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2 A bill to be entitled  
3 An act implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
4 Act; providing legislative intent; incorporating by  
5 reference certain calculations of the Florida Education  
6 Finance Program; revising data for the remaining Fiscal  
7 Year 2023-2024 Florida Education Finance Program  
8 calculations; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
9 Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign  
10 Medicaid and Kidcare funding for specified purposes,  
11 subject to certain limitations; authorizing the Agency for  
12 Persons with Disabilities, in consultation with the Agency  
13 for Health Care Administration, to realign funds to  
14 implement the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services  
15 Program; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
16 Administration, in consultation with the Department of  
17 Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the  
18 Department of Children and Families, and the Department of  
19 Corrections, to continue its contract with a vendor to  
20 negotiate prices for certain prescribed drugs and  
21 biological products; providing requirements for such  
22 contract; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
23 Administration to submit a budget amendment to implement  
24 the Directed Payment Program and the Indirect Medical  
25 Education Program; authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
26 Administration to submit a budget amendment to implement a  
27 directed payment program and fee-for-service supplemental  
28 payments for cancer hospitals; authorizing the Agency for  
29 Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to

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30 implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and a  
31 directed payment program for physicians and subordinate  
32 licensed health care practitioners; authorizing the Agency  
33 for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment  
34 to implement a certified expenditure program for emergency  
35 medical transportation services; authorizing the Agency for  
36 Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to  
37 implement the Low Income Pool; authorizing the Agency for  
38 Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to  
39 implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program;  
40 amending s. 409.915, F.S.; revising the definition of the  
41 term "state Medicaid expenditures"; authorizing the  
42 Department of Children and Families to submit a budget  
43 amendment to realign funding within the specified areas of  
44 the department based on implementation for the Guardianship  
45 Assistance Program; authorizing the Department of Children  
46 and Families to submit budget amendments for certain  
47 federal grant programs; authorizing the Department of  
48 Children and Families to submit a budget amendment to  
49 realign funding within the Family Safety Program for  
50 specified purposes; authorizing the Department of Children  
51 and Families to submit a budget amendment to realign budget  
52 between appropriation categories to outsource the Northeast  
53 Florida State Hospital; authorizing the Department of  
54 Children and Families, Department of Health, and Agency for  
55 Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments for  
56 Refugee Programs; authorizing the Department of Health to  
57 submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for  
58 certain federal grant programs; amending s. 381.986, F.S.;

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59 extending for one fiscal year the exemption of certain  
60 rules pertaining to the medical use of marijuana from  
61 certain rulemaking requirements; reenacting and amending s.  
62 14, chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida; exempting certain  
63 rules pertaining to medical marijuana adopted to replace  
64 emergency rules from specified rulemaking requirements;  
65 providing for the future expiration and reversion of  
66 specified law; authorizing the Agency for Persons with  
67 Disabilities to transfer funding from Salaries and Benefits  
68 to other categories to support additional staff  
69 augmentation at Developmental Disability Centers;  
70 authorizing the Department of Veteran's Affairs to submit  
71 budget amendment with Legislative Budget Commission  
72 approval to increase the number of positions in the state's  
73 veterans nursing homes; extending for one fiscal year the  
74 authority of the Department of Corrections to submit a  
75 budget amendment for additional positions and  
76 appropriations under certain circumstances; requiring  
77 review and approval by the Legislative Budget Commission;  
78 authorizing the Department of Corrections to realign budget  
79 to contract with the Department of Military Affairs for  
80 staffing correctional facilities; authorizing the  
81 Department of Military Affairs to request a budget  
82 amendment to increase spending authority for staffing  
83 correctional facilities; extending for one fiscal year the  
84 authority of the Governor, if there is a specified  
85 temporary deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund in  
86 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
87 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of

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88 State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, to  
89 transfer funds from other trust funds in the State Treasury  
90 as a temporary loan to such trust fund; providing a  
91 deadline for the repayment of a temporary loan; requiring  
92 the Department of Environmental Protection to transfer  
93 designated proportions of the revenues deposited in the  
94 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land  
95 acquisition trust funds in the Department of Agriculture  
96 and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the  
97 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission according to  
98 specified parameters and calculations; defining the term  
99 "department"; requiring the Department of Environmental  
100 Protection to make transfers to land acquisition trust  
101 funds monthly; specifying the method of determining  
102 transfer amounts; authorizing the Department of  
103 Environmental Protection to advance funds from its land  
104 acquisition trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife  
105 Conservation Commission's land acquisition trust fund for  
106 specified purposes; providing for the future expiration and  
107 reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 375.041,  
108 F.S.; extending for one year the authority to distribute  
109 funds into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund as authorized in  
110 the General Appropriations Act; reenacting s.  
111 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland Protection  
112 Trust Fund; exempting specified costs incurred by certain  
113 petroleum storage system owners or operators during a  
114 specified period from the prohibition against making  
115 payments in excess of amounts approved by the Department of  
116 Environmental Protection; providing for expiration; adding

