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2 A bill to be entitled

3 An act relating to implementing the 2025-2026 General
4 Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent; incorporating by
5 reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance
6 Program; and providing an effective date; incorporating by
7 reference the School Readiness Program Reimbursement Rates; and
8 providing an effective date; authorizing the Agency for Health
9 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment for the
10 administrative portion for the managed medical assistance
11 component of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program for the
12 Children's Medical Services program; authorizing the Agency for
13 Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign
14 Medicaid funding for specified purposes, subject to certain
15 limitations; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
16 to submit a budget amendment to realign Kidcare funding for
17 specified purposes, subject to certain limitations; authorizing
18 the Agency for Health Care Administration to realign funds to
19 implement the community-based services Medicaid waiver program
20 under the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; requiring the
21 Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the
22 Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,
23 the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of
24 Corrections, to continue its contract with a vendor to negotiate
25 prices for certain prescribed drugs and biological products;
26 providing requirements for such contract; authorizing the Agency
27 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to
28 implement the Directed Payment Program, the Indirect Medical
29 Education Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education

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30 program; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to
31 submit a budget amendment to implement fee-for-service
32 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for
33 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners;
34 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
35 budget amendment to implement a directed payment program and fee-
36 for-service supplemental payments for cancer hospitals;
37 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a
38 budget amendment to implement a certified expenditure program for
39 emergency medical transportation services; authorizing the Agency
40 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to
41 implement the Low Income Pool; authorizing the Agency for Health
42 Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to implement the
43 Disproportionate Share Hospital Program; requiring the Agency for
44 Health Care Administration to replace the Florida Medicaid
45 Management Information System (FMMIS) and fiscal agent operations
46 with a specified new system; specifying items that may not be
47 included in the new system; providing directives to the Agency for
48 Health Care Administration related to the new system, the Florida
49 Health Care Connection (FX) system; requiring the Agency for Health
50 Care Administration to meet certain requirements in replacing
51 FMMIS and the current Medicaid fiscal agent; requiring the Agency
52 for Health Care Administration to implement a specified program
53 governance structure that includes an executive steering
54 committee; providing procedures for use by the executive steering
55 committee; providing responsibilities of the executive steering
56 committee requiring the establishment of a state agency
57 stakeholder working group; providing composition and requirements
58 for such group; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; authorizing certain

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59 contracts to be extended through a specified date; providing for
60 the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
61 amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of
62 an exception for certain funds used for the hospital directed
63 payment program; authorizing the Department of Children and
64 Families to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within
65 the specified areas of the department based on implementation for
66 the Guardianship Assistance Program; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.;
67 authorizing a managing entity to carry forward certain unexpended
68 funds; providing construction; providing an expiration date;
69 authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit
70 budget amendments for certain federal grant programs; authorizing
71 the Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, and
72 Agency for Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments
73 for Refugee Programs; authorizing the Department of Children and
74 Families to use a funding methodology for the Community Based Care
75 Organizations and requiring certain criteria; authorizing the
76 Department of Children and Families to realign funding for the
77 Community Based Care Organizations based on the Final Funding
78 Methodology and Rates Report; authorizing the Department of Health
79 to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the
80 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
81 (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a certain condition is
82 met; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a budget
83 amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention
84 and Treatment Program if a certain condition is met; authorizing
85 the Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase
86 budget authority for the department if additional federal revenues
87 specific to COVID-19 relief funds become available; amending s.

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88 381.986, F.S.; extending for one fiscal year the exemption of
89 certain rules pertaining to the medical use of marijuana from
90 certain rulemaking requirements; reenacting and amending s. 14,
91 chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida; exempting certain rules
92 pertaining to medical marijuana adopted to replace emergency rules
93 from specified rulemaking requirements; providing for the future
94 expiration and reversion of specified law; authorizing the
95 Department of Health to submit a budget amendment for the health
96 care innovations revolving loan program; authorizing the Agency
97 for Persons with Disabilities to transfer funding from Salaries
98 and Benefits to other categories to support additional staff
99 augmentation at Developmental Disability Centers; authorizing the
100 Department of Veteran's Affairs to submit a budget amendment, with
101 Legislative Budget Commission approval, to increase the number of
102 positions in the state's veterans nursing homes; authorizing the
103 Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a budget amendment for
104 additional budget authority for construction of a new State
105 Veterans Nursing Home, subject to certain requirements;
106 authorizing the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a budget
107 amendment for additional budget authority for the renovation of a
108 State Veterans Nursing Home; authorizes the Department of Elder
109 Affairs to submit a budget amendment for additional budget
110 authority in the Adult Care Food Program; authorizes the Department
111 of Elder Affairs to submit a budget amendment for additional budget
112 authority for the Older Americans Act; authorizes the Department
113 of Elder Affairs to submit a budget amendment for additional budget
114 authority for the Medicare Improvement Patients and Providers Act;
115 providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified
116 statutory text; amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal

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117 year the authority of the Department of Corrections to submit a
118 budget amendment for additional positions and appropriations under
119 certain circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1
120 fiscal year the authority and related repayment requirements for
121 temporary trust fund loans to the state court system which are
122 sufficient to meet the system's appropriation; requiring the
123 Department of Juvenile Justice to review county juvenile detention
124 payments to determine whether a county has met specified financial
125 responsibilities; requiring amounts owed by the county for such
126 financial responsibilities to be deducted from certain county
127 funds; requiring the Department of Revenue to transfer withheld
128 funds to a specified trust fund; requiring the Department of
129 Revenue to ensure that such reductions in amounts distributed do
130 not reduce distributions below amounts necessary for certain
131 payments due on bonds and to comply with bond covenants; requiring
132 the Department of Revenue to notify the Department of Juvenile
133 Justice if bond payment requirements mandate a reduction in
134 deductions for amounts owed by a county; reenacting s. 27.40(1),
135 (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), F.S., relating to court-
136 appointed counsel; extending for 1 fiscal year provisions
137 governing the appointment of court-appointed counsel; providing
138 for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory
139 text; reenacting and amending s. 27.5304, F.S., relating to the
140 extension for 1 fiscal year limitations on compensation for
141 representation in criminal proceedings; revising the maximum
142 compensation for certain proceedings; providing for the future
143 expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s.
144 934.50, F.S.; revising entities eligible for a certain grant;
145 revising the basis for funds granted; requiring certain drones be

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146 provided to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity for a specified
147 purpose; requiring such center submit a report to specified
148 persons; providing for the return and destruction of certain
149 drones; providing how certain appropriated funds may be used;
150 extending for 1 year the expiration of the grant program;
151 authorizing the Department of Management Services to use certain
152 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
153 Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses; authorizing the
154 Department of Management Services to submit budget amendments for
155 certain purposes related to the relocation; authorizing the
156 Department of Management Services to acquire additional state-
157 owned office buildings or property for inclusion in the Florida
158 Facilities Pool; authorizing the Department of Management
159 Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Commissioner
160 of Agriculture, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Attorney
161 General to enter into specified leases as a lessee without having
162 to advertise or receive competitive solicitations; authorizing
163 state agencies and other eligible users of the Statewide Law
164 Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of Management
165 Services contract to purchase equipment and services; requiring a
166 specified transaction fee percentage for use of the online
167 procurement system; authorizing state agencies to purchase
168 vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without prior
169 approval from the Department of Management Services under certain
170 circumstances; requiring the Department of Management Services to
171 assess an administrative health insurance assessment on each state
172 agency; providing the rate of such assessment; defining the term
173 "state agency"; providing how a state agency shall remit certain
174 funds; requiring the Department of Management Services to take

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175 certain actions in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief
176 Financial Officer to transfer funds under specified circumstances;
177 providing an exception; requiring state agencies to provide a list
178 of positions that qualify for such exception by a specified date
179 and to update the list monthly thereafter; requiring state agencies
180 to include the administrative health insurance assessment in their
181 indirect cost plan; requiring agencies to notify the Department of
182 Management Services regarding the approval of their updated
183 indirect cost plans; authorizing the Citizens Property Insurance
184 Corporation to adopt certain policy forms; authorizing the
185 corporation to contract with the Division of Administrative
186 Hearings to conduct certain proceedings and resolve specified
187 disputes; authorizing the Department of Revenue to retain certain
188 interest earnings for a specified purpose; authorizing the
189 Department of Military Affairs to implement the Servicemember
190 Healthcare Insurance Reimbursement Program; authorizing the
191 Department of Military Affairs to implement the Joint Enlistment
192 and Enhancement Program; authorizing the Executive Office of the
193 Governor to transfer funds between departments for purposes of
194 aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance; authorizing
195 the appropriation of nonoperating budget for revenue transfers
196 between state agencies; specifying the type of travel which may be
197 used with state employee travel funds; providing a monetary cap on
198 lodging costs for state employee travel to certain meetings
199 organized or sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch;
200 authorizing employees to expend their own funds for lodging
201 expenses that exceed the monetary caps; amending s. 215.18, F.S.;
202 extending for 1 fiscal year certain authority to transfer funds
203 from other trust funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds

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204 in certain circumstances; requiring the Department of
205 Environmental Protection to transfer designated proportions of the
206 revenues deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the
207 department to land acquisition trust funds in the Department of
208 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and
209 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission according to
210 specified parameters and calculations; defining the term
211 "department"; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection
212 to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds monthly;
213 specifying the method of determining transfer amounts; authorizing
214 the Department of Environmental Protection to advance funds from
215 its land acquisition trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife
216 Conservation Commission's land acquisition trust fund for
217 specified purposes; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; specifying that
218 funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General
219 Appropriations Act; reenacting s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating
220 to the Inland Protection Trust Fund; exempting specified costs
221 incurred by certain petroleum storage system owners or operators
222 during a specified period from the prohibition against making
223 payments in excess of amounts approved by the Department of
224 Environmental Protection; providing for the future expiration and
225 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 259.105, F.S.;
226 providing that proceeds from a specified trust fund shall be
227 distributed as provided in the General Appropriations Act;
228 amending s. 380.5105, F.S.; revising the name of the working
229 waterfronts program; providing legislative intent; creating a
230 specified grant program for a certain purpose; providing how such
231 grants may be used; requiring grant applicants demonstrate benefit
232 to the local economy; requiring grant recipients submit certain

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233 annual reports; requiring the Department of Agriculture and
234 Consumer Services to implement a specified process; providing for
235 the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text;
236 authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use
237 specified funds to provide grants for a specified purpose;
238 authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
239 submit budget amendments seeking additional spending authority to
240 implement the National School Lunch Program; authorizing the
241 Department of Environmental Protection to submit budget amendments
242 seeking additional spending authority to implement the Nonpoint
243 Source Management Planning Grants Program and the Infrastructure
244 Investments Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) for Drinking Water Emerging
245 Contaminants; amending s. 403.0673, F.S.; requiring the Department
246 of Environmental Protection to dedicate certain funds for
247 specified projects; creating the Local Government Water Supply
248 Pilot Grant Program within the Department of Environmental
249 Protection; amending s. 206.9935, F.S.; requiring the Department
250 of Environmental Protection to transfer funds to the Department of
251 Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 380.095, F.S.;
252 providing that funds from a specified trust fund shall be
253 distributed as provided in the General Appropriations Act;
254 amending s.380.0555 F.S.; requiring the Department of
255 Environmental Protection to enter into Financial Assistance
256 Agreements with Franklin County or the City of Apalachicola for up
257 to certain amounts and projects within the Apalachicola Bay Area
258 of Critical State Concern; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; extending
259 for one fiscal year the authorization for the Lieutenant Governor
260 to designate an alternative official headquarters under certain
261 conditions; specifying restrictions, limitations, eligibility for

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262 the subsistence allowance, reimbursement of transportation
263 expenses, and payment thereof; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.;
264 extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that funds in the Triumph
265 Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane Michael recovery;
266 providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified
267 statutory text in s. 288.8013, related to the Triumph Gulf Coast
268 trust account; s. 321.04, F.S.; extending for one fiscal year the
269 requirement that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
270 Vehicles assign one or more patrol officers to the office of
271 Lieutenant Governor for security purposes, upon request of the
272 Governor; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that the
273 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles assign a patrol
274 officer to a Cabinet member under certain circumstances; amending
275 s. 339.135, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority for
276 the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission to
277 approve certain work program amendments under specified
278 circumstances; authorizing the Division of Emergency Management
279 and the Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments
280 providing budget authority to address disaster recovery
281 expenditure needs; authorizing the Department of Commerce to
282 submit budget amendments for an increase in appropriation to
283 address expenditure needs related to community assistance for
284 low-income Floridians; authorizing the Department of Commerce to
285 submit budget amendments for an increase in appropriation to
286 support broadband internet development programs; extending for 1
287 additional year the deadline for submission of fund matching waiver
288 requests from any approved county impacted by Hurricane Michael;
289 authorizing the Department of Transportation to submit budget
290 amendments providing budget authority to address expenditure needs

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291 related to transit and rail development projects; extending for 1
292 fiscal year the authority of the Department of Transportation to
293 retain the interest earnings on funds appropriated to implement
294 the Moving Florida Forward Plan; authorizes the Department of
295 Transportation to submit budget amendments to increase the Small
296 County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) up to \$25,000,000,
297 contingent on legislation updating the use of proceeds imposed
298 under section 212.05(1)(e)1.c. becoming law; authorizes the
299 Department of Transportation to submit budget amendments to
300 increase the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) up to
301 \$25,000,000, contingent on legislation updating the use of
302 proceeds imposed under section 212.05(1)(e)1.c. becoming law;
303 specifies that funds are provided for Keep Florida Litter Free in
304 place of the Keep America Beautiful Statewide Affiliate, requires
305 the Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Department
306 of Environmental Protection on the campaign; authorizing the
307 Department of Transportation to submit budget amendments for
308 authority to utilize specified funding, contingent on specified
309 federal plan approval; prohibiting an agency from transferring
310 funds from a data processing category to another category that is
311 not a data processing or cloud computing categories; authorizing
312 the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds between
313 departments for purposes of aligning data processing services;
314 requiring a specified transaction fee percentage for use of the
315 online procurement system; providing that certain entities are not
316 required to develop specified plans; providing an exception;
317 amending s. 216.023, F.S.; requiring certain entities to include
318 a specified inventory in their legislative budget request,
319 requiring such inventory include specified information; providing

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320 application; providing an expiration date; authorizing the
321 Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget to
322 submit a budget amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission to
323 realign certain funding for specified categories by a specified
324 date; providing requirements for such realignment; authorizing the
325 Executive Office of the Governor to transfer budget authority
326 between agencies in specified circumstances; providing that
327 certain entities are not required to develop specified plans;
328 amending s. 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the
329 authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve budget
330 amendments for certain fixed capital outlay projects; amending s.
331 216.292, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirements for
332 certain transfers; providing conditions under which the veto of
333 certain appropriations or proviso language in the General
334 Appropriations Act voids language that implements such
335 appropriation; providing for the continued operation of certain
336 provisions notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided
337 by the act; providing severability; providing for contingent
338 retroactivity; providing effective dates.

