

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act implementing the 2026-2027 General
3 Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent;
4 incorporating by reference certain calculations;
5 providing an expiration date; amending s. 1011.62,
6 F.S.; revising specified Florida Education Finance
7 Program calculations; revising the purpose of the
8 Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program;
9 providing calculations to determine specified funding;
10 authorizing recalculation in specified circumstances;
11 requiring the Legislature to maintain specified
12 funding; providing for the future expiration and
13 reversion of specified statutory text; providing a
14 specified value for certain students who earn a CAPE
15 Digital Tool certificate; providing an expiration
16 date; requiring the Department of Education to seek
17 information in a specified manner concerning the
18 provision of a certain platform; providing
19 requirements for such platform; requiring the
20 submission of a report to specified parties by a
21 certain date; providing an expiration date; requiring
22 certain entities to provide salary increases in a
23 specified manner; providing an expiration date;
24 amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the amount of
25 funds provided for a specified incentive grant;

26 providing for the future expiration and reversion of
27 specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s.
28 1011.45, F.S.; revising the fiscal year to be used for
29 a certain carryforward spending plan; providing for
30 the future expiration and reversion of specified
31 statutory text; reenacting s. 1009.26(18), F.S.,
32 relating to fee waivers; providing for the future
33 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
34 reenacting s. 1004.89, F.S., relating to the Institute
35 for Freedom in the Americas; providing for the future
36 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
37 authorizing certain state university board of trustees
38 to accept a health care provider's procurement methods
39 and construction contracts under certain
40 circumstances; providing for future expiration;
41 authorizing specified state university boards of
42 trustees to expend and carryforward certain balances
43 for specified purposes; providing for future
44 expiration; requiring the Articulation Coordinating
45 Committee to submit approved general education courses
46 to certain entities by a specified date; requiring
47 such entities to take certain actions by a specified
48 date; providing an expiration date; amending s.
49 1011.90, F.S.; authorizing state funds to be used for
50 certain purposes; providing an expiration date;

51 amending ss. 1001.03 and 1001.706, F.S.; revising
52 requirements for the prioritized list of public
53 education capital outlay projects; providing for the
54 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
55 text; amending s. 1011.47, F.S.; revising the
56 definition of the term "auxiliary enterprises";
57 providing and expiration date; authorizing the Agency
58 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget
59 amendment to realign Medicaid funding for specified
60 purposes, subject to certain limitations; providing an
61 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health
62 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to
63 realign funding within the Florida Kidcare program
64 appropriation categories or to increase budget
65 authority for certain purposes; specifying the time
66 period within which each budget amendment must be
67 submitted; providing an expiration date; amending s.
68 381.986, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of
69 certain rules pertaining to the medical use of
70 marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements;
71 repealing rule 64ER25-6, relating to advertising and
72 marketing by medical marijuana treatment centers;
73 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency
74 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget
75 amendment requesting additional spending authority to

76 | implement specified programs and payments; requiring
77 | institutions participating in a specified workforce
78 | expansion and education program to provide quarterly
79 | reports to the agency; providing an expiration date;
80 | authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
81 | to submit a budget amendment requesting additional
82 | spending authority to implement certain payments and
83 | specified programs; providing an expiration date;
84 | requiring such amendment include specified approval;
85 | authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
86 | to submit a budget amendment requesting additional
87 | spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool
88 | component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance
89 | Demonstration up to a certain amount; requiring that
90 | the amendment include a signed attestation and
91 | acknowledgment for entities relating to the Low Income
92 | Pool; providing an expiration date; authorizing the
93 | Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
94 | budget amendment requesting additional spending
95 | authority to implement certain payments and specified
96 | programs; requiring such amendment include specified
97 | approval; providing an expiration date; authorizing
98 | the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
99 | budget amendment requesting additional spending
100 | authority to implement a certified expenditure program

101 for emergency medical transportation services;
102 requiring such amendment include specified approval;
103 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency
104 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget
105 amendment requesting additional spending authority to
106 implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program;
107 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency
108 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget
109 amendment requesting additional spending authority to
110 implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient
111 supplemental payments for specialty hospitals;
112 providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency
113 for Health Care Administration to submit budget
114 amendments to increase budget authority to support the
115 Florida School-Based Services program; providing an
116 expiration date; creating the Applied Behavior
117 Analysis Task Force within the Agency for Healthcare
118 Administration; providing the purpose, duties, and
119 composition of such task force; requiring certain
120 agencies to provide staff for specified purposes;
121 requiring meetings to be held in a specified manner by
122 certain dates; authorizing members to be reimbursed
123 for specified travel; requiring the task force to
124 provide a report to specified parties by a certain
125 date; providing an expiration date; authorizing the

126 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget
127 amendment to realign funding within specified areas of
128 the department based on implementation of the
129 Guardianship Assistance Program; providing an
130 expiration date authorizing the Department of Children
131 and Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency
132 for Health Care Administration to submit budget
133 amendments to increase budget authority to support
134 certain refugee programs; requiring the Department of
135 Children and Families to submit quarterly reports to
136 the Executive Office of the Governor and the
137 Legislature; providing an expiration date; authorizing
138 the Department of Children and Families to submit
139 budget amendments to increase budget authority to
140 support specified federal grant programs; providing an
141 expiration date; reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S.,
142 relating to community services and treatment;
143 providing for the future expiration and reversion of
144 specified statutory text; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.;
145 authorizing unexpended funds for certain counties to
146 be carried forward for a specified time period;
147 providing for the future expiration and reversion of
148 specified statutory text; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.;
149 requiring core funding services to be allocated as
150 provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring

151 the Department of Children and Families to use a
152 specified funding methodology; requiring lead agencies
153 to provide certain information to the department;
154 requiring the department to conduct specified
155 monitoring; requiring such monitoring to include
156 specified items; requiring the department to provide
157 monthly status reports beginning in a specified month;
158 requiring the department to submit a report to
159 specified parties by a certain date; providing
160 requirements for such report; providing for future
161 expiration; amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring
162 certain funds held by lead agencies be returned to the
163 Department of Children and Families by a specified
164 date; requiring the department to hold such funds in a
165 separate account; requiring the department to report
166 specified information to certain parties; requiring
167 such funds to be held in reserve; authorizing the
168 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget
169 amendment to request the release of funds for
170 specified purposes; providing an expiration date;
171 authorizing the Department of Health to submit a
172 budget amendment to increase budget authority for the
173 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
174 Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a
175 certain condition is met; providing an expiration date

176 | authorizing the Department of Health to submit a
177 | budget amendment to increase budget authority for the
178 | HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if a certain
179 | condition is met; providing an expiration date;
180 | authorizing the Department of Health to increase
181 | budget authority for the department if specific COVID-
182 | 19 relief funds become available; providing an
183 | expiration date; requiring the Agency for Health Care
184 | Administration to suspend certain development
185 | activities relating to the replacement of the Florida
186 | Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS);
187 | providing for future expiration; requiring the Agency
188 | for Health Care Administration, in consultation with
189 | the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with
190 | Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families,
191 | and the Department of Corrections, to competitively
192 | procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices
193 | for certain prescribed drugs and biological products;
194 | providing specifications for such contract; providing
195 | an expiration date; authorizing certain skilled
196 | nursing provider licenses to be issued or renewed in
197 | specified circumstances; requiring such issuance or
198 | renewal be for a specified period of time; allowing
199 | such licenses be renewed for a longer period of time
200 | in certain circumstances; authorizing the Agency for

201 Persons with Disabilities to submit a budget amendment
202 to transfer funds between specified funding categories
203 for a certain purpose; providing an expiration date;
204 authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
205 to submit budget amendments from specified categories
206 to address certain funding shortfalls; providing an
207 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health
208 Care Administration and the Agency for Persons with
209 Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a
210 specified timeframe for a specified purpose; providing
211 an expiration date; authorizing the Department of
212 Veterans' Affairs to submit a budget amendment,
213 subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval,
214 requesting certain authority for certain purposes
215 relating to veterans' nursing homes; providing an
216 expiration date; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending
217 for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain
218 funds used for the hospital directed payment program;
219 authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
220 submit budget amendments, subject to certain approval,
221 for the development and construction of a new State
222 Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care
223 Center in a specified county; providing an expiration
224 date; authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs to
225 submit a budget amendment requesting certain authority

226 for an Adult Care Food Program under certain
227 circumstances; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; extending
228 for 1 year the expiration of an exception that allows
229 the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury
230 Compensation Plan to accept certain new claims;
231 providing for contingent effect of specified
232 provisions; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
233 Administration to contract with specified
234 organizations in certain counties; providing an
235 expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health
236 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment
237 requesting additional spending authority for specified
238 purposes; providing such budget amendment to contain
239 specified information; providing a contingency for
240 payments; requiring a specified written approval;
241 providing an expiration date; amending s. 409.908,
242 F.S.; revising specified rate setting parameters for a
243 specified reimbursement payment methodology; providing
244 for the future expiration and reversion of specified
245 statutory text; amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending
246 for 1 fiscal year the authority of the Department of
247 Corrections to submit a budget amendment for
248 additional positions and appropriations under certain
249 circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for
250 1 fiscal year the authority and related repayment

251 requirements for temporary trust fund loans to the
252 state court system which are sufficient to meet the
253 system's appropriation; reenacting s. 27.40(1),
254 (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), F.S., relating to
255 court-appointed counsel; providing for the future
256 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
257 reenacting and amending s. 27.5304, F.S., relating to
258 private court-appointed counsel; extending for 1
259 fiscal year limitations on compensation for
260 representation in criminal proceedings; providing for
261 the future expiration and reversion of specified
262 statutory text; amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending
263 for 1 fiscal year the authority of local law
264 enforcement agencies to apply to the State Board of
265 Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for
266 certain certified correctional officers; providing for
267 future expiration; authorizing the Department of Legal
268 Affairs to submit a budget amendment, subject to
269 certain approval, to increase budget authority for
270 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants in
271 specified circumstances; providing an expiration date
272 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct
273 a study on payment scams; defining the term "payment";
274 providing requirements of such study; requiring such
275 study and recommendations be submitted to specified

276 individuals and made available online by a certain
277 date; providing an expiration date; amending s.
278 934.50, F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder
279 Grant Program within the Department of Law
280 Enforcement; providing requirements and purpose of
281 such program; defining the term "first responder
282 agency"; authorizing the department to adopt emergency
283 rules; authorizing such rules to be effective for a
284 specified period of time; providing for future
285 expiration; creating s. 943.0536, F.S.; requiring the
286 Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice
287 Information Program to take certain actions regarding
288 immigration detainer information; requiring law
289 enforcement agencies to submit certain fingerprints in
290 a specified manner; requiring the department to create
291 specified records; defining the terms "immigration
292 detainer" and "law enforcement agency"; authorizing
293 the department to adopt certain rules; authorizing
294 specified parties to apply to the department for the
295 administrative expunction of certain records;
296 providing requirements for such application; providing
297 construction; providing for future expiration;
298 requiring the Department of Management Services, with
299 the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant
300 broker services to renegotiate or reprocure certain

301 private lease agreements for office or storage space;
302 requiring the Department of Management Services to
303 provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature
304 by a specified date; providing an expiration date;
305 prohibiting an agency from transferring funds from a
306 data processing category to another category other
307 than another data processing category; providing an
308 expiration date; authorizing the Executive Office of
309 the Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain
310 categories between departments for purposes of
311 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance
312 and for human resources services purchased per
313 statewide contract; providing an expiration date;
314 authorizing the Department of Management Services to
315 use certain facility disposition funds from the
316 Architects Incidental Trust Fund to pay for certain
317 relocation expenses; providing for future expiration;
318 requiring the Department of Financial Services to
319 replace specified components of the Florida Accounting
320 Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash
321 Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated
322 enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of
323 Financial Services from including certain components
324 in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing
325 requirements for the Department of Financial services

326 related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the
327 composition of an executive steering committee to
328 oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing
329 requirements for the executive steering committee
330 chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the
331 executive steering committee; providing an expiration
332 date; reenacting s. 282.709(3), F.S., relating to the
333 state agency law enforcement radio system and
334 interoperability network; providing for future
335 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
336 authorizing state agencies and other eligible users of
337 the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System to use the
338 Department of Management Services contract to purchase
339 equipment and services; providing for future
340 expiration; requiring that a specified transaction fee
341 percentage for use of the online procurement system be
342 collected for a specified fiscal year; providing an
343 expiration date; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying
344 requirements for the adoption of rules of the
345 Department of the Lottery, excluding certain rules for
346 1 fiscal year regarding the commission for lottery
347 ticket sales; limiting additional retailer
348 compensation in a specified manner; providing for the
349 future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
350 text; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year

351 the authority of Citizens Property Insurance
352 Corporation to contract with a the Division of
353 Administrative Hearings to resolve certain disputes;
354 providing for future expiration; amending s. 112.215,
355 F.S.; authorizing a deferred compensation plan to
356 offer a specified contribution program; providing for
357 future expiration; amending s. 110.116, F.S.;

358 providing legislative findings; directing the
359 Department of Management Services to take specified
360 actions relating to certain systems; requiring the
361 department to submit certain estimates to specified
362 persons by a specified date; removing provisions
363 relating to specified contracted services; providing
364 for future expiration; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.;

365 providing definitions; revising eligibility
366 requirements for hurricane mitigation inspections;
367 revising scope of such inspections; revising the
368 requirements for a hurricane mitigation grant;
369 revising how such grants may be used; revising
370 application priority; revising requirements for
371 certification of certain information; revising
372 procedures for abandoned applications; providing for
373 the future expiration and reversion of specified
374 statutory text; providing that certain funds
375 appropriated to the Department of Financial Services

376 | may be carried forward through a specified fiscal
377 | year; providing for future expiration; authorizing the
378 | Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds
379 | between departments to align the budget authority
380 | granted based on the estimated costs for data
381 | processing services for a specified fiscal year;
382 | providing an expiration date; limiting the auxiliary
383 | assessments that may be charged to state agencies
384 | related to contract management services provided to
385 | the Northwest Regional Data Center; providing an
386 | expiration date; amending s. 284.51, F.S.; extending
387 | for 1 year the electroencephalogram combined
388 | Transactional Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS) treatment
389 | pilot program; requiring the Department of Financial
390 | Services to continue the eTMS pilot program for
391 | veterans and first responders; specifying that funds
392 | paid by the department do not constitute financial
393 | assistance; requiring the department to amend existing
394 | contracts to specify certain information; providing
395 | for future expiration; amending s. 717.123, F.S.;
396 | requiring the Department of Financial Services
397 | segregate a certain amount in a separate account to be
398 | used for a specified purpose; authorizing the
399 | department to retain certain funds for specified
400 | fiscal years; providing for future expiration;

401 requiring the Department of Revenue to include
402 specified taxes in a certain distribution; requiring
403 the department to deduct certain refunds and
404 administrative costs; providing for future expiration;
405 authorizing procedures for the transition from the
406 FLAIR system to the PALM system; providing for future
407 expiration; authorizing the Department of Agriculture
408 and Consumer Services to submit budget amendments to
409 increase budget authority for the National School
410 Lunch Program; providing for future expiration;
411 amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year
412 certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust
413 funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in
414 certain circumstances; requiring the Department of
415 Environmental Protection to transfer designated
416 proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land
417 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land
418 acquisition trust funds in the Department of
419 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
420 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
421 Commission according to specified parameters and
422 calculations; defining the term "department";
423 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection
424 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds
425 monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer

426 amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental
427 Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition
428 trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
429 Commission's land acquisition trust fund for specified
430 purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s.
431 376.91, F.S.; extending for 1 year the date by which
432 the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt
433 statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain
434 circumstances; amending ss. 376.3071 and 376.3072,
435 F.S.; extending for 1 year the prohibition of certain
436 deductibles, copays, and monetary caps; providing for
437 future expiration; reenacting s. 376.3071(15)(g),
438 F.S., relating to the Inland Protection Trust Fund;
439 providing for the future expiration and reversion of
440 specified statutory text; requiring the Department of
441 Citrus to enter into certain agreements for the
442 purpose of increase the production of specified citrus
443 trees; providing requirements for such agreements;
444 providing for future expiration; reenacting s.
445 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan Mayfield Working
446 Waterfronts; providing for the future expiration and
447 reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the
448 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use
449 certain funds for a specified purpose; providing for
450 future expiration; amending s. 403.0673, F.S.;

451 extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds
452 appropriated for the water quality improvement grant
453 program be used in a specified manner; amending s.
454 375.041, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a
455 requirement that funds be appropriated as provided in
456 the General Appropriations Act; authorizing the
457 Department of Citrus to lease a facility that meets
458 certain requirements and to administer a program for
459 specified purposes; providing for future expiration;
460 prohibiting certain entities from adopting or
461 enforcing certain ordinances relating to battery
462 recycling and disposal until a specified study has
463 been produced; providing for future expiration;
464 amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal
465 year a requirement that the use of funds in the
466 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane
467 Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending
468 for 1 year the expiration of a specified program;
469 authorizing the Department of Transportation to
470 realign or increase certain budget authority and to
471 requires additional budget authority for specified
472 purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s.
473 288.0655, F.S.; extending for fiscal 1 year a
474 requirement that certain appropriated funds relating
475 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a

476 specified manner; authorizing the Division of
477 Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to
478 increase budget authority for certain expenditures;
479 providing for future expiration; reenacting s.
480 443.1113(4) and (5), F.S., relating to the
481 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
482 Information System; providing for the future
483 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
484 reenacting and amending s. 445.08, F.S.; revising the
485 definition of the term "newly employed officer";
486 extending for 1 year the expiration of the Florida Law
487 Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program;
488 amending s. 282.201, F.S.; extending for one year an
489 exemption from state date center requirements for the
490 Division of Emergency Management; authorizing the
491 Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments,
492 subject to certain requirements to increase authority
493 to support a specified federal program; providing for
494 future expiration; creating s. 334.64, F.S.; providing
495 that the Department of Transportation is the primary
496 point of contact for procurement and cost-sharing
497 related to specified information systems and sharing;
498 authorizing the department to enter into specified
499 agreements with certain entities; authorizing the
500 department to adopt rules; providing for future

501 expiration; amending s. 215.001, F.S.; defining the
502 term "conviction"; revising qualifications for Florida
503 State Guard applicants; revising requirements for
504 membership of a specified unit within the Florida
505 State Guard; providing for the future expiration and
506 reversion of specified statutory text; requiring the
507 Department of Management Services to assess an
508 administrative health insurance assessment on each
509 state agency; providing the rate of such assessment;
510 defining the term "state agency"; requiring the
511 Department of Management Services to take certain
512 actions in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief
513 Financial Officer to transfer funds under specified
514 circumstances; requiring state agencies to provide a
515 list of positions that qualify for a certain exception
516 by a specified date and to update the list monthly
517 thereafter; requiring state agencies to include the
518 administrative health insurance assessment in their
519 indirect cost plan beginning for a specified fiscal
520 year and annually thereafter; requiring agencies to
521 notify the Department of Management Services, the
522 Executive Office of the Governor, and the Legislature
523 regarding the approval of their updated indirect cost
524 plans; authorizing the Executive Office of the
525 Governor to transfer budget authority between agencies

526 | in specified circumstances; providing for future
527 | expiration; providing that the annual salaries of the
528 | members of the Legislature be maintained at a
529 | specified level for a specified fiscal year; providing
530 | for future expiration; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b),
531 | F.S., relating to the authorization for transferring
532 | unappropriated cash balances from selected trust funds
533 | to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue
534 | Fund; providing for future expiration and reversion of
535 | specific statutory text; requiring per diem and
536 | subsistence allowance rates for state employee travel
537 | to be established by each state agency or the judicial
538 | branch; prohibiting such rates from exceeding a
539 | specified rate; providing for future expiration;
540 | requiring mileage allowance for state employee travel
541 | to be established by each state agency or the judicial
542 | branch; prohibiting such allowance from exceeding a
543 | specified rate; providing for future expiration;
544 | specifying the type of travel which may be used with
545 | state employee travel funds for a specified fiscal
546 | year; providing exceptions; requiring reporting in
547 | specified circumstances; providing applicability;
548 | providing for future expiration; prohibiting lodging
549 | costs associated with specified events organized or
550 | sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch

551 from exceeding a specified amount; providing
552 exceptions; providing for future expiration; amending
553 s. 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the
554 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to
555 approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital
556 outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending
557 for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain
558 transfers; authorizing ate agencies to purchase
559 certain vehicles from nonstate term contact vendors if
560 specified conditions are met; providing for future
561 expiration; amending s. 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1
562 year certain state agency reporting requirements
563 regarding implementation of legislation; amending s.
564 216.013, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year an
565 exception from certain planning requirements; amending
566 s. 216.023, F.S.; providing that certain entities are
567 not required to develop specified cost summaries;
568 providing for future expiration; extending for 1 year
569 a requirement that certain entities include a
570 specified inventory in their legislative budget
571 requests; providing that the use of state funds must
572 be consistent with specified principles of individual
573 freedom; prohibiting a state agency from using state
574 funds to contract with an advertising agency or other
575 contractor who acts as or uses the services of media

576 reliability and bias monitors; defining the term
577 "media reliability and bias monitor"; amending s.
578 440.13, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of
579 certain reimbursement allowances; providing that the
580 Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature
581 are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex;
582 prohibiting the interior space allotted to each tenant
583 as of a specified date from being reduced or moved
584 without the tenant's express consent; requiring the
585 Legislature to have the right of first refusal if
586 certain space becomes available; requiring the
587 Department of Management Services to coordinate with
588 specified entities before planning or scheduling any
589 projects in the Capitol Center; requiring the office
590 to solicit specified feedback in carrying out the
591 provisions of the Capitol Center long-range planning;
592 prohibiting certain parking spaces from being reduced
593 or reassigned without the express consent of the
594 Legislature; providing for future expiration;
595 requiring certain information technology funds be held
596 in reserve; authorizing specified agencies to submit
597 budget amendments to request the release for funds;
598 providing requirements for such requests; providing
599 for future expiration; requiring specified agencies
600 contract with an independent verification and

601 validation provider for specified purposes; providing
602 contractual requirements for such services; providing
603 for future expiration; providing conditions under
604 which the veto of certain appropriations or proviso
605 language in the General Appropriations Act voids
606 language that implements such appropriation; providing
607 for the continued operation of certain provisions
608 notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided
609 by the act; providing for construction of the act in
610 pari materia with laws enacted during the 2026 Regular
611 Session of the Legislature; providing for
612 severability; providing for contingent retroactivity;
613 providing effective dates.

