ of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ General  
3591 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3592           **Section 127.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3593 2759 through 2764 and sections 217 and 218 of the 2026-2027

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3594 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and  
3595 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management  
3596 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
3597 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
3598 increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to  
3599 reimbursements from federally declared disasters if additional  
3600 federal revenues specific to such programs become available in  
3601 the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3602 **Section 128. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3603 **2367 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
3604 **notwithstanding the expiration date in section 105 of chapter**  
3605 **2025-199, subsections (4) and (5) of section 443.1113, Florida**  
3606 **Statutes, are reenacted to read:**

3607 443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
3608 Information System.—

3609 (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual  
3610 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization  
3611 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and  
3612 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These  
3613 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but  
3614 need not be limited to:

- 3615 1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.
- 3616 2. Software improvements.
- 3617 3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.
- 3618 4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

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3619 (b) The department shall seek input on recommended  
3620 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

3621 1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of  
3622 Management Services.

3623 2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within  
3624 the Department of Revenue.

3625 3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the  
3626 Department of Financial Services.

3627 (5) By September 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, the  
3628 Department of Commerce shall submit a Reemployment Assistance  
3629 Claims and Benefits Information System report to the Governor,  
3630 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
3631 Representatives. The report must, at a minimum, include:

3632 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and  
3633 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and  
3634 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

3635 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years of recommended  
3636 enhancements or modernization efforts that includes projected  
3637 nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and timeframes  
3638 for completion of each enhancement or modernization effort in  
3639 priority order, and the projected recurring operations and  
3640 maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement or  
3641 modernization effort.

3642 **Section 129.** The text of s. 443.1113(4) and (5), Florida  
3643 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of

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3644 Florida, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections  
3645 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that  
3646 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall  
3647 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
3648 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which  
3649 expire pursuant to this section.

3650 **Section 130. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3651 **2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsections**  
3652 **(1) and (9) of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, are amended,**  
3653 **and subsections (2) and (4) are reenacted, to read:**

3654 445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment  
3655 Program.—

3656 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:

3657 (a) "Commission" means the Criminal Justice Standards and  
3658 Training Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement.

3659 (b) "Employing agency" has the same meaning as provided in  
3660 s. 943.10(4).

3661 (c) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as  
3662 provided in s. 943.10(1).

3663 (d) "Newly employed officer" means a person who is a  
3664 Florida resident and who gains or is appointed to full-time  
3665 employment as a certified law enforcement officer with a Florida  
3666 criminal justice employing agency on or after July 1, 2022, and  
3667 who has never before been employed as a law enforcement officer  
3668 in this state.

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3669 (e) "Program" means the Florida Law Enforcement  
3670 Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.

3671 (2) (a) There is created within the department the Florida  
3672 Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the  
3673 recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The  
3674 purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments  
3675 of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

3676 (b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed  
3677 officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and  
3678 shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the  
3679 program.

3680 (4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the  
3681 administration of the program and distribution of bonus  
3682 payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the  
3683 department with the collection of any data necessary to  
3684 determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus  
3685 payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any  
3686 information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of  
3687 this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

3688 (a) The method for determining the estimated number of  
3689 newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time  
3690 employment during the applicable fiscal year.

3691 (b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed  
3692 officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which  
3693 must include:

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3694 1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment  
3695 as a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

3696 2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal  
3697 justice agency.

3698 3. Maintaining full-time employment as a law enforcement  
3699 officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for at least 2  
3700 years from the date on which the officer obtained certification.  
3701 The required 2-year employment period may be satisfied by  
3702 maintaining full-time employment at one or more employing  
3703 agencies, but such period must not contain any break in service  
3704 longer than 180 calendar days.

3705 (c) The standards by which the department will determine  
3706 under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law  
3707 enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department  
3708 justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the  
3709 term "break in service" means a period of time during which the  
3710 person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is  
3711 not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period  
3712 of time during which the person is in between employment as a  
3713 full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days.  
3714 The time period for any break in service does not count toward  
3715 satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this  
3716 section.

3717 (d) The method that will be used to determine the bonus  
3718 payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

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3719 (e) The method that will be used to distribute bonus  
3720 payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to  
3721 eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing  
3722 bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and  
3723 quickest manner possible.

3724 (f) The estimated cost to the department associated with  
3725 developing and administering the program and distributing bonus  
3726 payment funds.

3727 (g) The method by which an officer must reimburse the  
3728 state if he or she received a bonus payment under the program,  
3729 but failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-  
3730 year period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer  
3731 is discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other  
3732 than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation  
3733 completed by the employing agency and maintained by the  
3734 commission.

3735  
3736 The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to  
3737 determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

3738 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3739 **Section 131. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
3740 **2743 through 2771 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
3741 **subsection (2) of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
3742 **to read:**

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3743           282.201 State data center.—The state data center is  
3744 established within the department. The provision of data center  
3745 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,  
3746 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,  
3747 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint  
3748 a director of the state data center who has experience in  
3749 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-  
3750 computing management.

3751           (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

3752           (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state  
3753 data center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department  
3754 of the Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development  
3755 in the Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic  
3756 management centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office  
3757 of Toll Operations of the Department of Transportation, the  
3758 State Board of Administration, state attorneys, public  
3759 defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, capital  
3760 collateral regional counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance  
3761 Corporation.

3762           (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from  
3763 the use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,  
3764 2027 ~~2026~~.

3765           **Section 132.** In order to implement section 197 of the  
3766 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.  
3767 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of

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3768 Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice,  
3769 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
3770 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the federal  
3771 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program  
3772 (CDBG-DR). This section expires July 1, 2027.

3773 **Section 133. In order to implement Specific Appropriation**  
3774 **2099 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section**  
3775 **334.64, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

3776 334.64 Department to serve as primary point of contact for  
3777 LiDAR procurement.—Notwithstanding s. 20.255(9), the department  
3778 shall serve as the primary point of contact for statewide  
3779 topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing related to  
3780 statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data  
3781 sharing. The department may provide these services to other  
3782 state and local governmental entities by entering into an  
3783 interagency agreement consistent with chapter 216.

3784 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any  
3785 charter, ordinance, statute, or special law, all state agencies  
3786 and local governmental entities conducting programs or  
3787 exercising powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR mapping  
3788 are authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the  
3789 department for the provision by the department of topographic  
3790 aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services, and to  
3791 delegate authority to conduct programs or exercise powers  
3792 relating to topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-

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3793 sharing services to the department pursuant to such interagency  
3794 agreements. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
3795 section. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3796 **Section 134. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
3797 **3147 through 3156 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
3798 **subsections (5) and (6) of section 251.001, Florida Statutes,**  
3799 **are amended to read:**

3800 251.001 Florida State Guard Act.—

3801 (5) PERSONNEL.—

3802 (a) Subject to approval by the Governor, the director  
3803 shall determine the number of volunteer personnel necessary to  
3804 meet the staffing and operational requirements of the Florida  
3805 State Guard, and determine the volunteer structure and number of  
3806 volunteer personnel within each component unit of such  
3807 structure.