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

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342 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
343 implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the
344 General Appropriations Act for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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346 Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6,
347 88, and 89 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
348 calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2025-

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349 2026 fiscal year in the document entitled "Public School Funding-
350 The Florida Education Finance Program," dated January 31, 2025,
351 and filed with the Executive Office of the Governor are
352 incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the
353 calculations used in making appropriations for the Florida
354 Education Finance Program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

355
356 Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 81 of the
357 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the school readiness
358 reimbursement rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 included in the
359 document titled "School Readiness Program Reimbursement Rates
360 Fiscal Year 2025-2026," dated January 31, 2025, and filed with the
361 Executive Office of the Governor, are incorporated by reference,
362 consistent with the requirements of state law, in making
363 appropriations for the school readiness program allocation. This
364 section expires July 1, 2026.

365
366 Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 197
367 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
368 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
369 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
370 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures
371 of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the
372 administrative portions of the managed medical assistance and
373 KidCare components of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program
374 for the Children's Medical Services program. The funding
375 realignment shall reflect the administrative cost needed within
376 the Medical Services program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

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377 Section 5. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 197
378 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
379 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
380 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
381 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures
382 of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the
383 Medicaid program appropriation categories to address projected
384 surpluses and deficits within the program and to maximize the use
385 of state trust funds. A single budget amendment shall be submitted
386 in the last quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year only. This section
387 expires July 1, 2026.

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389 Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 179
390 through 184 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
391 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
392 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget
393 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures
394 of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the
395 Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories to address
396 projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize
397 the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment must be
398 submitted by each agency in the last quarter of the 2025-2026
399 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2026.

400
401 Section 7. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 219 and
402 242 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
403 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
404 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget
405 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection

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406 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, at least 3 days before
407 the effective date of the action to increase budget authority to
408 support the implementation of the home and community-based
409 services Medicaid waiver program under the Agency for Persons with
410 Disabilities. This section expires July 1, 2026.

411
412 Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 211,
413 212, 262, 328, 474, and 496 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
414 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation
415 with the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with
416 Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the
417 Department of Corrections, shall competitively procure a contract
418 with a vendor to negotiate, for these agencies, prices for
419 prescribed drugs and biological products excluded from the
420 programs established under s. 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and
421 ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s. 384, including, but not limited to,
422 insulin and epinephrine. The contract may allow the vendor to
423 directly purchase these products for participating agencies when
424 feasible and advantageous. The contracted vendor will be
425 compensated on a contingency basis, paid from a portion of the
426 savings achieved by its price negotiation or purchase of the
427 prescription drugs and products. This section expires July 1, 2026.

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429 Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 203,
430 204, 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
431 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment
432 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional
433 spending authority to implement the federally approved Directed
434 Payment Program for hospitals statewide providing inpatient and

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435 outpatient services to Medicaid managed care enrollees, the
436 Indirect Medical Education (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce
437 expansion and education program for certain institutions
438 participating in a graduate medical education or nursing education
439 program. For institutions participating in the nursing workforce
440 expansion and education program, the budget amendment must
441 identify the educational institutions partnering with the teaching
442 hospital. Institutions participating in the nursing workforce
443 expansion and education program shall provide quarterly reports to
444 the agency detailing the number of nurses participating in the
445 program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

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447 Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 210 and
448 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for
449 Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant
450 to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending
451 authority to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and
452 a directed payment program for physicians and subordinate licensed
453 health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a
454 Florida medical or dental school, or a public hospital. This
455 section expires July 1, 2026.

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457 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 204,
458 207, and 211 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
459 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment
460 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional
461 spending authority to implement the federally approved Directed
462 Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for

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463 cancer hospitals that meet the criteria in 42 U.S.C. s.
464 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). This section expires July 1, 2026.

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466 Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 208,
467 211, and 223 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
468 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment
469 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional
470 spending authority to implement a certified expenditure program
471 for emergency medical transportation services. This section
472 expires July 1, 2026.

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474 Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 197
475 through 225 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Agency
476 for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment
477 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional
478 spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool component of
479 the Florida Managed Medical Assistance Demonstration up to the
480 total computable funds authorized by the federal Centers for
481 Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget amendment must include
482 the final terms and conditions of the Low Income Pool, a proposed
483 distribution model by entity, and a listing of entities
484 contributing intergovernmental transfers to support the state
485 match required. In addition, for each entity included in the
486 distribution model, a signed attestation must be provided that
487 includes the charity care cost upon which the Low Income Pool
488 payment is based and an acknowledgment that should the distribution
489 result in an overpayment based on the Low Income Pool cost limit
490 audit, the entity is responsible for returning that overpayment to

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491 the agency for return to the federal Centers for Medicare and
492 Medicaid Services. This section expires July 1, 2026.

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494 Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 205 of
495 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health
496 Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to
497 chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending
498 authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital
499 Program. The budget amendment must include a proposed distribution
500 model by entity and a listing of entities contributing
501 intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures to
502 support the state match required. This section expires July 1,
503 2026.

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505 Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 192 of
506 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

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508 (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall replace the
509 current Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) and
510 fiscal agent operations with a system and services that are
511 modular, interoperable, and scalable for the Florida Medicaid
512 program that complies with all applicable federal and state laws
513 and requirements. The new system, the Florida Health Care
514 Connections (FX) system, must provide better integration with
515 subsystems supporting Florida's Medicaid program; uniformity,
516 consistency, and improved access to data; and compatibility with
517 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicaid
518 Information Technology Architecture (MITA) as the system matures

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519 and expands its functionality. The agency may not include in the
520 program to replace the current FMMIS and fiscal agent contract:

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

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525 (b) Procurement for agency requirements external to Medicaid
526 programs with the intent to leverage the Medicaid technology
527 infrastructure for other purposes without legislative
528 appropriation or legislative authorization to procure these
529 requirements; or

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531 (c) Any contract executed after July 1, 2022, not including staff
532 augmentation services purchased off the Department of Management
533 Services Information Technology staff augmentation state term
534 contract that are not deliverables based fixed price contracts.

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536 (2) For purposes of replacing FMMIS and the current Medicaid
537 fiscal agent, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall:

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539 (a) Prioritize procurements for the replacement of the current
540 functions of FMMIS and the responsibilities of the current Medicaid
541 fiscal agent, to minimize the need to extend all or portions of
542 the current fiscal agent contract.

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544 (b) Comply with and not exceed the Centers for Medicare and
545 Medicaid Services funding authorizations for the FX Program.

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547 (c) Ensure compliance and uniformity with the published MITA
548 framework and guidelines.

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550 (d) Ensure that all business requirements and technical
551 specifications have been provided to all affected state agencies
552 for their review and input and approved by the executive steering
553 committee established in paragraph (h).

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555 (e) Consult with the Executive Office of the Governor's working
556 group for interagency information technology integration for the
557 development of competitive solicitations that provide for data
558 interoperability and shared information technology services across
559 the state's health and human services agencies.

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561 (f) Implement a data governance structure for the program to
562 coordinate data sharing and interoperability across state health
563 care entities.

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565 (g) Establish a continuing oversight team for each contract
566 pursuant to s. 287.057(26). The teams must provide quarterly
567 reports to the executive steering committee summarizing the status
568 of the contract, the pace of deliverables, the quality of
569 deliverables, contractor responsiveness, and contractor
570 performance.

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572 (h) Implement a program governance structure that includes an
573 executive steering committee composed of:
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575 1. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, or
576 the executive sponsor of the program.

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578 2. A representative of the Division of Health Care Finance and
579 Data of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed by
580 the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration.

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582 3. Two representatives from the Division of Medicaid Policy,
583 Quality, and Operations of the Agency for Health Care
584 Administration, appointed by the Secretary of the Agency for Health
585 Care Administration.

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587 4. A representative of the Division of Health Care Policy and
588 Oversight of the Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed
589 by the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration.

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591 5. A representative of the Florida Center for Health Information
592 and Transparency of the Agency for Health Care Administration,
593 appointed by the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
594 Administration.

595
596 6. The Chief Information Officer of the Agency for Health Care
597 Administration, or his or her designee.

598
599 (3) (a) The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration
600 or the executive sponsor of the program shall serve as chair of
601 the executive steering committee, and the committee shall take
602 action by a vote of at least 5 affirmative votes with the chair

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603 voting on the prevailing side. A quorum of the executive steering
604 committee consists of at least 5 members.

605
606 (b)1. The chair shall establish a program finance and contracting
607 working group composed of:

608
609 a. The FX program director.

610
611 b. A representative from the agency's Office of the General
612 Counsel.

613
614 c. A representative from the agency's Bureau of Purchasing and
615 Contract Administration.

616
617 d. Representatives from each continuing oversight team.

618
619 e. The FX program strategic roadmap manager.

620
621 f. The FX program project managers.

622
623 g. The FX program risk manager.

624
625 h. Any other personnel deemed necessary by the chair.

626
627 2. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review the
628 program status and all contract and program operations, policies,
629 risks and issues related to the budget, spending plans and
630 contractual obligations, and shall develop recommendations to the
631 executive steering committee for improvement.

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632 The working group shall review all change requests that impact the
633 program's scope, schedule, or budget related to contract
634 management and vendor payments and submit those recommended for
635 adoption to the executive steering committee. The chair shall
636 request input from the working group on agenda items for each
637 scheduled meeting. The program shall make available program staff
638 to the group, as needed, for the group to fulfill its duties.

639
640 (c)1. The chair shall establish a state agency stakeholder working
641 group composed of:

642
643 a. The executive sponsor of the FX program.

644
645 b. A representative of the Department of Children and Families,
646 appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.

647
648 c. A representative of the Department of Health, appointed by the
649 State Surgeon General.

650
651 d. A representative of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,
652 appointed by the director of the Agency for Persons with
653 Disabilities.

654
655 e. A representative from the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.

656
657 f. A representative from the Department of Elder Affairs,
658 appointed by the Secretary of Elder Affairs.

659
660 g. The state chief information officer, or his or her designee.

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661
662 h. A representative of the Department of Financial Services who
663 has experience with the state's financial processes, including
664 development of the PALM system, appointed by the Chief Financial
665 Officer.

666
667 2. The working group shall meet at least quarterly to review the
668 program status and all program operations, policies, risks and
669 issues that may impact the operations external to the Agency for
670 Health Care Administration FX program, and shall develop
671 recommendations to the executive steering committee for
672 improvement. The chair shall request input from the working group
673 on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The program shall make
674 available program staff to the group to provide system
675 demonstrations and any program documentation, as needed, for the
676 group to fulfill its duties.

677
678 (4) The executive steering committee has the overall
679 responsibility for ensuring that the program to replace FMMIS and
680 the Medicaid fiscal agent meets its primary business objectives
681 and shall:

682
683 (a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the
684 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House
685 of Representatives any statutory changes needed to implement the
686 modular replacement to standardize, to the fullest extent
687 possible, the state's health care data and business processes.

688

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

691
692 (c) Review and approve any changes to the program's strategic
693 roadmap.

694
695 (d) Review and approve change requests that impact the program's
696 scope, schedule, or budget recommended for adoption by the program
697 finance and contracting working group.

698
699 (e) Review recommendations provided by the program working
700 groups.

701
702 (f) Review vendor scorecards, reports, and notifications produced
703 by the continuing oversight teams.

704
705 (g) Ensure that adequate resources are provided throughout all
706 phases of the program.

707
708 (h) Approve all major program deliverables.

709
710 (i) Review and verify that all procurement and contractual
711 documents associated with the replacement of the current FMMIS and
712 Medicaid fiscal agent align with the scope, schedule, and
713 anticipated budget for the program.