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

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

620 Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
621 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
622 the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for
623 the 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled
624 "Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program
625 (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 26, 2026, and filed

626 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are incorporated
627 by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used
628 by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state
629 law, in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance
630 Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

631 Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 80
632 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the school
633 readiness reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year
634 included in the document titled "School Readiness Program
635 Reimbursement Rates Fiscal Year 2026-2027," dated May 26, 2026,
636 and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are
637 incorporated by reference, consistent with the requirements of
638 state law, in making appropriations for the school readiness
639 program allocation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

640 Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5
641 and 88 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph
642 (a) of subsection (4), paragraph (b) of subsection (6),
643 paragraph (b) of subsection (16), and subsection (19) of section
644 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

645 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual
646 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
647 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
648 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
649 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
650 follows:

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

658 (a) Estimated taxable value calculations.—

659 1.a. Not later than 2 working days before July 19, the
660 Department of Revenue shall certify to the Commissioner of
661 Education its most recent estimate of the taxable value for
662 school purposes in each school district and the total for all
663 school districts in the state for the current calendar year
664 based on the latest available data obtained from the local
665 property appraisers. The value certified shall be the taxable
666 value for school purposes for that year, and no further
667 adjustments shall be made, except those made pursuant to
668 paragraphs (c) and (d), or an assessment roll change required by
669 final judicial decisions as specified in paragraph (15)(b). Not
670 later than July 19, the Commissioner of Education shall compute
671 a millage rate, rounded to the next highest one one-thousandth
672 of a mill, which, when applied to 96 percent of the estimated
673 state total taxable value for school purposes, would generate
674 the prescribed aggregate required local effort for that year for
675 all districts. The Commissioner of Education shall certify to

676 each district school board the millage rate, computed as
677 prescribed in this subparagraph, as the minimum millage rate
678 necessary to provide the district required local effort for that
679 year.

680 b. The General Appropriations Act shall direct the
681 computation of the statewide adjusted aggregate amount for
682 required local effort for all school districts collectively from
683 ad valorem taxes to ensure that no school district's revenue
684 from required local effort millage will produce more than 85 ~~90~~
685 percent of the district's total Florida Education Finance
686 Program calculation as calculated and adopted by the
687 Legislature, and the adjustment of the required local effort
688 millage rate of each district that produces more than 85 ~~90~~
689 percent of its total Florida Education Finance Program
690 entitlement to a level that will produce only 85 ~~90~~ percent of
691 its total Florida Education Finance Program entitlement in the
692 July calculation.

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

696 a. Each year for which the property appraiser has
697 certified the taxable value pursuant to s. 193.122(2) or (3), if
698 applicable, since the prior certification under sub-subparagraph
699 1.a.

700 b. For each year identified in sub-subparagraph a., the

701 taxable value certified by the appraiser pursuant to s.
702 193.122(2) or (3), if applicable, since the prior certification
703 under sub-subparagraph 1.a. This is the certification that
704 reflects all final administrative actions of the value
705 adjustment board.

706 (6) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY CONTRIBUTION.—The state-
707 funded discretionary contribution is created to fund the
708 nonvoted discretionary millage for operations pursuant to s.
709 1011.71(1) and (3) for developmental research schools (lab
710 schools) established in s. 1002.32, charter schools sponsored by
711 a Florida College System institution or a state university
712 pursuant to s. 1002.33(5), and the Florida Virtual School
713 established in s. 1002.37.

714 (b) To calculate the state-funded discretionary
715 contribution for a charter school sponsored by a Florida College
716 System institution or a state university and the Florida Virtual
717 School, multiply the maximum allowable nonvoted discretionary
718 millage for operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) by the
719 value of 96 percent of the current year's taxable value for
720 school purposes for the state; divide the result by the total
721 full-time equivalent membership of the state; and multiply the
722 result by the full-time equivalent membership of the charter
723 school sponsored by a Florida College System institution or
724 state university or of the Florida Virtual School.

725 (16) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY SUPPLEMENT.—

726 (b) The state-funded discretionary supplement shall be
727 recalculated during the fiscal year based on actual full-time
728 equivalent student membership. If the recalculated amount is
729 greater than the amount provided in the General Appropriations
730 Act, the allocation shall be prorated to the level provided to
731 support the appropriation, based on each school district's
732 proportionate share of the total allocation.

733 (19) EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM.—

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

738 1. The number of weighted full-time equivalent Family
739 Empowerment Scholarship students included in the school
740 district's total weighted full-time equivalent membership is
741 greater than the number of such students provided in the General
742 Appropriations Act and the school district's amount of funds per
743 weighted full-time equivalent student is less than the amount of
744 such funds provided in the General Appropriations Act;

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

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

751 4. A school district has entered a state of financial
752 emergency and a financial emergency board has been appointed by
753 the State Board of Education. Any funds provided pursuant to
754 this subparagraph are supplemental and may not be added to the
755 district's total Florida Education Finance Program funds for any
756 future recalculation ~~to maintain the stability of the operations~~
757 ~~of public schools in each school district and to protect~~
758 ~~districts, including charter schools, from financial instability~~
759 ~~as a result of changes in full-time equivalent student~~
760 ~~enrollment throughout the school year.~~

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

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

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

770 a. Subtract from the current number of weighted full-time
771 equivalent Family Empowerment Scholarship students the
772 appropriated number of weighted full-time equivalent Family
773 Empowerment Scholarship students.

774 b. Subtract from the appropriated amount of funds per
775 weighted full-time equivalent student the current amount of

776 funds per weighted full-time equivalent student.

777 c. If both amounts calculated in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.
778 and 1.b. are greater than zero, multiply the difference
779 calculated in sub-subparagraph 1.a. by the appropriated amount
780 of funds per weighted full-time equivalent student and multiply
781 the difference calculated in sub-subparagraph 1.b. by the
782 current number of weighted full-time equivalent students.

783 d. The lesser of the two amounts calculated in sub-
784 paragraph 1.c. equals the amount of the school district's
785 program funding.

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

788 a. If the state-funded discretionary supplement is
789 prorated in the current calculation of the Florida Education
790 Finance Program, subtract the amount of the supplement from the
791 amount of the supplement prior to proration.

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

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

796 a. Subtract the number of current school district weighted
797 full-time equivalent students from the number of school district
798 weighted full-time equivalent students provided in the General
799 Appropriations Act.

800 b. Multiply 25 percent of the difference calculated in

801 sub-subparagraph 3.a. by the comparable wage factor, multiplied
802 by the small district factor, multiplied by the current year
803 base student allocation in the Florida Education Finance
804 Program.

805 4. The amount of funds for each school district based on
806 subparagraph (a)4. shall be the amount necessary to increase the
807 school district's unreserved general fund balance to 3 percent
808 general fund revenues.

809 (d) In addition to the amount of funds provided pursuant
810 to subparagraph (a)4., if any, the total amount of funding a
811 school district receives from the educational enrollment
812 stabilization program is the sum of sub-subparagraph (c)3.b and
813 the greater of sub-subparagraph (c)1.d. or sub-subparagraph
814 (c)2.b.

815 (e) The total amount of funding for the educational
816 enrollment stabilization program is the sum of the amounts
817 calculated per school district pursuant to paragraph (d). If
818 this amount exceeds the appropriated amount for the program,
819 each school district's allocation shall be prorated based on its
820 proportionate share of the calculated amount.

821 (f) The funding for the educational enrollment
822 stabilization program shall be recalculated during the fiscal
823 year based on actual full-time equivalent student membership and
824 the Legislature shall maintain a projected minimum balance of
825 \$250 million at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year. ~~The~~

826 ~~Department of Education shall use funds as appropriated to~~
827 ~~ensure that based on each recalculation of the Florida Education~~
828 ~~Finance Program pursuant to paragraph (1) (a), a school~~
829 ~~district's funds per unweighted full-time equivalent student are~~
830 ~~not less than the greater of either the school district's funds~~
831 ~~per unweighted full-time equivalent student as appropriated in~~
832 ~~the General Appropriations Act or the school district's funds~~
833 ~~per unweighted full-time equivalent student as recalculated~~
834 ~~based upon the receipt of the certified taxable value for school~~
835 ~~purposes pursuant to s. 1011.62(4).~~

836 (g) ~~(e)~~ Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s.
837 216.351, the unexpended balance of funds appropriated pursuant
838 to this subsection which is not disbursed by June 30 of the
839 fiscal year in which the funds are appropriated may be carried
840 forward for up to 10 years after the effective date of the
841 original appropriation.

842 Section 5. The amendments to s. 1011.62(4) (a), (6) (b),
843 (16) (b) and (19), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July
844 1, 2027, and the text of those paragraphs and subsection, as
845 applicable, shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,
846 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
847 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
848 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
849 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

850 Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

851 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
852 and notwithstanding s. 1011.62(17)(f)1., Florida Statutes, for
853 purposes of calculating the academic acceleration options
854 supplement, a value of 0.025 is assigned to each elementary and
855 middle school grade student who earns a CAPE Digital Tool
856 certificate in the 2026-2027 school year. This section expires
857 July 1, 2027.

858 Section 7. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
859 134 through 136 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

860 (1) On or before September 1, 2026, the Department of
861 Education, through a request for information, as defined in s.
862 287.012(22), Florida Statutes, that has been reviewed and
863 approved by the chair of the House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee
864 and the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee on PreK-12
865 Education must seek information from interested parties who can
866 provide a statewide data interoperability platform for use in
867 the administration of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program
868 established by s. 1002.394, Florida Statutes, that meets the
869 requirements of subsection (2). The department must submit the
870 request for information for such review and approval on or
871 before August 14, 2026.

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

874 (a) Use nationally-recognized education data standards for
875 the secure and confidential exchange of student data among

876 entities participating in the administration of the Family
877 Empowerment Scholarship Program.

878 (b) Provide an automated reconciliation process for
879 identifying students reported by an eligible nonprofit
880 scholarship-funding organization and a school district or the
881 Florida Virtual School and students previously determined
882 ineligible. The process must cross-check the scholarship payment
883 file that includes the applicants verified as eligible to
884 receive a quarterly scholarship payment against the student
885 attendance records and reports data required by s. 1003.23,
886 Florida Statutes, maintained by school districts, including the
887 Florida Virtual School.

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

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

894 (e) Provide to the department, prior to the quarterly
895 payment deadlines established in s. 1002.394(12), Florida
896 Statutes, the list of cross-checked scholarship students
897 determined eligible to receive scholarship funds. Cross-checked
898 scholarship students determined eligible to receive scholarship
899 funds only includes the students reported for funding by an
900 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization and are not

901 reported in attendance at a public school in the state by a
902 school district or the Florida Virtual School; or if reported by
903 a school district or the Florida Virtual School, have submitted
904 a completed standard withdrawal form.

905 (f) Comply with all applicable state and federal data
906 privacy requirements, including the Family Educational Rights
907 and Privacy Act (FERPA) and s. 1006.1494, Florida Statutes, and
908 must allow the Department of Education and the school districts
909 to retain authority over student data.

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

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

915 Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
916 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
917 and notwithstanding s. 1012.22(1)(c)5.b., Florida Statutes, and
918 the flush left provision of s. 1012.22(1)(c)5., Florida
919 Statutes, a school district or charter school must provide the
920 salary increases as specified in Specific Appropriation 88 of
921 the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Florida Education Finance Program.
922 This section expires July 1, 2027.

923 Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
924 102 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a)
925 of subsection (2) of section 1001.451, Florida Statutes, is

926 amended to read:

927 1001.451 Regional consortium service organizations.—In
928 order to provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of
929 students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the
930 development of new programs and services:

931 (2) (a) Each regional consortium service organization that
932 consists of four or more school districts is eligible to
933 receive, ~~through the Department of Education, subject to the~~
934 ~~funds provided in the General Appropriations Act,~~ an incentive
935 grant based on an amount specified in the General Appropriations
936 Act, of \$50,000 per school district and eligible member to be
937 used for the delivery of services within the participating
938 school districts and members. The determination of services and
939 use of such funds shall be established by the board of directors
940 of the regional consortium service organization. The funds shall
941 be distributed to each regional consortium service organization
942 no later than 30 days following the release of the funds to the
943 department.

944 Section 10. The amendments to s. 1001.451(2)(a), Florida
945 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of
946 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
947 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
948 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
949 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
950 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

951 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
952 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
953 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 5 of chapter
954 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 1011.45,
955 Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is reenacted,
956 to read:

957 1011.45 End of year balance of funds.—Unexpended amounts
958 in any fund in a university current year operating budget shall
959 be carried forward and included as the balance forward for that
960 fund in the approved operating budget for the following year.

961 (3) A university's carry forward spending plan must
962 include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a
963 timeline for completion of the expenditure. A carry forward
964 spending plan may include retention of the carry forward balance
965 as a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses in
966 subsequent years. For any annual reserve balance in excess of
967 the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to
968 subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward
969 spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the
970 university's 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year state operating
971 fund carry forward balance to fund a public education capital
972 outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been
973 provided which requires additional funds for completion and
974 which is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12)(d) or
975 for deferred building maintenance expenses. The carry forward

976 spending plan must identify the specific public education
977 capital outlay project and the amount the university will
978 contribute toward the fixed capital outlay project pursuant to
979 s. 1001.706(12) (d) or specific deferred maintenance project.
980 Authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may
981 include:

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

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

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

992 (d) Completion of a repair or replacement project
993 necessary due to damage caused by a natural disaster for
994 buildings included in the inventory required pursuant to s.
995 1013.31;

996 (e) Operating expenditures that support the university's
997 mission;

998 (f) Any purpose specified by the board or in the General
999 Appropriations Act, including the requirements in s.
1000 1001.706(12) (c) or similar requirements pursuant to Board of

1001 Governors regulations;

1002 (g) A commitment of funds to a contingency reserve for
1003 expenses incurred as a result of a state of emergency declared
1004 by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36; and

1005 (h) Deferred building maintenance expenses for the
1006 maintenance, repair, and renovation of projects to improve the
1007 health and safety of such facilities.

1008 (5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to
1009 subsection (1) must provide detailed documentation of
1010 expenditures that the university applied toward the prior year
1011 carry forward spending plan.

1012 Section 12. The text of s. 1011.45(5), Florida Statutes,
1013 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by
1014 this act and the text of s. 1011.45(3), as amended by this act,
1015 expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall
1016 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any
1017 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
1018 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
1019 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
1020 expire pursuant to this section.

1021 Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1022 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1023 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 7 of chapter
1024 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (18) of section 1009.26,
1025 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1026 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

1027 (18) (a) For every course in a Program of Strategic

1028 Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program

1029 identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in

1030 subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled and has out-of-

1031 pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other federal,

1032 state, and institutional gift aid is applied, a state university

1033 shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees of the student's

1034 out-of-pocket expenses for an equivalent course in such program

1035 for a student who:

1036 1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.

1037 2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a

1038 baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial

1039 enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.

1040 3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as

1041 adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher

1042 preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight

1043 Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology,

1044 engineering, or math; beginning with the 2022-2023 academic

1045 year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical

1046 workforce gap analysis category; and beginning with the 2023-

1047 2024 academic year, two state-approved teacher preparation

1048 programs for which a student may be eligible to receive the

1049 tuition and fee waiver authorized by this subsection. The

1050 programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of

1051 the state and be offered at a majority of state universities at
1052 the time the Board of Governors approves the list.

1053 (b) A waiver granted under this subsection is applicable
1054 only for upper-level courses and up to 110 percent of the number
1055 of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for
1056 which the student is enrolled. A student granted a waiver under
1057 this subsection shall continue receiving the waiver until the
1058 student graduates, exceeds the number of allowable credit hours,
1059 or withdraws from an eligible program, regardless of whether the
1060 program is removed from the approved list of eligible programs
1061 subsequent to the student's enrollment.

1062 (c) Each state university shall report to the Board of
1063 Governors the number and value of all waivers granted annually
1064 under this subsection. A state university in compliance with
1065 this subsection may earn incentive funding, subject to
1066 appropriation, in addition to the funding provided under s.
1067 1001.92.

1068 (d) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
1069 administer this subsection.

1070 Section 14. The text of s. 1009.26(18), Florida Statutes,
1071 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by
1072 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection
1073 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that
1074 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
1075 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such

1076 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
1077 expire pursuant to this section.

1078 Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1079 129 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1080 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 9 of chapter
1081 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is
1082 reenacted to read:

1083 1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.— The
1084 Institute for Freedom in the Americas is hereby created at Miami
1085 Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free society and
1086 promote democracy in the Americas. The institute shall be
1087 located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

1088 (1) Hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that
1089 provide networking opportunities for leaders throughout the
1090 region to gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy,
1091 including knowledge of and insight into the intellectual,
1092 political, and economic freedoms that are foundational to a
1093 democratic society.

1094 (2) Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center for
1095 Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic
1096 coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and
1097 economic and legal reforms.

1098 (3) Provide educational and experiential opportunities for
1099 regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and
1100 governance.

1101 Section 16. The text of s. 1004.89, Florida Statutes, as
1102 carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this
1103 act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall
1104 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any
1105 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
1106 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
1107 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
1108 expire pursuant to this section.

1109 Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1110 17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1111 notwithstanding s. 1001.706(7), Florida Statutes, a state
1112 university board of trustees that is beginning an approved
1113 capital outlay project with a health care provider may accept
1114 the health care provider's procurement methods and construction
1115 contracts entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care
1116 provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond
1117 issuance approved by the Board of Governors. This section
1118 expires July 1, 2027.

1119 Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1120 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1121 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
1122 Florida State University Board of Trustees may expend available
1123 reserves or carryforward balances from previous years'
1124 operational and programmatic appropriations toward the payment
1125 of the annual payment to the City of Tallahassee under the

1126 transfer of assets agreement for FSU Health. This section
1127 expires July 1, 2027.

1128 Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1129 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1130 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
1131 Florida State University Board of Trustees may expend available
1132 reserves or carryforward balances from previous years'
1133 operational and programmatic appropriations for land
1134 acquisitions. Land purchased under this provision may
1135 subsequently be used in support of any element of an updated
1136 campus master plan. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1137 Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1138 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1139 notwithstanding ss. 1011.45 and 1012.975, Florida Statutes, the
1140 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees
1141 may expend available reserves or carry forward balances from
1142 previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations, or
1143 other available reserves or balances from funds not appropriated
1144 from the General Revenue Fund, from state trust funds, or from
1145 tuition and fees, for the remuneration of the President of
1146 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This section
1147 expires July 1, 2027.

1148 Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1149 129 and 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1150 notwithstanding s. 1007.55, Florida Statutes, in performing the

1151 duties under ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25, Florida Statutes, by
1152 December 1, 2026, the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall
1153 submit to the State Board of Education and the Board of
1154 Governors courses that have been approved by public
1155 postsecondary educational institutions as meeting general
1156 education requirements. The listing of general education courses
1157 must include the information in s. 1007.55(2)(a), (b), and (c),
1158 Florida Statutes. The State Board of Education and the Board of
1159 Governors must approve, reject, or amend the list of general
1160 education courses for each Florida College System institution
1161 and state university, respectively. This section expires July 1,
1162 2027.

1163 Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1164 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (8)
1165 is added to section 1011.90, Florida Statutes, to read:

1166 1011.90 State university funding.—

1167 (8) State funds may be used in support of the requirements
1168 of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and s. 1006.71
1169 for construction, maintenance, and capital needs. This
1170 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

1171 Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1172 16A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c)
1173 of subsection (18) of section 1001.03, Florida Statutes, is
1174 amended to read:

1175 1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

1176 (18) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The State Board of
1177 Education shall develop and submit the prioritized list required
1178 by s. 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall
1179 be chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include
1180 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and
1181 the top two priorities of each Florida College System
1182 institution.

1183 (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project
1184 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year shall
1185 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required
1186 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

1187 1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow
1188 account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited
1189 each year an amount of funds equal to 0.5 percent of the total
1190 value of the building for future maintenance;

1191 2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and
1192 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference
1193 to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education
1194 Capital Outlay funding cycle; and

1195 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s.
1196 1013.31.

1197 Section 24. The amendment to s. 1001.03(18)(c), Florida
1198 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of
1199 that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,
1200 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by

1201 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
1202 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
1203 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

1204 Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1205 17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of
1206 subsection (12) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is
1207 amended to read:

1208 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

1209 (12) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL OUTLAY.—The Board of
1210 Governors shall submit the prioritized list as required by s.
1211 1013.64(4). Projects considered for prioritization shall be
1212 chosen from a preliminary selection group which shall include
1213 the list of projects maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) and
1214 the top two priorities of each state university.

1215 (c) A new construction, remodeling, or renovation project
1216 that has not received an appropriation in a previous year shall
1217 not be considered for inclusion on the prioritized list required
1218 by s. 1013.64(4), unless:

1219 1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow
1220 account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited
1221 each year an amount of funds equal to 1 percent of the total
1222 value of the building for future maintenance;

1223 2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and
1224 bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference
1225 to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education

1226 Capital Outlay funding cycle; and

1227 3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s.

1228 1013.31.

1229 Section 26. The amendment to s. 1001.706(12)(c), Florida
1230 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of
1231 that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026,
1232 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
1233 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
1234 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
1235 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

1236 Section 27. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1237 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)
1238 of section 1011.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1239 1011.47 Auxiliary enterprises; contracts, grants, and
1240 donations.—As used in s. 19(f)(3), Art. III of the State
1241 Constitution, the term:

1242 (1) (a) "Auxiliary enterprises" includes activities that
1243 directly or indirectly provide a product or a service, or both,
1244 to a university or its students, faculty, or staff and for which
1245 a charge is made. These auxiliary enterprises are business
1246 activities of a university which require no support from the
1247 General Revenue Fund, and include activities such as housing,
1248 bookstores, student health services, continuing education
1249 programs, food services, college stores, operation of vending
1250 machines, specialty shops, day care centers, golf courses,

1251 student activities programs, data center operations, and
1252 intercollegiate athletics programs.