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paragraph (m) to subsection (3) of s. 259.105, F.S.;  
authorizing an amount for the Board of Trustees Florida  
Forever Priority List land acquisition projects; amending  
s. 339.08, F.S.; appropriating funds to the State  
Transportation Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund as  
provided in the General Appropriations Act; amending s.  
339.135, F.S.; extending by one fiscal year the authority  
for the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget  
Commission to approve certain work program amendments under  
specified circumstances; requiring the Department of  
Financial Services to retain certain funds relating to  
unclaimed property and make specified payments; authorizing  
the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer budget  
authority between agencies in specified circumstances;  
authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to  
transfer funds between departments for purposes of aligning  
amounts paid for risk management insurance, for human  
resources services purchased per statewide contract, and  
for the Division of Administrative Hearings; authorizing  
the Department of Management Services to use certain  
facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental  
Trust Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses;  
authorizing the Department of Management Services to submit  
budget amendments for certain purposes related to the  
relocation; providing a monetary cap on lodging costs for  
state employee travel to certain meetings organized or  
sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch;  
authorizing employees to expend their own funds for lodging  
expenses that exceed the monetary caps; authorizing state

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146 agencies and other eligible users of the Statewide Law  
147 Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of  
148 Management Services contract to purchase equipment and  
149 services; requiring a specified transaction fee percentage  
150 for use of the online procurement system; authorizing the  
151 Department of Management Services to acquire additional  
152 state-owned office buildings or property for inclusion in  
153 the Florida Facilities Pool; specifying the type of travel  
154 which may be used with state employee travel funds;  
155 authorizing the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to  
156 adopt certain policy forms; authorizing the corporation to  
157 contract with the Division of Administrative Hearings to  
158 conduct certain proceedings and resolve specified disputes;  
159 authorizing state agencies to purchase vehicles from  
160 nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from  
161 the Department of Management Services under certain  
162 circumstances; authorizing the Department of Management  
163 Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, the  
164 Commissioner of Agriculture, the Chief Financial Officer,  
165 and the Attorney General to enter into specified leases as  
166 a lessee without having to advertise or receive competitive  
167 solicitations; requiring the Department of Management  
168 Services to assess an administrative health insurance  
169 assessment on each state agency; providing the rate of such  
170 assessment; defining the term "state agency"; providing how  
171 a state agency shall remit certain funds; requiring the  
172 Department of Management Services to take certain actions  
173 in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief Financial  
174 Officer to transfer funds under specified circumstances;

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175 providing an exception; requiring state agencies to provide  
176 a list of positions that qualify for such exception by a  
177 specified date and to update the list monthly thereafter;  
178 requiring state agencies to include the administrative  
179 health insurance assessment in their indirect cost plan;  
180 requiring agencies to notify the Department of Management  
181 Services regarding the approval of their updated indirect  
182 cost plans; authorizing the Department of Revenue and  
183 Department of Transportation to utilize transportation  
184 sales surtax funds; prohibiting an agency from transferring  
185 funds from a data processing category to another category  
186 that is not a data processing category; authorizing the  
187 Executive Office of the Governor to transfer between  
188 departments the alignment of budget authority based on  
189 estimated costs of data processing services; authorizing  
190 agencies to submit budget amendment requests that are  
191 approved by the Executive Office of the Governor, for the  
192 distribution and transfer of Planning, Accounting, and  
193 Ledger Management system; amending s. 420.0005, F.S.;  
194 extending for one fiscal year the authorization for certain  
195 funds related to state housing to be used as provided in  
196 the General Appropriations Act; amending s. 420.9079, F.S.;  
197 authorizing funds in the Local Government Housing Trust  
198 Fund to be used as provided in the General Appropriations  
199 Act; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; extending for one fiscal  
200 year the authorization for the Lieutenant Governor to  
201 designate an alternative official headquarters under  
202 certain conditions; specifying restrictions, limitations,  
203 eligibility for the subsistence allowance, reimbursement of

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204 transportation expenses, and payment thereof; authorizing  
205 the Department of Commerce and the Division of Emergency  
206 Management to submit budget amendments providing budget  
207 authority to address disaster recovery expenditure needs;  
208 authorizing the Department of Commerce to submit budget  
209 amendments for an increase in appropriation to address  
210 expenditure needs related to community assistance for low-  
211 income Floridians; authorizing the Department of Commerce  
212 to submit budget amendments for an increase in  
213 appropriation to support federal home energy rebate  
214 programs; amending s. 321.04, F.S.; extending for one  
215 fiscal year the requirement that the Department of Highway  
216 Safety and Motor Vehicles assign one or more patrol  
217 officers to the office of Lieutenant Governor for security  
218 purposes, upon request of the Governor; extending for one  
219 fiscal year the requirement that the Department of Highway  
220 Safety and Motor Vehicles assign a patrol officer to a  
221 Cabinet member under certain circumstances; authorizing  
222 state data center auxiliary assessments charged to state  
223 agencies related to contract management services provided  
224 to Northwest Regional Data Center at a specified percent;  
225 authorizing the Legislative Budget Commission to  
226 appropriate General Revenue for the Agency Discretionary  
227 Pay Plans; authorizing the realignment of funds for the  
228 implementation of the state's award from the federal  
229 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to address projected  
230 surpluses and deficits in existing programs; authorizing  
231 State funds to be provided to the Florida Insurance  
232 Guaranty Association; providing conditions under which the