714
715 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

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716 Section 16. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 193 of
717 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6) of
718 section 409.912, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

719
720 409.912 Cost-effective purchasing of health care. -The agency
721 shall purchase goods and services for Medicaid recipients in the
722 most cost effective manner consistent with the delivery of quality
723 medical care. To ensure that medical services are effectively
724 utilized, the agency may, in any case, require a confirmation or
725 second physician's opinion of the correct diagnosis for purposes
726 of authorizing future services under the Medicaid program. This
727 section does not restrict access to emergency services or post
728 stabilization care services as defined in 42 C.F.R. s. 438.114.
729 Such confirmation or second opinion shall be rendered in a manner
730 approved by the agency. The agency shall maximize the use of
731 prepaid per capita and prepaid aggregate fixed-sum basis services
732 when appropriate and other alternative service delivery and
733 reimbursement methodologies, including competitive bidding
734 pursuant to s. 287.057, designed to facilitate the cost effective
735 purchase of a case-managed continuum of care. The agency shall
736 also require providers to minimize the exposure of recipients to
737 the need for acute inpatient, custodial, and other institutional
738 care and the inappropriate or unnecessary use of high-cost
739 services. The agency shall contract with a vendor to monitor and
740 evaluate the clinical practice patterns of providers in order to
741 identify trends that are outside the normal practice patterns of
742 a provider's professional peers or the national guidelines of a
743 provider's professional association. The vendor must be able to
744 provide information and counseling to a provider whose practice

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745 patterns are outside the norms, in consultation with the agency,
746 to improve patient care and reduce inappropriate utilization. The
747 agency may mandate prior authorization, drug therapy management,
748 or disease management participation for certain populations of
749 Medicaid beneficiaries, certain drug classes, or particular drugs
750 to prevent fraud, abuse, overuse, and possible dangerous drug
751 interactions. The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee shall
752 make recommendations to the agency on drugs for which prior
753 authorization is required. The agency shall inform the
754 Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee of its decisions
755 regarding drugs subject to prior authorization. The agency is
756 authorized to limit the entities it contracts with or enrolls as
757 Medicaid providers by developing a provider network through
758 provider credentialing. The agency may competitively bid single-
759 source-provider contracts if procurement of goods or services
760 results in demonstrated cost savings to the state without limiting
761 access to care. The agency may limit its network based on the
762 assessment of beneficiary access to care, provider availability,
763 provider quality standards, time and distance standards for access
764 to care, the cultural competence of the provider network,
765 demographic characteristics of Medicaid beneficiaries, practice
766 and provider-to-beneficiary standards, appointment wait times,
767 beneficiary use of services, provider turnover, provider
768 profiling, provider licensure history, previous program integrity
769 investigations and findings, peer review, provider Medicaid policy
770 and billing compliance records, clinical and medical record
771 audits, and other factors. Providers are not entitled to enrollment
772 in the Medicaid provider network. The agency shall determine
773 instances in which allowing Medicaid beneficiaries to purchase

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774 durable medical equipment and other goods is less expensive to the
775 Medicaid program than long-term rental of the equipment or goods.
776 The agency may establish rules to facilitate purchases in lieu of
777 long-term rentals in order to protect against fraud and abuse in
778 the Medicaid program as defined in s. 409.913. The agency may seek
779 federal waivers necessary to administer these policies.

780
781 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 287, the agency
782 may, at its discretion, renew a contract or contracts for fiscal
783 intermediary services one or more times for such periods as the
784 agency may decide; however, all such renewals may not combine to
785 exceed a total period longer than the term of the original
786 contract, with the exception of the fiscal agent contract extended
787 by the agency through December 31, 2027.

788
789 Section 17. The amendment to s. 409.912(6), Florida Statutes, by
790 this act expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection
791 shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that
792 any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall
793 be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
794 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire
795 pursuant to this section.

796
797 Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 211 of
798 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of
799 section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

800
801 409.915 County contributions to Medicaid. -Although the state is
802 responsible for the full portion of the state share of the matching

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803 funds required for the Medicaid program, the state shall charge
804 the counties an annual contribution in order to acquire a certain
805 portion of these funds.

806
807 (1)(a) As used in this section, the term "state Medicaid
808 expenditures" means those expenditures used as matching funds for
809 the federal Medicaid program.

810
811 (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by any
812 local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share for the
813 hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021. This
814 paragraph expires July 1, ~~2025~~2026.

815
816 Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 316,
817 318, 347, and 348 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
818 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
819 Department of Children and Families may submit a budget amendment,
820 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
821 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the
822 department based on the implementation of the Guardianship
823 Assistance Program, between the specific appropriations for
824 guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 room and
825 board payments, relative caregiver payments, and nonrelative
826 caregiver payments. This section expires July 1, 2026.

827
828 Section 20. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order
829 to implement Specific Appropriations 359, 361, 362, and 363 of the
830 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) is added to
831 subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, to read:

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832 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities. -

833
834 (9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES. -

835
836 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), for the 2024-2025 fiscal year
837 and the 2025-2026 fiscal year, a managing entity may carry forward
838 documented unexpended funds appropriated from the State Opioid
839 Settlement Trust Fund from 1 fiscal year to the next. Funds carried
840 forward pursuant to this paragraph are not included in the 8
841 percent cumulative cap that may be carried forward. This paragraph
842 expires July 1, 2026.

843
844 Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 276
845 through 370 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
846 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
847 Department of Children and Families may submit budget amendments,
848 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
849 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support
850 the following federal grant programs: the Supplemental Nutrition
851 Assistance Grant Program, the Pandemic Electronic Benefit
852 Transfer, the American Rescue Plan Grant, the State Opioid Response
853 Grant, the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant,
854 the Mental Health Block Grant, Chafee (Independent Living) Grant,
855 Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B Subparts 1 and
856 2 Grant, Elder Justice Act, the STOP (Services, Training, Officers,
857 and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Grant Formula Grant, and
858 the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant. This section expires
859 July 1, 2026.

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861 Section 22. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 204,
862 207, 208, 210 through 212, 342, 351, 455 through 447, 451, 452,
863 458, 470 through 472, 478, and 482 of the 2025-2026 General
864 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,
865 Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families,
866 Department of Health, and Agency for Health Care Administration
867 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
868 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase
869 budget authority to support refugee programs administered by the
870 federal Office of Refugee Resettlement due to the ongoing
871 instability of federal immigration policy and the resulting
872 inability of the state to reasonably predict, with certainty, the
873 budgetary needs of this state with respect to the number of
874 refugees relocated to the state as part of those federal programs.
875 The Department of Children and Families shall submit quarterly
876 reports to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of
877 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the
878 number of refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of
879 such refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section
880 expires July 1, 2026.

881
882 Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 302,
883 309, 316, 317, 318, and 364 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
884 Act, and notwithstanding s. 409.990(4), 409.990(5), 409.990(8),
885 and 409.9913, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-26, lead agencies shall
886 be funded using a methodology, which, at a minimum:

887
888 (a) Is actuarially sound.
889

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890 (b) Is reimbursement-based.

891
892 (c) Is designed to incentivize efficient and effective lead
893 agency operation, prevention, family preservation, and permanency.

894
895 (d) Considers variable costs, including, but not limited to:

896
897 1. Direct costs for in-home and out-of-home care for children
898 served by the lead agencies.

899
900 2. Direct costs for prevention services.

901
902 3. Operational and fixed costs.

903
904 (e) Is scaled regionally for cost-of-living factors.

905
906 (2) The funding methodology must include risk mitigation
907 strategies that ensure that lead agencies do not experience a
908 reduction in funding that would be detrimental to operations or
909 result in a reduction in services to children.

910
911 (3) The lead agencies and providers shall submit any detailed
912 cost and expenditure data that the department requests for the
913 further development of the funding methodology.

914
915 (4) By October 31, 2025, the department shall submit a report to
916 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
917 House of Representatives which includes recommendations for
918 adjustments to the funding methodology for the next fiscal year,

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919 calculated using the criteria in subsection (1). Such
920 recommendations must, at a minimum, be based on updated expenditure
921 data, cost-of-living adjustments, market dynamics, or other
922 catchment area variations.

923
924 (5) The requirements of this section do not replace, and are in
925 addition to, any requirements of chapter 216, including, but not
926 limited to, submission of final legislative budget requests by the
927 department under s. 216.023.

928
929 (6) Lead agencies may carry forward any unexpended general revenue
930 funds.

931
932 Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 302,
933 309, 316, 317, 318, and 364 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
934 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
935 Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a
936 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection
937 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding
938 within the department based on the implementation of the Final
939 Funding Methodology and Rates Report, between the specific
940 appropriations for the shared risk fund for community based
941 providers of child welfare services, community based care funds
942 for providers of child welfare services, adoption assistance
943 payments and maintenance subsidies, guardianship assistance
944 program payments, and nonrelative caregiver payments. This
945 section expires July 1, 2026.

946
947 Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 439 and

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948 441 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
949 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
950 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the
951 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
952 Statutes, to increase budget authority for the Supplemental
953 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the
954 Federal Nutrition Programs if additional federal revenues will be
955 expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July
956 1, 2026.

957
958 Section 26. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 448 and
959 496 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
960 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
961 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the
962 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
963 Statutes, to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention
964 and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues specific to
965 HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment become available in the 2025-
966 2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

967
968 Section 27. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 409
969 through 556 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
970 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
971 Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the
972 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
973 Statutes, to increase budget authority for the department if
974 additional federal revenues specific to COVID-19 relief funds
975 become available in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires
976 July 1, 2026.

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977
978 Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 461
979 through 469 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
980 subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended
981 to read:

982
983 381.986 Medical use of marijuana. -

984
985 (17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1, 2026
986 ~~2025~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This
987 subsection expires July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

988
989 Section 29. Effective July 1, 2025, upon the expiration and
990 reversion of the amendments made to subsection (1) of section 14
991 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, pursuant to section 11 of
992 chapter 2023-240, Laws of Florida, and in order to implement
993 Specific Appropriations 461 through 469 of the 2025-2026 General
994 Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 14 of chapter 2017-
995 232, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

996
997 Section 14. Department of Health; authority to adopt rules; cause
998 of action.-

999
1000 (1) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING. -

1001
1002 (a) The Department of Health and the applicable boards shall adopt
1003 emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, and
1004 this section necessary to implement s. 381.986 ~~381.986~~ and ~~381.988~~,
1005 Florida Statutes. If an emergency rule adopted under this section

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1006 is held to be unconstitutional or an invalid exercise of delegated
1007 legislative authority, and becomes void, the department or the
1008 applicable boards may adopt an emergency rule pursuant to this
1009 section to replace the rule that has become void. If the emergency
1010 rule adopted to replace the void emergency rule is also held to be
1011 unconstitutional or an invalid exercise of delegated legislative
1012 authority and becomes void, the department and the applicable
1013 boards must follow the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the
1014 Administrative Procedures Act to replace the rule that has become
1015 void.

1016
1017 (b) For emergency rules adopted under this section, the department
1018 and the applicable boards need not make the findings required by
1019 s. 120.54(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Emergency rules adopted under
1020 this section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541, Florida
1021 Statutes. The department and the applicable boards shall meet the
1022 procedural requirements in s. 120.54(4)(a) ~~s.120.54(a)~~, Florida
1023 Statutes, if the department or the applicable boards have, before
1024 July 1, 2019, ~~the effective date of this act~~, held any public
1025 workshops or hearings on the subject matter of the emergency rules
1026 adopted under this subsection. Challenges to emergency rules
1027 adopted under this subsection are subject to the time schedules
1028 provided in s. 120.56(5), Florida Statutes.

1029
1030 (c) Emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt from s.
1031 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and shall remain in effect until
1032 replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency rulemaking
1033 procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act. Rules adopted
1034 under the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the Administrative

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1035 Procedures Act to replace emergency rules adopted under this
1036 section are exempt from ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541, Florida
1037 Statutes. By July 1, 2025~~January 1, 2018~~, the department and the
1038 applicable boards shall initiate nonemergency rulemaking pursuant
1039 to the Administrative Procedures Act to replace all emergency rules
1040 adopted under this section by publishing a notice of rule
1041 development in the Florida Administrative Register. Except as
1042 provided in paragraph (a), after July 1, 2026~~January 1, 2018~~, the
1043 department and applicable boards may not adopt rules pursuant to
1044 the emergency rulemaking procedures provided in this section.

1045
1046 Section 30. The amendments to subsection (1) of section 14 of
1047 chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, made by this act expire July 1,
1048 2026, and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in
1049 existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments to such
1050 text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue
1051 to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent
1052 upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this section.

1053
1054 Section 31. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 506
1055 through 525, and the provisions of Chapter 2024-16, Laws of
1056 Florida, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
1057 Statutes, the Department of Health may submit budget amendments,
1058 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
1059 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority in the
1060 Grants and Donations Trust Fund for the revolving loan fund created
1061 in section 381.4015, Florida Statutes.

1062
1063 Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 254,

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1064 260, 261, 265, 270, and 271 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
1065 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
1066 Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may submit
1067 budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
1068 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to transfer funding
1069 from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation categories to
1070 categories used for contractual services in order to support
1071 additional staff augmentation resources needed at the
1072 Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1,
1073 2026.

1074
1075 Section 33. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 557 of
1076 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding
1077 chapter 216, Florida Statutes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs
1078 may submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative Budget
1079 Commission approval, requesting the authority to establish
1080 positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature,
1081 increase appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust
1082 Fund, or provide necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for
1083 essential staff for veterans' nursing homes, if the department
1084 projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its
1085 established staffing ratio. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1086
1087 Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 557
1088 through 581 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the
1089 Department of Veterans' Affairs may submit budget amendments
1090 pursuant to chapter 216 Florida Statutes, subject to federal
1091 approval, requesting additional spending authority in the
1092 Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to support the development

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1093 and construction of a new State Veterans Nursing Home and Adult
1094 Day Health Care Center in Collier County. This section expires
1095 July 1, 2026.