3808 (b) The Governor shall commission all volunteer personnel  
3809 of the Florida State Guard.

3810 (c) Each applicant for the Florida State Guard shall meet  
3811 the following qualifications:

3812 1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States  
3813 and a resident of the state.

3814 2. The applicant may not have a felony conviction. Each  
3815 applicant shall submit a complete set of fingerprints and all  
3816 information required by state and federal law to process  
3817 fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal background

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3818 | check. For purposes of this section, the term "conviction" means  
3819 | a determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or a  
3820 | trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld or a plea  
3821 | of nolo contendere is entered.

3822 |         3. The applicant may not be an active duty servicemember,  
3823 | a member of the armed forces reserves, or a member of the  
3824 | Florida National Guard.

3825 |         4. If the applicant is a former member of the armed forces  
3826 | or of any military or naval organization of this state or  
3827 | another state, the applicant must have been separated under  
3828 | terms no less than a general discharge under honorable  
3829 | conditions.

3830 |         5. If the applicant is a current or former law enforcement  
3831 | officer of any law enforcement agency in this state or another  
3832 | state, the applicant must be in good standing and maintained  
3833 | good moral character with her or his employing agency pursuant  
3834 | to s. 943.13(7) or have been separated under good terms without  
3835 | disciplinary action.

3836 |         (d) The director shall establish minimum standards for the  
3837 | age, physical and health condition, and physical fitness of  
3838 | applicants based upon the component unit of the Florida State  
3839 | Guard structure in which the applicant is being considered for  
3840 | placement. However, an applicant being considered for placement  
3841 | in a component unit that serves in an active duty capacity  
3842 | within the Florida State Guard must be subject to standards that

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3843 are no less than the standards required for recruitment,  
3844 enrollment, and retention in the Florida National Guard.

3845 (e) The director shall develop and implement a code of  
3846 regulations for the administration and discipline of members of  
3847 the Florida State Guard that shall provide no less protection  
3848 and impose no more severe sanctions than as provided in s.  
3849 250.35, except that the director shall not have authority to  
3850 impose any term of incarceration.

3851 (6) SPECIALIZED UNIT.—The director shall organize a  
3852 specialized unit within the Florida State Guard. All members of  
3853 the specialized unit must be of good moral character and are  
3854 vested with the authority to bear arms, detect, and apprehend  
3855 while activated. In addition to the requirements set forth in  
3856 paragraph (5) (c), each member ~~only those members~~ of the  
3857 specialized unit must be a certified law enforcement officer  
3858 pursuant to s. 943.1395. ~~who meet the requirements in s. 943.13~~  
3859 ~~and are certified as law enforcement officers as defined in s.~~  
3860 ~~943.10(1)~~ Members of the specialized unit are authorized to have  
3861 the same law enforcement authority as the law enforcement agency  
3862 in conjunction with which they are working when activated.

3863 **Section 135.** The amendments to s. 251.001(5) and (6),  
3864 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the  
3865 text of those subsections, as applicable, shall revert to that  
3866 in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to  
3867 such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and

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3868 continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not  
3869 dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
3870 this section.

3871 **Section 136.** (1) In order to implement section 8 of the  
3872 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026,  
3873 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of  
3874 Management Services shall assess an administrative health  
3875 insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the  
3876 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for  
3877 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage  
3878 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this  
3879 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the  
3880 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the  
3881 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities  
3882 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative  
3883 Commission, and the state courts system.

3884 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed  
3885 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)  
3886 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the  
3887 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and  
3888 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for  
3889 salaries and benefits within 30 days after receipt of the  
3890 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should  
3891 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment  
3892 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall

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3893 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the  
3894 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the  
3895 Department of Management Services.

3896 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall  
3897 apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether  
3898 fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions  
3899 partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the  
3900 assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage  
3901 share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No  
3902 assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with  
3903 federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of  
3904 Management Services with a complete list of position numbers  
3905 that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and  
3906 include the percentage of federal funding for each position no  
3907 later than July 31, 2026, and shall update the list on the last  
3908 day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant  
3909 positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state  
3910 agency shall immediately take steps to include the  
3911 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost  
3912 plan for the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year  
3913 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of  
3914 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the  
3915 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of  
3916 the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval of  
3917 the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able

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3918 to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state  
3919 agency must notify the Department of Management Services, the  
3920 Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and  
3921 budget chairs no later than January 15, 2027.

3922 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
3923 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
3924 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in  
3925 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between  
3926 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the  
3927 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department  
3928 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance  
3929 assessment.

3930 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3931 **Section 137.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
3932 2852 and 2853 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and  
3933 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized  
3934 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2026-2027 fiscal  
3935 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.  
3936 This section expires July 1, 2027.

3937 **Section 138.** **In order to implement the transfer of funds**  
3938 **from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2026-2027**  
3939 **General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration**  
3940 **date in section 111 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida,**  
3941 **paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida**  
3942 **Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

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3943 215.32 State funds; segregation.—

3944 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as  
3945 follows:

3946 (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by  
3947 the state which under law or under trust agreement are  
3948 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or  
3949 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys  
3950 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.  
3951 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state  
3952 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,  
3953 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the  
3954 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper  
3955 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief  
3956 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only  
3957 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at  
3958 the level of the account.

3959 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the  
3960 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds  
3961 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

3962 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a  
3963 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by  
3964 program revenues, with the exception of administrative  
3965 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a  
3966 proprietary fund.

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3967           b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a  
3968 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

3969           c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3970 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental  
3971 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments  
3972 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the  
3973 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

3974           d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a  
3975 depository for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor  
3976 agreement activities funded by restricted contractual revenue  
3977 from private and public nonfederal sources.

3978           e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a  
3979 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.

3980           f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3981 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful  
3982 recipients.

3983           g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for  
3984 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by  
3985 restricted program revenues from federal sources.

3986  
3987 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal  
3988 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the  
3989 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have  
3990 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such  
3991 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the

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3992 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next  
3993 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.  
3994 215.3206.

3995 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended  
3996 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they  
3997 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216  
3998 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable  
3999 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the  
4000 State Treasury.

4001 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the  
4002 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash  
4003 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the  
4004 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and  
4005 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

4006 b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds  
4007 required by federal programs or mandates; trust funds  
4008 established for bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose  
4009 revenues are legally pledged by the state or public body to meet  
4010 debt service or other financial requirements of any debt  
4011 obligations of the state or any public body; the Division of  
4012 Licensing Trust Fund in the Department of Agriculture and  
4013 Consumer Services; the State Transportation Trust Fund; the  
4014 trust fund containing the net annual proceeds from the Florida  
4015 Education Lotteries; the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund;  
4016 trust funds under the management of the State Board of Education

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4017 or the Board of Governors of the State University System, where  
4018 such trust funds are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance,  
4019 and contracts, grants, and donations, as those terms are defined  
4020 by general law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or  
4021 accounts for the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies;  
4022 trust funds that account for assets held by the state in a  
4023 trustee capacity as an agent or fiduciary for individuals,  
4024 private organizations, or other governmental units; and other  
4025 trust funds authorized by the State Constitution.