1253 (b) Each university board of trustees may determine
1254 whether its auxiliary services, including intercollegiate
1255 athletics programs, will be self-supporting on an individual or
1256 collective basis. A university board of trustees may approve the
1257 transfer of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to
1258 support another auxiliary enterprise as long as such transfer
1259 does not reduce revenues necessary to cover all expenditures of
1260 the auxiliary enterprise nor violate any bond covenants or
1261 impact debt service payments and required reserves. Transfers
1262 made under this paragraph shall be reported to the Board of
1263 Governors annually. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

1264 Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1265 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1266 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1267 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1268 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
1269 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
1270 within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address
1271 projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to
1272 maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment
1273 shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal
1274 year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1275 Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

1276 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
 1277 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
 1278 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
 1279 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
 1280 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
 1281 within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories to
 1282 address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or
 1283 to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget
 1284 amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter
 1285 of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1,
 1286 2027.

1287 Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 1288 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 1289 subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1290 to read:

1291 381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

1292 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1,
 1293 2027 ~~2026~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This
 1294 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1295 Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 1296 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 1297 rule 64ER25-6, Florida Administrative Code, relating to
 1298 advertising and marketing by medical marijuana treatment
 1299 centers, is repealed. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1300 Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

1301 216, 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
1302 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a
1303 budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes,
1304 requesting additional spending authority to implement the
1305 federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals
1306 statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to
1307 Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education
1308 (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education
1309 program for certain institutions participating in a graduate
1310 medical education or nursing education program. The budget
1311 amendment must include written notice of approval from the
1312 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-
1313 directed payment. For institutions participating in the nursing
1314 workforce expansion and education program, the budget amendment
1315 must identify the educational institutions partnering with the
1316 teaching hospital. Institutions participating in the nursing
1317 workforce expansion and education program shall provide
1318 quarterly reports to the agency detailing the number of nurses
1319 participating in the program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1320 Section 33. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1321 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1322 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1323 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1324 additional spending authority to implement the federally
1325 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service

1326 supplemental payments for cancer hospitals that meet the
1327 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). The budget
1328 amendment must include written notice of approval from the
1329 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-
1330 directed payment. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1331 Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1332 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
1333 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1334 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1335 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool
1336 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance
1337 Demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the
1338 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget
1339 amendment must include an approved Reimbursement and Funding
1340 Methodology, the final terms and conditions of the Low Income
1341 Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a listing of
1342 entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to support the
1343 state match required. In addition, for each entity included in
1344 the distribution model, a signed attestation must be provided
1345 that includes the charity care cost upon which the Low Income
1346 Pool payment is based and an acknowledgment that should the
1347 distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low Income
1348 Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for returning
1349 that overpayment to the agency for return to the federal Centers
1350 for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires July 1,

1351 2027.

1352 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1353 222 and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
1354 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1355 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1356 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service
1357 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for
1358 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners
1359 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental
1360 school, or a public hospital. The budget amendment must include
1361 written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and
1362 Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. This
1363 section expires July 1, 2027.

1364 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1365 220, 223, and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1366 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1367 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1368 additional spending authority to implement a certified
1369 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation
1370 services. The budget amendment must include written notice of
1371 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1372 approving the state-directed payment. This section expires July
1373 1, 2027.

1374 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1375 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and

1376 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1377 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1378 amendment subject to the notice, review, and objection
1379 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, requesting
1380 additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate
1381 Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a
1382 proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities
1383 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public
1384 expenditures to support the state match required. This section
1385 expires July 1, 2027.

1386 Section 38. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1387 217 and 219 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
1388 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
1389 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1390 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service
1391 inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty
1392 hospitals as defined in s. 395.002(28), Florida Statutes,
1393 providing comprehensive acute care services to children with
1394 Medicaid inpatient utilization equal to or greater than 50
1395 percent and located in a county with greater than 250,000
1396 Medicaid enrollees in 2023. The budget amendment must include
1397 written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and
1398 Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. This
1399 section expires July 1, 2027.

1400 Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

1401 201 and 228 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1402 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1403 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget
1404 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
1405 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
1406 authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program.
1407 This section expires July 1, 2027.

1408 Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1409 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

1410 (1) The Applied Behavior Analysis Task Force, a task force
1411 as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within
1412 the Agency for Health Care Administration to evaluate the
1413 delivery of applied behavior analysis services in a manner that
1414 promotes high-quality, family-centered care while ensuring long-
1415 term financial sustainability of the Medicaid program and cost
1416 predictability without disrupting access for current enrollees
1417 and families.

1418 (2) The task force shall evaluate:

1419 (a) Clinical care models that lead to best practices for
1420 the provision of therapy at the appropriate ages;

1421 (b) Appropriate transitions for enrollees receiving ABA
1422 services across developmental, educational, and community
1423 settings;

1424 (c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;

1425 (d) Limits and utilization controls related to the length

1426 of time applied behavior analysis (ABA) services may be
1427 authorized;

1428 (e) Potential caps on the number of months an enrollee may
1429 receive ABA services; and

1430 (f) Ways to enhance Medicaid provider enrollment and
1431 billing standards for ABA services to promote program integrity
1432 and fiscal accountability.

1433 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for
1434 revising the state's service delivery model to improve care
1435 experience and service continuity for enrollees and families
1436 receiving ABA services, while safeguarding long-term program
1437 sustainability.

1438 (4) The task force shall consist of 10 members as provided
1439 in this subsection.

1440 (a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or
1441 her designee, shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of
1442 the task force and shall serve as the chair.

1443 (b) The remainder of the task force membership shall be
1444 composed as follows:

1445 1. Two members appointed by the Governor, three members
1446 appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members
1447 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, based
1448 upon the criteria of this subparagraph. The appointing officers
1449 must make their appointments prioritizing members who have the
1450 following experience or expertise:

1451 a. Persons with academic credentials or scientific
1452 expertise relating to autism and ABA;

1453 b. Representatives of the ABA provider community;

1454 c. Representatives of Medicaid managed care plans with
1455 managerial experience and expertise relating to autism and ABA;

1456 or

1457 d. Physicians licensed under chapter 458, Florida
1458 Statutes, or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, with expertise
1459 relating to autism and ABA.

1460 2. One family member of a Medicaid managed care plan
1461 enrollee who receives ABA services, appointed by the Governor.

1462 (c) The Secretary of Health Care Administration shall
1463 coordinate with the appointing officers to ensure the task
1464 force's membership adequately represents the criteria provided
1465 under paragraph (b).

1466 (d) Any vacancy occurring on the task force must be filled
1467 in the same manner as the original appointment.

1468 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration must provide
1469 staff support for the work of the task force, and staff from the
1470 Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families,
1471 the Department of Education, and the Agency for Persons with
1472 Disabilities may provide additional expertise.

1473 (6) Meetings of the task force may be held through
1474 teleconference or other electronic means. The task force shall
1475 convene for its initial meeting by August 15, 2026, and

1476 thereafter, upon the call of the chair. Notices for any task
1477 force meetings must be published in advance on the Agency for
1478 Health Care Administration's website.

1479 (7) Members of the task force shall serve without
1480 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as
1481 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

1482 (8) The task force shall report its findings and
1483 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
1484 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,
1485 2026. The report must include advantages and disadvantages of
1486 each recommendation.

1487 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1488 Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1489 339, 339B, 368, and 369 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
1490 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
1491 Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a
1492 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
1493 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
1494 within the department based on the implementation of the
1495 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific
1496 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care
1497 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,
1498 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,
1499 2027.

1500 Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

1501 209 through 211, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475,
1502 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General
1503 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
1504 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the
1505 Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care
1506 Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the
1507 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
1508 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee
1509 programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee
1510 Resettlement. The Department of Children and Families shall
1511 submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the
1512 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1513 House of Representatives on the number of refugees entering the
1514 state, the nations of origin of such refugees, and current
1515 expenditure projections. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1516 Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1517 295 through 390 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1518 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1519 Department of Children and Families may submit budget
1520 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
1521 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
1522 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the
1523 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Grant Program, the Summer
1524 Electronic Benefit Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the
1525 State Opioid Response Grant, the Substance Use Prevention and

1526 Treatment Block Grant, the Chafee Grant for Independent Living
1527 Services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B
1528 Subparts 1 and 2 Grants, Elder Justice Act, STOP Violence
1529 Against Women Grant, the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing
1530 Grant, and the Mental Health Block Grant. This section expires
1531 July 1, 2027.

1532 Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1533 250, 254, and 267 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1534 and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 32 of chapter
1535 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of section 393.066,
1536 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1537 393.066 Community services and treatment.—

1538 (2) Necessary services shall be purchased, rather than
1539 provided directly by the agency, when the purchase of services
1540 is more cost-efficient than providing them directly. All
1541 purchased services must be approved by the agency. As a
1542 condition of payment and before billing, persons or entities
1543 under contract with the agency to provide services shall use
1544 agency data management systems to document service provision to
1545 clients or shall maintain such information in its own data
1546 management system and electronically transmit it to the agency
1547 data management system in an industry standard electronic format
1548 designated by the agency. The agency may not require training on
1549 the use of agency data management systems by persons or entities
1550 that choose to maintain data in their own data management

1551 system, provided that they electronically transmit required
 1552 information in a format and frequency designated by the agency.
 1553 Contracted persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware
 1554 and software technical requirements established by the agency
 1555 for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also
 1556 meet any requirements established by the agency for training and
 1557 professional development of staff providing direct services to
 1558 clients.

1559 Section 45. The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes,
 1560 as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by
 1561 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection
 1562 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that
 1563 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
 1564 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
 1565 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
 1566 expire pursuant to this section.

1567 Section 46. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in
 1568 order to implement Specific Appropriations 373 through 390 of
 1569 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of
 1570 subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1571 to read:

1572 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

1573 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

1574 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-~~
 1575 ~~2026~~ fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward documented

1576 unexpended funds appropriated for Non-Qualified Counties from
1577 the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the
1578 next. Funds carried forward pursuant to this paragraph are not
1579 included in the 8 percent cumulative cap that may be carried
1580 forward. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1581 Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1582 324A, 339, 339B, 368, 369, and 384A of the 2026-2027 General
1583 Appropriations Act, subsection (10) is added to section
1584 409.9913, Florida Statutes, to read:

1585 409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead
1586 agencies.—

1587 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, core
1588 services funding shall be allocated as provided in the General
1589 Appropriations Act. The department shall use the tiered funding
1590 methodology developed and submitted to the Legislature pursuant
1591 to section 34 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, as the
1592 baseline framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements
1593 to the model and shall continue to collect detailed cost,
1594 expenditure, and census data from community-based care lead
1595 agencies.

1596 (a) Each lead agency shall submit any cost, expenditure,
1597 and census data requested by the department to support the
1598 continued development and refinement of the tiered funding
1599 methodology. Lead agencies shall complete and validate a
1600 standardized expenditure report template in the form and manner

1601 prescribed by the department.

1602 (b) The department shall conduct ongoing performance
1603 monitoring by comparing trends in individual metrics against
1604 broader indicators of system health and shall analyze emerging
1605 market trends that may impact organizational financial
1606 stability. The department's analysis and reporting shall include
1607 a comprehensive explanation of the methodology used to establish
1608 residential group home rates, a description of the current rate-
1609 setting processes employed by each community-based care lead
1610 agency, and recommendations to enhance the fiscal sustainability
1611 and transparency of those processes.

1612 (c) Beginning in July 2026 and continuing through November
1613 2026, the department shall provide monthly status reports to the
1614 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
1615 House of Representatives detailing activities and progress
1616 related to the development of the funding methodology, including
1617 preliminary recommendations for adjustments for the subsequent
1618 fiscal year.

1619 (d) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a
1620 final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
1621 the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes
1622 recommendations for adjustments to the funding methodology for
1623 the next fiscal year. The recommendations shall continue the
1624 tiered funding methodology approach while proposing enhancements
1625 intended to strengthen operational and financial outcomes.

1626 (e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.
1627 Section 48. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1628 324A, 339, 339B, and 384A and section 93 of the 2026-2027
1629 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added to section
1630 409.990, Florida Statutes, to read:
1631 409.990 Funding for lead agencies.—A contract established
1632 between the department and a lead agency must be funded by a
1633 grant of general revenue, other applicable state funds, or
1634 applicable federal funding sources.
1635 (9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a
1636 lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of
1637 July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. By August 1,
1638 2026, the department must report to the chair of the Senate
1639 Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of
1640 Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of
1641 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget the amount of funds
1642 returned by each lead agency. The funds returned shall be held
1643 in reserve and the Department of Children and Families may
1644 submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216 requesting
1645 release of funds in amounts necessary to satisfy fourth quarter
1646 payment obligations to community-based care lead agencies or
1647 address potential revenue shortfalls associated with declining
1648 Title IV-E eligibility within the state's foster care
1649 population. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.
1650 Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations

1651 465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1652 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1653 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to
1654 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
1655 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
1656 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
1657 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal
1658 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This
1659 section expires July 1, 2027.

1660 Section 50. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1661 476 and 526 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1662 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1663 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to
1664 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
1665 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS
1666 Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues
1667 specific to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available
1668 in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1669 Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1670 432 through 593 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1671 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1672 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to
1673 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
1674 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
1675 department if additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19

1676 relief funds become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This
1677 section expires July 1, 2027.

1678 Section 52. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1679 203 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1680 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Agency for
1681 Health Care Administration shall immediately suspend all
1682 development activities related to the modular replacement of the
1683 Florida Medicaid Management Information System, referred to as
1684 the Florida Health Care Connections Project (FX), for any system
1685 components, modules, or functionality that have not yet achieved
1686 operational status and federal certification where applicable;
1687 provided, however, that system components that are currently
1688 certified and operational shall continue to be maintained and
1689 supported to ensure uninterrupted service delivery. This section
1690 expires July 1, 2027.

1691 Section 53. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1692 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027
1693 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care
1694 Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health,
1695 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of
1696 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall
1697 competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for
1698 these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological
1699 products excluded from the program established under s.
1700 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s.

1701 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The
1702 contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these
1703 products for participating agencies when feasible and
1704 advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a
1705 contingency basis, paid from a portion of the savings achieved
1706 by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs
1707 and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

1708 Section 54. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1709 238 through 245 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1710 notwithstanding ss. 408.040(2) and 408.808(3), Florida Statutes:

1711 (1) (a) An inactive license or a partially inactive license
1712 with an expiration date on or after June 1, 2024, may be issued
1713 or renewed to a skilled nursing provider subject to the
1714 certificate-of-need provisions in part I of chapter 408, Florida
1715 Statutes, if the provider currently holds an active or inactive
1716 license, does not have a provisional license, and will be
1717 temporarily unable to provide services due to impacts from a
1718 natural disaster or state of emergency; or will be deactivating
1719 or has deactivated beds to improve and modernize the licensees
1720 physical plant, but is reasonably expected to resume services
1721 within 48 months.

1722 (b) Such issuance or renewal may be made for a period of
1723 12 months and may be further renewed for up to 36 additional
1724 months upon demonstration by the licensee of the provider's
1725 progress toward reopening. During each 12-month renewal cycle,

1726 the applicant shall attest that good-faith progress towards
1727 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is
1728 delayed by litigation or by governmental action or inaction with
1729 respect to regulations or permitting that precludes commencement
1730 of the project.

1731 (2) (a) The certificate-of-need validity period for a
1732 project shall be extended by the agency if the certificateholder
1733 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the agency that good-faith
1734 progress toward the commencement of the project is ongoing or
1735 that the project is delayed by litigation or by government
1736 action or inaction with respect to regulations or permitting
1737 that precludes commencement of the project.

1738 (b) Such extension may be made for a period of 12 months
1739 and may be renewed for up to 36 additional months upon
1740 demonstration by the certificateholder of the progress towards
1741 opening. During each 12-month validity period renewal cycle, the
1742 certificateholder shall attest that good-faith progress towards
1743 commencement of the project is ongoing or that the project is
1744 being delayed by litigation or by governmental action or
1745 inaction.

1746 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

1747 Section 55. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1748 272, 277, 278, 283, 288, and 289 of the 2026-2027 General
1749 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
1750 Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may

1751 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
1752 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to
1753 transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation
1754 categories to categories used for contractual services in order
1755 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the
1756 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,
1757 2027.

1758 Section 56. In order to implement section 82 of the 2026-
1759 2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181
1760 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with
1761 Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the
1762 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
1763 Statutes, to request the appropriation of funds from the Lump
1764 Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address
1765 any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1,
1766 2027.

1767 Section 57. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1768 231 and 254 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1769 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1770 Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons
1771 with Disabilities may submit budget amendments, subject to the
1772 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
1773 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the
1774 action, to increase budget authority to support the
1775 implementation of the home and community-based services Medicaid

1776 waiver program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This
1777 section expires July 1, 2027.

1778 Section 58. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1779 594 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1780 notwithstanding chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of
1781 Veterans' Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to
1782 Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting the authority
1783 to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the
1784 Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and
1785 Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide a necessary salary rate
1786 sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing
1787 homes, if the department projects that additional direct care
1788 staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio. This
1789 section expires July 1, 2027.

1790 Section 59. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1791 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1792 subsection (1) of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended
1793 to read:

1794 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the
1795 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of
1796 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state
1797 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to
1798 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

1799 (1) (a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid
1800 expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds

1801 for the federal Medicaid program.

1802 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by
1803 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share
1804 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.
1805 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1806 Section 60. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1807 594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
1808 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,
1809 the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to:

1810 (1) Expend funds pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement
1811 between the department and the Collier County Board of County
1812 Commissioners, as well as funds appropriated in chapter 2023-
1813 239, Laws of Florida, for the planning and construction of a new
1814 State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Center in
1815 Collier County.

1816 (2) Apply for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
1817 Construction Grant for the Collier County State Veterans'
1818 Nursing Home.

1819 (3) Submit budget amendments subject to the notice,
1820 review, and objection procedures in s. 216.177, Florida
1821 Statutes, subject to federal approval, requesting additional
1822 spending authority to support the development and construction
1823 of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care
1824 Center in Collier County.

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1826 This section expires July 1, 2027.

1827 Section 61. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1828 404 and 406 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
1829 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
1830 Department of Elderly Affairs may submit a budget amendment,
1831 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
1832 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the
1833 United States Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food
1834 Program or the Older Americans Act if additional federal
1835 revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This
1836 section expires July 1, 2027.

1837 Section 62. In order to implement appropriations of the
1838 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of
1839 subsection (9) of section 766.314, Florida Statutes, is amended
1840 to read:

1841 766.314 Assessments; plan of operation.—

1842 (9)

1843 (c)1. If the total of all current estimates equals or
1844 exceeds 100 percent of the funds on hand and the funds that will
1845 become available to the association within the next 12 months
1846 from all sources described in subsection (4) and paragraph
1847 (5) (a), the association may not accept any new claims without
1848 express authority from the Legislature. This section does not
1849 preclude the association from accepting any claim if the injury
1850 occurred 18 months or more before the effective date of this

1851 suspension. Within 30 days after the effective date of this
1852 suspension, the association shall notify the Governor, the
1853 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
1854 Senate, the Office of Insurance Regulation, the Agency for
1855 Health Care Administration, and the Department of Health of this
1856 suspension.

1857 2. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the association is
1858 authorized to accept new claims during the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~
1859 fiscal year if the total of all current estimates exceeds the
1860 limits described in subparagraph 1. during that fiscal year.
1861 This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

1862
1863 Section 63. The amendments made by this act to s. 766.314,
1864 Florida Statutes, shall not take effect if SB 1668, 2026 Regular
1865 Session, becomes law.

1866 Section 64. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
1867 237 of the General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
1868 provisions of s. 430.84, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health
1869 Care Administration is authorized to contract with additional
1870 PACE organizations in Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade,
1871 Okaloosa, Orange, Pinellas, and Santa Rosa Counties. This
1872 section expires July 1, 2027.

1873 Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
1874 223 and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
1875 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget

1876 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting
1877 additional spending authority to implement a managed care
1878 organization quality incentive program. The budget amendment
1879 must identify the specific activities and quality-based outcomes
1880 on which managed care organization will focus. Payments under
1881 the quality incentive program are contingent upon a managed care
1882 organization achieving the applicable quality metrics and
1883 performance outcomes established by the agency. The budget
1884 amendment must include written notice of approval from the
1885 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires
1886 July 1, 2027.

1887 Section 66. Upon the expiration and reversion of the
1888 amendments made to s. 409.908, Florida Statutes, pursuant to
1889 section 26 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b)
1890 of subsection (2) of section 409.908, Florida Statutes, is
1891 amended to read:

1892 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to
1893 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid
1894 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according
1895 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in
1896 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.
1897 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement
1898 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive
1899 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency
1900 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or

1901 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based
1902 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost
1903 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate
1904 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester
1905 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and
1906 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected
1907 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost
1908 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost
1909 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on
1910 behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons is subject to the
1911 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
1912 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
1913 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
1914 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
1915 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
1916 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
1917 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
1918 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the
1919 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

1920 (2)

1921 (b) Subject to any limitations or directions in the
1922 General Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and
1923 implement a state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan
1924 for nursing home care in order to provide care and services in
1925 conformance with the applicable state and federal laws, rules,

1926 regulations, and quality and safety standards and to ensure that
 1927 individuals eligible for medical assistance have reasonable
 1928 geographic access to such care.

1929 1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement
 1930 plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and
 1931 indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the
 1932 per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the
 1933 patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate prices
 1934 shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent,
 1935 initially based on the September 2016 rate setting cost reports
 1936 and subsequently based on the most recently audited cost report
 1937 used during a rebasing year. The direct care subcomponent of the
 1938 per diem rate for any providers still being reimbursed on a cost
 1939 basis shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the
 1940 indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the
 1941 cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the
 1942 individual provider target. The ceilings and targets apply only
 1943 to providers being reimbursed on a cost-based system. Effective
 1944 October 1, 2018, a prospective payment methodology shall be
 1945 implemented for rate setting purposes with the following
 1946 parameters:

- 1947 a. Peer Groups, including:
 - 1948 (I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee
 - 1949 Counties; and
 - 1950 (II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and

1951 Okeechobee Counties.

1952 b. Percentage of Median Costs based on the cost reports

1953 used for September 2016 rate setting:

1954 (I) Direct Care Costs.....100 percent.

1955 (II) Indirect Care Costs.....92 percent.

1956 (III) Operating Costs.....86 percent.

1957 c. Floors:

1958 (I) Direct Care Component.....95 percent.