1096
1097 Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 566 of
1098 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, The Department of
1099 Veterans' Affairs may submit budget amendments pursuant to chapter
1100 216 Florida Statutes, subject to federal approval, requesting
1101 additional spending authority in the Operations & Maintenance
1102 Trust Fund to support the renovation of the Baldomero Lopez State
1103 Nursing Home. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1104
1105 Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 388 of
1106 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
1107 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Elder
1108 Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice,
1109 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,
1110 to increase budget authority for the U.S. Department of
1111 Agriculture's Adult Care Food Program if additional federal
1112 revenues will be expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This
1113 section expires July 1, 2026.

1114
1115 Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 386 of
1116 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
1117 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Elder
1118 Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice,
1119 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,
1120 to increase budget authority for the Older Americans Act if
1121 additional federal revenues will be expended in the 2025-2026

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1122 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1123
1124 Section 38. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 388 of
1125 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
1126 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Elder
1127 Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice,
1128 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,
1129 to increase budget authority for the Medicare Improvement Patients
1130 and Providers Act if additional federal revenues will be expended
1131 in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2026.

1132
1133 Section 39. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 584
1134 through 671 and 692 through 723 of the 2025-2026 General
1135 Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida
1136 Statutes, is amended to read:

1137
1138 216.262 Authorized positions. -

1139
1140 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating to
1141 increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the 2025-
1142 2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate population
1143 of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate population
1144 projections of the July 31, 2024 ~~December 15, 2023~~, Criminal
1145 Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2 consecutive months
1146 or 2 percent for any month, the Executive Office of the Governor,
1147 with the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, shall
1148 immediately notify the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference,
1149 which shall convene as soon as possible to revise the estimates.
1150 The Department of Corrections may then submit a budget amendment

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1151 requesting the establishment of positions in excess of the number
1152 authorized by the Legislature and additional appropriations from
1153 unallocated general revenue sufficient to provide for essential
1154 staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide
1155 classification, security, food services, health services, and
1156 other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the
1157 estimated increase in the inmate population. All actions taken
1158 pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and approval by
1159 the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1,
1160 2026 ~~2025~~.

1161
1162 Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2956
1163 through 3018 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1164 subsection (2) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to
1165 read:

1166
1167 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation. -
1168

1169 (2) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may receive one or
1170 more trust fund loans to ensure that the state court system has
1171 funds sufficient to meet its appropriations in the 2025-2026~~2024-~~
1172 ~~2025~~ General Appropriations Act. If the Chief Justice accesses the
1173 loan, he or she must notify the Governor and the chairs of the
1174 legislative appropriations committees in writing. The loan must
1175 come from other funds in the State Treasury which are for the time
1176 being or otherwise in excess of the amounts necessary to meet the
1177 just requirements of such last-mentioned funds. The Governor shall
1178 order the transfer of funds within 5 days after the written
1179 notification from the Chief Justice. If the Governor does not order

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1180 the transfer, the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the
1181 requested funds. The loan of funds from which any money is
1182 temporarily transferred must be repaid by the end of the 2025-2026
1183 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year. This subsection expires July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

1184
1185 Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1051
1186 through 1061 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act:

1187
1188 (1) The Department of Juvenile Justice is required to review
1189 county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill
1190 their financial responsibilities required in s. 985.6865, Florida
1191 Statutes. If the Department of Juvenile Justice determines that a
1192 county has not met its obligations, the department shall direct
1193 the Department of Revenue to deduct the amount owed to the
1194 Department of Juvenile Justice from the funds provided to the
1195 county under s. 218.23, Florida Statutes. The Department of Revenue
1196 shall transfer the funds withheld to the Shared County/State
1197 Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

1198
1199 (2) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties before
1200 July 1, 2025~~2024~~, for which distributions made pursuant to s.
1201 218.23, Florida Statutes, are pledged, or bonds issued to refund
1202 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded and
1203 which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each fiscal
1204 year, the amount available for distribution to a county shall
1205 remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to any lien
1206 or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department of Revenue
1207 must ensure, based on information provided by an affected county,
1208 that any reduction in amounts distributed pursuant to subsection

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1209 (1) does not reduce the amount of distribution to a county below
1210 the amount necessary for the timely payment of principal and
1211 interest when due on the bonds and the amount necessary to comply
1212 with any covenant under the bond resolution or other documents
1213 relating to the issuance of the bonds. If a reduction to a county's
1214 monthly distribution must be decreased in order to comply with
1215 this section, the Department of Revenue must notify the Department
1216 of Juvenile Justice of the amount of the decrease, and the
1217 Department of Juvenile Justice must send a bill for payment of
1218 such amount to the affected county.

1219 (3) This section expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.
1220

1221 Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 733
1222 through 754, 880 through 1002, and 1020 through 1050 of the 2025-
1223 2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
1224 expiration date in section 40 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida,
1225 subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (a) of
1226 subsection (3), and subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section 27.40,
1227 Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:
1228

1229 27.40 Court-appointed counsel; circuit registries; minimum
1230 requirements; appointment by court. -
1231

1232 (1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual in a
1233 criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed counsel
1234 under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized by general
1235 law. The court shall appoint a public defender to represent
1236 indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office of criminal
1237 conflict and civil regional counsel shall be appointed to represent

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1238 persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-
1239 appointed counsel, but only after the public defender has certified
1240 to the court in writing that the public defender is unable to
1241 provide representation due to a conflict of interest or is not
1242 authorized to provide representation. The public defender shall
1243 report, in the aggregate, the specific Basis of all conflicts of
1244 interest certified to the court. On a quarterly basis, the public
1245 defender shall submit this information to the Justice
1246 Administrative Commission.

1247
1248 (2) (a) Private counsel shall be appointed to represent persons in
1249 those cases in which provision is made for court-appointed counsel
1250 but only after the office of criminal conflict and civil regional
1251 counsel has been appointed and has certified to the court in
1252 writing that the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel is
1253 unable to provide representation due to a conflict of interest.
1254 The criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall report, in
1255 the aggregate, the specific basis of all conflicts of interest
1256 certified to the court. On a quarterly basis, the criminal conflict
1257 and civil regional counsel shall submit this information to the
1258 Justice Administrative Commission.

1259
1260 (3) In using a registry:

1261
1262 (a) The chief judge of the circuit shall compile a list of
1263 attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of cases,
1264 and provide the list to the clerk of court in each county. The
1265 chief judge of the circuit may restrict the number of attorneys on
1266 the general registry list. To be included on a

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1267 registry, an attorney must certify that he or she:

1268
1269 1. Meets any minimum requirements established by the chief judge
1270 and by general law for court appointment;

1271
1272 2. Is available to represent indigent defendants in cases
1273 requiring court appointment of private counsel; and

1274
1275 3. Is willing to abide by the terms of the contract for services,
1276 s. 27.5304, and this section to be included on a registry, an
1277 attorney must enter into a contract for services with the Justice
1278 Administrative Commission. Failure to comply with the terms of the
1279 contract for services may result in termination of the contract
1280 and removal from the registry. Each attorney on the registry is
1281 responsible for notifying the clerk of the court and the Justice
1282 Administrative Commission of any change in his or her status.
1283 Failure to comply with this requirement is cause for termination
1284 of the contract for services and removal from the registry until
1285 the requirement is fulfilled.

1286
1287 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall approve uniform
1288 contract forms for use in procuring the services of private court-
1289 appointed counsel and uniform procedures and forms for use by a
1290 court-appointed attorney in support of billing for attorney's
1291 fees, costs, and related expenses to demonstrate the attorney's
1292 completion of specified duties. Such uniform contracts and forms
1293 for use in billing must be consistent with s. 27.5304, s.216.311,
1294 and the General Appropriations Act and must contain the following
1295 statement: "The State of Florida's performance and obligation to

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1296 pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation
1297 by the Legislature.”

1298
1299 (6) After court appointment, the attorney must immediately file
1300 a notice of appearance with the court indicating acceptance of the
1301 appointment to represent the defendant and of the terms of the
1302 uniform contract as specified in subsection (5).

1303
1304 (7) (a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the registry
1305 to represent a client is entitled to payment as provided in s.
1306 27.5304 so long as the requirements of subsection (1) and paragraph
1307 (2) (a) are met. An attorney appointed by the court who is not on
1308 the registry list may be compensated under s. 27.5304 only if the
1309 court finds in the order of appointment that there were no registry
1310 attorneys available for representation for that case and only if
1311 the requirements of subsection (1) and paragraph (2) (a) are met.

1312
1313 (b)1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General
1314 Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be sufficient
1315 compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate
1316 documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly
1317 accounting of time spent representing the client. If the attorney
1318 fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed hourly
1319 records, the attorney waives the right to seek compensation in
1320 excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General
1321 Appropriations Act. These records and documents are subject to
1322 review by the Justice Administrative Commission and audit by the
1323 Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client privilege and
1324 work-product privilege. The attorney shall maintain the records

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1325 and documents in a manner that enables the attorney to redact any
1326 information subject to a privilege in order to facilitate the
1327 commission's review of the records and documents and not to impede
1328 such review. The attorney may redact information from the records
1329 and documents only to the extent necessary to comply with the
1330 privilege. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review such
1331 records and shall contemporaneously document such review before
1332 authorizing payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of
1333 the Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or
1334 to claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by
1335 the court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent
1336 and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the
1337 presumption.

1338
1339 2. If an attorney fails, refuses, or declines to permit the
1340 commission or the Auditor General to review documentation for a
1341 case as provided in this paragraph, the attorney waives the right
1342 to seek, and the commission may not pay compensation in excess of
1343 the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General
1344 Appropriations Act for that case.

1345
1346 3. A finding by the commission that an attorney has waived the
1347 right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee established
1348 in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act, as provided in
1349 this paragraph, shall be presumed to be correct, unless the court
1350 determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence
1351 exists to justify overcoming the presumption.

1352 Section 43. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6),
1353 and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2019-

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1354 116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, and
1355 the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall
1356 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any
1357 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
1358 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
1359 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire
1360 pursuant to this section.

1361
1362 Section 44. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 733
1363 through 754, 880 through 1002, and 1020 through 1050 of the 2025-
1364 2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
1365 expiration date in section 43 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida,
1366 subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, is amended,
1367 and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and paragraphs (a)
1368 through (e) of subsection (12) of that section are reenacted, to
1369 read:

1370
1371 27.5304 Private court-appointed counsel; compensation; notice. –
1372

1373 (1) Private court-appointed counsel appointed in the manner
1374 prescribed in s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) shall be compensated by the
1375 Justice Administrative Commission only as provided in this section
1376 and the General Appropriations Act. The flat fees prescribed in
1377 this section are limitations on compensation. The specific flat
1378 fee amounts for compensation shall be established annually in the
1379 General Appropriations Act. The attorney also shall be reimbursed
1380 for reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with s. 29.007.
1381 If the attorney is representing a defendant charged with more than
1382 one offense in the same case, the attorney shall be compensated at

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1383 the rate provided for the most serious offense for which he or she
1384 represented the defendant. This section does not allow stacking of
1385 the fee limits established by this section.

1386
1387 (3) The court retains primary authority and responsibility for
1388 determining the reasonableness of all billings for attorney fees,
1389 costs, and related expenses, subject to statutory limitations and
1390 the requirements of s.27.40(7). Private court-appointed counsel is
1391 entitled to compensation upon final disposition of a case.

1392
1393 (6) For compensation for representation pursuant to a court
1394 appointment in a proceeding under chapter 39:

1395
1396 (a) At the trial level, compensation for representation for
1397 dependency proceedings shall not exceed \$1,450 for the first year
1398 following the date of appointment and shall not exceed \$700 each
1399 year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based upon
1400 representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case
1401 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,
1402 including any children born during the pendency of the proceeding.
1403 Any appeal, except for an appeal from an adjudication of
1404 dependency, shall be completed by the trial attorney and is
1405 considered compensated by the flat fee for dependency proceedings.

1406
1407 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,450 following
1408 disposition or upon dismissal of the petition.

1409
1410 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
1411 following the first judicial review in the second year following

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1412 the date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
1413 case remains under protective supervision.

1414
1415 3. If the court grants a motion to reactivate protective
1416 supervision, the attorney shall receive the annual flat fee not
1417 exceeding \$700 following the first judicial review and up to an
1418 additional \$700 each year thereafter.

1419
1420 4. If, during the course of dependency proceedings, a proceeding
1421 to terminate parental rights is initiated, compensation shall be
1422 as set forth in paragraph (b). If counsel handling the dependency
1423 proceeding is not authorized to handle proceedings to terminate
1424 parental rights, the counsel must withdraw and new counsel must be
1425 appointed.

1426
1427 (b) At the trial level, compensation for representation in
1428 termination of parental rights proceedings shall not exceed \$1,800
1429 for the first year following the date of appointment and shall not
1430 exceed \$700 each year thereafter. Compensation shall be paid based
1431 upon representation of a parent irrespective of the number of case
1432 numbers that may be assigned or the number of children involved,
1433 including any children born during the dependency of the
1434 proceeding. Any appeal, except for an appeal from an order granting
1435 or denying termination of parental rights, shall be completed by
1436 trial counsel and is considered compensated by the flat fee for
1437 termination of parental rights proceedings. If the individual has
1438 dependency proceedings ongoing as to other children, those
1439 proceedings are considered part of the termination of parental

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1440 rights proceedings as long as that termination of parental rights
1441 proceeding is ongoing.