4026 **Section 139.** The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida  
4027 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of  
4028 Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that  
4029 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011,  
4030 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
4031 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
4032 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
4033 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

4034 **Section 140.** In order to implement the appropriations  
4035 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state  
4036 employee travel and notwithstanding s. 112.061(7)(d)1.a.,  
4037 Florida Statutes, the mileage allowance for travel by privately  
4038 owned vehicles for official travel shall be established by each  
4039 state agency or the judicial branch. The mileage allowance may  
4040 not exceed the standard mileage rates established by the  
4041 Internal Revenue Service. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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4042           **Section 141.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
4043 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,  
4044 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used  
4045 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027  
4046 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each  
4047 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by  
4048 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,  
4049 staff training activities, or other administrative functions  
4050 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such  
4051 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head  
4052 shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of  
4053 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed  
4054 activity before approving mission-critical travel. If  
4055 international travel is approved, the agency must provide a  
4056 quarterly report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
4057 and the President of the Senate that provides the justification  
4058 for such travel along with a breakdown of the associated costs.  
4059 This section does not apply to travel for law enforcement  
4060 purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities, or  
4061 public health activities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4062           **Section 142.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
4063 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel  
4064 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for  
4065 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention  
4066 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or

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4067 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may  
4068 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess  
4069 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does  
4070 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,  
4071 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities  
4072 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section  
4073 expires July 1, 2027.

4074 **Section 143. In order to implement the appropriations and**  
4075 **reappropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General**  
4076 **Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section**  
4077 **216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

4078 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital  
4079 outlay.—

4080 (11)

4081 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2) (b),  
4082 and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the  
4083 Legislative Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for  
4084 new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts  
4085 appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay  
4086 projects. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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4088 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and  
4089 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

4090 **Section 144. In order to implement the salaries and**  
4091 **benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted**

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4092 **services, special categories, and operating capital outlay**  
4093 **categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
4094 **paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida**  
4095 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

4096 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

4097 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by  
4098 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
4099 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed  
4100 conditions:

4101 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical  
4102 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,  
4103 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original  
4104 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as  
4105 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

4106 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget  
4107 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
4108 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
4109 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
4110 this subsection.

4111 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of  
4112 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or  
4113 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget  
4114 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under  
4115 this subsection.

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4116 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant  
4117 to s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be  
4118 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.  
4119 in the subsequent fiscal year.

4120 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and  
4121 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and  
4122 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least  
4123 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an  
4124 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring  
4125 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this  
4126 paragraph.

4127 5. For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the review  
4128 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph  
4129 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and  
4130 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative  
4131 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4132 **Section 145.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
4133 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of  
4134 motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida  
4135 Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a  
4136 state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from  
4137 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the  
4138 Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the  
4139 motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar  
4140 class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the

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4141 funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This  
4142 section expires July 1, 2027.

4143 **Section 146. In order to implement appropriations for**  
4144 **state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
4145 **section 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

4146 11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state  
4147 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of  
4148 the Governor with information about the status of implementation  
4149 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must  
4150 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the  
4151 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all  
4152 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The  
4153 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for  
4154 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to  
4155 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for  
4156 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,  
4157 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the  
4158 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to  
4159 implement or administer the legislation, programs started,  
4160 offices established, or other organization administrative  
4161 changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers  
4162 requested; any expenditures made directly related to the  
4163 implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,  
4164 including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative  
4165 rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular

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4166 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of  
4167 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature  
4168 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding  
4169 the implementation of the legislation and the status of any  
4170 litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy  
4171 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure  
4172 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This  
4173 section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4174 **Section 147. In order to implement appropriations for**  
4175 **state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General**  
4176 **Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida**  
4177 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

4178 216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the  
4179 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to  
4180 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that  
4181 includes the development of integrated agency program service  
4182 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,  
4183 accountable, and developed through careful examination and  
4184 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

4185 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each  
4186 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required  
4187 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,  
4188 2026 ~~2025~~, for the 2027-2028 ~~2026-2027~~ fiscal year, except in  
4189 circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions  
4190 prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation

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4191 with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.  
4192 This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4193 **Section 148. In order to implement appropriations for**  
4194 **state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General**  
4195 **Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida**  
4196 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is added to that**  
4197 **section, to read:**

4198 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to  
4199 Legislature by agencies.—

4200 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state  
4201 agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all  
4202 ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative  
4203 estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The  
4204 inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following  
4205 information:

4206 (a) The name of the technology system.

4207 (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the  
4208 system.

4209 (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.

4210 (d) The initiation date of the project.

4211 (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

4212 (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the  
4213 health and status of the project.

4214 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates  
4215 of the project.

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4216 (h) The original and current estimated costs of the  
4217 project.

4218 (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project  
4219 and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

4220  
4221 For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related  
4222 project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected  
4223 to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing  
4224 technology-related project does not include the continuance of  
4225 existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the  
4226 renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the  
4227 replacement of desktop units with new technology that is  
4228 substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This  
4229 subsection expires July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

4230 (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each  
4231 state executive agency and the judicial branch is not required  
4232 to develop or post the agency-level unit cost summary by October  
4233 15, 2026, for the 2027-2028 fiscal year. This subsection expires  
4234 July 1, 2027.

4235 **Section 149.** In order to implement appropriations in the  
4236 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the use of state funds  
4237 must be consistent with the following principles of individual  
4238 freedom:

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4239 (1) No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive,  
4240 whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or  
4241 her race or sex.

4242 (2) No race is inherently superior to another race.

4243 (3) No person should be discriminated against or receive  
4244 adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color,  
4245 national origin, religion, disability, or sex.

4246 (4) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are  
4247 not racist but fundamental to the right to pursue happiness and  
4248 be rewarded for industry.

4249 (5) A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does  
4250 not bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by  
4251 other members of the same race or sex.

4252 (6) A person should not be instructed that he or she must  
4253 feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress  
4254 for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the  
4255 past by other members of the same race or sex.

4256  
4257 This section expires July 1, 2027.

4258 **Section 150.** In order to implement appropriations for  
4259 state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a  
4260 state agency may not use state funds to contract with an  
4261 advertising agency or other contractor who acts as or uses the  
4262 services of media reliability and bias monitors. The term "media  
4263 reliability and bias monitor" means any contractor whose primary

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4264 or principal function is to rate or rank news and information  
4265 services for the factual accuracy of their content, whether the  
4266 content is published online, in print, by audio, or digitally,  
4267 or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming  
4268 service, or any other way news is delivered to the public; or to  
4269 provide ratings or a subjective evaluation of news and  
4270 information services regarding misinformation, bias, adherence  
4271 to journalistic standards, or ethics. The term includes, but is  
4272 not limited to, organizations that engage in fact checking. The  
4273 term does not include any contractor that rates media outlets  
4274 for audience size, viewership, and demographic information; or  
4275 that monitors media outlets for the purpose of compiling press  
4276 or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purpose  
4277 of public relations and public awareness. This section expires  
4278 July 1, 2027.

