

CHAPTER 2026-233

House Bill No. 5003-E

An act implementing the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act; providing legislative intent; incorporating by reference certain calculations; providing an expiration date; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising specified Florida Education Finance Program calculations; revising the purpose of the Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program; providing calculations to determine specified funding; authorizing recalculation in specified circumstances; requiring the Legislature to maintain specified funding; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; providing a specified value for certain students who earn a CAPE Digital Tool certificate; providing an expiration date; requiring the Department of Education to seek information in a specified manner concerning the provision of a certain platform; providing requirements for such platform; requiring the submission of a report to specified parties by a certain date; providing an expiration date; requiring certain entities to provide salary increases in a specified manner; providing an expiration date; amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the amount of funds provided for a specified incentive grant; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 1011.45, F.S.; revising the fiscal year to be used for a certain carryforward spending plan; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting s. 1009.26(18), F.S., relating to fee waivers; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting s. 1004.89, F.S., relating to the Institute for Freedom in the Americas; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing certain state university board of trustees to accept a health care provider's procurement methods and construction contracts under certain circumstances; providing for future expiration; authorizing specified state university boards of trustees to expend and carryforward certain balances for specified purposes; providing for future expiration; requiring the Articulation Coordinating Committee to submit approved general education courses to certain entities by a specified date; requiring such entities to take certain actions by a specified date; providing an expiration date; amending s. 1011.90, F.S.; authorizing state funds to be used for certain purposes; providing an expiration date; amending ss. 1001.03 and 1001.706, F.S.; revising requirements for the prioritized list of public education capital outlay projects; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 1011.47, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "auxiliary enterprises"; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign Medicaid funding for specified purposes, subject to certain limitations; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories or to

increase budget authority for certain purposes; specifying the time period within which each budget amendment must be submitted; providing an expiration date; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of certain rules pertaining to the medical use of marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements; repealing rule 64ER25-6, relating to advertising and marketing by medical marijuana treatment centers; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement specified programs and payments; requiring institutions participating in a specified workforce expansion and education program to provide quarterly reports to the agency; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement certain payments and specified programs; providing an expiration date; requiring such amendment include specified approval; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Low Income Pool component of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance Demonstration up to a certain amount; requiring that the amendment include a signed attestation and acknowledgment for entities relating to the Low Income Pool; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement certain payments and specified programs; requiring such amendment include specified approval; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement a certified expenditure program for emergency medical transportation services; requiring such amendment include specified approval; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service inpatient and outpatient supplemental payments for specialty hospitals; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support the Florida School-Based Services program; providing an expiration date; creating the Applied Behavior Analysis Task Force within the Agency for Healthcare Administration; providing the purpose, duties, and composition of such task force; requiring certain agencies to provide staff for specified purposes; requiring meetings to be held in a specified manner by certain dates; authorizing members to be reimbursed for specified travel; requiring the task force to provide a report to specified parties by a certain date; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within specified areas of the department based on implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program; providing an expiration date

authorizing the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support certain refugee programs; requiring the Department of Children and Families to submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support specified federal grant programs; providing an expiration date; reenacting s. 393.066(2), F.S., relating to community services and treatment; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; authorizing unexpended funds for certain counties to be carried forward for a specified time period; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 409.9913, F.S.; requiring core funding services to be allocated as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the Department of Children and Families to use a specified funding methodology; requiring lead agencies to provide certain information to the department; requiring the department to conduct specified monitoring; requiring such monitoring to include specified items; requiring the department to provide monthly status reports beginning in a specified month; requiring the department to submit a report to specified parties by a certain date; providing requirements for such report; providing for future expiration; amending s. 409.990, F.S.; requiring certain funds held by lead agencies be returned to the Department of Children and Families by a specified date; requiring the department to hold such funds in a separate account; requiring the department to report specified information to certain parties; requiring such funds to be held in reserve; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to submit a budget amendment to request the release of funds for specified purposes; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if a certain condition is met; providing an expiration date authorizing the Department of Health to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if a certain condition is met; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Health to increase budget authority for the department if specific COVID-19 relief funds become available; providing an expiration date; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to suspend certain development activities relating to the replacement of the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS); providing for future expiration; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for certain prescribed drugs and biological products; providing specifications for such contract; providing an expiration date; authorizing certain skilled nursing provider licenses to be issued or renewed in