1442
1443 1. Counsel may bill the flat fee not exceeding \$1,800 30 days
1444 after rendition of the final order. Each request for payment
1445 submitted to the Justice Administrative Commission must include
1446 the trial counsel's certification that:

1447
1448 a. Counsel discussed grounds for appeal with the parent or that
1449 counsel attempted and was unable to contact the parent; and

1450
1451 b. No appeal will be filed or that a notice of appeal and a motion
1452 for appointment of appellate counsel, containing the signature of
1453 the parent, have been filed.

1454
1455 2. Counsel may bill the annual flat fee not exceeding \$700
1456 following the first judicial review in the second year after the
1457 date of appointment and each year thereafter as long as the
1458 termination of parental rights proceedings are still ongoing.

1459
1460 (c) For appeals from an adjudication of dependency, compensation
1461 may not exceed \$1,800.

1462
1463 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,200 upon filing
1464 the initial brief or the granting of a motion to withdraw.

1465
1466 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat fee
1467 not exceeding \$600 upon rendition of the mandate. (d) For an appeal
1468 from an adjudication of termination of parental rights,

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1469 compensation may not exceed \$3,500.

1470
1471 1. Counsel may bill a flat fee not exceeding \$1,750 upon filing
1472 the initial brief or the granting of a motion to withdraw.

1473
1474 2. If a brief is filed, counsel may bill an additional flat fee
1475 not exceeding \$1,750 upon rendition of the mandate.

1476
1477 (7) Counsel eligible to receive compensation from the state for
1478 representation pursuant to court appointment made in accordance
1479 with the requirements of s. 27.40(1) and (2)(a) in a proceeding
1480 under chapter 384, chapter 390, chapter 392, chapter 393, chapter
1481 394, chapter 397, chapter 415, chapter 743, chapter 744, or chapter
1482 984 shall receive compensation not to exceed the limits prescribed
1483 in the General Appropriations Act. Any such compensation must be
1484 determined as provided in s. 27.40(7).

1485
1486 (11) It is the intent of the Legislature that the flat fees
1487 prescribed under this section and the General Appropriations Act
1488 comprise the full and complete compensation for private court-
1489 appointed counsel. It is further the intent of the Legislature
1490 that the fees in this section are prescribed for the purpose of
1491 providing counsel with notice of the limit on the amount of
1492 compensation for representation in particular proceedings and the
1493 sole procedure and requirements for obtaining payment for the same.

1494 (a) If court-appointed counsel moves to withdraw prior to the
1495 full performance of his or her duties through the completion of
1496 the case, the court shall presume that the attorney is not entitled

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1497 to the payment of the full flat fee established under this section
1498 and the General Appropriations Act.

1499
1500 (b) If court-appointed counsel is allowed to withdraw from
1501 representation prior to the full performance of his or her duties
1502 through the completion of the case and the court appoints a
1503 subsequent attorney, the total compensation for the initial and
1504 any and all subsequent attorneys may not exceed the flat fee
1505 established under this section and the General Appropriations Act,
1506 except as provided in subsection (12).

1507 This subsection constitutes notice to any subsequently appointed
1508 attorney that he or she will not be compensated the full flat fee.

1509
1510 (12) The Legislature recognizes that on rare occasions an attorney
1511 may receive a case that requires extraordinary and unusual effort.

1512
1513 (a) If counsel seeks compensation that exceeds the limits
1514 prescribed by law, he or she must file a motion with the chief
1515 judge for an order approving payment of attorney fees in excess of
1516 these limits.

1517
1518 1. Before filing the motion, the counsel shall deliver a copy of
1519 the intended billing, together with supporting affidavits and all
1520 other necessary documentation, to the Justice Administrative
1521 Commission.

1522
1523 2. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review the
1524 billings, affidavits, and documentation for completeness and
1525 compliance with contractual and statutory requirements and shall

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1526 contemporaneously document such review before authorizing payment
1527 to an attorney. If the Justice Administrative Commission objects
1528 to any portion of the proposed billing, the objection and
1529 supporting reasons must be communicated in writing to the private
1530 court-appointed counsel. The counsel may thereafter file his or
1531 her motion, which must specify whether the commission objects to
1532 any portion of the billing or the sufficiency of documentation,
1533 and shall attach the commission's letter stating its objection.
1534

1535 (b) Following receipt of the motion to exceed the fee limits, the
1536 chief judge or a single designee shall hold an evidentiary hearing.
1537 The chief judge may select only one judge per circuit to hear and
1538 determine motions pursuant to this subsection, except multicounty
1539 circuits and the eleventh circuit may have up to two designees.
1540

1541 1. At the hearing, the attorney seeking compensation must prove
1542 by competent and substantial evidence that the case required
1543 extraordinary and unusual efforts. The chief judge or single
1544 designee shall consider criteria such as the number of witnesses,
1545 the complexity of the factual and legal issues, and the length of
1546 trial. The fact that a trial was conducted in a case does not, by
1547 itself, constitute competent substantial evidence of an
1548 extraordinary and unusual effort. In a criminal case, relief under
1549 this section may not be granted if the number of work hours does
1550 not exceed 75 or the number of the state's witnesses deposed does
1551 not exceed 20.
1552

1553 2. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative
1554 Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by the

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1555 attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the court
1556 determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence
1557 exists to justify overcoming the presumption. The chief judge or
1558 single designee shall enter a written order detailing his or her
1559 findings and identifying the extraordinary nature of the time and
1560 efforts of the attorney in the case which warrant exceeding the
1561 flat fee established by this section and the General Appropriations
1562 Act.

1563
1564 (c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on the
1565 Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days before
1566 the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative Commission has
1567 standing to appear before the court, and may appear in person or
1568 telephonically, including at the hearing under paragraph (b), to
1569 contest any motion for an order approving payment of attorney fees,
1570 costs, or related expenses and may participate in a hearing on the
1571 motion by use of telephonic or other communication equipment. The
1572 Justice Administrative Commission may contract with other public
1573 or private entities or individuals to appear before the court for
1574 the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving payment
1575 of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact that the
1576 Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to any portion
1577 of the billing or to the sufficiency of the documentation is not
1578 binding on the court.

1579
1580 (d) If the chief judge or a single designee finds that counsel
1581 has proved by competent and substantial evidence that the case
1582 required extraordinary and unusual efforts, the chief judge or
1583 single designee shall order the compensation to be paid to the

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1584 attorney at a percentage above the flat fee rate, depending on the
1585 extent of the unusual and extraordinary effort required. The
1586 percentage must be only the rate necessary to ensure that the fees
1587 paid are not confiscatory under common law. The percentage may not
1588 exceed 200 percent of the established flat fee, absent a specific
1589 finding that 200 percent of the flat fee in the case would be
1590 confiscatory. If the chief judge or single designee determines
1591 that 200 percent of the flat fee would be confiscatory, he or she
1592 shall order the amount of compensation using an hourly rate not to
1593 exceed \$75 per hour for a noncapital case and \$100 per hour for a
1594 capital case. However, the compensation calculated by using the
1595 hourly rate shall be only that amount necessary to ensure that the
1596 total fees paid are not confiscatory, subject to the requirements
1597 of s. 27.40(7).

1598
1599 (e) Any order granting relief under this subsection must be
1600 attached to the final request for payment submitted to the Justice
1601 Administrative Commission and must satisfy the requirements of
1602 subparagraph (b)2.(13) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in
1603 subsection (5) and for the 2025-2026 ~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only,
1604 the compensation for representation in a criminal proceeding may
1605 not exceed the following:

1606
1607 (a) For misdemeanors and juveniles represented at the trial level:
1608 \$2,000.

1609
1610 (b) For noncapital, nonlife felonies represented at the trial
1611 level: \$15,000.

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1613 (c) For life felonies represented at the trial level: \$15,000.

1614
1615 (d) For capital cases represented at the trial level: \$25,000.
1616 For purposes of this paragraph, a "capital case" is any offense
1617 for which the potential sentence is death and the state has not
1618 waived seeking the death penalty.

1619
1620 (e) For representation on appeal: \$9,000.

1621
1622 (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

1623
1624 Section 45. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and
1625 (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter
1626 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6), Florida
1627 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023- 240, Laws of
1628 Florida, by this act, expire July 1, 2026~~2025~~, and the text of
1629 those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, shall revert to
1630 that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments to
1631 such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and
1632 continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not
1633 dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this
1634 section.

1635
1636 Section 46. In order to implement section 118 of the 2025-2026
1637 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (f) of subsection (7) of
1638 section 934.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1639
1640 934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone. -
1641

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1642 (7) SECURITY STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DRONE USE. -

1643
1644 (f) Notwithstanding this subsection:

1645
1646 1. Subject to appropriation, the drone replacement grant program
1647 is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The program
1648 shall provide funds to law enforcement agencies, fire service
1649 providers, ambulance crews, or other first responders that turn in
1650 drones that are not in compliance with this section. To be
1651 eligible, the drone must have not reached its end of life and must
1652 still be in working condition. Funds shall be provided per drone
1653 based upon the drone's replacement costs. Grant funds may only be
1654 used to purchase drones that are in compliance with this section.
1655 The Department of Law Enforcement shall expeditiously develop an
1656 application process, and funds shall be allocated on a first-come,
1657 first-served basis, determined by the date the department receives
1658 the application. The department may adopt rules to implement this
1659 program. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "law
1660 enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in this section.

1661
1662 2. The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide the first two
1663 functional drones of each unique make and model received through
1664 the drone grant replacement program to the Florida Center for
1665 Cybersecurity within the University of South Florida. The Florida
1666 Center for Cybersecurity shall analyze each drone received from
1667 the Department of Law Enforcement to determine whether the drones
1668 presented a cybersecurity concern during its time of use and shall
1669 provide a report of its findings and a list of any specific
1670 security vulnerabilities found in the drone to the Governor, the

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1671 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
1672 Representatives. The center must return any drone received through
1673 the drone replacement grant program to the Department of Law
1674 Enforcement for destruction pursuant to subparagraph 3., following
1675 the completion of the cybersecurity analysis.
1676

1677 3. The Department of Law Enforcement shall ensure the destruction
1678 of all drones received through the drone replacement grant program
1679 after ensuring that the first two functional drones of each unique
1680 make and model received has been transmitted to the Florida Center
1681 for Cybersecurity for analysis. The Florida Center for
1682 Cybersecurity shall return to the department for destruction any
1683 duplicate model drones in their possession which were previously
1684 transmitted to the center, and which are not being retained for
1685 analysis.
1686

1687 4. From the funds appropriated to the drone replacement grant
1688 program, the Department of Law Enforcement:

1689
1690 a. May expend funds to directly cause, or contract for, the secure
1691 destruction of all drones received under the program during fiscal
1692 years 2023-2024, ~~and~~ 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 which are not being
1693 retained for analysis or retained by the department following a
1694 completed analysis.
1695

1696 b. Must provide to the Florida Center for Cybersecurity \$25,000
1697 to cover the center's expenses associated with the analysis,
1698 transport, secure storage, reporting, and other related costs
1699 necessary to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

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1700 c. May increase the awards previously provided in fiscal year
1701 2023-2024, which were based on the drone's value, to award the
1702 value to reflect the drone's replacement cost.

1703
1704 5. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized, and all
1705 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under s.
1706 120.54(4) for the purpose of implementing the drone replacement
1707 grant program. Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules
1708 adopted under this section are effective for 12 months after
1709 adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to
1710 adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency
1711 rules.

1712
1713 This paragraph expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.

1714
1715 Section 47. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2602 in
1716 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act in the Building
1717 Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental
1718 Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in
1719 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

1720 (1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building, the
1721 Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of
1722 facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust
1723 Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of
1724 relocation expenses, including furniture, fixtures, and equipment
1725 for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the department's
1726 managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool. The extent of
1727 the financial assistance provided to impacted state agencies shall
1728 be determined by the department.

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1729
1730 (2) The Department of Management Services may submit budget
1731 amendments for an increase in appropriation if necessary for the
1732 implementation of this section pursuant to the provisions of
1733 chapter 216, Florida Statutes. Budget amendments for an increase
1734 in appropriation shall include a detailed plan providing all
1735 estimated costs and relocation proposals.

1736
1737 (3) This section expires July 1, 2026.

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1739 Section 48. In order to implement Specific Appropriations of the
1740 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for land and building
1741 acquisition from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund of the
1742 Department of Management Services, notwithstanding s. 253.025(4),
1743 Florida Statutes, and in accordance with s. 215.196, Florida
1744 Statutes, the Department of Management Services may acquire
1745 additional state-owned office buildings as defined in s. 255.248,
1746 Florida Statutes, or property for inclusion in the Florida
1747 Facilities Pool as created in s. 255.505, Florida Statutes. This
1748 section expires July 1, 2026.

1749
1750 Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2602 in
1751 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.
1752 255.25(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department of Management
1753 Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Commissioner
1754 of Agriculture, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Attorney
1755 General are authorized to enter into a lease as a lessee not to
1756 exceed 24 months for the use of space in a privately owned
1757 building, even if such space is 5,000 square feet or more, without

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1758 having to advertise or receive competitive solicitations. This
1759 section expires July 1, 2026.