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veto of certain appropriations or proviso language in the General Appropriations Act voids language that implements such appropriation; providing for the continued operation of certain provisions notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided by the act; providing severability; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 84, and 85 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the document entitled "Public School Funding-The Florida Education Finance Program," dated December 5, 2023, and filed with the Executive Office of the Governor, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 3. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 80, and 81 of the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 1011.60(6) and 1011.62(4)(a) and (4)(e), Florida Statutes, the taxable value for the Wakulla County School District must be provided by the Department of Revenue by January 1, 2024, to be utilized for the remaining calculations of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Florida Education Finance Program and for use in the Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage

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calculation. This section shall take effect upon becoming law and expires July 1, 2024.

Section 4. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 181 through 186 and 202 through 229 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding within the Medicaid program and Kidcare program appropriation categories to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program and to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment shall be submitted in the last quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 5. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 223 and 247 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding between agencies based on the implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Program of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 215, 216, 270, 282, 342, 495, 522, and 740 through 742 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of

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291 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall  
292 continue its contingency-based contract with a vendor to  
293 negotiate, for these agencies, prices for prescription drugs and  
294 biological products excluded from the programs established under  
295 s. 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C.  
296 s. 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine.  
297 This section expires July 1, 2025.

298       Section 7. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
299 207, 208, 211, and 215 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
300 Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a  
301 budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes,  
302 requesting additional spending authority to implement the  
303 federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals  
304 statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to  
305 Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education  
306 (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education  
307 program for certain institutions participating in a graduate  
308 medical education or nursing education program. For institutions  
309 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
310 program, the budget amendment must identify the educational  
311 institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions  
312 participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education  
313 program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing  
314 the number of nurses participating in the program. This section  
315 expires July 1, 2025.

316       Section 8. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
317 208, 211, and 215 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act,  
318 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
319 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting

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320 additional spending authority to implement the federally  
321 approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service  
322 supplemental payments for Florida cancer hospitals that meet the  
323 criteria in 42 U.S.C. s. 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). The budget  
324 amendment must include the executed Letters of Agreement for  
325 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 that support the Grants and Donations  
326 Trust Fund appropriation that provides a minimum fee schedule  
327 calculated as a supplemental per member per month payment  
328 through prepaid health plans for services provided by qualifying  
329 Florida cancer hospitals that meet the criteria in 42 U.S.C. s.  
330 1395ww(d) (1) (B) (v). This section expires July 1, 2025.

331       Section 9. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
332 214 and 215 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the  
333 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
334 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
335 additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service  
336 supplemental payments and a directed payment program for  
337 physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners  
338 employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental  
339 school, or a public hospital. The budget amendment must include  
340 the executed Letters of Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 that  
341 support the Grants and Donations Trust Fund appropriation that  
342 provides a differential fee schedule paid as supplemental  
343 payments or a minimum fee schedule calculated as supplemental  
344 per member per month payment through prepaid health plans for  
345 services provided by doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and  
346 dentistry as well as other licensed health care practitioners  
347 acting under the supervision of those doctors pursuant to  
348 existing statutes and written protocols employed by or under

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349 contract with a medical or dental school or a public hospital in  
350 Florida. This section expires July 1, 2025.

351 Section 10. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
352 212, 215, and 227 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act,  
353 the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
354 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
355 additional spending authority to implement a certified  
356 expenditure program for emergency medical transportation  
357 services. This section expires July 1, 2025.

358 Section 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
359 202 through 229 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the  
360 Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget  
361 amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting  
362 additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool  
363 component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance  
364 demonstration up to the total computable funds authorized by the  
365 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The budget  
366 amendment must include the final terms and conditions of the Low  
367 Income Pool, a proposed distribution model by entity and a  
368 listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to  
369 support the state match required. In addition, for each entity  
370 included in the distribution model, a signed attestation must be  
371 provided that includes the charity care cost upon which the Low  
372 Income Pool payment is based and an acknowledgement that should  
373 the distribution result in an overpayment based on the Low  
374 Income Pool cost limit audit, the entity is responsible for  
375 returning that overpayment to the agency for return to the  
376 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section  
377 expires July 1, 2025.

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378       Section 12. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
379 209 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for  
380 Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment  
381 pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional  
382 spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share  
383 Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a proposed  
384 distribution model by entity and a listing of entities  
385 contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public  
386 expenditures to support the state match required. This section  
387 expires July 1, 2025.

388       Section 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
389 215 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1)  
390 of section 409.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

391       409.915 County contributions to Medicaid.—Although the  
392 state is responsible for the full portion of the state share of  
393 the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state  
394 shall charge the counties an annual contribution in order to  
395 acquire a certain portion of these funds.

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

399       (b) The term does not include funds specially assessed by  
400 any local governmental entity and used as the nonfederal share  
401 for the hospital directed payment program after July 1, 2021.  
402 This paragraph expires July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025.