specified circumstances; requiring such issuance or renewal be for a specified period of time; allowing such licenses be renewed for a longer period of time in certain circumstances; authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit a budget amendment to transfer funds between specified funding categories for a certain purpose; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget amendments from specified categories to address certain funding shortfalls; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit budget amendments within a specified timeframe for a specified purpose; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to submit a budget amendment, subject to Legislative Budget Commission approval, requesting certain authority for certain purposes relating to veterans' nursing homes; providing an expiration date; amending s. 409.915, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of an exception for certain funds used for the hospital directed payment program; authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to submit budget amendments, subject to certain approval, for the development and construction of a new State Veterans' Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in a specified county; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs to submit a budget amendment requesting certain authority for an Adult Care Food Program under certain circumstances; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of an exception that allows the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan to accept certain new claims; providing for contingent effect of specified provisions; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with specified organizations in certain counties; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority for specified purposes; providing such budget amendment to contain specified information; providing a contingency for payments; requiring a specified written approval; providing an expiration date; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; revising specified rate setting parameters for a specified reimbursement payment methodology; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 216.262, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of the Department of Corrections to submit a budget amendment for additional positions and appropriations under certain circumstances; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority and related repayment requirements for temporary trust fund loans to the state court system which are sufficient to meet the system's appropriation; reenacting s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), F.S., relating to court-appointed counsel; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 27.5304, F.S., relating to private court-appointed counsel; extending for 1 fiscal year limitations on compensation for representation in criminal proceedings; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 908.1033, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of local law enforcement agencies to apply to the State Board of

Immigration Enforcement to provide bonus payments for certain certified correctional officers; providing for future expiration; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to submit a budget amendment, subject to certain approval, to increase budget authority for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants in specified circumstances; providing an expiration date requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a study on payment scams; defining the term “payment”; providing requirements of such study; requiring such study and recommendations be submitted to specified individuals and made available online by a certain date; providing an expiration date; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; creating the Drone as First Responder Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing requirements and purpose of such program; defining the term “first responder agency”; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; authorizing such rules to be effective for a specified period of time; providing for future expiration; creating s. 943.0536, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement’s Criminal Justice Information Program to take certain actions regarding immigration detainer information; requiring law enforcement agencies to submit certain fingerprints in a specified manner; requiring the department to create specified records; defining the terms “immigration detainer” and “law enforcement agency”; authorizing the department to adopt certain rules; authorizing specified parties to apply to the department for the administrative expunction of certain records; providing requirements for such application; providing construction; providing for future expiration; requiring the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation of certain agencies, to use tenant broker services to renegotiate or reprocur certain private lease agreements for office or storage space; requiring the Department of Management Services to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an expiration date; prohibiting an agency from transferring funds from a data processing category to another category other than another data processing category; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds appropriated in certain categories between departments for purposes of aligning amounts paid for risk management insurance and for human resources services purchased per statewide contract; providing an expiration date; authorizing the Department of Management Services to use certain facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to pay for certain relocation expenses; providing for future expiration; requiring the Department of Financial Services to replace specified components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS) with a specified integrated enterprise system; prohibiting the Department of Financial Services from including certain components in the replacement of FLAIR and CMS; providing requirements for the Department of Financial services related to replacing FLAIR and CMS; providing for the composition of an executive steering committee to oversee FLAIR and CMS replacement; providing requirements for the executive steering committee chair; providing duties and responsibilities of the executive steering committee;