1760
1761 Section 50. In order to implement appropriations relating to the
1762 purchase of equipment and services related to the Statewide Law
1763 Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in the 2025-2026
1764 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 287.057,
1765 Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible users of the
1766 SLERS network may use the Department of Management Services SLERS
1767 contract for purchase of equipment and services. This section
1768 expires July 1, 2026.

1769
1770 Section 51. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2616
1771 through 2626 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
1772 notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code, the
1773 transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida
1774 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement
1775 system and is 0.7 percent for the 2025-2026 fiscal year only. This
1776 section expires July 1, 2026.

1777
1778 Section 52. In order to implement appropriations in the 2025-2026
1779 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of motor vehicles,
1780 provided the funds for the purchase have been specifically
1781 appropriated, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes,
1782 relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a state term
1783 contract, if an agency determines in writing that the vehicle is
1784 unavailable from a state term contract and cannot be delivered
1785 during the current appropriation period, state agencies may
1786 purchase vehicles without prior approval from the Department of

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1787 Management Services, Division of State Purchasing, provided that
1788 the agency receives two or more written quotes or the agency is
1789 able to demonstrate the vehicle is equal to or less than the cost
1790 of a similar class of vehicle found on a state term contract. If
1791 less than two quotes are obtained, it must include a statement as
1792 to why additional quotes were not received. This section expires
1793 July 1, 2026.

1794
1795 Section 53. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the 2025-2026
1796 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2025, and on the
1797 first day of each month thereafter, the Department of Management
1798 Services shall assess an administrative health insurance
1799 assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of
1800 individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position
1801 within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of
1802 State Group Insurance. As used in this section, the term "state
1803 agency" means an agency within the State Personnel System, the
1804 Department of the Lottery, the Justice Administrative Commission
1805 and all entities administratively housed in the Justice
1806 Administrative Commission, and the state courts system.

1807
1808 (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed administrative
1809 health insurance assessment under subsection (1) to the State
1810 Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the State Group
1811 Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and 110.1239, Florida
1812 Statutes, from currently allocated monies for salaries and
1813 benefits, within 30 days after receipt of the assessment from the
1814 Department of Management Services. Should any state agency become
1815 more than 60 days delinquent in payment of this obligation, the

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1816 Department of Management Services shall certify to the Chief
1817 Financial Officer the amount due and the Chief Financial Officer
1818 shall transfer the amount due to the Department of Management
1819 Services.

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1821 (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall apply to
1822 all vacant positions funded with state funds whether fully or
1823 partially funded with state funds. Vacant positions partially
1824 funded with state funds shall pay a percentage of the assessment
1825 imposed in subsection (1) equal to the percentage share of state
1826 funds provided for such vacant positions. No assessment shall apply
1827 to vacant positions fully funded with federal funds. Each state
1828 agency shall provide the Department of Management Services with a
1829 complete list of position numbers that are funded, or partially
1830 funded, with federal funding, and include the percentage of federal
1831 funding for each position no later than July 31, 2025, and shall
1832 update the list on the last day of each month thereafter. For
1833 federally funded vacant positions, or partially funded vacant
1834 positions, each state agency shall immediately take steps to
1835 include the administrative health insurance assessment in its
1836 indirect cost plan for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and each fiscal
1837 year thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of
1838 Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the
1839 chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the chair of
1840 the House of Representatives Budget Committee, upon approval of
1841 the updated indirect cost plan. If the state agency is not able to
1842 obtain approval from its federal awarding agency, the state agency
1843 must notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive

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1844 Office of the Governor, and the appropriations and budget chairs
1845 no later than January 15, 2026.

1846
1847 (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of
1848 s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor
1849 may transfer budget authority appropriated in the Salaries and
1850 Benefits appropriation category between agencies in order to align
1851 the appropriations granted with the assessments that must be paid
1852 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for the
1853 administrative health insurance assessment.

1854
1855 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1856
1857 Section 54. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2733
1858 through 2740 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1859 paragraph (11) is added to subsection (6) of section 627.351,
1860 Florida Statutes, to read:

1861
1862 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans. -

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1864 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION. -

1865 (II)1. In addition to any other method of alternative dispute
1866 resolution authorized by state law, the corporation may adopt
1867 policy forms that provide for the resolution of disputes regarding
1868 its claim determinations, including disputes regarding coverage
1869 for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a proceeding before
1870 the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any such policies are not
1871 subject to s. 627.70154. All proceedings in the Division of
1872 Administrative Hearings pursuant to such policies are subject to

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1873 ss. 57.105 and 768.79 as if filed in the courts of this state and
1874 are not considered chapter 120 administrative proceedings. Rule
1875 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, applies to any offer
1876 served pursuant to s. 768.79, except that, notwithstanding any
1877 provision in Rule 1.442, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, to the
1878 contrary, an offer shall not be served earlier than 10 days after
1879 filing the request for hearing with the Division of Administrative
1880 Hearings and shall not be served later than 10 days before the
1881 date set for the final hearing. The administrative law judge in
1882 such proceedings shall award attorney fees and other relief
1883 pursuant to ss. 57.105 and 768.79. The corporation may not seek,
1884 and the office may not approve, a maximum hourly rate for attorney
1885 fees.

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1887 2. The corporation may contract with the division to conduct
1888 proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim determinations
1889 as may be provided for in the applicable policies of insurance.
1890 This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.

1891
1892 Section 55. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order
1893 to implement appropriations of the 2025-2026 General
1894 Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 212.20, Florida
1895 Statutes, the Department of Revenue shall retain interest earnings
1896 associated with the funds held in the separate account for
1897 Hillsborough County established within the Discretionary Sales
1898 Surtax Clearing Trust Fund pursuant to section 155 of chapter 2022-
1899 156, Laws of Florida. Such funds shall be used to implement the
1900 temporary suspension of surtaxes authorized in s. 212.054(9)(b),
1901 Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2026.

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1902
1903 Section 56. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2761 of
1904 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section 250.13, Florida
1905 Statutes, is created to read:

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1907 250.13 Servicemember Healthcare Insurance Reimbursement Program.

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1910 (1) The Florida National Guard Healthcare Insurance Reimbursement
1911 Program is established within the Department of Military Affairs.
1912 The purpose of this program is to assist servicemembers with
1913 premium-covered TRICARE Reserve Select healthcare insurance to
1914 increase the overall operational readiness and availability of
1915 Florida National Guard personnel for all state and federal
1916 missions.

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1918 (2) Soldiers and Airmen, who are members of the Florida National
1919 Guard may voluntarily apply to the Department of Military Affairs
1920 to participate in the program. The Department of Military Affairs
1921 will be responsible for the management of the program. The
1922 Department of Military Affairs will establish procedures for
1923 managing all aspects of the program including eligibility,
1924 application, and participation.

1925
1926 (3) Subject to appropriation, the Adjutant General shall provide
1927 up to, not to exceed, \$60.00 a month of reimbursements to all
1928 soldiers and airmen, who are not on active federal orders for more
1929 than 30 days and in good standing, that are enrolled in TRICARE
1930 Reserve Select.

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1931 (4) The Department of Military Affairs may adopt rules to
1932 administer the program.

1933
1934 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

1935
1936 Section 57. In order to implement Section 159 of the 2025-2026
1937 General Appropriations Act, section 250.245, Florida Statutes, is
1938 amended to read:

1939
1940 250.245 Florida National Guard Joint Enlistment and Enhancement
1941 Program. -

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1943 (1) The Florida National Guard Joint Enlistment Enhancement
1944 Program (JEEP) is established within the Department of Military
1945 Affairs. The purpose of the program is to motivate soldiers,
1946 airmen, and retirees of the Florida National Guard to bolster
1947 recruitment and retention efforts and increase the force structure
1948 of the Florida National Guard.

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1950 (2) As used in this section, the term:

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1952 (a) "recruiting assistant" means a person who assists in the
1953 recruitment of non-Florida National Guard members into the Florida
1954 National Guard personnel and is:

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1956 1. a current member of the Florida National Guard in pay grade E-
1957 1 to O-3, or

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1959 2. a retiree of the Florida National Guard.

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(b) "retained Soldier or Airmen" means a current enlisted member of the Florida National Guard who re-enlists in the Florida National Guard within six months of their expiration term of service and at the time of re-enlistment is:

1. a pay grade of E-6 or below, and
2. is re-enlisting for a minimum of a 3-year service obligation as indicated in the Florida National Guard re-enlistment contract.

(3) The Adjutant General shall provide compensation to recruiting assistants participating in JEEP. A recruiting assistant shall receive \$1,000 for each new member referred by the recruiting assistant to the Florida National Guard upon the enlistment of such referred member.

(4) The Adjutant General shall provide compensation to retained Soldiers and Airmen participating in JEEP. An eligible retained Soldier or Airmen shall receive up to \$5,000 for the re-enlistment.

(5) The Department of Military Affairs, in cooperation with the Florida National Guard, shall adopt rules to administer the program.

(6) This section expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.

Section 58. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk Management Insurance" in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and

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1989 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
1990 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor
1991 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between
1992 departments in order to align the budget authority granted with
1993 the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance.
1994 This section expires July 1, 2026.

1995
1996 Section 59. In order to implement appropriations relating to
1997 agency cash transfers in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
1998 nonoperating budget is authorized to be appropriated for the
1999 following revenue transfers between state agencies in accordance
2000 with s. 216.181(12), Florida Statutes: Transfer to Department of
2001 Management Services - Human Resources Services Purchased Per
2002 Statewide Contract, Transfer to the Division of Administrative
2003 Hearings, Centrex and Suncom Payments, Transfer to FDLE - Capitol
2004 Police, Payment of Employer Contributions to Health Savings
2005 Account Custodian, Transparency-Bundled Services for Employee
2006 Transfers, Emergency Distributions to Counties, Grants and Aid to
2007 Local Government/Distribution to Clerks of Court, Transfer to
2008 Department of Revenue for Reemployment Assistance Tax Collection
2009 Services, and Florida Highway Patrol Services. This section
2010 expires July 1, 2026.

2011
2012 Section 60. In order to implement appropriations in the 2025-2026
2013 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel, the funds
2014 appropriated to each state agency which may be used for travel by
2015 state employees are limited during the 2025-2026 fiscal year to
2016 travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's
2017 mission. Funds may not be used for travel by state employees to

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2018 foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff training
2019 activities, or other administrative functions unless the agency
2020 head has approved, in writing, that such activities are critical
2021 to the agency's mission. The agency head shall consider using
2022 teleconferencing and other forms of electronic communication to
2023 meet the needs of the proposed activity before approving mission-
2024 critical travel. This section does not apply to travel for law
2025 enforcement purposes, military purposes, emergency management
2026 activities, or public health activities. This section expires July
2027 1, 2026.

2028
2029 Section 61. In order to implement appropriations in the 2025-2026
2030 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel and
2031 notwithstanding. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for lodging
2032 associated with a meeting, conference, or convention organized or
2033 sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial
2034 branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or
2035 her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$225 per day.
2036 For purposes of this section, a meeting does not include travel
2037 activities for conducting an audit, examination, inspection, or
2038 investigation or travel activities related to a litigation or
2039 emergency response. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2040
2041 Section 62. In order to implement specific appropriations from
2042 the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of
2043 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental
2044 Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife
2045 Conservation Commission, which are contained in the 2025-2026

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2046 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section 215.18,
2047 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2049 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation. -

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2051 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to a
2052 land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and
2053 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
2054 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2055 Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a land acquisition
2056 trust fund which would render that trust fund temporarily
2057 insufficient to meet its just requirements, including the timely
2058 payment of appropriations from that trust fund, and other trust
2059 funds in the State Treasury have moneys that are for the time being
2060 or otherwise in excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just
2061 requirements, including appropriated obligations, of those other
2062 trust funds, the Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys
2063 from one or more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition
2064 trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
2065 the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of
2066 State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action
2067 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,
2068 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor
2069 shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the
2070 effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that during
2071 July 2025 ~~2024~~, notice of such action shall be provided at least
2072 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless such 3-day
2073 notice is waived by the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative
2074 Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a land

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2075 acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and
2076 Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
2077 Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2078 Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the moneys
2079 were loaned by the end of the ~~2025-2026~~²⁰²⁴⁻²⁰²⁵ fiscal year. The
2080 Legislature has determined that the repayment of the other trust
2081 fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition trust fund in
2082 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2083 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,
2084 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to this
2085 subsection is an allowable use of the moneys in a land acquisition
2086 trust fund because the moneys from other trust funds temporarily
2087 loaned to a land acquisition trust fund shall be expended solely
2088 and exclusively in accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State
2089 Constitution. This subsection expires July 1, ~~2026~~ ²⁰²⁵.

2090
2091 Section 63. (1) In order to implement specific appropriations
2092 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of
2093 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental
2094 Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife
2095 Conservation Commission which are contained in the 2025-2026
2096 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Environmental
2097 Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land Acquisition Trust
2098 Fund within the department to the land acquisition trust funds
2099 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the
2100 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2101 Commission, as provided in this section. As used in this section,
2102 the term "department" means the Department of Environmental
2103 Protection.

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2104 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments, the
2105 proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each land
2106 acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the
2107 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for
2108 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land
2109 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land
2110 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and
2111 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and
2112 Wildlife Commission for the fiscal year. The department shall
2113 transfer the proportionate share of the revenues in the Land
2114 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department on a monthly basis to
2115 the appropriate land acquisition trust funds within the Department
2116 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and
2117 the Fish and Wildlife Commission and shall retain its proportionate
2118 share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within
2119 the department. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust
2120 fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
2121 the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission may
2122 not exceed the total appropriations from such trust fund for the
2123 fiscal year.