4279 **Section 151. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
4280 **2601 through 2615 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,**  
4281 **paragraph (d) of subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida**  
4282 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

4283 440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for  
4284 violations; limitations.—

4285 (12) CREATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL; GUIDES OF MAXIMUM  
4286 REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES.—

4287 (d)1. Outpatient reimbursement for scheduled surgeries  
4288 shall be 60 percent of charges.

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4289           2. Reimbursement for emergency services and care as  
4290 defined in s. 395.002 which have not been assigned a maximum  
4291 reimbursement allowance must be 250 percent of Medicare, unless  
4292 there is a contract, in which case the contract governs  
4293 reimbursement. Upon this subparagraph taking effect, the  
4294 department shall engage with an actuarial services firm to begin  
4295 development of maximum reimbursement allowances for services  
4296 subject to the reimbursement provisions of this subparagraph.  
4297 Until the three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum  
4298 reimbursement allowances, reimbursement for emergency services  
4299 and care that have not been assigned a maximum reimbursement  
4300 allowance and for which there is no Medicare billing code must  
4301 be 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a  
4302 contract, in which case the contract governs reimbursement. This  
4303 subparagraph expires June 30, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4304  
4305 The department, as requested, shall provide data to the panel,  
4306 including, but not limited to, utilization trends in the  
4307 workers' compensation health care delivery system. The  
4308 department shall provide the panel with an annual report  
4309 regarding the resolution of medical reimbursement disputes and  
4310 any actions pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall  
4311 provide administrative support and service to the panel to the  
4312 extent requested by the panel. The department may adopt rules  
4313 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this

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4314 subsection. For prescription medication purchased under the  
4315 requirements of this subsection, a dispensing practitioner shall  
4316 not possess such medication unless payment has been made by the  
4317 practitioner, the practitioner's professional practice, or the  
4318 practitioner's practice management company or employer to the  
4319 supplying manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or drug  
4320 repackager within 60 days of the dispensing practitioner taking  
4321 possession of that medication.

4322 **Section 152. In order to implement Specific Appropriations**  
4323 **2923 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and**  
4324 **notwithstanding any other law:**

4325 (1) The Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the  
4326 Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex. The  
4327 interior space allocated to each tenant on or after January 1,  
4328 2026, may not be reduced or moved without express consent of the  
4329 tenant. If additional interior space becomes vacant, the  
4330 Legislature has the first right of refusal for use of the space.

4331 (2) (a) Before the Department of Management Services may  
4332 plan for or schedule any project in the Capitol Center that  
4333 impacts space occupied by a permanent tenant of the Capitol  
4334 Complex other than the Governor, the Department of Management  
4335 Services must coordinate with the tenant and receive the  
4336 tenant's approval on the scope, design, and timeline of the  
4337 project. For purposes of space in which the Legislature is the  
4338 tenant, the Department of Management Services must coordinate

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4339 with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for  
4340 space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
4341 Representatives for space allocated to the House of  
4342 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space  
4343 allocated jointly to both chambers. For any project that impacts  
4344 space in which the Legislature is the tenant, the Department of  
4345 Management Services must consider the schedule and time  
4346 constraints of the Legislature, as well as the Legislature's  
4347 needs.

4348 (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
4349 House of Representatives may design, redesign, renovate, or  
4350 upgrade any space allocated to their respective chambers in  
4351 which the Senate or the House of Representatives is the tenant  
4352 without approval by the Department of Management Services.

4353 (c) The Department of Management Services must consult  
4354 with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for  
4355 space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
4356 Representatives for space allocated to the House of  
4357 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space  
4358 allocated jointly to both chambers before including in the  
4359 report required under s. 272.09(3), Florida Statutes, any  
4360 project that impacts any space in the Capitol Complex in which  
4361 the Legislature is the tenant.

4362 (3) In carrying out the provisions of the Capitol Center  
4363 long-range planning specified in s. 272.121, Florida Statutes,

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4364 the Department of Management Services must solicit feedback from  
4365 all permanent tenants of the Capitol Center, including the  
4366 Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Attorney General, the  
4367 Commissioner of Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and  
4368 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

4369 (4) The parking spaces within the Capitol Center area  
4370 allocated to the Legislature on January 1, 2026, may not be  
4371 reduced or reassigned without the express consent of the  
4372 Legislature. If additional parking spaces become available for  
4373 assignment, the Legislature has the first right of refusal for  
4374 the use of the parking spaces.

4375 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4376 **Section 153.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
4377 142, 2180, 2514, and 3235, and sections 83, 84, 106, 108, 141,  
4378 171, and 189 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

4379 (1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology  
4380 projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve and the remaining  
4381 25 percent shall be fully released. The Department of Business  
4382 and Professional Regulation, the Department of Children and  
4383 Families, Department of Corrections, the Department of  
4384 Education, the Department of Financial Services, and the  
4385 Department of Revenue are authorized to submit budget amendments  
4386 to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida  
4387 Statutes.

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4388 (a) The amount requested in each budget amendment may not  
4389 exceed the entity's planned project expenditures for the ensuing  
4390 3-month period.

4391 (b) Beginning with the second quarterly release, approval  
4392 is also contingent on the entity removing previously planned  
4393 costs that have not been incurred and reallocating such costs,  
4394 if necessary, to the appropriate future months, including the  
4395 following:

- 4396 1. Costs associated with deliverables not yet accepted;
- 4397 2. Time-and-materials expenses not realized; and
- 4398 3. Unobligated funds.

4399 (c) Release is contingent upon submission of all of the  
4400 following:

4401 1. An updated and comprehensive operational work plan that  
4402 includes a project schedule that clearly identifies each  
4403 payment-related project deliverable.

4404 2. A detailed monthly spend plan in columnar form that:  
4405 a. Identifies all planned and actual project work and  
4406 associated costs, broken down by deliverable; and

4407 b. Includes, for each expenditure, a column specifying:

4408 (I) A unique identifier that directly correlates the cost  
4409 to the current project schedule;

4410 (II) The payment terms, identified as either payment in  
4411 advance or payment in arrears;

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4412 (III) The contract type, identified as fixed-fee, time-  
4413 and-materials, or cost reimbursement; and

4414 (IV) The liability or disbursement type, identified as  
4415 encumbered or unencumbered.

4416 3. A copy of the project status report from the most  
4417 recently completed month at the time of submission, including  
4418 justification of any variance from the most recently submitted  
4419 project schedule and spend plan.

4420 (2) The entity receiving funds pursuant to this section  
4421 must submit monthly project status reports no later than 30 days  
4422 from the close of the previous month to the Executive Office of  
4423 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the  
4424 Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of  
4425 Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated  
4426 project oversight entity. Each status report must include all of  
4427 the following:

4428 (a) Copies of new or updated relevant task orders,  
4429 contracts, purchase orders, and invoices.

4430 (b) A description of progress made to date for each  
4431 project milestone and deliverable.

4432 (c) Planned and actual completion dates.

4433 (d) Planned and actual costs incurred.

4434 (e) Identification of any current project issues or risks.