1959 (II) Indirect Care Component.....92.5 percent.

1960 (III) Operating Component.....None.

1961 d. Pass-through Payments.....Real Estate and

1962 Personal Property

1963 Taxes and Property Insurance.

1964 e. Quality Incentive Program Payment

1965 Pool 18.1373 ~~40~~ percent of September

1966 2016 non-property related

1967 payments of included facilities.

1968 f. Quality Score Threshold to Qualify for Quality

1969 Incentive Payment.....33

1970 percent of all available points in

1971 the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program ~~20th~~

1972 ~~percentile of included facilities.~~

1973 g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:

1974 (I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.

1975 (II) Land Valuation.....10 percent of Gross Building value.

1976 (III) Facility Square Footage.....Actual Square Footage.
 1977 (IV) Movable Equipment Allowance.....\$8,000 per bed.
 1978 (V) Obsolescence Factor.....1.5 percent.
 1979 (VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return.....8 percent.
 1980 (VII) Minimum Occupancy.....90 percent.
 1981 (VIII) Maximum Facility Age.....40 years.
 1982 (IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed.....350.
 1983 (X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed.....500.
 1984 (XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements.....\$500 per
 1985 bed.
 1986 h. Ventilator Supplemental payment of \$200 per Medicaid
 1987 day of 40,000 ventilator Medicaid days per fiscal year.
 1988 2. The agency shall revise its methodology for calculating
 1989 Quality Incentive Program payments to:
 1990 a. Include the results of consumer satisfaction surveys
 1991 conducted pursuant to s. 400.0225 as a measure of nursing home
 1992 quality. The agency shall so revise the methodology after the
 1993 surveys have been in effect for an amount of time the agency
 1994 deems sufficient for statistical and scientific validity as a
 1995 meaningful quality measure that may be incorporated into the
 1996 methodology.
 1997 b. During the next rebasing for the Quality Incentive
 1998 Program, consider implementing the recommendations proposed in
 1999 sections 3.1.1-3.1.5 of the Study of Nursing Home Quality
 2000 Incentive Programs Final Report pursuant to section 20 of

2001 chapter 2025-204, Laws of Florida, and presented to the agency
2002 on December 22, 2025.

2003 c. Delay the effective date of any change made to its
2004 methodology or scoring due to rebasing for 1 year after any
2005 recalculations have been completed and the scores have been made
2006 available to the public.

2007 3. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and
2008 benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services
2009 including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
2010 certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to
2011 residents in the nursing home facility, allowable therapy costs,
2012 and dietary costs. This excludes nursing administration, staff
2013 development, the staffing coordinator, and the administrative
2014 portion of the minimum data set and care plan coordinators. The
2015 direct care subcomponent also includes medically necessary
2016 dental care, vision care, hearing care, and podiatric care.

2017 4. All other patient care costs shall be included in the
2018 indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem
2019 rate, including complex medical equipment, medical supplies, and
2020 other allowable ancillary costs. Costs may not be allocated
2021 directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a
2022 home office or management company.

2023 5. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the
2024 Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average
2025 direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and

2026 direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category
2027 of staff member per facility.

2028 6. Every fourth year, the agency shall rebase nursing home
2029 prospective payment rates to reflect changes in cost based on
2030 the most recently audited cost report for each participating
2031 provider.

2032 7. A direct care supplemental payment may be made to
2033 providers whose direct care hours per patient day are above the
2034 80th percentile and who provide Medicaid services to a larger
2035 percentage of Medicaid patients than the state average.

2036 8. Pediatric, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and
2037 government-owned facilities are exempt from the pricing model
2038 established in this subsection and shall remain on a cost-based
2039 prospective payment system. Effective October 1, 2018, the
2040 agency shall set rates for all facilities remaining on a cost-
2041 based prospective payment system using each facility's most
2042 recently audited cost report, eliminating retroactive
2043 settlements.

2044 9. By October 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, the
2045 agency shall submit to the Governor, the President of the
2046 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report
2047 on each Quality Incentive Program payment made pursuant to sub-
2048 subparagraph 1.e. The report must, at a minimum, include all of
2049 the following information:

2050 a. The name of each facility that received a Quality

2051 Incentive Program payment and the dollar amount of such payment
 2052 each facility received.

2053 b. The total number of quality incentive metric points
 2054 awarded by the agency to each facility and the number of points
 2055 awarded by the agency for each individual quality metric
 2056 measured.

2057 c. An examination of any trends in the improvement of the
 2058 quality of care provided to nursing home residents which may be
 2059 attributable to incentive payments received under the Quality
 2060 Incentive Program. The agency shall include examination of
 2061 trends both for the program as a whole as well as for each
 2062 individual quality metric used by the agency to award program
 2063 payments.

2064
 2065 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan
 2066 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing
 2067 home residents who require large amounts of care while
 2068 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home
 2069 care for residents who can be served within the community. The
 2070 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of
 2071 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys
 2072 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency
 2073 may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of
 2074 scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from
 2075 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum

2076 rate of payment. The agency shall base the rates of payments in
2077 accordance with the minimum wage requirements as provided in the
2078 General Appropriations Act.

2079 Section 67. The amendment to s. 409.908(2)(b), Florida
2080 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of
2081 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
2082 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
2083 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
2084 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
2085 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

2086 Section 68. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2087 626 through 718 and 742 through 782 of the 2026-2027 General
2088 Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida
2089 Statutes, is amended to read:

2090 216.262 Authorized positions.—

2091 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter
2092 relating to increasing the number of authorized positions, and
2093 for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, if the actual
2094 inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the
2095 inmate population projections of the December 23, 2025 ~~February~~
2096 ~~21, 2025~~, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent
2097 for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the
2098 Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the
2099 Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the
2100 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as

2101 soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of
 2102 Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the
 2103 establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by
 2104 the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated
 2105 general revenue sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed
 2106 capital improvements, and other resources to provide
 2107 classification, security, food services, health services, and
 2108 other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate
 2109 the estimated increase in the inmate population. All actions
 2110 taken pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and
 2111 approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection
 2112 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2113 Section 69. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 2114 3340 through 3409 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 2115 subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2116 to read:

2117 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

2118 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one
 2119 or more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system
 2120 has funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2026-2027
 2121 ~~2025-2026~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice
 2122 accesses the loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the
 2123 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees in writing.
 2124 The loan must come from other funds in the State Treasury which
 2125 are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts

2126 necessary to meet the just requirements of such last-mentioned
 2127 funds. The Governor shall order the transfer of funds within 5
 2128 days after the written notification from the Chief Justice. If
 2129 the Governor does not order the transfer, the Chief Financial
 2130 Officer shall transfer the requested funds. The loan of funds
 2131 from which any money is temporarily transferred must be repaid
 2132 by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year. This
 2133 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2134 Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 2135 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the
 2136 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
 2137 expiration date in section 52 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of
 2138 Florida, subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2),
 2139 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and
 2140 (7) of section 27.40, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

2141 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum
 2142 requirements; appointment by court.—

2143 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual
 2144 in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed
 2145 counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized
 2146 by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to
 2147 represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office
 2148 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be
 2149 appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision
 2150 is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public

2151 defender has certified to the court in writing that the public
2152 defender is unable to provide representation due to a conflict
2153 of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The
2154 public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific
2155 basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a
2156 quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this
2157 information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

2158 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent
2159 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-
2160 appointed counsel but only after the office of criminal conflict
2161 and civil regional counsel has been appointed and has certified
2162 to the court in writing that the criminal conflict and civil
2163 regional counsel is unable to provide representation due to a
2164 conflict of interest. The criminal conflict and civil regional
2165 counsel shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of
2166 all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly
2167 basis, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall
2168 submit this information to the Justice Administrative
2169 Commission.

2170 (3) In using a registry:

2171 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of
2172 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of
2173 cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each
2174 county. The chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number
2175 of attorneys on the general registry list. To be included on a

2176 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

2177 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief
2178 judge and by general law for court appointment;

2179 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases
2180 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

2181 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for
2182 services, s. 27.5304, and this section.

2183

2184 To be included on a registry, an attorney must enter into a
2185 contract for services with the Justice Administrative
2186 Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract for
2187 services may result in termination of the contract and removal
2188 from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is responsible
2189 for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice
2190 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.
2191 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination
2192 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until
2193 the requirement is fulfilled.

2194 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve
2195 uniform contract forms for use in procuring the services of
2196 private court-appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms
2197 for use by a court-appointed attorney in support of billing for
2198 attorney's fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the
2199 attorney's completion of specified duties. Such uniform
2200 contracts and forms for use in billing must be consistent with

2201 s. 27.5304, s. 216.311, and the General Appropriations Act and
 2202 must contain the following statement: "The State of Florida's
 2203 performance and obligation to pay under this contract is
 2204 contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature."

2205 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately
 2206 file a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance
 2207 of the appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms
 2208 of the uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

2209 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the
 2210 registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as
 2211 provided in s. 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection
 2212 (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the
 2213 court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under
 2214 s. 27.5304 only if the court finds in the order of appointment
 2215 that there were no registry attorneys available for
 2216 representation for that case and only if the requirements of
 2217 subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

2218 (b) 1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the
 2219 General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be
 2220 sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate
 2221 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly
 2222 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the
 2223 attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed
 2224 hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek
 2225 compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304

2226 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents
2227 are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission
2228 and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client
2229 privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall
2230 maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the
2231 attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in
2232 order to facilitate the commission's review of the records and
2233 documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact
2234 information from the records and documents only to the extent
2235 necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice
2236 Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall
2237 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing
2238 payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the
2239 Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to
2240 claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by
2241 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that
2242 competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming
2243 the presumption.

2244 2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit
2245 the commission or the Auditor General to review documentation
2246 for a case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives
2247 the right to seek, and the commission may not pay, compensation
2248 in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the
2249 General Appropriations Act for that case.

2250 3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived

2251 the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee
2252 established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as
2253 provided in this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct,
2254 unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and
2255 substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the
2256 presumption.

2257 Section 71. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5),
2258 (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter
2259 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027,
2260 and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable,
2261 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that
2262 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
2263 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
2264 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
2265 expire pursuant to this section.

2266 Section 72. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2267 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the
2268 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
2269 expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of
2270 Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes,
2271 is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and
2272 paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section
2273 are reenacted, to read:

2274 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation;
2275 notice.—

2276 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the
2277 manner prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated
2278 by the Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in
2279 this section and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees
2280 prescribed in this section are limitations on compensation. The
2281 specific flat fee amounts for compensation shall be established
2282 annually in the General Appropriations Act. The attorney also
2283 shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses in
2284 accordance with s. 29.007. If the attorney is representing a
2285 defendant charged with more than one offense in the same case,
2286 the attorney shall be compensated at the rate provided for the
2287 most serious offense for which he or she represented the
2288 defendant. This section does not allow stacking of the fee
2289 limits established by this section.

2290 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility
2291 for determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney
2292 fees, costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory
2293 limitations and the requirements of s. 27.40(7). Private court-
2294 appointed counsel is entitled to compensation upon final
2295 disposition of a case.

2296 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a
2297 court appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

2298 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation
2299 for dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first
2300 year following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700

2301 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon
2302 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case
2303 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,
2304 including any children born during the pendency of the
2305 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an
2306 adjudication of dependency, shall be completed by the trial
2307 attorney and is considered compensated by the flat fee for
2308 dependency proceedings.

2309 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450
2310 following disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

2311 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
2312 following the first judicial review in the second year following
2313 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
2314 case remains under protective supervision.

2315 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective
2316 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not
2317 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an
2318 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

2319 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a
2320 proceeding to terminate parental rights is initiated,
2321 compensation shall be as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel
2322 handling the dependency proceeding is not authorized to handle
2323 proceedings to terminate parental rights, the counsel must
2324 withdraw and new counsel must be appointed.

2325 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in

2326 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed
2327 \$1,800 for the first year following the date of appointment and
2328 shall not exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall
2329 be paid based upon representation of a parent irrespective of
2330 the number of case numbers that may be assigned or the number of
2331 children involved, including any children born during the
2332 pendency of the proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal
2333 from an order granting or denying termination of parental
2334 rights, shall be completed by trial counsel and is considered
2335 compensated by the flat fee for termination of parental rights
2336 proceedings. If the individual has dependency proceedings
2337 ongoing as to other children, those proceedings are considered
2338 part of the termination of parental rights proceedings as long
2339 as that termination of parental rights proceeding is ongoing.

2340 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30
2341 days after rendition of the final order. Each request for
2342 payment submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must
2343 include the trial counsel's certification that:

2344 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or
2345 that counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and

2346 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and
2347 a motion for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the
2348 signature of the parent, have been filed.

2349 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
2350 following the first judicial review in the second year after the

2351 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
2352 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

2353 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency,
2354 compensation may not exceed \$1,800.

2355 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon
2356 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to
2357 withdraw.

2358 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional
2359 flat fee not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate.

2360 (d) For an appeal from an adjudication of termination of
2361 parental rights, compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

2362 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon
2363 filing the initial brief or the granting of a motion to
2364 withdraw.

2365 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional
2366 flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

2367 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the
2368 state for representation pursuant to court appointment made in
2369 accordance with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a
2370 proceeding under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter
2371 393, chapter 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter
2372 744, or chapter 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the
2373 limits prescribed in the General Appropriations Act. Any such
2374 compensation must be determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

2375 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat

2376 fees prescribed under this section and the General
2377 Appropriations Act comprise the full and complete compensation
2378 for private court-appointed counsel. It is further the intent of
2379 the Legislature that the fees in this section are prescribed for
2380 the purpose of providing counsel with notice of the limit on the
2381 amount of compensation for representation in particular
2382 proceedings and the sole procedure and requirements for
2383 obtaining payment for the same.

2384 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to
2385 the full performance of his or her duties through the completion
2386 of the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not
2387 entitled to the payment of the full flat fee established under
2388 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

2389 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from
2390 representation prior to the full performance of his or her
2391 duties through the completion of the case and the court appoints
2392 a subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial
2393 and any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee
2394 established under this section and the General Appropriations
2395 Act, except as provided in subsection (12).

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2397 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed
2398 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat
2399 fee.

2400 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an

2401 attorney may receive a case that requires extraordinary and
2402 unusual effort.

2403 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits
2404 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief
2405 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess
2406 of these limits.

2407 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a
2408 copy of the intended billing, together with supporting
2409 affidavits and all other necessary documentation, to the Justice
2410 Administrative Commission.

2411 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the
2412 billings, affidavit, and documentation for completeness and
2413 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall
2414 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing
2415 payment to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission
2416 objects to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection
2417 and supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the
2418 private court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file
2419 his or her motion, which must specify whether the commission
2420 objects to any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of
2421 documentation, and shall attach the commission's letter stating
2422 its objection.

2423 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee
2424 limits, the chief judge or a single designee shall hold an
2425 evidentiary hearing. The chief judge may select only one judge

2426 per circuit to hear and determine motions pursuant to this
2427 subsection, except multicounty circuits and the eleventh circuit
2428 may have up to two designees.

2429 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must
2430 prove by competent and substantial evidence that the case
2431 required extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or
2432 single designee shall consider criteria such as the number of
2433 witnesses, the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and
2434 the length of trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a
2435 case does not, by itself, constitute competent substantial
2436 evidence of an extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal
2437 case, relief under this section may not be granted if the number
2438 of work hours does not exceed 75 or the number of the state's
2439 witnesses deposed does not exceed 20.

2440 2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice
2441 Administrative Commission to records or documents or to claims
2442 for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by the
2443 court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent
2444 and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the
2445 presumption. The chief judge or single designee shall enter a
2446 written order detailing his or her findings and identifying the
2447 extraordinary nature of the time and efforts of the attorney in
2448 the case which warrant exceeding the flat fee established by
2449 this section and the General Appropriations Act.

2450 (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served

2451 on the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business
2452 days before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative
2453 Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may
2454 appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing
2455 under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order
2456 approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses
2457 and may participate in a hearing on the motion by use of
2458 telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice
2459 Administrative Commission may contract with other public or
2460 private entities or individuals to appear before the court for
2461 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving
2462 payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact
2463 that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to
2464 any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the
2465 documentation is not binding on the court.

2466 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that
2467 counsel has proved by competent and substantial evidence that
2468 the case required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief
2469 judge or single designee shall order the compensation to be paid
2470 to the attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate,
2471 depending on the extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort
2472 required. The percentage must be only the rate necessary to
2473 ensure that the fees paid are not confiscatory under common law.
2474 The percentage may not exceed 200 percent of the established
2475 flat fee, absent a specific finding that 200 percent of the flat

2476 fee in the case would be confiscatory. If the chief judge or
 2477 single designee determines that 200 percent of the flat fee
 2478 would be confiscatory, he or she shall order the amount of
 2479 compensation using an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour for
 2480 a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a capital case. However,
 2481 the compensation calculated by using the hourly rate shall be
 2482 only that amount necessary to ensure that the total fees paid
 2483 are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements of s.

2484 27.40(7).

2485 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must
 2486 be attached to the final request for a payment submitted to the
 2487 Justice Administrative Commission and must satisfy the
 2488 requirements of subparagraph (b)2.

2489 (13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in
 2490 subsection (5) and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only,
 2491 the compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may
 2492 not exceed the following:

2493 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the
 2494 trial level: \$2,000.

2495 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the
 2496 trial level: \$15,000.

2497 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level:
 2498 \$15,000.

2499 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level:
 2500 \$25,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any

2501 offense for which the potential sentence is death and the state
2502 has not waived seeking the death penalty.

2503 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

2504 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2505 Section 73. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and
2506 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter
2507 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6),
2508 Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-240, Laws
2509 of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of
2510 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to
2511 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments
2512 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved
2513 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are
2514 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
2515 this section.

2516 Section 74. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2517 1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
2518 subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended
2519 to read:

2520 908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

2521 (3)(a) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the
2522 State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments
2523 for the agency's local law enforcement officers who participate
2524 in United States Department of Homeland Security at-large task
2525 force operations. The local law enforcement agency may apply for

2526 a bonus of up to \$1,000 for each local law enforcement officer
2527 employed within that agency. The local law enforcement agency
2528 must certify to the board that the local law enforcement officer
2529 participated in one or more operations and provide any
2530 information required by the board. Eligible participation does
2531 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional
2532 facilities or county detention facilities.

2533 (b) The bonus payment shall be adjusted to include 7.65
2534 percent for the officers' share of Federal Insurance
2535 Contribution Act tax on the bonus.

2536 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), and for the 2026-2027
2537 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, a local law enforcement agency may apply
2538 to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus
2539 payments for the agency's certified correctional officers under
2540 s. 943.10(2), who are a warrant service officer under s. 287(g)
2541 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357 or an
2542 immigration officer under the jail enforcement model under s.
2543 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. s. 1357.
2544 The local law enforcement agency may apply for a bonus of up to
2545 \$1,000 for each certified correctional officer employed with
2546 that county detention facility. The local law enforcement agency
2547 must certify to the board that the certified correctional
2548 officer acted in such capacity as a warrant service officer or
2549 an immigration officer under the jail enforcement model for at
2550 least 6 months preceding the application and provide any

2551 information required by the board. Eligible participation does
2552 not include operations occurring solely at state correctional
2553 facilities. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

2554 Section 75. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2555 1405 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
2556 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
2557 Department of Legal Affairs may submit a budget amendment,
2558 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
2559 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for
2560 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants if additional
2561 federal revenues specific to VOCA assistance services become
2562 available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires
2563 July 1, 2027.

2564 Section 76. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2565 1325 through 1340 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
2566 the Department of Law Enforcement shall conduct a study on
2567 payment scams.

2568 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "payment"
2569 means any mechanism through which an individual can
2570 electronically transfer funds to another individual. The study
2571 must:

2572 (a) Examine current trends and developments in payment
2573 scams, identify effective methods for preventing such scams, and
2574 issue recommendations to enhance efforts to identify and prevent
2575 such activities.

2576 (b) Adopt a cross-sector approach to ensure its
2577 recommendations reflect the full scope of the issue, given that
2578 scams impact individuals across a wide range of industries,
2579 including financial services, telecommunications, and
2580 technology.

2581 (c) Evaluate best practices for combating methods used by
2582 scammers, including spoofed calls, scam text messages, and
2583 malicious advertisements, pop-ups, and websites.

2584 (d) Assess how other state, federal, and international
2585 jurisdictions have tried to prevent payment scams.

2586 (e) Identify and review current methods used to scam a
2587 consumer through payment platforms.

2588 (f) Determine a strategy for education programs that
2589 better equip consumers to identify, avoid, and report payment
2590 scam attempts to the appropriate authorities.

2591 (g) Identify strategies to ensure perpetrators of payment
2592 scams can be identified and pursued by law enforcement.

2593 (h) Consult with other relevant stakeholders, including
2594 federal, state, local, and tribal agencies and financial
2595 services providers.

2596 (i) Determine whether any additional legislation would be
2597 beneficial for law enforcement in mitigating payment scams.

2598 (j) Identify potential solutions to payment scams
2599 involving business e-mail compromise.

2600 (2) By February 1, 2027, the Department of Law Enforcement

2601 shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
2602 the House of Representatives and make publicly available online
2603 a report detailing all of the following:

2604 (a) The results of the study under subsection (1).

2605 (b) Any legislative or regulatory recommendations that
2606 would enhance the ability to detect and prevent payment scams.

2607 (c) Recommendations to enhance cooperation among federal,
2608 state, local, and tribal authorities in the investigation and
2609 prosecution of scams, including harmonizing data collection,
2610 improving reporting mechanisms and streams, estimating the
2611 number of complaints and consumers affected, and evaluating the
2612 effectiveness of anti-scam training programs.

2613 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2614 Section 77. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2615 1336A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (g)
2616 is added to subsection (7) of section 934.50, Florida Statutes,
2617 to read:

2618 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

2619 (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE.—

2620 (g) Subject to appropriation, the Drone as First Responder
2621 Grant Program is created within the Department of Law
2622 Enforcement.