403       Section 14. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
404 330, 332, 362, and 363 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
405 Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida  
406 Statutes, the Department of Children and Families may submit a

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407 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
408 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding  
409 within the department based on the implementation of the  
410 Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific  
411 appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care  
412 Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments,  
413 and nonrelative caregiver payments. This section expires July 1,  
414 2025.

415       Section 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
416 287 through 384 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and  
417 notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the  
418 Department of Children and Families may submit budget  
419 amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
420 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget  
421 authority to support the following federal grant programs: the  
422 American Rescue Plan Grant, the State Opioid Response Grant, the  
423 Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, and the  
424 Mental Health Block Grant. This section expires July 1, 2025.

425       Section 16. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
426 311 through 314, 318, 322, 328 and 330 through 332 of the 2024-  
427 2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181  
428 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and  
429 Families may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice,  
430 review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
431 Statutes, to realign funding within the Family Safety Program to  
432 maximize the use of Title IV-E and other federal funds. This  
433 section expires July 1, 2025.

434       Section 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
435 333 through 346 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and

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436 notwithstanding sections 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes,  
437 the Department of Children and Families may submit a budget  
438 amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
439 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign budget  
440 authority between appropriation categories based upon the result  
441 of a competitive procurement to outsource the operation of the  
442 Northeast Florida State Hospital. This section expires July 1,  
443 2025.

444       Section 18. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
445 202 through 204, 208, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 356, 366, 468,  
446 469, 473, 474, 493, 494, 495, 501, and 506 of the 2024-2025  
447 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and  
448 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and  
449 Families, Department of Health, and Agency for Health Care  
450 Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the  
451 notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida  
452 Statutes, to increase budget authority to support Refugee  
453 Programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee  
454 Resettlement due to the ongoing instability of the federal  
455 immigration policy and the resulting inability of the state to  
456 reasonably predict, with certainty, the budgetary need of the  
457 State of Florida with respect to the number of refugees  
458 relocated to the state as part of those federal programs. The  
459 Department of Children and Families shall submit quarterly  
460 reports to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President  
461 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
462 on the number of refugees entering the State of Florida, the  
463 nations of origin and current expenditure projections. This  
464 section expires July 1, 2025.



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Section 19. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 427 through 578 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the following federal grant programs: HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Child Care Food Program, and COVID-19 relief funds. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 20. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 484 through 492 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (17) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

(17) Rules adopted pursuant to this section before July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 21. Effective July 1, 2024, upon the expiration and reversion of the amendments made to subsection (1) of section 14 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, pursuant to section 11 of chapter 2023-240, Laws of Florida, and in order to implement Specific Appropriations 484 through 492 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 14 of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 14. Department of Health; authority to adopt rules; cause of action.—

(1) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING.—

(a) The Department of Health and the applicable boards

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shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, and this section necessary to implement s. 381.986 ~~ss. 381.986 and 381.988~~, Florida Statutes. If an emergency rule adopted under this section is held to be unconstitutional or an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority, and becomes void, the department or the applicable boards may adopt an emergency rule pursuant to this section to replace the rule that has become void. If the emergency rule adopted to replace the void emergency rule is also held to be unconstitutional or an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority and becomes void, the department and the applicable boards must follow the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act to replace the rule that has become void.

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

(c) Emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and shall remain in effect until replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency

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

Section 22. The amendments to subsection (1) of section 14  
of chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida, made by this act expire  
July 1, 2025, and the text of that subsection shall revert to  
that in existence on June 30, 2019, except that any amendments  
to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
not dependent upon the portions of text which expire pursuant to  
this section.

Section 23. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
262, 268, 269, 280, and 281 of the 2024-2025 General  
Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292,  
Florida Statutes, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may  
submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
transfer funding from the Salaries and Benefits appropriation  
categories to categories used for contractual services in order

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to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 24. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 579 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (5) of section 216.262, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

216.262 Authorized positions.-

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating to increasing the number of authorized positions, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only, and with the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, if the Department of Veterans' Affairs projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its established staffing ratio, the department may submit a budget amendment requesting to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature, additional appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, and necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans' nursing homes. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 608 through 705 and 722 through 768 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section 216.262, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.262 Authorized positions.-

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter relating to increasing the number of authorized positions, and for the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate population projections of the December 15, 2023 ~~February 13,~~

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2023, Criminal Justice Estimating Conference by 1 percent for 2 consecutive months or 2 percent for any month, the Executive Office of the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative Budget Commission, shall immediately notify the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, which shall convene as soon as possible to revise the estimates. The Department of Corrections may then submit a budget amendment requesting the establishment of positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature and additional appropriations from unallocated general revenue sufficient to provide for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population. All actions taken pursuant to this subsection are subject to review and approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 26. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 629, 634, 3051 and 3058 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Corrections may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign unobligated funds between categories to enable the transfer of up to \$30,000,000 to contract with the Department of Military Affairs for the staffing of correctional facilities. The Department of Military Affairs is authorized to submit budget amendments, notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection

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610 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to request  
611 additional budget authority for expenditures for the staffing of  
612 correctional facilities. This section expires July 1, 2025.