4435 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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4436           **Section 154.** In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
4437 267A, 2439, and 3235 and sections 83, 84, 99, 106, 108, and 189  
4438 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

4439           (1) Each of the following agencies: the Agency for Persons  
4440 with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families,  
4441 Department of Corrections, the Department of Financial Services,  
4442 the Department of Health, and the Department of Revenue shall  
4443 contract with an independent verification and validation (IV&V)  
4444 provider to provide IV&V services for all entity staff and  
4445 vendor work needed to implement such projects as applicable.

4446           (2) The IV&V contract shall require that all deliverables  
4447 be simultaneously provided to the entities, the Executive Office  
4448 of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the  
4449 Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of  
4450 Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated  
4451 project oversight entity. At a minimum, IV&V services must  
4452 include, but are not limited to, the following:

4453           (a) Oversight of all entity staff and vendor work needed  
4454 to implement the project;

4455           (b) An evaluation of the project's schedule to highlight  
4456 variances and ensure it aligns with project objectives, remains  
4457 feasible, and mitigates risks; and

4458           (c) A thorough review of all project budget requests and  
4459 monthly and quarterly reporting submitted by the entity to the  
4460 Legislature.

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4461 (2) Each monthly IV&V report must include technical  
4462 reviews of all project deliverables submitted or accepted within  
4463 the reporting period and an analysis of whether:

4464 (a) The project is being built and implemented in  
4465 accordance with defined technical architecture, specifications,  
4466 and requirements;

4467 (b) The project is adhering to established project  
4468 management and governance processes;

4469 (c) Solicitation and procurement documentation of  
4470 products, tools, or services, and resulting contracts, are  
4471 compliant with current statutory and regulatory requirements and  
4472 aligned with project objectives;

4473 (d) The outcomes and benefits of services performed are  
4474 commensurate with the amounts invoiced; and

4475 (e) The project is on track to achieve the original  
4476 business benefits and project objectives.

4477 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4478 **Section 155.** Any section of this act which implements a  
4479 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
4480 language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if  
4481 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
4482 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements  
4483 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of  
4484 specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027  
4485 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific

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4486 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
4487 language are vetoed.

4488 **Section 156.** If any other act passed during the 2026  
4489 Regular Session or 2026 Special Session E of the Legislature  
4490 contains a provision that is substantively the same as a  
4491 provision in this act, but that removes or is otherwise not  
4492 subject to the future repeal applied to such provision by this  
4493 act, the Legislature intends that the provision in the other act  
4494 takes precedence and continues to operate, notwithstanding the  
4495 future repeal provided by this act.

4496 **Section 157.** If any law amended by this act was also  
4497 amended by a law enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the  
4498 Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been  
4499 enacted during the same session of the Legislature and full  
4500 effect shall be given to each if possible.

4501 **Section 158.** If any provision of this act or its  
4502 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
4503 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
4504 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
4505 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
4506 severable.

4507 **Section 159.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
4508 this act and except for this section, which shall take effect  
4509 upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
4510 2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that

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4511 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate  
4512 retroactively to July 1, 2026.

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

4515 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

4516 A bill to be entitled

4517 An act implementing the 2026-2027 General  
4518 Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;  
4519 incorporating by reference certain calculations;  
4520 providing an expiration date; amending s. 1011.62,  
4521 F.S.; revising specified Florida Education Finance  
4522 Program calculations; revising the purpose of the  
4523 Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program;  
4524 providing calculations to determine specified funding;  
4525 authorizing recalculation in specified circumstances;  
4526 requiring the Legislature to maintain specified  
4527 funding; providing for the future expiration and  
4528 reversion of specified statutory text; providing a  
4529 specified value for certain students who earn a CAPE  
4530 Digital Tool certificate; providing an expiration  
4531 date; requiring the Department of Education to seek  
4532 information in a specified manner concerning the  
4533 provision of a certain platform; providing  
4534 requirements for such platform; requiring the  
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4536 submission of a report to specified parties by a  
4537 certain date; providing an expiration date; requiring  
4538 certain entities to provide salary increases in a  
4539 specified manner; providing an expiration date;  
4540 amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the amount of  
4541 funds provided for a specified incentive grant;  
4542 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
4543 specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s.  
4544 1011.45, F.S.; revising the fiscal year to be used for  
4545 a certain carryforward spending plan; providing for  
4546 the future expiration and reversion of specified  
4547 statutory text; reenacting s. 1009.26(18), F.S.,  
4548 relating to fee waivers; providing for the future  
4549 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
4550 reenacting s. 1004.89, F.S., relating to the Institute  
4551 for Freedom in the Americas; providing for the future  
4552 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
4553 authorizing certain state university board of trustees  
4554 to accept a health care provider's procurement methods  
4555 and construction contracts under certain  
4556 circumstances; providing for future expiration;  
4557 authorizing specified state university boards of  
4558 trustees to expend and carryforward certain balances  
4559 for specified purposes; providing for future  
4560 expiration; requiring the Articulation Coordinating

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4561 Committee to submit approved general education courses  
4562 to certain entities by a specified date; requiring  
4563 such entities to take certain actions by a specified  
4564 date; providing an expiration date; amending s.  
4565 1011.90, F.S.; authorizing state funds to be used for  
4566 certain purposes; providing an expiration date;  
4567 amending ss. 1001.03 and 1001.706, F.S.; revising  
4568 requirements for the prioritized list of public  
4569 education capital outlay projects; providing for the  
4570 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory  
4571 text; amending s. 1011.47, F.S.; revising the  
4572 definition of the term "auxiliary enterprises";  
4573 providing and expiration date; authorizing the Agency  
4574 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
4575 amendment to realign Medicaid funding for specified  
4576 purposes, subject to certain limitations; providing an  
4577 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health  
4578 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to  
4579 realign funding within the Florida Kidcare program  
4580 appropriation categories or to increase budget  
4581 authority for certain purposes; specifying the time  
4582 period within which each budget amendment must be  
4583 submitted; providing an expiration date; amending s.  
4584 381.986, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of  
4585 certain rules pertaining to the medical use of

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4586 marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;  
4587 repealing rule 64ER25-6, relating to advertising and  
4588 marketing by medical marijuana treatment centers;  
4589 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency  
4590 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
4591 amendment requesting additional spending authority to  
4592 implement specified programs and payments; requiring  
4593 institutions participating in a specified workforce  
4594 expansion and education program to provide quarterly  
4595 reports to the agency; providing an expiration date;  
4596 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
4597 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional  
4598 spending authority to implement certain payments and  
4599 specified programs; providing an expiration date;  
4600 requiring such amendment include specified approval;  
4601 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
4602 to submit a budget amendment requesting additional  
4603 spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
4604 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
4605 Demonstration up to a certain amount; requiring that  
4606 the amendment include a signed attestation and  
4607 acknowledgment for entities relating to the Low Income  
4608 Pool; providing an expiration date; authorizing the  
4609 Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a  
4610 budget amendment requesting additional spending