2623 1. The grant program shall provide funds to law
2624 enforcement agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews,
2625 or other first responders that apply for funding to acquire new

2626 drones that comply with this section. To be eligible, the
2627 applicant must provide the department with any information the
2628 department deems necessary. A law enforcement agency, fire
2629 service, ambulance service, or other first responder agency may
2630 apply directly to the department or a local governmental entity
2631 may submit an application on behalf of one or more of its
2632 agencies to purchase one or more new drones.

2633 2. The department shall expeditiously develop an
2634 application process. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come,
2635 first-served basis, determined by the date the department
2636 receives the application.

2637 3. Grants must be matched by at least 50 percent local
2638 funds, but the department may waive this requirement for
2639 agencies solely serving within a fiscally constrained county as
2640 described in s. 218.67(1). Each grant is limited to a total of
2641 \$250,000 per agency and a maximum \$50,000 per drone.

2642 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "first
2643 responder agency" has the same meaning as in s. 365.179(1)(a).

2644 5. The department may adopt rules to implement this
2645 paragraph. The department is authorized, and all conditions are
2646 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s. 120.54(4) for the
2647 purpose of implementing this paragraph. Notwithstanding any
2648 other law, emergency rules adopted under this section are
2649 effective for 12 months after adoption and may be renewed during
2650 the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing

2651 the subject of the emergency rules.

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2653 This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

2654 Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2655 1370 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section
2656 943.0536, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

2657 943.0536 Immigration detainer information; collection and
2658 storage; fingerprinting; administrative expunction for
2659 immigration detainer records made contrary to law or by
2660 mistake.—

2661 (1) The department's Criminal Justice Information Program,
2662 acting as the state's central criminal justice information
2663 repository, shall collect, process, store, maintain, and
2664 disseminate immigration detainer information.

2665 (2)(a) A law enforcement agency shall capture and
2666 electronically submit to the department in the manner prescribed
2667 by rule the fingerprints of a qualifying offender, as defined in
2668 s. 943.325(2), who is in its custody and subject to an
2669 immigration detainer.

2670 (b) Upon receipt of the fingerprints required to be
2671 submitted under paragraph (a), the department must create a
2672 record containing the qualifying offender's immigration detainer
2673 information.

2674 (3) As used in this section, the terms "immigration
2675 detainer" and "law enforcement agency" have the same meanings as

2676 in s. 908.102.

2677 (4) Notwithstanding any law dealing with the preservation
2678 and destruction of public records, the department may adopt a
2679 rule pursuant to pursuant to chapter 120 for the administrative
2680 expunction of a record containing immigration detainer
2681 information described in this section of a minor or an adult
2682 made contrary to law or by mistake.

2683 (5) A law enforcement agency shall apply to the department
2684 in the manner prescribed by rule for the administrative
2685 expunction of any record containing immigration detainer
2686 information described in this section of a minor or an adult who
2687 is subsequently determined by the detaining agency, at its
2688 discretion, or by the final order of a court of competent
2689 jurisdiction, to have been detained contrary to law or by
2690 mistake.

2691 (6) An adult or, in the case of a minor child, the parent
2692 or legal guardian of the minor child, may apply to the
2693 department in the manner prescribed by rule for the
2694 administrative expunction of any record containing immigration
2695 detainer information described in this section alleged to have
2696 been made contrary to law or by mistake, provided that the
2697 application is supported by the endorsement of the head of the
2698 detaining agency or his or her designee.

2699 (7) An application for an administrative expunction for a
2700 record containing immigration detainer information as described

2701 in this section must include the date and time when the person
2702 was detained, the person's name, the offender-based tracking
2703 system number, and information relating to the immigration
2704 detainer. The application must be on the submitting detaining
2705 agency's letterhead and must be signed by the head of the
2706 submitting agency or his or her designee.

2707 (8) An application or endorsement under this section is
2708 not admissible as evidence in any judicial or administrative
2709 proceeding and may not be construed in any way as an admission
2710 of liability in connection with a detention.

2711 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2712 Section 79. In order to implement appropriations used to
2713 pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess
2714 of 2,000 square feet in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
2715 Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation
2716 of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office
2717 or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to
2718 renegotiate or reprocur all private lease agreements for office
2719 or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2027, and
2720 June 30, 2029, in order to reduce costs in future years. The
2721 department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2026
2722 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida
2723 Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the
2724 possibilities of collocating office or storage space, to review
2725 the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and

2726 terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department
2727 shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor,
2728 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2729 Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease
2730 contract for private office or storage space, the status of
2731 renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires
2732 July 1, 2027.

2733 Section 80. In order to implement appropriations
2734 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for data
2735 center services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida
2736 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data
2737 processing category to a category other than another data
2738 processing category or a cloud computing category for
2739 information technology resources hosted outside an agency. This
2740 section expires July 1, 2027.

2741 Section 81. In order to implement the appropriation of
2742 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk
2743 Management Insurance" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
2744 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection
2745 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office
2746 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category
2747 between departments in order to align the budget authority
2748 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk
2749 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

2750 Section 82. In order to implement the appropriation of

2751 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer
2752 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services
2753 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General
2754 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and
2755 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the
2756 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated
2757 in that category between departments in order to align the
2758 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid
2759 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for
2760 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,
2761 2027.

2762 Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2763 2935 in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act in the Building
2764 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental
2765 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in
2766 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

2767 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building,
2768 the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of
2769 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
2770 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of
2771 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and
2772 equipment for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the
2773 department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.
2774 The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted
2775 state agencies shall be determined by the department.

2776 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit
2777 budget amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary
2778 for the implementation of this section pursuant to chapter 216,
2779 Florida Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase in
2780 appropriation shall include a detailed plan providing all
2781 estimated costs and relocation proposals.

2782 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2783 Section 84. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2784 2514 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

2785 (1) The Department of Financial Services shall replace the
2786 four main components of the Florida Accounting Information
2787 Resource Subsystem (FLAIR), which include central FLAIR,
2788 departmental FLAIR, payroll, and information warehouse, and
2789 shall replace the cash management and accounting management
2790 components of the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with an
2791 integrated enterprise system that allows the state to organize,
2792 define, and standardize its financial management business
2793 processes and that complies with ss. 215.90-215.96, Florida
2794 Statutes. The department may not include in the replacement of
2795 FLAIR and CMS:

2796 (a) Functionality that duplicates any of the other
2797 information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management
2798 Information System; or

2799 (b) Agency business processes related to any of the
2800 functions included in the Personnel Information System, the

2801 Purchasing Subsystem, or the Legislative Appropriations
2802 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2803 (2) For purposes of replacing FLAIR and CMS, the
2804 Department of Financial Services shall:

2805 (a) Take into consideration the cost and implementation
2806 data identified for Option 3 as recommended in the March 31,
2807 2014, Florida Department of Financial Services FLAIR Study,
2808 version 031.

2809 (b) Ensure that all documents concerning business
2810 requirements and technical specifications have been provided to
2811 all state agencies for their review and input and approved by
2812 the executive steering committee established in paragraph (c),
2813 including any updates to these documents.

2814 (c) Implement a project governance structure that includes
2815 an executive steering committee composed of:

2816 1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of
2817 the project.

2818 2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the
2819 Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief
2820 Financial Officer.

2821 3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of
2822 Financial Services and the Department of Environmental
2823 Protection.

2824 4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and
2825 Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by

2826 the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience
2827 relating to at least one of the four main components that
2828 compose FLAIR.

2829 5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the
2830 Governor, appointed by the Governor. One employee must have
2831 experience relating to the Legislative Appropriations
2832 System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

2833 6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed
2834 by the executive director, who has experience using or
2835 maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.

2836 7. Two employees from the Department of Management
2837 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One
2838 employee must have experience relating to the department's
2839 personnel information subsystem and one employee must have
2840 experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.

2841 8. A state agency administrative services director,
2842 appointed by the Governor.

2843 9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care
2844 Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the
2845 Secretary of Health Care Administration.

2846 10. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her
2847 designee, as a nonvoting member. The State Chief Information
2848 Officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status
2849 reports at the executive steering committee meeting pursuant to
2850 the oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

2851 11. One employee from the Department of Business and
2852 Professional Regulation who has experience in finance and
2853 accounting and FLAIR, appointed by the Secretary of Business and
2854 Professional Regulation.

2855 12. One employee from the Florida Fish and Wildlife
2856 Conservation Commission who has experience using or maintaining
2857 the commission's finance and accounting systems, appointed by
2858 the Chair of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2859 Commission.

2860 13. The budget director of the Department of Education, or
2861 his or her designee.

2862 (3) (a) The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor
2863 of the project shall serve as chair of the executive steering
2864 committee, and the committee shall take action by a vote of at
2865 least eight affirmative votes with the Chief Financial Officer
2866 or the executive sponsor of the project voting on the prevailing
2867 side. A quorum of the executive steering committee composed of
2868 at least 10 members.

2869 (b) No later than 14 days before a meeting of the
2870 executive steering committee, the chair shall request input from
2871 committee members on agenda items for the next scheduled
2872 meeting.

2873 (c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of
2874 FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain
2875 applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four

2876 state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The
2877 working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM
2878 functionality, assess project impacts to state financial
2879 business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations
2880 to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair
2881 shall request input from the working group on agenda items for
2882 each scheduled meeting. The PALM project team shall dedicate a
2883 staff member to the group and provide system demonstrations and
2884 any project documentation, as needed, for the group to fulfill
2885 its duties.

2886 (d) The chair shall request all agency project sponsors to
2887 provide monthly status reports to the executive steering
2888 committee. The form and format of the monthly status reports
2889 shall be developed by the Florida PALM project and provided to
2890 the executive steering committee meeting for approval. Such
2891 agency status reports shall provide information to the executive
2892 steering committee on the activities and ongoing work within the
2893 agency to prepare their systems and impacted employees for the
2894 deployment of the Florida PALM System. The first monthly status
2895 report is due September 1, 2026, and monthly thereafter.

2896 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
2897 responsibility for ensuring that the project to replace FLAIR
2898 and CMS meets its primary business objectives and shall:

2899 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the
2900 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

2901 House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to
2902 implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to
2903 the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management
2904 business processes.

2905 (b) Review and approve any changes to the project's scope,
2906 schedule, and budget which do not conflict with the requirements
2907 of subsection (1).

2908 (c) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout
2909 all phases of the project.

2910 (d) Approve all major project deliverables and any cost
2911 changes to each deliverable over \$250,000.

2912 (e) Approve contract amendments and changes to all
2913 contract-related documents associated with the replacement of
2914 FLAIR and CMS.

2915 (f) Review, and approve as warranted, the format of the
2916 monthly agency status reports to include objective and
2917 quantifiable information on each agency's progress in planning
2918 for the Florida PALM Major Implementation, covering the agency's
2919 people, processes, technology, and data transformation
2920 activities.

2921 (g) Ensure compliance with ss. 216.181(16), 216.311,
2922 216.313, 282.318(4)(h), and 287.058, Florida Statutes.

2923 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

2924 Section 85. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2925 3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and

2926 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter
2927 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709,
2928 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

2929 282.709 State agency law enforcement radio system and
2930 interoperability network.—

2931 (3) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide
2932 law enforcement radio communications system, the Legislature
2933 finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health,
2934 safety, and welfare, and that it is in the best interest of the
2935 state to continue partnering with the system's current operator.
2936 The Legislature finds that continuity of coverage is critical to
2937 supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other public
2938 safety users. The potential for a loss in coverage or a lack of
2939 interoperability between users requires emergency action and is
2940 a serious concern for officers' safety and their ability to
2941 communicate and respond to various disasters and events.

2942 (a) The department, pursuant to s. 287.057(11), shall
2943 enter into a 15-year contract with the entity that was operating
2944 the statewide radio communications system on January 1, 2021.
2945 The contract must include:

- 2946 1. The purchase of radios;
- 2947 2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
- 2948 3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for
2949 system users;
- 2950 4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual

2951 rate;

2952 5. The conveyance of communications towers to the
2953 department; and

2954 6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the
2955 department.

2956 (b) The State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust
2957 Fund is established in the department and funded from surcharges
2958 collected under ss. 318.18, 320.0802, and 328.72. Upon
2959 appropriation, moneys in the trust fund may be used by the
2960 department to acquire the equipment, software, and engineering,
2961 administrative, and maintenance services it needs to construct,
2962 operate, and maintain the statewide radio system. Moneys in the
2963 trust fund from surcharges shall be used to help fund the costs
2964 of the system. Upon completion of the system, moneys in the
2965 trust fund may also be used by the department for payment of the
2966 recurring maintenance costs of the system.

2967 Section 86. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes,
2968 as carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by
2969 this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection,
2970 shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, except that
2971 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act,
2972 shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that
2973 such amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text
2974 which expire pursuant to this section.

2975 Section 87. In order to implement appropriations relating

2976 to the purchase of equipment and services related to the
 2977 Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in
 2978 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.
 2979 287.057, Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible
 2980 users of the SLERS network may use the Department of Management
 2981 Services SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services.
 2982 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2983 Section 88. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 2984 2954 through 2965 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 2985 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,
 2986 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida
 2987 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement
 2988 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only.
 2989 This section expires July 1, 2027.

2990 Section 89. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 2991 2866 through 2892 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 2992 and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made by
 2993 section 68 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, paragraph (i)
 2994 of subsection (9) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is
 2995 amended to read:

2996 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department
 2997 shall:

2998 (9) Adopt rules governing the establishment and operation
 2999 of the state lottery, including:

3000 (i) The manner and amount of compensation of retailers,

3001 except for the 2026-2027 fiscal year only, effective July 1,
 3002 2026, the commission for lottery ticket sales shall be 6 percent
 3003 of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize
 3004 by a retailer. Any additional retailer compensation is limited
 3005 to the Florida Lottery Retailer Bonus Commission program
 3006 appropriated in Specific Appropriation 2888 of the 2026-2027
 3007 General Appropriations Act.

3008 Section 90. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida
 3009 Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of
 3010 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
 3011 2022, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
 3012 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
 3013 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
 3014 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3015 Section 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 3016 3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 3017 paragraph (11) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida
 3018 Statutes, is amended to read:

3019 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

3020 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

3021 (11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative
 3022 dispute resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may
 3023 adopt policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes
 3024 regarding its claim determinations, including disputes regarding
 3025 coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a

3026 proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any
 3027 such policies are not subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings
 3028 in the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to such
 3029 policies are subject to ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the
 3030 courts of this state and are not considered chapter 120
 3031 administrative proceedings. Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil
 3032 Procedure, applies to any offer served pursuant to s. 768.79,
 3033 except that, notwithstanding any provision in Rule 1.442,
 3034 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the contrary, an offer
 3035 shall not be served earlier than 10 days after filing the
 3036 request for hearing with the Division of Administrative Hearings
 3037 and shall not be served later than 10 days before the date set
 3038 for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in such
 3039 proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief pursuant
 3040 to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek, and the
 3041 office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney fees.

3042 2. The corporation may contract with the division to
 3043 conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim
 3044 determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies
 3045 of insurance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3046 Section 92. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 3047 2485 through 2492 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 3048 subsection (15) is added to section 112.215, Florida Statutes,
 3049 to read:

3050 112.215 Government employees; deferred compensation

3051 program.—

3052 (15) Notwithstanding the requirements in paragraphs (6) (a)
3053 and (b) that deferred compensation not be included in the
3054 employee's taxable income until actually received by the
3055 employee under the terms of the plan, a deferred compensation
3056 plan established pursuant to this section may offer to all
3057 eligible employees a qualified Roth contribution program in
3058 accordance with s. 402A of the Internal Revenue Code. This
3059 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

3060 Section 93. Effective upon this act becoming law, and in
3061 order to implement Specific Appropriations 3006 through 3014 of
3062 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of
3063 section 110.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3064 110.116 Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—

3065 (2) (a) In recognition of the critical nature of the
3066 statewide personnel and payroll system commonly known as People
3067 First, the Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of
3068 the state to continue partnering with the current People First
3069 third-party operator. The People First System annually processes
3070 500,000 employment applications, 455,000 personnel actions, and
3071 the state's \$9.5-billion payroll. The Legislature finds that the
3072 continuity of operations of the People First System and the
3073 critical functions it provides such as payroll, employee health
3074 insurance benefit records, and other critical services must not
3075 be interrupted. Presently, the Chief Financial Officer is

3076 undertaking the development of a new statewide accounting and
3077 financial management system, commonly known as the Planning,
3078 Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, scheduled to be
3079 operational in the year 2027. The procurement and implementation
3080 of an entire replacement of the People First System will impede
3081 the timeframe needed to successfully integrate the state's
3082 payroll system with the PALM System. In order to maintain
3083 continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion
3084 of the PALM System, the Legislature directs that the department:
3085 1. Continue the integration of the current People First
3086 System with PALM.
3087 2. Suspend major functionality updates or changes to the
3088 People First System until the completion of the PALM System.
3089 This does not include:
3090 a. Routine system maintenance such as code updates
3091 following open enrollment; or
3092 b. The technical remediation necessary to integrate the
3093 system with PALM within the PALM project's planned
3094 implementation schedule.
3095 3. Provide technical support for state agencies that may
3096 need assistance in remediating or integrating current financial
3097 shadow systems with People First in order to integrate with PALM
3098 or the cloud version of People First.
3099 4. Develop organizational change management and training
3100 deliverables needed to support the implementation of PALM

3101 payroll functionality and the People First System cloud upgrade.
3102 Responsibilities of the operator and the department shall be
3103 outlined in a project role and responsibility assignment chart
3104 within the contract.

3105 5. Submit project planning and analysis deliverables that
3106 detail the state's current and future state business,
3107 functional, and technical requirements, including, but not
3108 limited to:

3109 a. System capabilities and user requirements;
3110 b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;
3111 c. Data migration and conversion requirements;
3112 d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and
3113 third-party applications; and

3114 e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.

3115 6. Conduct a complete system integration assessment to
3116 identify dependencies, interoperability challenges, and
3117 strategies for seamless data exchange.

3118 7. Document a streamlined transparent process to track,
3119 test, and update all system requirements.

3120 8. Estimate the cost of transitioning the current People
3121 First System to a cloud computing infrastructure within the
3122 contract extension and after the successful integration with
3123 PALM. The project cost evaluation shall estimate the annual cost
3124 and capacity growth required to host the system in a cloud
3125 environment.

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3127 The department shall develop these project planning resources in
3128 conjunction with all stakeholders.

3129 (b) The department shall submit, no later than December
3130 31, 2026, its project planning and detailed cost estimates to
3131 upgrade the current People First System to the chair of the
3132 Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of
3133 Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of
3134 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

3135 ~~The department shall contract with an independent software~~
3136 ~~quality assurance and testing provider to work with all~~
3137 ~~stakeholders to:~~

3138 ~~1. Conduct a comprehensive business process analysis to~~
3139 ~~document current workflows, identify inefficiencies, and develop~~
3140 ~~recommendations to streamline business processes to improve~~
3141 ~~service delivery, reduce redundancy, and enhance operational~~
3142 ~~efficiency.~~

3143 ~~2. Develop detailed current and future state business,~~
3144 ~~functional, and technical requirements, including, but not~~
3145 ~~limited to:~~

3146 ~~a. System capabilities and user requirements;~~

3147 ~~b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;~~

3148 ~~e. Data migration and conversion requirements;~~

3149 ~~d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and~~
3150 ~~third party applications; and~~

3151 ~~e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.~~

3152 ~~3. Conduct a complete system integration assessment to~~
3153 ~~identify dependencies, interoperability challenges, and~~
3154 ~~strategies for seamless data exchange.~~

3155 ~~4. Deliver a streamlined transparent process to track,~~
3156 ~~test, and update all system requirements.~~

3157 ~~5. Submit a report detailing these requirements, process~~
3158 ~~improvements, and any related statutory change recommendations~~
3159 ~~to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair~~
3160 ~~of the House Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of the~~
3161 ~~Governor's Office of Policy and Budget by June 30, 2026.~~

3162 ~~(c)(b)~~ This subsection expires July 1, 2027 2026.

3163 Section 94. In order to implement Section 157 of the 2026-
3164 2027 General Appropriations Act, present subsections (4) through
3165 (10) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
3166 subsections (5) through (11), respectively, a new subsection (4)
3167 is added to that section, and paragraphs (a) through (e) of
3168 subsection (1), subsections (2) and (3), paragraph (a) of
3169 present subsection (8), and present subsection (10) of that
3170 section are amended, to read:

3171 215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is
3172 established within the Department of Financial Services the My
3173 Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal
3174 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership
3175 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does

3176 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the
3177 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of
3178 residential property in this state. Implementation of this
3179 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is
3180 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability
3181 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed
3182 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of
3183 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects
3184 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in
3185 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by
3186 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other
3187 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of
3188 available funds. If, after applications are processed and
3189 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept
3190 applications up to the available amount. The program shall
3191 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach
3192 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements
3193 provided in this section.

3194 (1) HURRICANE MITIGATION INSPECTIONS.—

3195 (a) 1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:

3196 a. "Attached" means a dwelling unit that shares a wall
3197 with another dwelling unit.

3198 b. "Detached" means a dwelling that does not share a wall
3199 with another dwelling unit or building and has greater than zero
3200 clearance between it and any other building. This term includes

3201 a garage located under a contiguous roof with a residence.

3202 c. "Single-family" means a residence designed for and
3203 containing only one dwelling unit.

3204 2. An applicant is ~~To be~~ eligible for a hurricane
3205 mitigation inspection under the program if all of the following
3206 conditions are met:

3207 a.1. The A home for which the inspection is sought is ~~must~~
3208 ~~be a single-family~~ unit on an individual parcel of land which
3209 is:

3210 (I) A detached residential property; or

3211 (II) An attached residential property not exceeding three
3212 stories. A townhouse as defined in s. 481.203;

3213 b.2. The A home for which the inspection is sought is ~~must~~
3214 ~~be site-built and owner-occupied.~~ and

3215 c.3. The applicant is homeowner ~~must have been granted a~~
3216 ~~homestead exemption on the home under chapter 196.~~

3217 (b)1. An application for a hurricane mitigation inspection
3218 must contain a signed or electronically verified statement made
3219 under penalty of perjury that the applicant has submitted only
3220 one inspection application on the home or that the application
3221 is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the application must have
3222 documents attached which demonstrate that the applicant meets
3223 the requirements of paragraph (a).