613 Section 27. In order to implement specific appropriations  
614 from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of  
615 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
616 Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish  
617 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which are contained in the  
618 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section  
619 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

620 215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

621 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect to  
622 a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture  
623 and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental  
624 Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife  
625 Conservation Commission, whenever there is a deficiency in a  
626 land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund  
627 temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements,  
628 including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust  
629 fund, and other trust funds in the State Treasury have moneys  
630 that are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the  
631 amounts necessary to meet the just requirements, including  
632 appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds, the  
633 Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one or  
634 more of the other trust funds to a land acquisition trust fund  
635 in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
636 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State,  
637 or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Any action  
638 proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice,

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review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, and the Governor shall provide notice of such action at least 7 days before the effective date of the transfer of trust funds, except that during July 2024 ~~2023~~, notice of such action shall be provided at least 3 days before the effective date of a transfer unless such 3-day notice is waived by the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Budget Commission. Any transfer of trust funds to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission must be repaid to the trust funds from which the moneys were loaned by the end of the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ fiscal year. The Legislature has determined that the repayment of the other trust fund moneys temporarily loaned to a land acquisition trust fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to this subsection is an allowable use of the moneys in a land acquisition trust fund because the moneys from other trust funds temporarily loaned to a land acquisition trust fund shall be expended solely and exclusively in accordance with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 28. (1) In order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission which are contained in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, the Department of

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668 Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land  
669 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land  
670 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
671 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
672 Wildlife Conservation Commission, as provided in this section.  
673 As used in this section, the term "department" means the  
674 Department of Environmental Protection.

675 (2) After subtracting any required debt service payments,  
676 the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each  
677 land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the  
678 appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for  
679 the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land  
680 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land  
681 acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and  
682 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
683 Wildlife Commission for the fiscal year. The department shall  
684 transfer the proportionate share of the revenues in the Land  
685 Acquisition Trust Fund within the department on a monthly basis  
686 to the appropriate land acquisition trust funds within the  
687 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department  
688 of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission and shall retain  
689 its proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition  
690 Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land  
691 acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and  
692 Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and  
693 Wildlife Commission may not exceed the total appropriations from  
694 such trust fund for the fiscal year.

695 (3) In addition, the department shall transfer from the  
696 Land Acquisition Trust Fund to land acquisition trust funds



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697 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
698 Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
699 Commission amounts equal to the difference between the amounts  
700 appropriated in chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, to the  
701 department's Land Acquisition Trust Fund and the other land  
702 acquisition trust funds, and the amounts actually transferred  
703 between those trust funds during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

704 (4) The department may advance funds from the beginning  
705 unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to  
706 the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife  
707 Conservation Commission needed for cash flow purposes based on a  
708 detailed expenditure plan. The department shall prorate amounts  
709 transferred quarterly to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
710 Commission to recoup the amount of funds advanced by June 30,  
711 2025.

712 (5) This section expires July 1, 2025.

713 Section 29. In order to implement appropriations from the  
714 Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of  
715 Environmental Protection in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
716 Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida  
717 Statutes, is amended to read:

718 375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

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

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

724 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million  
725 shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that

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726 implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set  
727 forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning  
728 Project subject to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term  
729 Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades  
730 and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.  
731 From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal  
732 year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida  
733 Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in  
734 s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed  
735 under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of  
736 the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated  
737 each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the  
738 planning, design, engineering, and construction of the  
739 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s.  
740 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the  
741 Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake  
742 Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage  
743 Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the  
744 Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand  
745 Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection  
746 and the South Florida Water Management District shall give  
747 preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce  
748 harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St.  
749 Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the  
750 purpose of performing the calculation provided in this  
751 subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to  
752 paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
753 purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to the  
754 amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph

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755 (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be  
756 reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to  
757 paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the  
758 purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

759 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million  
760 shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration,  
761 protection, and management projects. For the purpose of  
762 performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the  
763 amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds  
764 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under  
765 paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after the  
766 payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the  
767 distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal  
768 to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds  
769 issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this  
770 subparagraph.

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

778 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be  
779 transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019  
780 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA  
781 reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining  
782 in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of  
783 the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in

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

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

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

7. Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2025.

Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1804 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 57 of chapter 2023-240, Laws of Florida, paragraph (g) of subsection (15) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

(15) ETHANOL OR BIODIESEL DAMAGE; PREVENTIVE MEASURES.—

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

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

820 1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the  
821 application and required documentation;

822 2. Certified public accountant costs;

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

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

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

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

835 Section 31. The amendment to s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida  
836 Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of  
837 Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2025, and the text of that  
838 paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but  
839 not including any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
840 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the

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841 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portion  
842 of text which expires pursuant to this section.

843 Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
844 1686 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (m)  
845 is added to subsection (3) of section 259.105, Florida Statutes,  
846 to read:

847 259.105 The Florida Forever Act.-

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

854 (m) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(j) and for the 2024-  
855 2025 fiscal year, the proceeds shall be distributed as provided  
856 in the General Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July  
857 1, 2025.