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4611 authority to implement certain payments and specified  
4612 programs; requiring such amendment include specified  
4613 approval; providing an expiration date; authorizing  
4614 the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a  
4615 budget amendment requesting additional spending  
4616 authority to implement a certified expenditure program  
4617 for emergency medical transportation services;  
4618 requiring such amendment include specified approval;  
4619 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency  
4620 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
4621 amendment requesting additional spending authority to  
4622 implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program;  
4623 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency  
4624 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget  
4625 amendment requesting additional spending authority to  
4626 implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient  
4627 supplemental payments for specialty hospitals;  
4628 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency  
4629 for Health Care Administration to submit budget  
4630 amendments to increase budget authority to support the  
4631 Florida School-Based Services program; providing an  
4632 expiration date; creating the Applied Behavior  
4633 Analysis Task Force within the Agency for Healthcare  
4634 Administration; providing the purpose, duties, and  
4635 composition of such task force; requiring certain

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4636 agencies to provide staff for specified purposes;  
4637 requiring meetings to be held in a specified manner by  
4638 certain dates; authorizing members to be reimbursed  
4639 for specified travel; requiring the task force to  
4640 provide a report to specified parties by a certain  
4641 date; providing an expiration date; authorizing the  
4642 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget  
4643 amendment to realign funding within specified areas of  
4644 the department based on implementation of the  
4645 Guardianship Assistance Program; providing an  
4646 expiration date authorizing the Department of Children  
4647 and Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency  
4648 for Health Care Administration to submit budget  
4649 amendments to increase budget authority to support  
4650 certain refugee programs; requiring the Department of  
4651 Children and Families to submit quarterly reports to  
4652 the Executive Office of the Governor and the  
4653 Legislature; providing an expiration date; authorizing  
4654 the Department of Children and Families to submit  
4655 budget amendments to increase budget authority to  
4656 support specified federal grant programs; providing an  
4657 expiration date; reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S.,  
4658 relating to community services and treatment;  
4659 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
4660 specified statutory text; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.;

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4661 authorizing unexpended funds for certain counties to  
4662 be carried forward for a specified time period;  
4663 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
4664 specified statutory text; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.;  
4665 requiring core funding services to be allocated as  
4666 provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring  
4667 the Department of Children and Families to use a  
4668 specified funding methodology; requiring lead agencies  
4669 to provide certain information to the department;  
4670 requiring the department to conduct specified  
4671 monitoring; requiring such monitoring to include  
4672 specified items; requiring the department to provide  
4673 monthly status reports beginning in a specified month;  
4674 requiring the department to submit a report to  
4675 specified parties by a certain date; providing  
4676 requirements for such report; providing for future  
4677 expiration; amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring  
4678 certain funds held by lead agencies be returned to the  
4679 Department of Children and Families by a specified  
4680 date; requiring the department to hold such funds in a  
4681 separate account; requiring the department to report  
4682 specified information to certain parties; requiring  
4683 such funds to be held in reserve; authorizing the  
4684 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget  
4685 amendment to request the release of funds for

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4686 specified purposes; providing an expiration date;  
4687 authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
4688 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
4689 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and  
4690 Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a  
4691 certain condition is met; providing an expiration date  
4692 authorizing the Department of Health to submit a  
4693 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the  
4694 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if a certain  
4695 condition is met; providing an expiration date;  
4696 authorizing the Department of Health to increase  
4697 budget authority for the department if specific COVID-  
4698 19 relief funds become available; providing an  
4699 expiration date; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
4700 Administration to suspend certain development  
4701 activities relating to the replacement of the Florida  
4702 Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS);  
4703 providing for future expiration; requiring the Agency  
4704 for Health Care Administration, in consultation with  
4705 the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with  
4706 Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families,  
4707 and the Department of Corrections, to competitively  
4708 procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices  
4709 for certain prescribed drugs and biological products;  
4710 providing specifications for such contract; providing

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4711 an expiration date; authorizing certain skilled  
4712 nursing provider licenses to be issued or renewed in  
4713 specified circumstances; requiring such issuance or  
4714 renewal be for a specified period of time; allowing  
4715 such licenses be renewed for a longer period of time  
4716 in certain circumstances; authorizing the Agency for  
4717 Persons with Disabilities to submit a budget amendment  
4718 to transfer funds between specified funding categories  
4719 for a certain purpose; providing an expiration date;  
4720 authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
4721 to submit budget amendments from specified categories  
4722 to address certain funding shortfalls; providing an  
4723 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health  
4724 Care Administration and the Agency for Persons with  
4725 Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a  
4726 specified timeframe for a specified purpose; providing  
4727 an expiration date; authorizing the Department of  
4728 Veterans' Affairs to submit a budget amendment,  
4729 subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval,  
4730 requesting certain authority for certain purposes  
4731 relating to veterans' nursing homes; providing an  
4732 expiration date; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending  
4733 for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain  
4734 funds used for the hospital directed payment program;  
4735 authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to

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4736 submit budget amendments, subject to certain approval,  
4737 for the development and construction of a new State  
4738 Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care  
4739 Center in a specified county; providing an expiration  
4740 date; authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs to  
4741 submit a budget amendment requesting certain authority  
4742 for an Adult Care Food Program under certain  
4743 circumstances; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; extending  
4744 for 1 year the expiration of an exception that allows  
4745 the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury  
4746 Compensation Plan to accept certain new claims;  
4747 providing for contingent effect of specified  
4748 provisions; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
4749 Administration to contract with specified  
4750 organizations in certain counties; providing an  
4751 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health  
4752 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment  
4753 requesting additional spending authority for specified  
4754 purposes; providing such budget amendment to contain  
4755 specified information; providing a contingency for  
4756 payments; requiring a specified written approval;  
4757 providing an expiration date; amending s. 409.908,  
4758 F.S.; revising specified rate setting parameters for a  
4759 specified reimbursement payment methodology; providing  
4760 for the future expiration and reversion of specified

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4761 statutory text; amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending  
4762 for 1 fiscal year the authority of the Department of  
4763 Corrections to submit a budget amendment for  
4764 additional positions and appropriations under certain  
4765 circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for  
4766 1 fiscal year the authority and related repayment  
4767 requirements for temporary trust fund loans to the  
4768 state court system which are sufficient to meet the  
4769 system's appropriation; reenacting s. 27.40(1),  
4770 (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), F.S., relating to  
4771 court-appointed counsel; providing for the future  
4772 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
4773 reenacting and amending s. 27.5304, F.S., relating to  
4774 private court-appointed counsel; extending for 1  
4775 fiscal year limitations on compensation for  
4776 representation in criminal proceedings; providing for  
4777 the future expiration and reversion of specified  
4778 statutory text; amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending  
4779 for 1 fiscal year the authority of local law  
4780 enforcement agencies to apply to the State Board of  
4781 Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for  
4782 certain certified correctional officers; providing for  
4783 future expiration; authorizing the Department of Legal  
4784 Affairs to submit a budget amendment, subject to  
4785 certain approval, to increase budget authority for