3224 2. An applicant may submit a subsequent hurricane
3225 mitigation inspection application for the same home only if:

3226 a. The original hurricane mitigation inspection
 3227 application has been denied or withdrawn because of material
 3228 errors or omissions in the application;

3229 b. The original hurricane mitigation inspection
 3230 application was denied or withdrawn because the applicant home
 3231 did not meet the eligibility criteria for an inspection at the
 3232 time of the previous application, and the applicant homeowner
 3233 reasonably believes that he or she is the home now ~~is~~ eligible
 3234 for an inspection; ~~or~~

3235 c. The program's eligibility requirements for an
 3236 inspection have changed since the original application date, and
 3237 the applicant reasonably believes that he or she the home is
 3238 eligible under the new requirements; or

3239 d. More than 24 months have passed since the applicant
 3240 received a hurricane mitigation inspection under this section,
 3241 and the applicant has not received a grant payment through the
 3242 program for that inspection.

3243 (c) An applicant meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)
 3244 may receive an inspection of the a home through ~~under~~ the
 3245 program without being eligible for a grant under subsection (2)
 3246 or applying for such grant.

3247 (d) Licensed inspectors are to provide initial home
 3248 inspections of eligible homes to determine ~~what mitigation~~
 3249 ~~measures are needed,~~ what insurance premium discounts may be
 3250 available, and what improvements to existing residential

3251 properties are needed to reduce the properties' ~~property's~~
3252 vulnerability to hurricane damage. ~~An inspector may inspect a~~
3253 ~~townhouse as defined in s. 481.203 to determine if opening~~
3254 ~~protection mitigation as listed in subparagraph (2)(c)1. would~~
3255 ~~provide improvements to mitigate hurricane damage.~~

3256 (e) The department shall contract with wind certification
3257 entities to provide hurricane mitigation inspections. The
3258 initial inspections provided to applicants ~~homeowners~~, at a
3259 minimum, must include:

3260 1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the
3261 inspection results and identifies recommended improvements an
3262 applicant ~~a homeowner~~ may make ~~take~~ to mitigate hurricane
3263 damage.

3264 2. A range of cost estimates regarding the recommended
3265 mitigation improvements.

3266 3. Information regarding estimated premium discounts,
3267 correlated to the current mitigation features and the
3268 recommended mitigation improvements identified by the
3269 inspection.

3270 (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be
3271 used by applicants ~~homeowners~~ to make improvements recommended
3272 by an initial inspection which increase a home's resistance to
3273 hurricane damage.

3274 (a) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ is eligible for a hurricane
3275 mitigation grant if all of the following criteria are met:

3276 1. The applicant home must be eligible for an inspection
3277 under subsection (1).

3278 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of
3279 \$700,000 or less. ~~Homeowners who are low-income persons, as~~
3280 ~~defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.~~

3281 3. The home must undergo an initial acceptable hurricane
3282 mitigation inspection through the program as provided in
3283 subsection (1) within the 24 months immediately preceding the
3284 date of application.

3285 4. The ~~building permit application for initial~~
3286 ~~construction of the~~ home must have been built ~~made~~ before
3287 January 1, 2008, as reflected on the county property appraiser's
3288 website.

3289 5. The applicant homeowner must agree to make his or her
3290 home available for a final inspection once a mitigation project
3291 is completed.

3292 6. The applicant homeowner must agree to provide to the
3293 department information received from the applicant's homeowner's
3294 insurer identifying the discounts realized by the applicant
3295 ~~homeowner~~ because of the mitigation improvements funded through
3296 the program.

3297 7.a. The applicant homeowner must be a low-income person
3298 or moderate-income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

3299 ~~b. The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred~~
3300 ~~within the previous 24 months from the date of application.~~

3301 ~~e. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are~~
3302 ~~low income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not~~
3303 ~~exempt from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling~~
3304 ~~with an insured value of \$700,000 or less.~~

3305 ~~d. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.~~

3306 (b)1. An application for a grant must contain a signed or
3307 electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury
3308 that the applicant has submitted only one grant application or
3309 that the application is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the
3310 application must have documents attached demonstrating that the
3311 applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

3312 2. An applicant may submit a subsequent grant application
3313 if:

3314 a. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn
3315 because the application contained errors or omissions;

3316 b. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn
3317 because the applicant ~~home~~ did not meet the eligibility criteria
3318 for a grant at the time of the previous application, and the
3319 applicant ~~homeowner~~ reasonably believes that he or she is ~~the~~
3320 ~~home~~ now ~~is~~ eligible for a grant; or

3321 c. The program's eligibility requirements for a grant have
3322 changed since the original application date, and the applicant
3323 reasonably believes that he or she is ~~an~~ eligible ~~homeowner~~
3324 under the new requirements.

3325 3. A grant application must include a statement from the

3326 applicant ~~homeowner~~ which contains the name and state license
 3327 number of the contractor that the applicant ~~homeowner~~
 3328 acknowledges as the intended contractor for the mitigation work.
 3329 The program must ~~electronically~~ verify that the contractor's
 3330 state license number is valid ~~accurate and up to date before~~
 3331 ~~grant approval~~.

3332 (c) All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided
 3333 by the applicant for \$2 provided by the state up to a maximum
 3334 state contribution of \$10,000 toward the actual cost of the
 3335 mitigation project, except as provided in paragraph (h).

3336 (d) All hurricane mitigation performed under the program
 3337 must be based upon the securing of all required local permits
 3338 and inspections and must be performed by properly licensed
 3339 contractors.

3340 (e) When recommended by an initial ~~a~~ hurricane mitigation
 3341 inspection, grants for eligible applicants ~~homes~~ may be used for
 3342 all of the following improvements:

- 3343 1. Opening protection improvements, including:
 - 3344 a. Exterior doors ~~.~~
 - 3345 b. Garage doors ~~.~~
 - 3346 c. Windows ~~.~~ ~~and~~
 - 3347 d. Skylights.
- 3348 2. Roof improvements, including:
 - 3349 a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.
 - 3350 b. ~~3.~~ Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.

3351 c.4. Installing secondary water resistance for roof and
3352 replacing the roof covering.

3353 (f) Improvements must be identified by the final hurricane
3354 mitigation inspection to receive grant funds ~~When recommended by~~
3355 ~~a hurricane mitigation inspection, grants for townhouses, as~~
3356 ~~defined in s. 481.203, may only be used for opening protection.~~

3357 (g) The department may require that improvements be made
3358 to all openings, including exterior doors, garage doors,
3359 windows, and skylights, as a condition of reimbursing an
3360 applicant ~~a homeowner~~ approved for a grant. The department may
3361 adopt, by rule, the maximum grant allowances for any improvement
3362 allowable under paragraph (e) ~~or paragraph (f)~~.

3363 (h) Low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, as defined in s.
3364 420.0004(11), who otherwise meet the applicable requirements of
3365 this subsection are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and
3366 are not required to provide a matching amount to receive the
3367 grant.

3368 (i)1. The department shall develop a process that ensures
3369 the most efficient means to collect and verify inspection
3370 applications and grant applications to determine eligibility.
3371 The department may direct hurricane mitigation inspectors to
3372 collect and verify grant application information or use the
3373 Internet or other electronic means to collect information and
3374 determine eligibility.

3375 2. The department shall prioritize the review and approval

3376 of such inspection applications and grant applications in the
3377 following order:

3378 a. First, applications from low-income persons, as defined
3379 in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old;

3380 b. Second, applications from all other low-income persons,
3381 as defined in s. 420.0004;

3382 c. Third, applications from moderate-income persons, as
3383 defined in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old; and

3384 d. Fourth, applications from all other moderate-income
3385 persons, as defined in s. 420.0004; and

3386 e. Last, all other applications for an inspection.

3387 3. The department shall start accepting inspection
3388 applications and grant applications no earlier than the
3389 effective date of a legislative appropriation funding
3390 inspections and grants, as follows:

3391 a. Initially, from applicants prioritized under sub-
3392 subparagraph 2.a.;

3393 b. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph
3394 2.b., beginning 15 days after the program initially starts
3395 accepting applications;

3396 c. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph
3397 2.c., beginning 30 days after the program initially starts
3398 accepting applications;

3399 d. From applicants described in sub-subparagraph 2.d.,
3400 beginning 45 days after the program initially starts accepting

3401 applications; and

3402 e. From all other applicants for an inspection, beginning
3403 60 days after the program initially starts accepting
3404 applications.

3405 4. The program may accept a certification directly from a
3406 low-income applicant ~~homeowner~~ or moderate-income applicant
3407 ~~homeowner~~ who meets the requirements of s. 420.0004(11) or (12),
3408 respectively, if the applicant ~~homeowner~~ provides such
3409 certification in a signed or electronically verified statement
3410 made under penalty of perjury.

3411 5. The program may accept a certification directly from an
3412 applicant attesting to his or her age if the applicant provides
3413 such certification in a signed or electronically verified
3414 statement made under penalty of perjury.

3415 (j) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ who receives a grant shall
3416 finalize construction and request a final inspection, ~~or request~~
3417 ~~an extension for an additional 6 months~~, within 18 months ~~1 year~~
3418 after grant application approval. If an applicant ~~a homeowner~~
3419 fails to comply with this paragraph, his or her application is
3420 deemed abandoned and the grant money reverts to the department.

3421 (3) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—The department may request
3422 that an applicant provide additional information. An application
3423 is deemed abandoned ~~withdrawn~~ by the applicant if the department
3424 does not receive a response to its request for additional
3425 information within 60 days after the notification of any

3426 | apparent error or omission.

3427 | (4) ABANDONED APPLICATIONS.—The department shall notify an
3428 | applicant at least 5 business days before an application is
3429 | deemed abandoned. If the applicant responds to such notification
3430 | within 5 business days after receiving the notice and
3431 | demonstrates good cause for why the application should not be
3432 | deemed abandoned, the applicant may submit a subsequent grant
3433 | application or the department may determine the application is
3434 | not abandoned.

3435 | (9)~~(8)~~ CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.—

3436 | (a) The department may contract with third parties for
3437 | grants management, inspection services, contractor services for
3438 | low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, information technology,
3439 | educational outreach, and auditing services. Such contracts are
3440 | considered direct costs of the program and are not subject to
3441 | administrative cost limits. The department shall contract with
3442 | providers that have a demonstrated record of successful business
3443 | operations in areas directly related to the services to be
3444 | provided and shall ensure the highest accountability for use of
3445 | state funds, consistent with this section.

3446 | (11)~~(10)~~ REPORTS.—The department shall make an annual
3447 | report on the activities of the program that shall account for
3448 | the use of state funds and indicate the number of inspections
3449 | requested, the number of inspections performed, the number of
3450 | grant applications received, the number and value of grants

3451 approved, and the estimated average annual amount of insurance
3452 premium discounts and total estimated annual amount of insurance
3453 premium discounts applicants ~~homeowners~~ received from insurers
3454 as a result of mitigation funded through the program. The report
3455 must be delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
3456 of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

3457 Section 95. The amendments to s. 215.5586(1), (2), (3),
3458 and (4) through (10), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire
3459 July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to
3460 that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments
3461 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved
3462 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are
3463 not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
3464 this section.

3465 Section 96. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in
3466 order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027
3467 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301,
3468 Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of
3469 Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A of the 2025-
3470 2026 General Appropriations Act and Specific Appropriation 2489A
3471 and section 179 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act will
3472 not revert and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027
3473 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3474 Section 97. In order to implement the appropriation of
3475 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data

3476 Center" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
3477 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
3478 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor
3479 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between
3480 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based
3481 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the
3482 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3483 Section 98. In order to implement appropriations
3484 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state
3485 data center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state
3486 agencies related to contract management services provided to
3487 Northwest Regional Data Center may not exceed 3 percent. This
3488 section expires July 1, 2027.

3489 Section 99. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3490 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section
3491 284.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3492 284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic
3493 stimulation treatment pilot program.—

3494 (1) As used in this section, the term:

3495 (a) "Division" means the Division of Risk Management of
3496 the Department of Financial Services.

3497 (b) "Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic
3498 Stimulation" or "eTMS" means treatment in which transcranial
3499 magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient's
3500 physiology and biometric data.

3501 (c) "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a
 3502 part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law
 3503 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as
 3504 defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as
 3505 defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or
 3506 paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local
 3507 government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law
 3508 enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical
 3509 technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the
 3510 state or a local government.

3511 (d) "Veteran" means:

- 3512 1. A veteran as defined in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(2);
- 3513 2. A person who served in a reserve component as defined
 3514 in 38 U.S.C. s. 101(27); or
- 3515 3. A person who served in the National Guard of any state.

3516 (2) The division shall select a provider to establish a
 3517 statewide pilot program to make eTMS available for veterans,
 3518 first responders, and immediate family members of veterans and
 3519 first responders with:

- 3520 (a) Substance use disorders.
- 3521 (b) Mental illness.
- 3522 (c) Sleep disorders.
- 3523 (d) Traumatic brain injuries.
- 3524 (e) Sexual trauma.
- 3525 (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying

3526 | comorbidities.

3527 | (g) Concussions.

3528 | (h) Other brain trauma.

3529 | (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance,
3530 | including issues related to or resulting from problems with
3531 | cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or
3532 | focus.

3533 | (3) The provider must display a history of serving veteran
3534 | and first responder populations at a statewide level. The
3535 | provider shall establish a network for in-person and offsite
3536 | care with the goal of providing statewide access. Consideration
3537 | shall be provided to locations with a large population of first
3538 | responders and veterans. In addition to traditional eTMS
3539 | devices, the provider may utilize nonmedical Portable Magnetic
3540 | Stimulation devices to improve access to underserved populations
3541 | in remote areas or to be used to serve as a pre-post treatment
3542 | or a stand-alone device. The provider shall be required to
3543 | establish and operate a clinical practice and to evaluate
3544 | outcomes of such clinical practice.

3545 | (4) The pilot program shall include:

3546 | (a) The establishment of a peer-to-peer support network by
3547 | the provider made available to all individuals receiving
3548 | treatment under the program.

3549 | (b) The requirement that each individual who receives
3550 | treatment under the program also must receive neurophysiological

3551 monitoring, monitoring for symptoms of substance use and other
3552 mental health disorders, and access to counseling and wellness
3553 programming. Each individual who receives treatment must also
3554 participate in the peer-to-peer support network established by
3555 the provider.

3556 (c) The establishment of protocols which include the use
3557 of adopted stimulation frequency and intensity modulation based
3558 on EEGs done on days 0, 10, and 20 and motor threshold testing,
3559 as well as clinical symptoms, signs, and biometrics.

3560 (d) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any
3561 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected
3562 and reported by the provider quarterly to the division, the
3563 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
3564 Representatives. Such report shall include the biodata metrics
3565 and all expenditures and accounting of the use of funds received
3566 from the department.

3567 (e) The requirement that protocols and outcomes of any
3568 treatment provided by the clinical practice shall be collected
3569 and reported to the University of South Florida and may be
3570 provided by the provider to any relevant Food and Drug
3571 Administration studies or trials.

3572 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement this
3573 section.

3574 (6) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3575 Section 100. In order to implement Specific Appropriation

3576 2563A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the
3577 Department of Financial Services shall continue the
3578 Electroencephalogram Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
3579 Treatment pilot program for veterans and first responders with
3580 the current provider. The department's existing contract, and
3581 all funds paid by the department pursuant to that contract, do
3582 not constitute state financial assistance as provided in s.
3583 215.97, Florida Statutes. The department shall amend the
3584 existing contract, as needed, to clarify that funds paid
3585 pursuant to the contract do not constitute state financial
3586 assistance. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3587 Section 101. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and
3588 in order to implement Specific Appropriations 2505 through 2512
3589 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is
3590 added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:

3591 717.123 Deposit of funds.—

3592 (3) The department shall segregate in a separate account
3593 an amount that does not exceed the estimated atypical receipts
3594 for fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 as a result of
3595 implementation of chapter 2024-140, Laws of Florida, and as
3596 identified by the Revenue Estimating Conference in its most
3597 recently adopted official forecast. This amount must be held in
3598 a separate account for the payment of claims associated with
3599 such receipts as allowed by the department. In addition to the
3600 \$15 million the department is authorized to retain pursuant to

3601 subsection (1) and notwithstanding subsection (1), for the 2025-
3602 2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years only, the department shall
3603 retain any remaining funds held in the separate account. This
3604 subsection expires July 1, 2027.

3605 Section 102. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3606 3230 through 3240 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
3607 the Department of Revenue shall include any aviation fuel taxes
3608 collected for periods prior to the repeal of part III of chapter
3609 206, Florida Statutes, with the distribution made under s.
3610 206.606, Florida Statutes. The department shall deduct any
3611 refunds and associated administrative costs for such taxes from
3612 the distribution made under s. 206.606, Florida Statutes. This
3613 section expires July 1, 2027.

3614 Section 103. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
3615 2513 through 2516 and 3230 through 3240 of the 2026-2027 General
3616 Appropriations Act:

3617 (1) In order to transition from the Florida Accounting
3618 Information Resource (FLAIR) system to the Florida Planning,
3619 Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, the following
3620 are authorized:

3621 (a) Notwithstanding s. 218.26(2), Florida Statutes, for
3622 the third and fourth quarters of the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
3623 during the transition to the Florida PALM system, the due date
3624 for distributions may be extended by the Department of Revenue
3625 from the 25th day of the month to the last working day of the

3626 month.

3627 (b) Notwithstanding s. 215.422(1), Florida Statutes, valid
3628 invoices received by agencies during the period beginning 7 days
3629 before and ending 14 days after the departmental FLAIR payment
3630 cutoff date for the Florida PALM system transition must be
3631 entered into the Florida PALM system within 10 days after agency
3632 users are granted access to the new Florida PALM system. All
3633 other receipts shall remain subject to the 20-day requirement.

3634 (2) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3635 Section 104. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3636 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
3637 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
3638 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit
3639 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
3640 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
3641 authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This
3642 section expires July 1, 2027.

3643 Section 105. In order to implement specific appropriations
3644 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of
3645 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
3646 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish
3647 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the
3648 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section
3649 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3650 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

3651 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect
3652 to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of
3653 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
3654 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish
3655 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whenever there is a
3656 deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund which would render
3657 that trust fund temporarily insufficient to meet its just
3658 requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations
3659 from that trust fund, and other trust funds in the State
3660 Treasury have moneys that are for the time being or otherwise in
3661 excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just requirements,
3662 including appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds,
3663 the Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one
3664 or more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust
3665 fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
3666 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,
3667 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action
3668 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,
3669 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor
3670 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the
3671 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that
3672 during July 2026 ~~2025~~, notice of such action shall be provided
3673 at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless
3674 such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice chair of the
3675 Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a

3676 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and
 3677 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection,
 3678 the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 3679 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the
 3680 moneys were loaned by the end of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal
 3681 year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the
 3682 other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition
 3683 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 3684 Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
 3685 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 3686 Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of
 3687 the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys
 3688 from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition
 3689 trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in
 3690 accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This
 3691 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3692 Section 106. (1) In order to implement specific
 3693 appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the
 3694 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department
 3695 of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the
 3696 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in
 3697 the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of
 3698 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land
 3699 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land
 3700 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and

3701 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
3702 Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As
3703 used in this section, the term "department" means the Department
3704 of Environmental Protection.

3705 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,
3706 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each
3707 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the
3708 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for
3709 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land
3710 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land
3711 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
3712 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
3713 Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The
3714 department shall transfer the proportionate share of the
3715 revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the
3716 department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land
3717 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
3718 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
3719 Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its
3720 proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition
3721 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land
3722 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and
3723 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
3724 Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total
3725 appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

3726 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the
3727 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds
3728 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
3729 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
3730 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts
3731 appropriated in chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida, to the
3732 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land
3733 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred
3734 between those trust funds during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

3735 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning
3736 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to
3737 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife
3738 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a
3739 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts
3740 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
3741 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,
3742 2026.

3743 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

3744 Section 107. In order to implement specific appropriations
3745 from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of
3746 Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027
3747 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of
3748 section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3749 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

3750 (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding

3751 reserve accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the
3752 proceeds of cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this
3753 section shall be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund
3754 created by s. 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the
3755 Department of Environmental Protection in the following manner:

3756 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2026-
3757 2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as
3758 provided in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph
3759 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3760 Section 108. In order to implement section 149 of the
3761 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of
3762 subsection (2) of section 376.91, Florida Statutes, is amended
3763 to read:

3764 376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and
3765 polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

3766 (2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

3767 (a) If the United States Environmental Protection Agency
3768 has not finalized its standards for PFAS in drinking water,
3769 groundwater, and soil by January 1, 2027 ~~2026~~, the department
3770 shall adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in
3771 drinking water, groundwater, and soil using criteria set forth
3772 in s. 376.30701, with priority given to PFOA and PFOS. The rules
3773 for statewide cleanup target levels may not take effect until
3774 ratified by the Legislature.

3775 Section 109. The amendments to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida

3776 Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of
3777 that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30,
3778 2025, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than
3779 by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
3780 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
3781 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

3782 Section 110. In order to implement section 149 of the
3783 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (i) of
3784 subsection (13) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is
3785 amended to read:

3786 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
3787 funding.—

3788 (13) PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—To encourage
3789 detection, reporting, and cleanup of contamination caused by
3790 discharges of petroleum or petroleum products, the department
3791 shall, within the guidelines established in this subsection,
3792 implement a cleanup program to provide rehabilitation funding
3793 assistance for all property contaminated by discharges of
3794 petroleum or petroleum products from a petroleum storage system
3795 occurring before January 1, 1995. Eligibility is subject to an
3796 annual appropriation from the fund. Additionally, funding for
3797 eligible sites is contingent upon annual appropriation in
3798 subsequent years. Such continued state funding is not an
3799 entitlement or a vested right under this subsection. Eligibility
3800 shall be determined in the program, notwithstanding any other

3801 provision of law, consent order, order, judgment, or ordinance
3802 to the contrary.

3803 (i) Notwithstanding this section, for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-~~
3804 ~~2026~~ fiscal year, program deductibles and copayments may not be
3805 assessed, monetary caps may not be enforced, and all costs for
3806 activities described in this subsection must be absorbed at the
3807 expense of the Inland Protection Trust Fund, without recourse to
3808 reimbursement or recovery, with the following exceptions:

3809 1. This paragraph does not apply to a site where the
3810 department has been denied site access to implement this
3811 section.