858 Section 33. In order to implement section 191 of the 2024-  
859 2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (4) of section  
860 339.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

861 339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.-

862 (4) Notwithstanding any other law, and for the 2024-2025  
863 ~~2023-2024~~ fiscal year only, funds are appropriated to the State  
864 Transportation Trust Fund from the General Revenue Fund as  
865 provided in the General Appropriations Act. The department is  
866 not required to deplete the resources transferred from the  
867 General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year as required in s.  
868 339.135(3)(b), and the funds may not be used in calculating the  
869 required quarterly cash balance of the trust fund as required in

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s. 339.135(6)(b). ~~The department shall track and account for such appropriated funds as a separate funding source for eligible projects on the State Highway System and grants to Florida ports.~~ This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 34. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2024 through 2037, 2049 through 2055, 2058 through 2062, 2064 through 2072, and 2104 through 2116 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(7) AMENDMENT OF THE ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM.—

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

2. If the department submits an amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission and the commission does not meet or consider the amendment within 30 days after its submittal, the chair and vice chair of the commission may authorize the amendment to be approved pursuant to s. 216.177. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

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Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2349 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (2) of section 420.0005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

420.0005 State Housing Trust Fund; State Housing Fund.—

(2) For the 2024-2025 ~~2022-2023~~ fiscal year, funds may be used as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2023~~.

Section 36. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2350 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is added to section 420.9079, Florida Statutes, to read:

420.9079 Local Government Housing Trust Fund.—

(3) For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, funds may be used as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2025.

Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2705 through 2714 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Division of Emergency Management may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to reimbursements from federally declared disasters. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 38. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2333, 2334, 2337, 2338, and 2339 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Commerce may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for projected expenditures related to disaster



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928 recovery activities funded by federal awards received under the  
929 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, and  
930 community assistance activities for low-income Floridians funded  
931 by federal awards received under the Community Services Block  
932 Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Low-Income  
933 Household Water Program and the Weatherization Assistance  
934 Program. This section expires July 1, 2025.

935       Section 39. In order to implement section 173 of the 2024-  
936 2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181  
937 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Commerce may  
938 submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and  
939 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to  
940 increase budget authority for projected expenditures related to  
941 rebates for home energy improvements funded by federal awards  
942 received under the Home Energy Rebates Program. This section  
943 expires July 1, 2025.

944       Section 40. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
945 2671 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (d)  
946 of subsection (4) of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, is  
947 amended to read:

948       112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,  
949 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management  
950 system.—

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

954       (d) A Lieutenant Governor who permanently resides outside  
955 of Leon County, may, if he or she so requests, have an  
956 appropriate facility in his or her county designated as his or

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her official headquarters for purposes of this section. This official headquarters may only serve as the Lieutenant Governor's personal office. The Lieutenant Governor may not use state funds to lease space in any facility for his or her official headquarters.

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

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

3. This paragraph expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 41. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2736 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 321.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(3) (b) For the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ fiscal year only, upon the request of the Governor, the Department of Highway Safety

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and Motor Vehicles shall assign one or more patrol officers to the office of the Lieutenant Governor for security services. This paragraph expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

(5) For the 2024-2025 ~~2023-2024~~ fiscal year only, the assignment of a patrol officer by the department shall include a Cabinet member specified in s. 4, Art. IV of the State Constitution if deemed appropriate by the department or in response to a threat and upon written request of such Cabinet member. This subsection expires July 1, 2025 ~~2024~~.

Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2705 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 252.37, Florida Statutes, any political subdivision of the state, located within a county approved from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance categories A-G, that has incurred unreimbursed expenses related to meeting the required match for public assistance projects undertaken due to the impact of Hurricane Michael may apply to the Executive Office of the Governor for a waiver of the match requirement.

Section 43. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2880 in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act in the Building Relocation appropriation category from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services, and in accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes:

(1) Upon the final disposition of a state-owned building, the Department of Management Services may use up to 5 percent of facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to defer, offset, or otherwise pay for all or a portion of relocation expenses including furniture, fixtures, and equipment

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for state agencies impacted by the disposition of the  
department's managed facilities in the Florida Facilities Pool.  
The extent of the financial assistance provided to impacted  
state agencies shall be determined by the department.

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

(3) This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 44. In order to implement appropriations in the  
2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel  
and notwithstanding s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, costs for  
lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention  
organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or  
the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may  
expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess  
of \$225 per day. For purposes of this section, a meeting does  
not include travel activities for conducting an audit,  
examination, inspection, or investigation or travel activities  
related to a litigation or emergency response. This section  
expires July 1, 2025.

Section 45. In order to implement appropriations for the  
purchase of equipment and services related to the Statewide Law  
Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in the 2024-2025  
General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 287.057,  
Florida Statutes, state agencies and other eligible users of the  
SLERS network may use the Department of Management Services

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1044 SLERS contract for the purchase of equipment and services. This  
1045 section expires July 1, 2025.

1046 Section 46. In order to implement Specific Appropriations  
1047 2898 through 2909 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act,  
1048 and notwithstanding rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code,  
1049 the transaction fee as identified in s. 287.057(24)(c), Florida  
1050 Statutes, shall be collected for use of the online procurement  
1051 system and is 0.55 percent for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only.  
1052 This section expires July 1, 2025.