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4786 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants in  
4787 specified circumstances; providing an expiration date  
4788 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct  
4789 a study on payment scams; defining the term "payment";  
4790 providing requirements of such study; requiring such  
4791 study and recommendations be submitted to specified  
4792 individuals and made available online by a certain  
4793 date; providing an expiration date; amending s.  
4794 934.50, F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder  
4795 Grant Program within the Department of Law  
4796 Enforcement; providing requirements and purpose of  
4797 such program; defining the term "first responder  
4798 agency"; authorizing the department to adopt emergency  
4799 rules; authorizing such rules to be effective for a  
4800 specified period of time; providing for future  
4801 expiration; creating s. 943.0536, F.S.; requiring the  
4802 Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice  
4803 Information Program to take certain actions regarding  
4804 immigration detainer information; requiring law  
4805 enforcement agencies to submit certain fingerprints in  
4806 a specified manner; requiring the department to create  
4807 specified records; defining the terms "immigration  
4808 detainer" and "law enforcement agency"; authorizing  
4809 the department to adopt certain rules; authorizing  
4810 specified parties to apply to the department for the

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4811 administrative expunction of certain records;  
4812 providing requirements for such application; providing  
4813 construction; providing for future expiration;  
4814 requiring the Department of Management Services, with  
4815 the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant  
4816 broker services to renegotiate or reprocur certain  
4817 private lease agreements for office or storage space;  
4818 requiring the Department of Management Services to  
4819 provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature  
4820 by a specified date; providing an expiration date;  
4821 prohibiting an agency from transferring funds from a  
4822 data processing category to another category other  
4823 than another data processing category; providing an  
4824 expiration date; authorizing the Executive Office of  
4825 the Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain  
4826 categories between departments for purposes of  
4827 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance  
4828 and for human resources services purchased per  
4829 statewide contract; providing an expiration date;  
4830 authorizing the Department of Management Services to  
4831 use certain facility disposition funds from the  
4832 Architects Incidental Trust Fund to pay for certain  
4833 relocation expenses; providing for future expiration;  
4834 requiring the Department of Financial Services to  
4835 replace specified components of the Florida Accounting

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4836 Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash  
4837 Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated  
4838 enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of  
4839 Financial Services from including certain components  
4840 in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing  
4841 requirements for the Department of Financial services  
4842 related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the  
4843 composition of an executive steering committee to  
4844 oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing  
4845 requirements for the executive steering committee  
4846 chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the  
4847 executive steering committee; providing an expiration  
4848 date; reenacting s. 282.709(3), F.S., relating to the  
4849 state agency law enforcement radio system and  
4850 interoperability network; providing for future  
4851 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
4852 authorizing state agencies and other eligible users of  
4853 the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System to use the  
4854 Department of Management Services contract to purchase  
4855 equipment and services; providing for future  
4856 expiration; requiring that a specified transaction fee  
4857 percentage for use of the online procurement system be  
4858 collected for a specified fiscal year; providing an  
4859 expiration date; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying  
4860 requirements for the adoption of rules of the

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4861 Department of the Lottery, excluding certain rules for  
4862 1 fiscal year regarding the commission for lottery  
4863 ticket sales; limiting additional retailer  
4864 compensation in a specified manner; providing for the  
4865 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory  
4866 text; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year  
4867 the authority of Citizens Property Insurance  
4868 Corporation to contract with a the Division of  
4869 Administrative Hearings to resolve certain disputes;  
4870 providing for future expiration; amending s. 112.215,  
4871 F.S.; authorizing a deferred compensation plan to  
4872 offer a specified contribution program; providing for  
4873 future expiration; amending s. 110.116, F.S.;

4874 providing legislative findings; directing the  
4875 Department of Management Services to take specified  
4876 actions relating to certain systems; requiring the  
4877 department to submit certain estimates to specified  
4878 persons by a specified date; removing provisions  
4879 relating to specified contracted services; providing  
4880 for future expiration; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.;

4881 providing definitions; revising eligibility  
4882 requirements for hurricane mitigation inspections;  
4883 revising scope of such inspections; revising the  
4884 requirements for a hurricane mitigation grant;  
4885 revising how such grants may be used; revising

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4886 application priority; revising requirements for  
4887 certification of certain information; revising  
4888 procedures for abandoned applications; providing for  
4889 the future expiration and reversion of specified  
4890 statutory text; providing that certain funds  
4891 appropriated to the Department of Financial Services  
4892 may be carried forward through a specified fiscal  
4893 year; providing for future expiration; authorizing the  
4894 Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds  
4895 between departments to align the budget authority  
4896 granted based on the estimated costs for data  
4897 processing services for a specified fiscal year;  
4898 providing an expiration date; limiting the auxiliary  
4899 assessments that may be charged to state agencies  
4900 related to contract management services provided to  
4901 the Northwest Regional Data Center; providing an  
4902 expiration date; amending s. 284.51, F.S.; extending  
4903 for 1 year the electroencephalogram combined  
4904 Transactional Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS) treatment  
4905 pilot program; requiring the Department of Financial  
4906 Services to continue the eTMS pilot program for  
4907 veterans and first responders; specifying that funds  
4908 paid by the department do not constitute financial  
4909 assistance; requiring the department to amend existing  
4910 contracts to specify certain information; providing

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4911 for future expiration; amending s. 717.123, F.S.;

4912 requiring the Department of Financial Services

4913 segregate a certain amount in a separate account to be

4914 used for a specified purpose; authorizing the

4915 department to retain certain funds for specified

4916 fiscal years; providing for future expiration;

4917 requiring the Department of Revenue to include

4918 specified taxes in a certain distribution; requiring

4919 the department to deduct certain refunds and

4920 administrative costs; providing for future expiration;

4921 authorizing procedures for the transition from the

4922 FLAIR system to the PALM system; providing for future

4923 expiration; authorizing the Department of Agriculture

4924 and Consumer Services to submit budget amendments to

4925 increase budget authority for the National School

4926 Lunch Program; providing for future expiration;

4927 amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year

4928 certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust

4929 funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in

4930 certain circumstances; requiring the Department of

4931 Environmental Protection to transfer designated

4932 proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land

4933 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land

4934 acquisition trust funds in the Department of

4935 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of

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4936 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
4937 Commission according to specified parameters and  
4938 calculations; defining the term "department";  
4939 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection  
4940 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds  
4941 monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer  
4942 amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental  
4943 Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition  
4944 trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
4945 Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified  
4946 purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s.  
4947 376.91, F.S.; extending for 1 year the date by which  
4948 the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt  
4949 statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain  
4950 circumstances; amending ss. 376.3071 and 376.3072,  
4951 F.S.; extending for 1 year the prohibition of certain  
4952 deductibles, copays, and monetary caps; providing for  
4953 future expiration; reenacting s. 376.3071(15)(g),  
4954 F.S., relating to the Inland Protection Trust Fund;  
4955 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
4956 specified statutory text; requiring the Department of  
4957 Citrus to enter into certain agreements for the  
4958 purpose of increase the production of specified citrus  
4959 trees; providing requirements for such agreements;  
4960 providing for future expiration; reenacting s.