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2125 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the Land
2126 Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds within the
2127 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of
2128 State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission amounts
2129 equal to the difference between the amounts appropriated in chapter
2130 2024-231, Laws of Florida, to the department's Land Acquisition
2131 Trust Fund and the other land acquisition trust funds, and the
2132 amounts actually transferred between those trust funds during the

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2133 2024-2025 fiscal year.

2134
2135 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning
2136 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the
2137 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife
2138 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a
2139 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts
2140 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2141 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30, 2026.

2142
2143 (5) This section expires July 1, 2026.

2144
2145 Section 64. In order to implement appropriations from the Land
2146 Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental
2147 Protection in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph
2148 (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida Statutes, is
2149 amended to read:

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2151 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund. -

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2153 (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
2154 pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:

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2156 (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required under
2157 paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated, pledged, or
2158 dedicated for other uses:

2159
2160 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million shall be
2161 appropriated annually for Everglades projects that implement the

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2162 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.
2163 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject
2164 to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in
2165 s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries
2166 Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595. From these funds,
2167 \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-
2168 2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District
2169 for the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). After
2170 deducting the \$32 million distributed under this subparagraph,
2171 from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent
2172 or \$100 million shall be appropriated each fiscal year through the
2173 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering, and
2174 construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as
2175 set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning
2176 Project, the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir
2177 Project, the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin
2178 Storage Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project,
2179 the Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune
2180 Strand Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental
2181 Protection and the South Florida Water Management District shall
2182 give preference to those Everglades restoration projects that
2183 reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.
2184 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the
2185 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this
2186 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph
2187 (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth
2188 under paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after
2189 the payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the
2190 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal

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2191 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued
2192 after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this
2193 subparagraph.

2194
2195 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million shall be
2196 appropriated annually for spring restoration, protection, and
2197 management projects. For the purpose of performing the calculation
2198 provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid
2199 pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for
2200 the purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to the
2201 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a).
2202 The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be reduced by
2203 an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a)
2204 on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth
2205 under this subparagraph.

2206
2207 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually each
2208 fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St. Johns
2209 River Water Management District for projects dedicated to the
2210 restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be reduced by
2211 an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a)
2212 on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth in
2213 this subparagraph.

2214
2215 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be transferred
2216 to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and
2217 each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA reservoir project pursuant
2218 to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining in any fiscal year shall be
2219 made available only for Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project or

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2220 projects identified in subparagraph 1. and must be used in
2221 accordance with laws relating to such projects. Any funds made
2222 available for such purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to
2223 the amount appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution
2224 shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid
2225 pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for
2226 the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2227
2228 5. The sum of \$50 million shall be appropriated annually to the
2229 South Florida Water Management District for the Lake Okeechobee
2230 Watershed Restoration Project in accordance with s. 373.4599. This
2231 distribution must be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service
2232 paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2021,
2233 for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

2234
2235 6. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually to the
2236 Department of Environmental Protection for the acquisition of land
2237 pursuant to s. 259.105.

2238
2239 7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., for the 2025-2026 fiscal
2240 year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General
2241 Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.

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2243 Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1609 of
2244 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the
2245 expiration date in section 66 of chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida,
2246 paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071, Florida
2247 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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2249 376.3071 Inland Protection Trust Fund; creation; purposes;
2250 funding. -

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2252 (15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES. -

2253 The department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10
2254 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor and
2255 equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems that may
2256 have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended with ethanol
2257 or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce the potential
2258 for such damage.

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2260 (g) Payments may not be made for the following:

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2262 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the
2263 application and required documentation;

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2265 2. Certified public accountant costs;

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2267 3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess of
2268 the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or which
2269 are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;

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2271 4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or ancillary
2272 equipment that has previously been repaired or replaced for which
2273 costs have been paid under this section;

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2275 5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department storage
2276 tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been resolved; or

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2278 6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage systems
2279 caused in whole or in part by causes other than the storage of
2280 fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

2281
2282 Section 66. The amendment to s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida
2283 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of
2284 Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that
2285 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but
2286 not including any amendments to such text enacted other than by
2287 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent
2288 that such amendments are not dependent upon the portion of text
2289 which expires pursuant to this section.

2290
2291 Section 67. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1503 of
2292 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m) is added
2293 to subsection (3) of section 259.105, Florida Statutes, to read:
2294 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.-

2295
2296 (3) Less the costs of issuing and the costs of funding reserve
2297 accounts and other costs associated with bonds, the proceeds of
2298 cash payments or bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be
2299 deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund created by s.
2300 259.1051. The proceeds shall be distributed by the Department of
2301 Environmental Protection in the following manner:

2302
2303 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2025-2026
2304 fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as provided in the
2305 General Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026.
2306

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2307 Section 68. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1502 of
2308 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, section 380.5105,
2309 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2310
2311 380.5105 The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; Florida Forever
2312 program.

2313
2314 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is
2315 the intent of the Legislature that the trust shall administer the
2316 working waterfronts land acquisition program as set forth in this
2317 section.

2318
2319 (a)~~(2)~~ The trust and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
2320 Services shall jointly develop rules specifically establishing an
2321 application process and a process for the evaluation, scoring and
2322 ranking of working waterfront ~~acquisition~~ projects. The proposed
2323 rules jointly developed pursuant to this paragraph ~~subsection~~
2324 shall be promulgated by the trust. Such rules shall establish a
2325 system of weighted criteria to give increased priority to projects:

2326
2327 1.~~(a)~~ Within a municipality with a population less than 30,000;

2328
2329 2.~~(b)~~ Within a municipality or area under intense growth and
2330 development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors,
2331 including a determination that the municipality's growth rate
2332 exceeds the average growth rate for the state;

2333
2334 3.~~(c)~~ Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency
2335 established pursuant to s. 163.356;

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2336
2337 4.~~(d)~~ Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an
2338 aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

2339
2340 5.~~(e)~~ That provides a demonstrable benefit to the local economy.

2341
2342 (b)~~(3)~~ For projects that will require more than the grant amount
2343 awarded for completion, the applicant must identify in their
2344 project application funding sources that will provide the
2345 difference between the grant award and the estimated project
2346 completion cost. Such rules may be incorporated into those
2347 developed pursuant to s. 380.507(11).

2348
2349 (c)~~(4)~~ The trust shall develop a ranking list based on criteria
2350 identified in paragraph (a) ~~subsection (2)~~ for proposed fee simple
2351 and less-than-fee simple acquisition projects developed pursuant
2352 to this section. The trust shall, by the first Board of Trustees
2353 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund meeting in February, present
2354 the ranking list pursuant to this section to the board of trustees
2355 for final approval of projects for funding. The board of trustees
2356 may remove projects from the ranking list but may not add projects.

2357
2358 (d)~~(5)~~ Grant awards, acquisition approvals, and terms of less-
2359 than-fee acquisitions shall be approved by the trust. Waterfront
2360 communities that receive grant awards must submit annual progress
2361 reports to the trust identifying project activities which are
2362 complete, and the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined
2363 in the project application. The trust must implement a process to
2364 monitor and evaluate the performance of grant recipients in

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2365 completing projects that are funded through the working
2366 waterfronts program.

2367
2368 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is
2369 the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental
2370 Protection shall administer the working waterfronts capital outlay
2371 grant program as set forth in this section to support the
2372 commercial fishing industry, including the infrastructure for
2373 receiving or unloading seafood for the purpose of supporting the
2374 seafood economy.

2375
2376 (a) The working waterfronts capital outlay grant program is
2377 created to provide funding to assist commercial saltwater products
2378 or commercial saltwater wholesale dealer or retailer license
2379 holders and seafood houses in maintaining their operations.

2380
2381 (b) Eligible costs and expenditures include fixed capital outlay
2382 and operating capital outlay, including, but not limited to, the
2383 repair and maintenance or replacement of equipment, the repair and
2384 maintenance or replacement of water-adjacent facilities or
2385 infrastructure, and the construction or renovation of shore-side
2386 facilities.

2387
2388 (c) The applicant must demonstrate a benefit to the local economy.

2389
2390 (d) Grant recipients must submit annual progress reports to the
2391 department identifying project activities that are complete and
2392 the progress achieved in meeting the goals outlined in the project
2393 application.

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2394
2395 (e) The department shall implement a process to monitor and
2396 evaluate the performance of grant recipients in completing
2397 projects funded through the program.

2398
2399 Section 69. The amendments to s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, made
2400 by this act expire July 1, 2026, and the text of that section shall
2401 revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, except that any
2402 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be
2403 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such
2404 amendments are not dependent upon the portions of text which expire
2405 pursuant to this section.

2406
2407 Section 70. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1725 of
2408 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act and notwithstanding s.
2409 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2410 Commission may use funds appropriated for the derelict vessel
2411 removal program for grants to local governments or to remove,
2412 store, destroy, and dispose of, or to pay private contractors to
2413 remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, derelict vessels or vessels
2414 declared a public nuisance pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa), Florida
2415 Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2416
2417 Section 71. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1456 of
2418 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
2419 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of
2420 Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit budget amendments,
2421 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
2422 216.177, Florida Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective

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2423 date of the action to increase budget authority to support the
2424 National School Lunch Program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2425
2426 Section 72. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1548 of
2427 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
2428 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of
2429 Environmental Protection may submit budget amendments, subject to
2430 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
2431 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the action
2432 to increase budget authority to support the Nonpoint Source
2433 Management Planning Grants Program. This section expires July 1,
2434 2026.

2435
2436 Section 73. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1557 of
2437 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
2438 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of
2439 Environmental Protection may submit budget amendments, subject to
2440 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
2441 Statutes, at least 3 days before the effective date of the action
2442 to increase budget authority to support the Infrastructure
2443 Investments Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) for Drinking Water Emerging
2444 Contaminants. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2445
2446 Section 74. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1555 of
2447 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (9) is added
2448 to section 403.0673, Florida Statutes, to read:

2449
2450 (9) For the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, and notwithstanding the
2451 requirements of subsection (4), (5), and (6), the department shall

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2452 dedicate at least \$225 million of the revenues transferred from s.
2453 380.095(2)(d) Florida Statutes, for priority projects to improve
2454 water quality in the Indian River Lagoon, Lower Kissimmee Basin,
2455 Biscayne Bay and the Caloosahatchee River Watershed. This
2456 subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2457
2458 Section 75. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1554 of
2459 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, the Local Government
2460 Water Supply Pilot Grant Program is created within the Department
2461 of Environmental Protection. In recognition of the area's unique
2462 water source constraints, including the protection of the Coastal
2463 Floridan aquifer, the Department of Environmental Protection shall
2464 implement the pilot program to provide funds to local governments
2465 for water supply infrastructure, including distribution and
2466 transmission facilities. To be eligible for the pilot program, a
2467 water supply infrastructure project must be located within Regions
2468 I, II, III, IV or V of the Northwest Florida Regional Water Supply
2469 Plan. If a developer is involved in the project, the Department of
2470 Environmental Protection shall require match funding equal to the
2471 amount of the grant request from local, federal, or private funds.
2472 The Department of Environmental Protection shall expeditiously
2473 develop an application process and may adopt rules to implement
2474 this pilot program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2475
2476 Section 76. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1397 of
2477 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (6) is added
2478 to section 206.9935, Florida Statutes, to read:

2479

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2480 (6) The sum of \$5 million of the amount credited to the Inland
2481 Protection Trust Fund pursuant to subsection (3) shall be
2482 transferred to the General Inspection Trust Fund in the Department
2483 of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Retail Transfer Switch
2484 Modernization Grant Program.

2485
2486 Section 77. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1526
2487 and 1661 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph
2488 (e) is added to section 380.095(2), Florida Statutes, to read:

2489
2490 380.095 Dedicated funding for conservation lands, resiliency, and
2491 clean water infrastructure.-

2492
2493 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—Notwithstanding s. 285.710, the Department of
2494 Revenue shall, upon receipt, deposit 96 percent of any revenue
2495 share payment received under the compact as defined in s. 285.710
2496 into the Indian Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund within the
2497 Department of Financial Services. The funds deposited into the
2498 trust fund shall be distributed as follows:

2499
2500 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and for the 2025-2026 fiscal
2501 year, the lesser of 26.042 percent or \$100 million is distributed
2502 to the General Revenue Fund as provided in the General
2503 Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2026.

2504
2505 Section 78. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1549 of
2506 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (11) of
2507 section 380.0555, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2509 (11) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS.—Beginning in the 2023-2024
2510 fiscal year ~~and continuing through the 2027-2028 fiscal year~~, the
2511 Department of Environmental Protection may expend up to \$510
2512 million, or an amount provided in the General Appropriations Act,
2513 each fiscal year for the purpose of entering into financial
2514 assistance agreements with Franklin County or the City of
2515 Apalachicola to implement projects that improve surface water and
2516 groundwater quality within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical
2517 State Concern, including the construction of stormwater management
2518 facilities and central sewage collection facilities, installation
2519 of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, direct and
2520 indirect potable reuse, building projects that protect, restore,
2521 or enhance nearshore water quality and fisheries, land acquisition
2522 within the Apalachicola River Watershed and other water quality
2523 and water supply projects located within the Apalachicola Bay Area
2524 of Critical State Concern. ~~This subsection expires on June 30,~~
2525 ~~2028.~~

2526
2527 Section 79. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2411 of
2528 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of
2529 subsection (4) of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to
2530 read:

2531
2532 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
2533 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management
2534 system.—

2535

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2536 (4) OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS.— The official headquarters of an
2537 officer or employee assigned to an office shall be the city or
2538 town in which the office is located except that:

2539
2540 (d) A Lieutenant Governor who permanently resides outside of Leon
2541 County, may, if he or she so requests, have an appropriate facility
2542 in his or her county designated as his or her official headquarters
2543 for purposes of this section. This official headquarters may only
2544 serve as the Lieutenant Governor's personal office. The Lieutenant
2545 Governor may not use state funds to lease space in any facility
2546 for his or her official headquarters.