1053 Section 47. In order to implement appropriations relating  
1054 to the acquisition of buildings and/or lands from the Architects  
1055 Incidental Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services,  
1056 notwithstanding s. 253.025(4), Florida Statutes, and in  
1057 accordance with s. 215.196, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
1058 Management Services may acquire additional state-owned office  
1059 buildings as defined in s. 255.248, Florida Statutes, or  
1060 property for inclusion in the Florida Facilities Pool as created  
1061 in s. 255.505, Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1,  
1062 2025.

1063 Section 48. In order to implement appropriations in the  
1064 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel,  
1065 the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used  
1066 for travel by state employees are limited during the 2024-2025  
1067 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each  
1068 state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by  
1069 state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences,  
1070 staff training activities, or other administrative functions  
1071 unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such  
1072 activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head

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shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed activity before approving mission-critical travel. This section does not apply to travel for law enforcement purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities, or public health activities. This section expires July 1, 2025.

Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 3027 through 3035 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (11) is added to subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

(6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

(11)1. In addition to any other method of alternative dispute resolution authorized by Florida law, the corporation may adopt policy forms which provide for the resolution of disputes regarding its claim determinations, disputes regarding coverage for, or the scope and value of, a claim, in a proceeding before the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any such policy forms are not subject to s. 627.70154.

2. The corporation may contract with the division to conduct proceedings to resolve disputes regarding its claim determinations as may be provided for in the applicable policies of insurance.

3. This paragraph expires July 1, 2025.

Section 50. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2448 through 2455 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) is added to section 717.123, Florida Statutes, to read:

717.123 Deposit of funds. —

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1102       (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), and for the 2024-2025  
1103 fiscal year, the department shall retain, from funds received  
1104 under this chapter, an amount not exceeding \$65 million from  
1105 which the department shall make prompt payment of claims allowed  
1106 by the department and shall pay the costs incurred by the  
1107 department in administering and enforcing this chapter. This  
1108 subsection expires July 1, 2025.

1109       Section 51. In order to implement appropriations in the  
1110 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of  
1111 motor vehicles, provided the funds for the purchase have been  
1112 specifically appropriated, and notwithstanding chapter 287,  
1113 Florida Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles  
1114 from a state term contract, if an agency determines in writing  
1115 that the vehicle is unavailable from a state term contract and  
1116 cannot be delivered during the current appropriation period,  
1117 state agencies may purchase vehicles without prior approval from  
1118 the Department of Management Services, Division of State  
1119 Purchasing, provided that the agency receives two or more  
1120 written quotes or the agency is able to demonstrate the vehicle  
1121 is equal to or less than the cost of a similar class of vehicle  
1122 found on a state term contract. If less than two quotes are  
1123 obtained, it must include a statement as to why additional  
1124 quotes were not received. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1125       Section 52. In order to implement Specific Appropriation  
1126 2880 in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and  
1127 notwithstanding s. 255.25(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the  
1128 Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the  
1129 Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Chief Financial  
1130 Officer, and the Attorney General are authorized to enter into a

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1131 lease as a lessee for the use of space in a privately owned  
1132 building, even if such space is 5,000 square feet or more,  
1133 without having to advertise or receive competitive  
1134 solicitations. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1135       Section 53. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the  
1136 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2024,  
1137 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of  
1138 Management Services shall assess an administrative health  
1139 insurance assessment to each state agency equal to the  
1140 employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for  
1141 each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage  
1142 through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this  
1143 section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the  
1144 State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the  
1145 Justice Administrative Commission, and all entities  
1146 administratively housed in the Justice Administrative  
1147 Commission, and the state courts system.

1148       (2) Each state agency shall remit the assessed  
1149 administrative health insurance assessment under subsection (1)  
1150 to the State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the  
1151 State Group Insurance Program, as provided in ss. 110.123 and  
1152 110.1239, Florida Statutes, from currently allocated monies for  
1153 salaries and benefits, within 30 days after receipt of the  
1154 assessment from the Department of Management Services. Should  
1155 any state agency become more than 60 days delinquent in payment  
1156 of this obligation, the Department of Management Services shall  
1157 certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due, and the  
1158 Chief Financial Officer shall transfer the amount due to the  
1159 Department of Management Services.



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1160       (3) The administrative health insurance assessment shall  
1161 not apply to positions for which funding, or a portion of  
1162 funding, is paid for with federal funds and is not allowable  
1163 under the agency's indirect cost plan. Each state agency shall  
1164 provide the Department of Management Services with a complete  
1165 list of position numbers that are funded, or partially funded,  
1166 with federal funding and not authorized for inclusion in its  
1167 indirect cost plan no later than July 31, 2024, and shall update  
1168 the list on the last day of each month thereafter. For any new  
1169 federally funded positions, or partially funded positions, each  
1170 state agency shall immediately take steps to include the  
1171 administrative health insurance assessment in its indirect cost  
1172 plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and each fiscal year  
1173 thereafter. A state agency shall notify the Department of  
1174 Management Services upon approval of the updated indirect cost  
1175 plan. If the state agency is not able to obtain approval from  
1176 its federal awarding agency, the state agency must notify the  
1177 Department of Management Services no later than January 16,  
1178 2025.