3812 2. This paragraph does not authorize or require
3813 reimbursement from the fund for costs expended before the
3814 beginning of the grace period.

3815 3. Upon discovery by the department that the owner or
3816 operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly
3817 negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system;
3818 has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious
3819 discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records
3820 maintained with respect to the site at which such system is
3821 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage
3822 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible
3823 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is
3824 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage
3825 systems at that site.

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

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

376.3072 Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program.—

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

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

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

(c) Upon discovery by the department that the owner or operator of a petroleum storage system has been grossly negligent in the maintenance of such petroleum storage system; has, with willful intent to conceal the existence of a serious discharge, falsified inventory or reconciliation records maintained with respect to the site at which such system is

3851 located; or has intentionally damaged such petroleum storage
3852 system, the site at which such system is located is ineligible
3853 for participation in the incentive program and the owner is
3854 liable for all costs due to discharges from petroleum storage
3855 systems at that site.

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3857 This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

3858 Section 112. In order to implement section 149 of the
3859 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
3860 expiration date in section 89 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of
3861 Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071,
3862 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3863 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
3864 funding.—

3865 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—The
3866 department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10
3867 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor
3868 and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems
3869 that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended
3870 with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce
3871 the potential for such damage.

3872 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

3873 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the
3874 application and required documentation;

3875 2. Certified public accountant costs;

3876 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in
3877 excess of the amount approved by the department under paragraph
3878 (b) or which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase
3879 order;

3880 4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or
3881 ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or
3882 replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;

3883 5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department
3884 storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been
3885 resolved; or

3886 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage
3887 systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the
3888 storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

3889 Section 113. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida
3890 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of
3891 Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that
3892 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but
3893 not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-
3894 114, Laws of Florida, and any amendments to such text enacted
3895 other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to
3896 operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
3897 upon the portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

3898 Section 114. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3899 2320 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
3900 notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, the Department of

3901 Citrus shall enter into agreements for the purpose of increasing
3902 production of trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus
3903 greening and to commercialize technologies that produce
3904 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. The
3905 department shall enter into these agreements no later than
3906 January 1, 2027, and shall file with the department's Inspector
3907 General a certification of conditions and circumstances
3908 justifying each agreement entered into without competitive
3909 solicitation. This section expires July 1, 2027.

3910 Section 115. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
3911 1715 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
3912 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter
3913 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 380.5105, Florida Statutes,
3914 is reenacted to read:

3915 380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida
3916 Forever program.—

3917 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
3918 it is the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall
3919 administer the working waterfronts land acquisition program as
3920 set forth in this section.

3921 (a) The trust and the Department of Agriculture and
3922 Consumer Services shall jointly develop rules specifically
3923 establishing an application process and a process for the
3924 evaluation, scoring and ranking of working waterfront projects.
3925 The proposed rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph

3926 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a
 3927 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to
 3928 projects:

3929 1. Within a municipality with a population less than
 3930 30,000;

3931 2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and
 3932 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,
 3933 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate
 3934 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

3935 3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency
 3936 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

3937 4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as
 3938 an aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

3939 5. That provide a demonstrable benefit to the local
 3940 economy.

3941 (b) For projects that will require more than the grant
 3942 amount awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in
 3943 their project application funding sources that will provide the
 3944 difference between the grant award and the estimated project
 3945 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those
 3946 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

3947 (c) The trust shall develop a ranking list based on
 3948 criteria identified in paragraph (a) for proposed fee simple and
 3949 less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant to
 3950 this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees of

3951 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present
3952 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of
3953 trustees for final approval of projects for funding. The board
3954 of trustees may remove projects from the ranking list but may
3955 not add projects.

3956 (d) Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of
3957 less-than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust.
3958 Waterfront communities that receive grant awards must submit
3959 annual progress reports to the trust identifying project
3960 activities which are complete, and the progress achieved in
3961 meeting the goals outlined in the project application. The trust
3962 must implement a process to monitor and evaluate the performance
3963 of grant recipients in completing projects that are funded
3964 through the working waterfronts program.

3965 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
3966 it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of
3967 Environmental Protection shall administer the working
3968 waterfronts capital outlay grant program as set forth in this
3969 section to support the commercial fishing and marine aquaculture
3970 industries, including the infrastructure for receiving or
3971 unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the seafood
3972 economy.

3973 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program
3974 is created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater
3975 products or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer

3976 license holders and seafood houses in maintaining their
3977 operations.

3978 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital
3979 outlay and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited
3980 to, the repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the
3981 repair and maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent
3982 facilities or infrastructure, and the construction or renovation
3983 of shoreside facilities.

3984 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local
3985 economy.

3986 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports
3987 to the department identifying project activities that are
3988 complete and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined
3989 in the project application.

3990 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor
3991 and evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing
3992 projects funded through the program.

3993 Section 116. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as
3994 carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by this
3995 act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall
3996 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any
3997 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
3998 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
3999 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
4000 expire pursuant to this section.

4001 Section 117. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4002 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and
4003 notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and
4004 Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for
4005 the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local
4006 governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to
4007 pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose
4008 of, derelict vessels, migrant vessels, at-risk vessel turn in
4009 program vessels, or vessels declared a public nuisance pursuant
4010 to s. 327.73(1)(aa) and (gg), Florida Statutes. This section
4011 expires July 1, 2027.

4012 Section 118. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4013 1766A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection
4014 (9) of section 403.0673, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4015 403.0673 Water quality improvement grant program.—A grant
4016 program is established within the Department of Environmental
4017 Protection to address wastewater, stormwater, and agricultural
4018 sources of nutrient loading to surface water or groundwater.

4019 (9) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, and
4020 notwithstanding the requirements of this section and s. 403.890,
4021 funds appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability
4022 Program Trust Fund may be used as provided in the General
4023 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4024 Section 119. In order to implement appropriations from the
4025 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of

4026 Environmental Protection in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations
4027 Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida
4028 Statutes, is amended to read:

4029 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

4030 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
4031 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

4032 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required
4033 under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated,
4034 pledged, or dedicated for other uses:

4035 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million
4036 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that
4037 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set
4038 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning
4039 Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term
4040 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades
4041 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.
4042 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal
4043 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida
4044 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in
4045 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed
4046 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of
4047 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated
4048 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the
4049 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the
4050 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.

4051 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the
4052 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake
4053 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage
4054 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the
4055 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand
4056 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection
4057 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give
4058 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce
4059 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.
4060 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the
4061 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this
4062 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to
4063 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
4064 purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the
4065 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph
4066 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be
4067 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
4068 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
4069 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

4070 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million
4071 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,
4072 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of
4073 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the
4074 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds
4075 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this

4076 paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the
4077 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the
4078 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal
4079 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
4080 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
4081 subparagraph.

4082 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually
4083 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St.
4084 Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to
4085 the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be
4086 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
4087 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the
4088 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

4089 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be
4090 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019
4091 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA
4092 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining
4093 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of
4094 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in
4095 subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws
4096 relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such
4097 purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount
4098 appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be
4099 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to
4100 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the

4101 purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

4102 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually
4103 to the South Florida Water Management District for the Lake
4104 Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s.
4105 373.4599. This distribution must be reduced by an amount equal
4106 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds
4107 issued after July 1, 2021, for the purposes set forth in this
4108 subparagraph.

4109 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually
4110 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the
4111 acquisition of land pursuant to s. 259.105.

4112 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 6. ~~subparagraphs 3. and~~
4113 ~~6.,~~ for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be
4114 appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This
4115 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4116 Section 120. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4117 1650 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
4118 notwithstanding chapter 255, Florida Statutes, the Department of
4119 Agriculture and Consumer Services may lease an existing facility
4120 that meets the requirements of s. 581.1843(6), Florida Statutes,
4121 and may administer a program to expedite the expansion of the
4122 propagation of *Citrus sinensis* or *Citrus sinensis*-like budwood
4123 trees and seedlings that show tolerance or resistance to citrus
4124 greening, and to commercialize technologies that produce
4125 tolerance or resistance to citrus greening in trees. This

4126 section expires July 1, 2027.

4127 Section 121. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4128 1820 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a county or
4129 municipal government may not adopt or enforce an ordinance that
4130 requires a distributor or retailer to establish battery
4131 collection sites or to collect or handle batteries and products
4132 containing batteries for off-site recycling or disposal until a
4133 study providing recommended practices for a distributor or
4134 retailer regarding the proper collection and handling of such
4135 has been produced. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4136 Section 122. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4137 2331 through 2337 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
4138 subsection (3) of section 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is
4139 amended to read:

4140 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

4141 (3) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall
4142 be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to
4143 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael
4144 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection
4145 expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4146 Section 123. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4147 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092
4148 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General
4149 Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section
4150 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4151 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;
 4152 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

4153 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

4154 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new
 4155 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess
 4156 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget
 4157 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this
 4158 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of
 4159 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work
 4160 program which are eligible for the funds within the
 4161 appropriation category being used for the proposed amendment.
 4162 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for
 4163 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of
 4164 the proposed amendment.

4165 2. If the department submits an amendment to the
 4166 Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet
 4167 or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal,
 4168 the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the
 4169 amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This
 4170 subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4171 Section 124. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 4172 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092
 4173 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General
 4174 Appropriations Act, the Department of Transportation is
 4175 authorized to realign or increase budget authority within the

4176 Work Program to account for laws enacted which adjust the
4177 department's statutory revenue distributions. The department may
4178 submit budget amendments to realign or increase budget authority
4179 consistent with this section and pursuant to s. 339.135(7),
4180 Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4181 Section 125. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4182 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092
4183 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General
4184 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7) (b),
4185 Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized
4186 to request up to \$200 million of budget authority to the extent
4187 necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work
4188 Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations
4189 and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced
4190 to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments
4191 to realign budget authority consistent with this section and
4192 pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section
4193 expires July 1, 2027.

4194 Section 126. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4195 2396 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6)
4196 of section 288.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4197 288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

4198 (6) For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the funds
4199 appropriated for the grant program for Florida Panhandle
4200 counties shall be distributed pursuant to and for the purposes

4201 described in the proviso language associated with Specific
4202 Appropriation 2396 ~~2113~~ of the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ General
4203 Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4204 Section 127. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4205 2759 through 2764 and sections 217 and 218 of the 2026-2027
4206 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and
4207 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management
4208 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
4209 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to
4210 increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to
4211 reimbursements from federally declared disasters if additional
4212 federal revenues specific to such programs become available in
4213 the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4214 Section 128. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4215 2367 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
4216 notwithstanding the expiration date in section 105 of chapter
4217 2025-199, subsections (4) and (5) of section 443.1113, Florida
4218 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

4219 443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
4220 Information System.—

4221 (4) (a) The Department of Commerce shall perform an annual
4222 review of the system and identify enhancements or modernization
4223 efforts that improve the delivery of services to claimants and
4224 employers and reporting to state and federal entities. These
4225 improvements are subject to appropriation, and must include, but

4226 need not be limited to:

4227 1. Infrastructure upgrades through cloud services.

4228 2. Software improvements.

4229 3. Enhanced data analytics and reporting.

4230 4. Increased cybersecurity pursuant to s. 282.318.

4231 (b) The department shall seek input on recommended
4232 enhancements from, at a minimum, the following entities:

4233 1. The Florida Digital Service within the Department of
4234 Management Services.

4235 2. The General Tax Administration Program Office within
4236 the Department of Revenue.

4237 3. The Division of Accounting and Auditing within the
4238 Department of Financial Services.

4239 (5) By September 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, the
4240 Department of Commerce shall submit a Reemployment Assistance
4241 Claims and Benefits Information System report to the Governor,
4242 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
4243 Representatives. The report must, at a minimum, include:

4244 (a) A summary of clearly defined deliverables and
4245 measurable outcomes of maintenance, enhancement, and
4246 modernization efforts over the last fiscal year.

4247 (b) A plan for the next 2 fiscal years of recommended
4248 enhancements or modernization efforts that includes projected
4249 nonrecurring project costs, clear deliverables, and timeframes
4250 for completion of each enhancement or modernization effort in

4251 priority order, and the projected recurring operations and
4252 maintenance costs after the completion of each enhancement or
4253 modernization effort.

4254 Section 129. The text of s. 443.1113(4) and (5), Florida
4255 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of
4256 Florida, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections
4257 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that
4258 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
4259 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
4260 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which
4261 expire pursuant to this section.

4262 Section 130. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4263 2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsections
4264 (1) and (9) of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, are amended,
4265 and subsections (2) and (4) are reenacted, to read:

4266 445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment
4267 Program.—

4268 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:

4269 (a) "Commission" means the Criminal Justice Standards and
4270 Training Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement.

4271 (b) "Employing agency" has the same meaning as provided in
4272 s. 943.10(4).

4273 (c) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as
4274 provided in s. 943.10(1).

4275 (d) "Newly employed officer" means a person who is a

4276 Florida resident and who gains or is appointed to full-time
4277 employment as a certified law enforcement officer with a Florida
4278 criminal justice employing agency on or after July 1, 2022, and
4279 who has never before been employed as a law enforcement officer
4280 in this state.

4281 (e) "Program" means the Florida Law Enforcement
4282 Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.

4283 (2) (a) There is created within the department the Florida
4284 Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program to aid in the
4285 recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state. The
4286 purpose of the program is to administer one-time bonus payments
4287 of up to \$5,000 to each newly employed officer within the state.

4288 (b) Bonus payments provided to eligible newly employed
4289 officers are contingent upon legislative appropriations and
4290 shall be prorated subject to the amount appropriated for the
4291 program.

4292 (4) The department shall develop an annual plan for the
4293 administration of the program and distribution of bonus
4294 payments. Applicable employing agencies shall assist the
4295 department with the collection of any data necessary to
4296 determine bonus payment amounts and to distribute the bonus
4297 payments, and shall otherwise provide the department with any
4298 information or assistance needed to fulfill the requirements of
4299 this section. At a minimum, the plan must include:

4300 (a) The method for determining the estimated number of

4301 newly employed officers to gain or be appointed to full-time
4302 employment during the applicable fiscal year.

4303 (b) The minimum eligibility requirements a newly employed
4304 officer must meet to receive and retain a bonus payment, which
4305 must include:

4306 1. Obtaining certification for employment or appointment
4307 as a law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395.

4308 2. Gaining full-time employment with a Florida criminal
4309 justice agency.

4310 3. Maintaining full-time employment as a law enforcement
4311 officer with a Florida criminal justice agency for at least 2
4312 years from the date on which the officer obtained certification.
4313 The required 2-year employment period may be satisfied by
4314 maintaining full-time employment at one or more employing
4315 agencies, but such period must not contain any break in service
4316 longer than 180 calendar days.

4317 (c) The standards by which the department will determine
4318 under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law
4319 enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department
4320 justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the
4321 term "break in service" means a period of time during which the
4322 person is employed with a Florida criminal justice agency but is
4323 not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period
4324 of time during which the person is in between employment as a
4325 full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days.

4326 The time period for any break in service does not count toward
4327 satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this
4328 section.

4329 (d) The method that will be used to determine the bonus
4330 payment amount to be distributed to each newly employed officer.

4331 (e) The method that will be used to distribute bonus
4332 payments to applicable employing agencies for distribution to
4333 eligible officers. Such method should prioritize distributing
4334 bonus payments to eligible officers in the most efficient and
4335 quickest manner possible.

4336 (f) The estimated cost to the department associated with
4337 developing and administering the program and distributing bonus
4338 payment funds.

4339 (g) The method by which an officer must reimburse the
4340 state if he or she received a bonus payment under the program,
4341 but failed to maintain continuous employment for the required 2-
4342 year period. Reimbursement shall not be required if an officer
4343 is discharged by his or her employing agency for a reason other
4344 than misconduct as designated on the affidavit of separation
4345 completed by the employing agency and maintained by the
4346 commission.

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4348 The department may establish other criteria deemed necessary to
4349 determine bonus payment eligibility and distribution.

4350 (9) This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4351 Section 131. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4352 2743 through 2771 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
4353 subsection (2) of section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended
4354 to read:

4355 282.201 State data center.—The state data center is
4356 established within the department. The provision of data center
4357 services must comply with applicable state and federal laws,
4358 regulations, and policies, including all applicable security,
4359 privacy, and auditing requirements. The department shall appoint
4360 a director of the state data center who has experience in
4361 leading data center facilities and has expertise in cloud-
4362 computing management.

4363 (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

4364 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state
4365 data center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department
4366 of the Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development
4367 in the Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic
4368 management centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office
4369 of Toll Operations of the Department of Transportation, the
4370 State Board of Administration, state attorneys, public
4371 defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, capital
4372 collateral regional counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance
4373 Corporation.

4374 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from
4375 the use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,

4376 2027 ~~2026~~.

4377 Section 132. In order to implement section 197 of the
4378 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
4379 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of
4380 Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice,
4381 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
4382 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support the federal
4383 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program
4384 (CDBG-DR). This section expires July 1, 2027.

4385 Section 133. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
4386 2099 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, section
4387 334.64, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

4388 334.64 Department to serve as primary point of contact for
4389 LiDAR procurement.—Notwithstanding s. 20.255(9), the department
4390 shall serve as the primary point of contact for statewide
4391 topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing related to
4392 statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data
4393 sharing. The department may provide these services to other
4394 state and local governmental entities by entering into an
4395 interagency agreement consistent with chapter 216.
4396 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any
4397 charter, ordinance, statute, or special law, all state agencies
4398 and local governmental entities conducting programs or
4399 exercising powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR mapping
4400 are authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the

4401 department for the provision by the department of topographic
4402 aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services, and to
4403 delegate authority to conduct programs or exercise powers
4404 relating to topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-
4405 sharing services to the department pursuant to such interagency
4406 agreements. The department may adopt rules to implement this
4407 section. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4408 Section 134. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4409 3147 through 3156 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
4410 subsections (5) and (6) of section 251.001, Florida Statutes,
4411 are amended to read:

4412 251.001 Florida State Guard Act.—

4413 (5) PERSONNEL.—

4414 (a) Subject to approval by the Governor, the director
4415 shall determine the number of volunteer personnel necessary to
4416 meet the staffing and operational requirements of the Florida
4417 State Guard, and determine the volunteer structure and number of
4418 volunteer personnel within each component unit of such
4419 structure.

4420 (b) The Governor shall commission all volunteer personnel
4421 of the Florida State Guard.

4422 (c) Each applicant for the Florida State Guard shall meet
4423 the following qualifications:

4424 1. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States
4425 and a resident of the state.

4426 2. The applicant may not have a felony conviction. Each
4427 applicant shall submit a complete set of fingerprints and all
4428 information required by state and federal law to process
4429 fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal background
4430 check. For purposes of this section, the term "conviction" means
4431 a determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or a
4432 trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld or a plea
4433 of nolo contendere is entered.

4434 3. The applicant may not be an active duty servicemember,
4435 a member of the armed forces reserves, or a member of the
4436 Florida National Guard.

4437 4. If the applicant is a former member of the armed forces
4438 or of any military or naval organization of this state or
4439 another state, the applicant must have been separated under
4440 terms no less than a general discharge under honorable
4441 conditions.

4442 5. If the applicant is a current or former law enforcement
4443 officer of any law enforcement agency in this state or another
4444 state, the applicant must be in good standing and maintained
4445 good moral character with her or his employing agency pursuant
4446 to s. 943.13(7) or have been separated under good terms without
4447 disciplinary action.

4448 (d) The director shall establish minimum standards for the
4449 age, physical and health condition, and physical fitness of
4450 applicants based upon the component unit of the Florida State

4451 Guard structure in which the applicant is being considered for
4452 placement. However, an applicant being considered for placement
4453 in a component unit that serves in an active duty capacity
4454 within the Florida State Guard must be subject to standards that
4455 are no less than the standards required for recruitment,
4456 enrollment, and retention in the Florida National Guard.

4457 (e) The director shall develop and implement a code of
4458 regulations for the administration and discipline of members of
4459 the Florida State Guard that shall provide no less protection
4460 and impose no more severe sanctions than as provided in s.
4461 250.35, except that the director shall not have authority to
4462 impose any term of incarceration.

4463 (6) SPECIALIZED UNIT.—The director shall organize a
4464 specialized unit within the Florida State Guard. All members of
4465 the specialized unit must be of good moral character and are
4466 vested with the authority to bear arms, detect, and apprehend
4467 while activated. In addition to the requirements set forth in
4468 paragraph (5) (c), each member ~~only those members~~ of the
4469 specialized unit must be a certified law enforcement officer
4470 pursuant to s. 943.1395. ~~who meet the requirements in s. 943.13~~
4471 ~~and are certified as law enforcement officers as defined in s.~~
4472 943.10(1) Members of the specialized unit are authorized to have
4473 the same law enforcement authority as the law enforcement agency
4474 in conjunction with which they are working when activated.

4475 Section 135. The amendments to s. 251.001(5) and (6),

4476 Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the
4477 text of those subsections, as applicable, shall revert to that
4478 in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to
4479 such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and
4480 continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not
4481 dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to
4482 this section.

4483 Section 136. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the
4484 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026,
4485 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of
4486 Management Services shall assess an administrative health
4487 insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the
4488 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for
4489 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage
4490 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this
4491 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the
4492 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the
4493 Justice Administrative Commission and all entities
4494 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative
4495 Commission, and the state courts system.

4496 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed
4497 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)
4498 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the
4499 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and
4500 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for

4501 salaries and benefits within 30 days after receipt of the
4502 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should
4503 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment
4504 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall
4505 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the
4506 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the
4507 Department of Management Services.

4508 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall
4509 apply to all vacant positions funded with state funds whether
4510 fully or partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions
4511 partially funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the
4512 assessment imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage
4513 share of state funds provided for such vacant positions. No
4514 assessment shall apply to vacant positions fully funded with
4515 federal funds. Each state agency shall provide the Department of
4516 Management Services with a complete list of position numbers
4517 that are funded, or partially funded, with federal funding, and
4518 include the percentage of federal funding for each position no
4519 later than July 31, 2026, and shall update the list on the last
4520 day of each month thereafter. For federally funded vacant
4521 positions, or partially funded vacant positions, each state
4522 agency shall immediately take steps to include the
4523 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost
4524 plan for the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year
4525 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of

4526 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the
4527 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of
4528 the House of Representatives Budget Committee upon approval of
4529 the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able
4530 to obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state
4531 agency must notify the Department of Management Services, the
4532 Executive Office of the Governor, and the appropriation and
4533 budget chairs no later than January 15, 2027.