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4961 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan Mayfield Working  
4962 Waterfronts; providing for the future expiration and  
4963 reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the  
4964 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use  
4965 certain funds for a specified purpose; providing for  
4966 future expiration; amending s. 403.0673, F.S.;  
4967 extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds  
4968 appropriated for the water quality improvement grant  
4969 program be used in a specified manner; amending s.  
4970 375.041, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a  
4971 requirement that funds be appropriated as provided in  
4972 the General Appropriations Act; authorizing the  
4973 Department of Citrus to lease a facility that meets  
4974 certain requirements and to administer a program for  
4975 specified purposes; providing for future expiration;  
4976 prohibiting certain entities from adopting or  
4977 enforcing certain ordinances relating to battery  
4978 recycling and disposal until a specified study has  
4979 been produced; providing for future expiration;  
4980 amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal  
4981 year a requirement that the use of funds in the  
4982 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane  
4983 Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending  
4984 for 1 year the expiration of a specified program;  
4985 authorizing the Department of Transportation to

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4986 | realign or increase certain budget authority and to  
4987 | requires additional budget authority for specified  
4988 | purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s.  
4989 | 288.0655, F.S.; extending for fiscal 1 year a  
4990 | requirement that certain appropriated funds relating  
4991 | to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a  
4992 | specified manner; authorizing the Division of  
4993 | Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to  
4994 | increase budget authority for certain expenditures;  
4995 | providing for future expiration; reenacting s.  
4996 | 443.1113(4) and (5), F.S., relating to the  
4997 | Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits  
4998 | Information System; providing for the future  
4999 | expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;  
5000 | reenacting and amending s. 445.08, F.S.; revising the  
5001 | definition of the term "newly employed officer";  
5002 | extending for 1 year the expiration of the Florida Law  
5003 | Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program;  
5004 | amending s. 282.201, F.S.; extending for one year an  
5005 | exemption from state date center requirements for the  
5006 | Division of Emergency Management; authorizing the  
5007 | Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments,  
5008 | subject to certain requirements to increase authority  
5009 | to support a specified federal program; providing for  
5010 | future expiration; creating s. 334.64, F.S.; providing

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5011 that the Department of Transportation is the primary  
5012 point of contact for procurement and cost-sharing  
5013 related to specified information systems and sharing;  
5014 authorizing the department to enter into specified  
5015 agreements with certain entities; authorizing the  
5016 department to adopt rules; providing for future  
5017 expiration; amending s. 215.001, F.S.; defining the  
5018 term "conviction"; revising qualifications for Florida  
5019 State Guard applicants; revising requirements for  
5020 membership of a specified unit within the Florida  
5021 State Guard; providing for the future expiration and  
5022 reversion of specified statutory text; requiring the  
5023 Department of Management Services to assess an  
5024 administrative health insurance assessment on each  
5025 state agency; providing the rate of such assessment;  
5026 defining the term "state agency"; requiring the  
5027 Department of Management Services to take certain  
5028 actions in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief  
5029 Financial Officer to transfer funds under specified  
5030 circumstances; requiring state agencies to provide a  
5031 list of positions that qualify for a certain exception  
5032 by a specified date and to update the list monthly  
5033 thereafter; requiring state agencies to include the  
5034 administrative health insurance assessment in their  
5035 indirect cost plan beginning for a specified fiscal

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5036 | year and annually thereafter; requiring agencies to  
5037 | notify the Department of Management Services, the  
5038 | Executive Office of the Governor, and the Legislature  
5039 | regarding the approval of their updated indirect cost  
5040 | plans; authorizing the Executive Office of the  
5041 | Governor to transfer budget authority between agencies  
5042 | in specified circumstances; providing for future  
5043 | expiration; providing that the annual salaries of the  
5044 | members of the Legislature be maintained at a  
5045 | specified level for a specified fiscal year; providing  
5046 | for future expiration; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b),  
5047 | F.S., relating to the authorization for transferring  
5048 | unappropriated cash balances from selected trust funds  
5049 | to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue  
5050 | Fund; providing for future expiration and reversion of  
5051 | specific statutory text; requiring per diem and  
5052 | subsistence allowance rates for state employee travel  
5053 | to be established by each state agency or the judicial  
5054 | branch; prohibiting such rates from exceeding a  
5055 | specified rate; providing for future expiration;  
5056 | requiring mileage allowance for state employee travel  
5057 | to be established by each state agency or the judicial  
5058 | branch; prohibiting such allowance from exceeding a  
5059 | specified rate; providing for future expiration;  
5060 | specifying the type of travel which may be used with

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5061 state employee travel funds for a specified fiscal  
5062 year; providing exceptions; requiring reporting in  
5063 specified circumstances; providing applicability;  
5064 providing for future expiration; prohibiting lodging  
5065 costs associated with specified events organized or  
5066 sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch  
5067 from exceeding a specified amount; providing  
5068 exceptions; providing for future expiration; amending  
5069 s. 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the  
5070 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to  
5071 approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital  
5072 outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending  
5073 for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain  
5074 transfers; authorizing ate agencies to purchase  
5075 certain vehicles from nonstate term contact vendors if  
5076 specified conditions are met; providing for future  
5077 expiration; amending s. 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1  
5078 year certain state agency reporting requirements  
5079 regarding implementation of legislation; amending s.  
5080 216.013, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year an  
5081 exception from certain planning requirements; amending  
5082 s. 216.023, F.S.; providing that certain entities are  
5083 not required to develop specified cost summaries;  
5084 providing for future expiration; extending for 1 year  
5085 a requirement that certain entities include a

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5086 specified inventory in their legislative budget  
5087 requests; providing that the use of state funds must  
5088 be consistent with specified principles of individual  
5089 freedom; prohibiting a state agency from using state  
5090 funds to contract with an advertising agency or other  
5091 contractor who acts as or uses the services of media  
5092 reliability and bias monitors; defining the term  
5093 "media reliability and bias monitor"; amending s.  
5094 440.13, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of  
5095 certain reimbursement allowances; providing that the  
5096 Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature  
5097 are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex;  
5098 prohibiting the interior space allotted to each tenant  
5099 as of a specified date from being reduced or moved  
5100 without the tenant's express consent; requiring the  
5101 Legislature to have the right of first refusal if  
5102 certain space becomes available; requiring the  
5103 Department of Management Services to coordinate with  
5104 specified entities before planning or scheduling any  
5105 projects in the Capitol Center; requiring the office  
5106 to solicit specified feedback in carrying out the  
5107 provisions of the Capitol Center long-range planning;  
5108 prohibiting certain parking spaces from being reduced  
5109 or reassigned without the express consent of the  
5110 Legislature; providing for future expiration;

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5111 requiring certain information technology funds be held  
5112 in reserve; authorizing specified agencies to submit  
5113 budget amendments to request the release for funds;  
5114 providing requirements for such requests; providing  
5115 for future expiration; requiring specified agencies  
5116 contract with an independent verification and  
5117 validation provider for specified purposes; providing  
5118 contractual requirements for such services; providing  
5119 for future expiration; providing conditions under  
5120 which the veto of certain appropriations or proviso  
5121 language in the General Appropriations Act voids  
5122 language that implements such appropriation; providing  
5123 for the continued operation of certain provisions  
5124 notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided  
5125 by the act; providing for construction of the act in  
5126 pari materia with laws enacted during the 2026 Regular  
5127 Session of the Legislature; providing for  
5128 severability; providing for contingent retroactivity;  
5129 providing effective dates.

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