2547
2548 1. A Lieutenant Governor for whom an official headquarters is
2549 established in his or her county of residence pursuant to this
2550 paragraph is eligible for subsistence at a rate to be established
2551 by the Governor for each day or partial day that the Lieutenant
2552 Governor is at the State Capitol to conduct official state
2553 business. In addition to the subsistence allowance, a Lieutenant
2554 Governor is eligible for reimbursement for transportation expenses
2555 as provided in subsection (7) for travel between the Lieutenant
2556 Governor's official headquarters and the State Capitol to conduct
2557 state business.

2558
2559 2. Payment of subsistence and reimbursement for transportation
2560 between a Lieutenant Governor's official headquarters and the
2561 State Capitol shall be made to the extent appropriated funds are
2562 available, as determined by the Governor.

2563
2564 3. This paragraph expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.

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2565 Section 80. In order to implement section 189 of the 2025-
2566 2026 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section
2567 288.80125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2568
2569 288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

2570
2571 (3) For the 2025-2026~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year, funds shall
2572 be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund program to
2573 provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael
2574 as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection
2575 expires July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

2576
2577 Section 81. The text of s. 288.8013(3), Florida Statutes,
2578 expires July 1, 2026, and the text of that subsection shall revert
2579 to that in existence on June 30, 2023, except that any amendments
2580 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and
2581 continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not
2582 dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to this
2583 section.

2584
2585 Section 82. In order to implement Specific Appropriation
2586 2471 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (b)
2587 of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 321.04, Florida
2588 Statutes, are amended to read:

2589
2590 321.04 Personnel of the highway patrol; rank classifications;
2591 probationary status of new patrol officers; subsistence; special
2592 assignments.—

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2594 (3) (b) For the 2025-2026~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, upon the
2595 request of the Governor, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
2596 Vehicles shall assign one or more patrol officers to the office of
2597 the Lieutenant Governor for security services. This paragraph
2598 expires July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

2599
2600 (5) For the 2025-2026~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, the assignment
2601 of a patrol officer by the department shall include a Cabinet
2602 member specified in s. 4, Art. IV of the State Constitution if
2603 deemed appropriate by the department or in response to a threat
2604 and upon written request of such Cabinet member. This subsection
2605 expires July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

2606
2607 Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1822
2608 through 1835, 1840, 1841, 1853 through 1858, 1860 through 1864,
2609 1866 through 1874, and 1905 through 1914 of the 2025-2026
2610 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of
2611 section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2612
2613 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;
2614 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

2615
2616 (7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

2617
2618 (h)1. Any work program amendment that also adds a new
2619 project, or phase thereof, to the adopted work program in excess
2620 of \$3 million is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget
2621 Commission. Any work program amendment submitted under this
2622 paragraph must include, as supplemental information, a list of

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2623 projects, or phases thereof, in the current 5-year adopted work
2624 program which are eligible for the funds within the appropriation
2625 category being used for the proposed amendment.

2626 The department shall provide a narrative with the rationale for
2627 not advancing an existing project, or phase thereof, in lieu of
2628 the proposed amendment.

2629
2630 2. If the department submits an amendment to the Legislative
2631 Budget Commission and the commission does not meet or consider the
2632 amendment within 30 days after its submittal, the chair and vice
2633 chair of the commission may authorize the amendment to be approved
2634 pursuant to s. 216.177. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026
2635 2025.

2636
2637 Section 84. In order to implement Specific Appropriations
2638 2445 through 2454 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and
2639 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
2640 Division of Emergency Management may submit budget amendments,
2641 subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.
2642 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for
2643 projected expenditures due to reimbursements from federally
2644 declared disasters. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2645
2646 Section 85. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2101
2647 and 2104 through 2107 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2648 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the
2649 Department of Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to
2650 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida
2651 Statutes, to increase budget authority for projected expenditures

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2652 related to disaster recovery activities funded by federal awards
2653 received under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster
2654 Recovery Program, and community assistance activities for low-
2655 income Floridians funded by federal awards received under the
2656 Community Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
2657 Program, Low-Income Household Water Program and the Weatherization
2658 Assistance Program. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2659
2660 Section 86. In order to implement sections 188, 189, and 193 of
2661 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.
2662 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Commerce
2663 may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and
2664 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase
2665 budget authority for projected expenditures related to broadband
2666 internet development projects funded by federal awards received
2667 under the Capital Projects Fund, the Digital Capacity Grant, and
2668 the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program. This
2669 section expires July 1, 2026.

2670
2671 Section 87. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2445 of
2672 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.
2673 252.37, Florida Statutes, any political subdivision of the state,
2674 located within a county approved from the Federal Emergency
2675 Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance categories A-G, that
2676 has incurred unreimbursed expenses related to meeting the required
2677 match for public assistance projects undertaken due to the impact
2678 of Hurricane Michael may apply to the Executive Office of the
2679 Governor for a waiver of the match requirement. This section
2680 expires July 1, 2026.

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2681
2682 Section 88. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1824,
2683 1830, 1840 and 1841 of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act,
2684 and notwithstanding ss. 216.181, 216.292, and 339.135 Florida
2685 Statutes, the Department of Transportation may submit budget
2686 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection
2687 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget
2688 authority for projected expenditures related to transit and rail
2689 development projects. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2690
2691 Section 89. In order to implement section 203 of the 2025-2026
2692 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding section 215 of
2693 chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, the Department of
2694 Transportation is authorized to retain the interest earnings on
2695 funds appropriated to implement the Moving Florida Forward Plan.
2696 The interest earnings must be used by the department to implement
2697 the plan. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2698
2699 Section 90. From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1854, the
2700 Department of Transportation is authorized to submit budget
2701 amendments in accordance with chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to
2702 increase Specific Appropriation 1854 by up to \$25,000,000. This
2703 section is contingent on legislation updating the use of proceeds
2704 imposed under section 212.05(1)(e)1.c. becoming law.

2705
2706 Section 91. From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1855, the
2707 Department of Transportation is authorized to submit budget
2708 amendments in accordance with chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to
2709 increase Specific Appropriation 1855 by up to \$25,000,000. This

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2710 section is contingent on legislation updating the use of proceeds
2711 imposed under section 212.05(1)(e)1.c. becoming law.

2712
2713 Section 92. Funds in Specific Appropriation 1849 are provided for
2714 Keep Florida Litter Free in place of the Keep America Beautiful
2715 Statewide Affiliate outlined in section 403.709(1)(d), Florida
2716 Statutes. In place of the statewide affiliate, the Department shall
2717 coordinate with the Department of Environmental Protection on the
2718 campaign.

2719
2720 Section 93. Contingent upon authorization by the Federal Highway
2721 Administration of the annual plan submitted by the Department of
2722 Transportation in 2024, the Department is authorized to submit
2723 budget amendments, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216,
2724 Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for funds awarded
2725 by the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program.

2726
2727 Section 94. In order to implement appropriations authorized in
2728 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for data center services,
2729 and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida Statutes, an agency
2730 may not transfer funds from a data processing category to a
2731 category other than another data processing category or a cloud
2732 computing category for information technology resources hosted
2733 outside of an agency. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2734
2735 Section 95. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in
2736 the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data Center" in the
2737 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice,
2738 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes,

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2739 the Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds
2740 appropriated in that category between departments in order to align
2741 the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data
2742 processing services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This section
2743 expires July 1, 2026.

2744
2745 Section 96. In order to implement appropriations authorized in
2746 the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act for state data center
2747 services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies related
2748 to contract management services provided to Northwest Regional
2749 Data Center shall not exceed 3 percent. This section expires July
2750 1, 2026.

2751
2752 Section 97. Effective July 1, 2025, and in order to implement
2753 Specific Appropriation 2432 of the 2025-2026 General
2754 Appropriations act, subsection (2) of section 282.201, Florida
2755 Statutes, is amended to read:

2756
2757 282.201 State data center. -The state data center is established
2758 within the department. The provision of data center services must
2759 comply with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and
2760 policies, including all applicable security, privacy, and auditing
2761 requirements. The department shall appoint a director of the state
2762 data center who has experience in leading data center facilities
2763 and has expertise in cloud-computing management.

2764
2765 (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER. -

2766
2767 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data

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2768 center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the
2769 Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the
2770 Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management
2771 centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll
2772 Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board of
2773 Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal
2774 conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional
2775 counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

2776
2777 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the use
2778 of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.

2779
2780 Section 98. In order to implement appropriations for state
2781 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General
2782 Appropriations Act, section (7) of 216.023, Florida Statutes, is
2783 amended to read:

2784
2785 216.023 Legislative budget requests to be furnished to
2786 Legislature by agencies.

2787
2788 (7) As part of the legislative budget request, each state agency
2789 and the judicial branch shall include a three (3) year funding
2790 plan for all current and planned technology initiatives. The plan
2791 must, at a minimum, contain all of the following information:

- 2792
2793 (a) The name of the initiative.
2794 (b) A brief description of the initiative.
2795 (c) Priority assigned to the initiative.
2796 (d) Current phase of the initiative.

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- 2797 (e) Implementation timeline of the initiative.
- 2798 (f) Total initiative cost.
- 2799 (g) Funding impact of the initiative.
- 2800 (h) Business Process Owner.
- 2801 (i) Initiative Lead.
- 2802 (j) Initiative Manager.
- 2803 (k) Initiative Sponsor.

2804 For purposes of this subsection, current and planned technology
2805 initiatives include information technology (IT) projects reported
2806 in the IT Project Inventory submitted pursuant to section 107,
2807 chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, as well as, planned IT Projects,
2808 hardware refreshes, contract and enterprise agreement renewals,
2809 increases or decreases in State Data Center consumption, increases
2810 or decreases in cloud computing, and increases, decreases, or
2811 realignment of agency base funding related to current or planned
2812 IT initiatives. This subsection expires July 1, 2026.

2813
2814 Section 99. In order to implement section 209 of the 2025-2026
2815 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and
2816 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor's
2817 Office of Policy and Budget may submit a budget amendment, subject
2818 to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
2819 Florida Statutes, to realign funding, to realign funding, within
2820 and between agencies, in appropriation categories specifically
2821 authorized for the implementation of the state's award from the
2822 federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Public Law 117-
2823 2). The funding realignment shall address projected surpluses and
2824 deficits in existing programs and maximize the state's utilization
2825 of federal funds, which must be fully expended by December 31,

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2826 2026. This section expires July 1, 2026.

2827

2828 Section 100. In order to implement the appropriations and
2829 reappropriation authorized in the 2025-2026 General Appropriations
2830 Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (11) of section 216.181, Florida
2831 Statutes, is amended to read:

2832

2833 216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital outlay.
2834 - (11)

2835

2836 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and paragraph (2)(b), and for
2837 the 2025-2026~~2024-2025~~ fiscal year only, the Legislative Budget
2838 Commission may approve budget amendments for new fixed capital
2839 outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to state
2840 agencies for fixed capital outlay projects. This paragraph expires
2841 July 1, 2026~~2025~~.

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2843 The provisions of this subsection are subject to the notice and
2844 objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

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2846 Section 101. In order to implement appropriations for state
2847 agencies and the judicial branch in the 2025-2026 General
2848 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of 216.013, Florida Statutes,
2849 is amended to read:

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2851 216.013 Long-range program plan. -State agencies and the judicial
2852 branch shall develop long-range program plans to achieve state
2853 goals using an interagency planning process that includes the
2854 development of integrated agency program service outcomes. The

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2855 plans shall be policy based, priority driven, accountable, and
2856 developed through careful examination and justification of all
2857 agency and judicial branch programs.

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2859 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each state
2860 executive agency and the judicial branch is not required to develop
2861 or post a long-range program plan by September 30, ~~2025~~2024, for
2862 the ~~2026-2027~~2025-2026 fiscal year, except in circumstances
2863 outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the
2864 Executive Office of the Governor in consultation with the chairs
2865 of the legislative appropriations committees. This subsection
2866 expires July 1, ~~2026~~2025.

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2868 Section 102. Any section of this act which implements a specific
2869 appropriation or specifically identified proviso language in the
2870 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act is void if the specific
2871 appropriation or specifically identified proviso language is
2872 vetoed. Any section of this act which implements more than one
2873 specific appropriation or more than one portion of specifically
2874 identified proviso language in the 2025-2026 General
2875 Appropriations Act is void if all the specific appropriations or
2876 portions of specifically identified proviso language are vetoed.

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2878 Section 103. If any other act passed during the 2025 Regular
2879 Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is
2880 substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that removes
2881 or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied to such
2882 provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the provision
2883 in the other act takes precedence and continues to operate,

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2884 notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

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2886 Section 104. If any provision of this act or its application to
2887 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does
2888 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can
2889 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and
2890 to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

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2892 Section 105. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act
2893 and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act
2894 becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025, or, if
2895 this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall
2896 take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to
2897 July 1, 2025.