1179       (4) Pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
1180 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
1181 of the Governor may transfer budget authority appropriated in  
1182 the Salaries and Benefits appropriation category between  
1183 agencies in order to align the appropriations granted with the  
1184 assessments that must be paid by each agency to the Department  
1185 of Management Services for the administrative health insurance  
1186 assessment.

1187       (5) This section expires July 1, 2025.

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1188       Section 54. In order to implement section 87 of the Fiscal  
1189 Year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for the use of the  
1190 transportation sales surtax funds collected in Hillsborough  
1191 County and notwithstanding any provision in chapters 212 or 215,  
1192 Florida Statutes, to the contrary, the Department of Revenue and  
1193 the Department of Transportation are authorized to utilize the  
1194 funds consistent with section 87 in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025  
1195 General Appropriations Act. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1196       Section 55. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
1197 in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for data center  
1198 services, and notwithstanding s. 216.292(2)(a), Florida  
1199 Statutes, an agency may not transfer funds from a data  
1200 processing category to a category other than another data  
1201 processing category. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1202       Section 56. In order to implement the appropriation of  
1203 funds in the appropriation category "Northwest Regional Data  
1204 Center" in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and  
1205 pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s.  
1206 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor  
1207 may transfer funds appropriated in that category between  
1208 departments in order to align the budget authority granted based  
1209 on the estimated costs for data processing services for the  
1210 2024-2025 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1211       Section 57. In order to implement the appropriation of  
1212 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Risk  
1213 Management Insurance" in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
1214 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
1215 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
1216 of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated in that category

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1217 between departments in order to align the budget authority  
1218 granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk  
1219 management insurance. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1220       Section 58. In order to implement the appropriation of  
1221 funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer  
1222 to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services  
1223 Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2024-2025 General  
1224 Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and  
1225 objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the  
1226 Executive Office of the Governor may transfer funds appropriated  
1227 in that category between departments in order to align the  
1228 budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid  
1229 by each agency to the Department of Management Services for  
1230 human resource management services. This section expires July 1,  
1231 2025.

1232       Section 59. In order to implement appropriation of funds in  
1233 the appropriation category "Transfer to Division of  
1234 Administrative Hearings" in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations  
1235 Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection  
1236 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
1237 of the Governor may distribute and transfer funds in order to  
1238 allocate and align the budget authority needed by each agency  
1239 for payments to the Division of Administrative Hearings. This  
1240 section expires July 1, 2025.

1241       Section 60. In order to implement appropriations authorized  
1242 in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act for state data  
1243 center services, auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies  
1244 related to contract management services provided to Northwest

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1245 Regional Data Center shall not exceed three percent. This  
1246 section expires July 1, 2025.

1247 Section 61. In order to implement section 8 of the 2024-  
1248 2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding chapter  
1249 216, Florida Statutes, the Legislative Budget Commission is  
1250 authorized to appropriate General Revenue for the Agency  
1251 Discretionary Pay Plans. This section expires July 1, 2025.

1252 Section 62. In order to implement sections 201 and 203 of  
1253 the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding  
1254 ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office  
1255 of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget may submit a  
1256 budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection  
1257 procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to realign funding,  
1258 within and between agencies, in appropriation categories  
1259 specifically authorized for the implementation of the state's  
1260 award from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
1261 (Public Law 117-2). The funding realignment shall address  
1262 projected surpluses and deficits in existing programs and  
1263 maximize the state's utilization of federal funds, which must be  
1264 fully obligated by December 31, 2024. The Executive Office of  
1265 the Governor shall submit a budget amendment to realign federal  
1266 funds no later than August 1, 2024. This section expires July 1,  
1267 2025.

1268 Section 63. In order to implement section 211 of the 2024-  
1269 2025 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s.  
1270 631.57(3)(d), Florida Statutes, State funds may be allocated or  
1271 paid to the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association to offset the  
1272 credits granted to policyholders in the amount of assessments  
1273 levied under s. 631.57(3)(f), Florida Statutes, on residential

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1274 dwelling with a coverage limit of \$750,000 or less. This  
1275 section expires July 1, 2025.

1276 Section 64. Any section of this act which implements a  
1277 specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
1278 language in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act is void if  
1279 the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso  
1280 language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements  
1281 more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of  
1282 specifically identified proviso language in the 2024-2025  
1283 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific  
1284 appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso  
1285 language are vetoed.

1286 Section 65. If any other act passed during the 2024 Regular  
1287 Session of the Legislature contains a provision that is  
1288 substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that  
1289 removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied  
1290 to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the  
1291 provision in the other act takes precedence and continues to  
1292 operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

1293 Section 66. If any provision of this act or its application  
1294 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity  
1295 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act  
1296 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
1297 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
1298 severable.

1299 Section 67. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1300 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
1301 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
1302 2024, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that

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1303 date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate  
1304 retroactively to July 1, 2024.