4534 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection
4535 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office
4536 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in
4537 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between
4538 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the
4539 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department
4540 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance
4541 assessment.

4542 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4543 Section 137. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4544 2852 and 2853 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
4545 notwithstanding s. 11.13(1), Florida Statutes, the authorized
4546 salaries for members of the Legislature for the 2026-2027 fiscal
4547 year shall be set at the same level in effect on July 1, 2010.
4548 This section expires July 1, 2027.

4549 Section 138. In order to implement the transfer of funds
4550 from the General Revenue Fund from trust funds for the 2026-2027

4551 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration
 4552 date in section 111 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida,
 4553 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 215.32, Florida
 4554 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

4555 215.32 State funds; segregation.—

4556 (2) The source and use of each of these funds shall be as
 4557 follows:

4558 (b)1. The trust funds shall consist of moneys received by
 4559 the state which under law or under trust agreement are
 4560 segregated for a purpose authorized by law. The state agency or
 4561 branch of state government receiving or collecting such moneys
 4562 is responsible for their proper expenditure as provided by law.
 4563 Upon the request of the state agency or branch of state
 4564 government responsible for the administration of the trust fund,
 4565 the Chief Financial Officer may establish accounts within the
 4566 trust fund at a level considered necessary for proper
 4567 accountability. Once an account is established, the Chief
 4568 Financial Officer may authorize payment from that account only
 4569 upon determining that there is sufficient cash and releases at
 4570 the level of the account.

4571 2. In addition to other trust funds created by law, to the
 4572 extent possible, each agency shall use the following trust funds
 4573 as described in this subparagraph for day-to-day operations:

4574 a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a
 4575 depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by

4576 program revenues, with the exception of administrative
4577 activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a
4578 proprietary fund.

4579 b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a
4580 depository for client services funded by third-party payors.

4581 c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for
4582 funds to be used for management activities that are departmental
4583 in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments
4584 against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the
4585 requirement of using an administrative trust fund.

4586 d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a
4587 depository for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor
4588 agreement activities funded by restricted contractual revenue
4589 from private and public nonfederal sources.

4590 e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a
4591 depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.

4592 f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for
4593 funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful
4594 recipients.

4595 g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for
4596 funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by
4597 restricted program revenues from federal sources.

4598
4599 To the extent possible, each agency must adjust its internal
4600 accounting to use existing trust funds consistent with the

4601 requirements of this subparagraph. If an agency does not have
4602 trust funds listed in this subparagraph and cannot make such
4603 adjustment, the agency must recommend the creation of the
4604 necessary trust funds to the Legislature no later than the next
4605 scheduled review of the agency's trust funds pursuant to s.
4606 215.3206.

4607 3. All such moneys are hereby appropriated to be expended
4608 in accordance with the law or trust agreement under which they
4609 were received, subject always to the provisions of chapter 216
4610 relating to the appropriation of funds and to the applicable
4611 laws relating to the deposit or expenditure of moneys in the
4612 State Treasury.

4613 4.a. Notwithstanding any provision of law restricting the
4614 use of trust funds to specific purposes, unappropriated cash
4615 balances from selected trust funds may be authorized by the
4616 Legislature for transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund and
4617 General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

4618 b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds
4619 required by federal programs or mandates; trust funds
4620 established for bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose
4621 revenues are legally pledged by the state or public body to meet
4622 debt service or other financial requirements of any debt
4623 obligations of the state or any public body; the Division of
4624 Licensing Trust Fund in the Department of Agriculture and
4625 Consumer Services; the State Transportation Trust Fund; the

4626 trust fund containing the net annual proceeds from the Florida
4627 Education Lotteries; the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund;
4628 trust funds under the management of the State Board of Education
4629 or the Board of Governors of the State University System, where
4630 such trust funds are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance,
4631 and contracts, grants, and donations, as those terms are defined
4632 by general law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or
4633 accounts for the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies;
4634 trust funds that account for assets held by the state in a
4635 trustee capacity as an agent or fiduciary for individuals,
4636 private organizations, or other governmental units; and other
4637 trust funds authorized by the State Constitution.

4638 Section 139. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida
4639 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of
4640 Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that
4641 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011,
4642 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by
4643 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the
4644 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions
4645 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

4646 Section 140. In order to implement the appropriations
4647 authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state
4648 employee travel and notwithstanding s. 112.061(7)(d)1.a.,
4649 Florida Statutes, the mileage allowance for travel by privately
4650 owned vehicles for official travel shall be established by each

4651 state agency or the judicial branch. The mileage allowance may
4652 not exceed the standard mileage rates established by the
4653 Internal Revenue Service. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4654 Section 141. In order to implement appropriations in the
4655 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,
4656 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used
4657 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027
4658 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each
4659 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by
4660 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,
4661 staff training activities, or other administrative functions
4662 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such
4663 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head
4664 shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of
4665 electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed
4666 activity before approving mission-critical travel. If
4667 international travel is approved, the agency must provide a
4668 quarterly report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
4669 and the President of the Senate that provides the justification
4670 for such travel along with a breakdown of the associated costs.
4671 This section does not apply to travel for law enforcement
4672 purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities, or
4673 public health activities. This section expires July 1, 2027.

4674 Section 142. In order to implement appropriations in the
4675 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel

4676 and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for
4677 lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention
4678 organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or
4679 the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may
4680 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess
4681 of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does
4682 not include travel activities for conducting an audit,
4683 examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities
4684 related to a litigation or emergency response. This section
4685 expires July 1, 2027.

4686 Section 143. In order to implement the appropriations and
4687 reappropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General
4688 Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section
4689 216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4690 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital
4691 outlay.—

4692 (11)

4693 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2) (b),
4694 and for the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, the
4695 Legislative Budget Commission may approve budget amendments for
4696 new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts
4697 appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay
4698 projects. This paragraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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4700 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and

4701 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

4702 Section 144. In order to implement the salaries and
 4703 benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted
 4704 services, special categories, and operating capital outlay
 4705 categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
 4706 paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida
 4707 Statutes, is amended to read:

4708 216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

4709 (2) The following transfers are authorized to be made by
 4710 the head of each department or the Chief Justice of the Supreme
 4711 Court whenever it is deemed necessary by reason of changed
 4712 conditions:

4713 (a) The transfer of appropriations funded from identical
 4714 funding sources, except appropriations for fixed capital outlay,
 4715 and the transfer of amounts included within the total original
 4716 approved budget and plans of releases of appropriations as
 4717 furnished pursuant to ss. 216.181 and 216.192, as follows:

4718 1. Between categories of appropriations within a budget
 4719 entity, if no category of appropriation is increased or
 4720 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget
 4721 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under
 4722 this subsection.

4723 2. Between budget entities within identical categories of
 4724 appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or
 4725 decreased by more than 5 percent of the original approved budget

4726 or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under
4727 this subsection.

4728 3. Any agency exceeding salary rate established pursuant
4729 to s. 216.181(8) on June 30th of any fiscal year shall not be
4730 authorized to make transfers pursuant to subparagraphs 1. and 2.
4731 in the subsequent fiscal year.

4732 4. Notice of proposed transfers under subparagraphs 1. and
4733 2. shall be provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and
4734 the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees at least
4735 3 days prior to agency implementation in order to provide an
4736 opportunity for review. The review shall be limited to ensuring
4737 that the transfer is in compliance with the requirements of this
4738 paragraph.

4739 5. For the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, the review
4740 shall ensure that transfers proposed pursuant to this paragraph
4741 comply with this chapter, maximize the use of available and
4742 appropriate trust funds, and are not contrary to legislative
4743 policy and intent. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4744 Section 145. In order to implement appropriations in the
4745 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of
4746 motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida
4747 Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a
4748 state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from
4749 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the
4750 Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the

4751 motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar
4752 class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the
4753 funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This
4754 section expires July 1, 2027.

4755 Section 146. In order to implement appropriations for
4756 state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
4757 section 11.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4758 11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state
4759 agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of
4760 the Governor with information about the status of implementation
4761 of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must
4762 be provided 90 days following the effective date of the
4763 legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all
4764 provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The
4765 implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for
4766 each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to
4767 implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for
4768 implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation,
4769 any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the
4770 agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to
4771 implement or administer the legislation, programs started,
4772 offices established, or other organization administrative
4773 changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers
4774 requested; any expenditures made directly related to the
4775 implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,

4776 including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative
4777 rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular
4778 legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of
4779 any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature
4780 of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding
4781 the implementation of the legislation and the status of any
4782 litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy
4783 issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure
4784 timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This
4785 section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4786 Section 147. In order to implement appropriations for
4787 state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General
4788 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.013, Florida
4789 Statutes, is amended to read:

4790 216.013 Long-range program plan.—State agencies and the
4791 judicial branch shall develop long-range program plans to
4792 achieve state goals using an interagency planning process that
4793 includes the development of integrated agency program service
4794 outcomes. The plans shall be policy based, priority driven,
4795 accountable, and developed through careful examination and
4796 justification of all agency and judicial branch programs.

4797 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each
4798 state executive agency and the judicial branch are not required
4799 to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30,
4800 2026 ~~2025~~, for the 2027-2028 ~~2026-2027~~ fiscal year, except in

4801 | circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions
 4802 | prepared by the Executive Office of the Governor in consultation
 4803 | with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.
 4804 | This subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4805 | Section 148. In order to implement appropriations for
 4806 | state agencies and the judicial branch in the 2026-2027 General
 4807 | Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 216.023, Florida
 4808 | Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is added to that
 4809 | section, to read:

4810 | 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to
 4811 | Legislature by agencies.—

4812 | (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state
 4813 | agency and the judicial branch shall include an inventory of all
 4814 | ongoing technology-related projects that have a cumulative
 4815 | estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The
 4816 | inventory must, at a minimum, contain all of the following
 4817 | information:

- 4818 | (a) The name of the technology system.
- 4819 | (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the
 4820 | system.
- 4821 | (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.
- 4822 | (d) The initiation date of the project.
- 4823 | (e) The key performance indicators for the project.
- 4824 | (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the
 4825 | health and status of the project.

4826 (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates
 4827 of the project.

4828 (h) The original and current estimated costs of the
 4829 project.

4830 (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project
 4831 and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

4832
 4833 For purposes of this subsection, an ongoing technology-related
 4834 project is one which has been funded or has had or is expected
 4835 to have expenditures in more than one fiscal year. An ongoing
 4836 technology-related project does not include the continuance of
 4837 existing hardware and software maintenance agreements, the
 4838 renewal of existing software licensing agreements, or the
 4839 replacement of desktop units with new technology that is
 4840 substantially similar to the technology being replaced. This
 4841 subsection expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4842 (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each
 4843 state executive agency and the judicial branch is not required
 4844 to develop or post the agency-level unit cost summary by October
 4845 15, 2026, for the 2027-2028 fiscal year. This subsection expires
 4846 July 1, 2027.

4847 Section 149. In order to implement appropriations in the
 4848 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the use of state funds
 4849 must be consistent with the following principles of individual
 4850 freedom:

4851 (1) No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive,
 4852 whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or
 4853 her race or sex.

4854 (2) No race is inherently superior to another race.

4855 (3) No person should be discriminated against or receive
 4856 adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color,
 4857 national origin, religion, disability, or sex.

4858 (4) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are
 4859 not racist but fundamental to the right to pursue happiness and
 4860 be rewarded for industry.

4861 (5) A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does
 4862 not bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by
 4863 other members of the same race or sex.

4864 (6) A person should not be instructed that he or she must
 4865 feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress
 4866 for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the
 4867 past by other members of the same race or sex.

4868
 4869 This section expires July 1, 2027.

4870 Section 150. In order to implement appropriations for
 4871 state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a
 4872 state agency may not use state funds to contract with an
 4873 advertising agency or other contractor who acts as or uses the
 4874 services of media reliability and bias monitors. The term "media
 4875 reliability and bias monitor" means any contractor whose primary

4876 or principal function is to rate or rank news and information
4877 services for the factual accuracy of their content, whether the
4878 content is published online, in print, by audio, or digitally,
4879 or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming
4880 service, or any other way news is delivered to the public; or to
4881 provide ratings or a subjective evaluation of news and
4882 information services regarding misinformation, bias, adherence
4883 to journalistic standards, or ethics. The term includes, but is
4884 not limited to, organizations that engage in fact checking. The
4885 term does not include any contractor that rates media outlets
4886 for audience size, viewership, and demographic information; or
4887 that monitors media outlets for the purpose of compiling press
4888 or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purpose
4889 of public relations and public awareness. This section expires
4890 July 1, 2027.

4891 Section 151. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4892 2601 through 2615 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act,
4893 paragraph (d) of subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida
4894 Statutes, is amended to read:

4895 440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for
4896 violations; limitations.—

4897 (12) CREATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL; GUIDES OF MAXIMUM
4898 REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES.—

4899 (d)1. Outpatient reimbursement for scheduled surgeries
4900 shall be 60 percent of charges.

4901 2. Reimbursement for emergency services and care as
4902 defined in s. 395.002 which have not been assigned a maximum
4903 reimbursement allowance must be 250 percent of Medicare, unless
4904 there is a contract, in which case the contract governs
4905 reimbursement. Upon this subparagraph taking effect, the
4906 department shall engage with an actuarial services firm to begin
4907 development of maximum reimbursement allowances for services
4908 subject to the reimbursement provisions of this subparagraph.
4909 Until the three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum
4910 reimbursement allowances, reimbursement for emergency services
4911 and care that have not been assigned a maximum reimbursement
4912 allowance and for which there is no Medicare billing code must
4913 be 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a
4914 contract, in which case the contract governs reimbursement. This
4915 subparagraph expires June 30, 2027 ~~2026~~.

4916
4917 The department, as requested, shall provide data to the panel,
4918 including, but not limited to, utilization trends in the
4919 workers' compensation health care delivery system. The
4920 department shall provide the panel with an annual report
4921 regarding the resolution of medical reimbursement disputes and
4922 any actions pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall
4923 provide administrative support and service to the panel to the
4924 extent requested by the panel. The department may adopt rules
4925 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this

4926 subsection. For prescription medication purchased under the
4927 requirements of this subsection, a dispensing practitioner shall
4928 not possess such medication unless payment has been made by the
4929 practitioner, the practitioner's professional practice, or the
4930 practitioner's practice management company or employer to the
4931 supplying manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or drug
4932 repackager within 60 days of the dispensing practitioner taking
4933 possession of that medication.

4934 Section 152. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4935 2923 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and
4936 notwithstanding any other law:

4937 (1) The Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the
4938 Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex. The
4939 interior space allocated to each tenant on or after January 1,
4940 2026, may not be reduced or moved without express consent of the
4941 tenant. If additional interior space becomes vacant, the
4942 Legislature has the first right of refusal for use of the space.

4943 (2) (a) Before the Department of Management Services may
4944 plan for or schedule any project in the Capitol Center that
4945 impacts space occupied by a permanent tenant of the Capitol
4946 Complex other than the Governor, the Department of Management
4947 Services must coordinate with the tenant and receive the
4948 tenant's approval on the scope, design, and timeline of the
4949 project. For purposes of space in which the Legislature is the
4950 tenant, the Department of Management Services must coordinate

4951 with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for
4952 space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
4953 Representatives for space allocated to the House of
4954 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space
4955 allocated jointly to both chambers. For any project that impacts
4956 space in which the Legislature is the tenant, the Department of
4957 Management Services must consider the schedule and time
4958 constraints of the Legislature, as well as the Legislature's
4959 needs.

4960 (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
4961 House of Representatives may design, redesign, renovate, or
4962 upgrade any space allocated to their respective chambers in
4963 which the Senate or the House of Representatives is the tenant
4964 without approval by the Department of Management Services.

4965 (c) The Department of Management Services must consult
4966 with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for
4967 space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
4968 Representatives for space allocated to the House of
4969 Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space
4970 allocated jointly to both chambers before including in the
4971 report required under s. 272.09(3), Florida Statutes, any
4972 project that impacts any space in the Capitol Complex in which
4973 the Legislature is the tenant.

4974 (3) In carrying out the provisions of the Capitol Center
4975 long-range planning specified in s. 272.121, Florida Statutes,

4976 the Department of Management Services must solicit feedback from
4977 all permanent tenants of the Capitol Center, including the
4978 Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Attorney General, the
4979 Commissioner of Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and
4980 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

4981 (4) The parking spaces within the Capitol Center area
4982 allocated to the Legislature on January 1, 2026, may not be
4983 reduced or reassigned without the express consent of the
4984 Legislature. If additional parking spaces become available for
4985 assignment, the Legislature has the first right of refusal for
4986 the use of the parking spaces.

4987 (5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

4988 Section 153. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
4989 142, 2180, 2514, and 3235, and sections 83, 84, 106, 108, 141,
4990 171, and 189 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

4991 (1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology
4992 projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve and the remaining
4993 25 percent shall be fully released. The Department of Business
4994 and Professional Regulation, the Department of Children and
4995 Families, Department of Corrections, the Department of
4996 Education, the Department of Financial Services, and the
4997 Department of Revenue are authorized to submit budget amendments
4998 to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida
4999 Statutes.

5000 (a) The amount requested in each budget amendment may not

5001 exceed the entity's planned project expenditures for the ensuing
5002 3-month period.

5003 (b) Beginning with the second quarterly release, approval
5004 is also contingent on the entity removing previously planned
5005 costs that have not been incurred and reallocating such costs,
5006 if necessary, to the appropriate future months, including the
5007 following:

- 5008 1. Costs associated with deliverables not yet accepted;
- 5009 2. Time-and-materials expenses not realized; and
- 5010 3. Unobligated funds.

5011 (c) Release is contingent upon submission of all of the
5012 following:

5013 1. An updated and comprehensive operational work plan that
5014 includes a project schedule that clearly identifies each
5015 payment-related project deliverable.

5016 2. A detailed monthly spend plan in columnar form that:

5017 a. Identifies all planned and actual project work and
5018 associated costs, broken down by deliverable; and

5019 b. Includes, for each expenditure, a column specifying:

5020 (I) A unique identifier that directly correlates the cost
5021 to the current project schedule;

5022 (II) The payment terms, identified as either payment in
5023 advance or payment in arrears;

5024 (III) The contract type, identified as fixed-fee, time-
5025 and-materials, or cost reimbursement; and

5026 (IV) The liability or disbursement type, identified as
 5027 encumbered or unencumbered.

5028 3. A copy of the project status report from the most
 5029 recently completed month at the time of submission, including
 5030 justification of any variance from the most recently submitted
 5031 project schedule and spend plan.

5032 (2) The entity receiving funds pursuant to this section
 5033 must submit monthly project status reports no later than 30 days
 5034 from the close of the previous month to the Executive Office of
 5035 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the
 5036 Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of
 5037 Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated
 5038 project oversight entity. Each status report must include all of
 5039 the following:

5040 (a) Copies of new or updated relevant task orders,
 5041 contracts, purchase orders, and invoices.

5042 (b) A description of progress made to date for each
 5043 project milestone and deliverable.

5044 (c) Planned and actual completion dates.

5045 (d) Planned and actual costs incurred.

5046 (e) Identification of any current project issues or risks.

5047 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

5048 Section 154. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
 5049 267A, 2439, and 3235 and sections 83, 84, 99, 106, 108, and 189
 5050 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

5051 (1) Each of the following agencies: the Agency for Persons
5052 with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families,
5053 Department of Corrections, the Department of Financial Services,
5054 the Department of Health, and the Department of Revenue shall
5055 contract with an independent verification and validation (IV&V)
5056 provider to provide IV&V services for all entity staff and
5057 vendor work needed to implement such projects as applicable.

5058 (2) The IV&V contract shall require that all deliverables
5059 be simultaneously provided to the entities, the Executive Office
5060 of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the
5061 Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of
5062 Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated
5063 project oversight entity. At a minimum, IV&V services must
5064 include, but are not limited to, the following:

5065 (a) Oversight of all entity staff and vendor work needed
5066 to implement the project;

5067 (b) An evaluation of the project's schedule to highlight
5068 variances and ensure it aligns with project objectives, remains
5069 feasible, and mitigates risks; and

5070 (c) A thorough review of all project budget requests and
5071 monthly and quarterly reporting submitted by the entity to the
5072 Legislature.

5073 (2) Each monthly IV&V report must include technical
5074 reviews of all project deliverables submitted or accepted within
5075 the reporting period and an analysis of whether:

5076 (a) The project is being built and implemented in
5077 accordance with defined technical architecture, specifications,
5078 and requirements;

5079 (b) The project is adhering to established project
5080 management and governance processes;

5081 (c) Solicitation and procurement documentation of
5082 products, tools, or services, and resulting contracts, are
5083 compliant with current statutory and regulatory requirements and
5084 aligned with project objectives;

5085 (d) The outcomes and benefits of services performed are
5086 commensurate with the amounts invoiced; and

5087 (e) The project is on track to achieve the original
5088 business benefits and project objectives.

5089 (3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

5090 Section 155. Any section of this act which implements a
5091 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
5092 language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if
5093 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso
5094 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements
5095 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of
5096 specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027
5097 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific
5098 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso
5099 language are vetoed.

5100 Section 156. If any other act passed during the 2026

5101 Regular Session or 2026 Special Session E of the Legislature
5102 contains a provision that is substantively the same as a
5103 provision in this act, but that removes or is otherwise not
5104 subject to the future repeal applied to such provision by this
5105 act, the Legislature intends that the provision in the other act
5106 takes precedence and continues to operate, notwithstanding the
5107 future repeal provided by this act.

5108 Section 157. If any law amended by this act was also
5109 amended by a law enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the
5110 Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been
5111 enacted during the same session of the Legislature and full
5112 effect shall be given to each if possible.

5113 Section 158. If any provision of this act or its
5114 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
5115 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
5116 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
5117 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
5118 severable.

5119 Section 159. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
5120 this act and except for this section, which shall take effect
5121 upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
5122 2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that
5123 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate
5124 retroactively to July 1, 2026.