providing an expiration date; reenacting s. 282.709(3), F.S., relating to the state agency law enforcement radio system and interoperability network; providing for future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing state agencies and other eligible users of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System to use the Department of Management Services contract to purchase equipment and services; providing for future expiration; requiring that a specified transaction fee percentage for use of the online procurement system be collected for a specified fiscal year; providing an expiration date; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying requirements for the adoption of rules of the Department of the Lottery, excluding certain rules for 1 fiscal year regarding the commission for lottery ticket sales; limiting additional retailer compensation in a specified manner; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; extending for 1 year the authority of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to contract with a the Division of Administrative Hearings to resolve certain disputes; providing for future expiration; amending s. 112.215, F.S.; authorizing a deferred compensation plan to offer a specified contribution program; providing for future expiration; amending s. 110.116, F.S.; providing legislative findings; directing the Department of Management Services to take specified actions relating to certain systems; requiring the department to submit certain estimates to specified persons by a specified date; removing provisions relating to specified contracted services; providing for future expiration; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; providing definitions; revising eligibility requirements for hurricane mitigation inspections; revising scope of such inspections; revising the requirements for a hurricane mitigation grant; revising how such grants may be used; revising application priority; revising requirements for certification of certain information; revising procedures for abandoned applications; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; providing that certain funds appropriated to the Department of Financial Services may be carried forward through a specified fiscal year; providing for future expiration; authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer funds between departments to align the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data processing services for a specified fiscal year; providing an expiration date; limiting the auxiliary assessments that may be charged to state agencies related to contract management services provided to the Northwest Regional Data Center; providing an expiration date; amending s. 284.51, F.S.; extending for 1 year the electroencephalogram combined Transactional Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS) treatment pilot program; requiring the Department of Financial Services to continue the eTMS pilot program for veterans and first responders; specifying that funds paid by the department do not constitute financial assistance; requiring the department to amend existing contracts to specify certain information; providing for future expiration; amending s. 717.123, F.S.; requiring the Department of Financial Services segregate a certain amount in a separate account to be used for a specified purpose; authorizing the department to retain certain funds for specified fiscal years; providing for future expiration;

requiring the Department of Revenue to include specified taxes in a certain distribution; requiring the department to deduct certain refunds and administrative costs; providing for future expiration; authorizing procedures for the transition from the FLAIR system to the PALM system; providing for future expiration; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for the National School Lunch Program; providing for future expiration; amending s. 215.18, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year certain authority to transfer funds from certain trust funds in the State Treasury to other trust funds in certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to transfer designated proportions of the revenues deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to land acquisition trust funds in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission according to specified parameters and calculations; defining the term “department”; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to make transfers to land acquisition trust funds monthly; specifying the method of determining transfer amounts; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to advance funds from its land acquisition trust fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s land acquisition trust fund for specified purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s. 376.91, F.S.; extending for 1 year the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS under certain circumstances; amending ss. 376.3071 and 376.3072, F.S.; extending for 1 year the prohibition of certain deductibles, copays, and monetary caps; providing for future expiration; reenacting s. 376.3071(15)(g), F.S., relating to the Inland Protection Trust Fund; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; requiring the Department of Citrus to enter into certain agreements for the purpose of increase the production of specified citrus trees; providing requirements for such agreements; providing for future expiration; reenacting s. 380.5105, F.S., relating to the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to use certain funds for a specified purpose; providing for future expiration; amending s. 403.0673, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirement that funds appropriated for the water quality improvement grant program be used in a specified manner; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that funds be appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing the Department of Citrus to lease a facility that meets certain requirements and to administer a program for specified purposes; providing for future expiration; prohibiting certain entities from adopting or enforcing certain ordinances relating to battery recycling and disposal until a specified study has been produced; providing for future expiration; amending s. 288.80125, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year a requirement that the use of funds in the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund be related to Hurricane Michael recovery; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; extending for 1 year the

expiration of a specified program; authorizing the Department of Transportation to realign or increase certain budget authority and to requires additional budget authority for specified purposes; providing for future expiration; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; extending for fiscal 1 year a requirement that certain appropriated funds relating to the Rural Infrastructure Fund be distributed in a specified manner; authorizing the Division of Emergency Management to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for certain expenditures; providing for future expiration; reenacting s. 443.1113(4) and (5), F.S., relating to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; reenacting and amending s. 445.08, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “newly employed officer”; extending for 1 year the expiration of the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; amending s. 282.201, F.S.; extending for one year an exemption from state date center requirements for the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing the Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments, subject to certain requirements to increase authority to support a specified federal program; providing for future expiration; creating s. 334.64, F.S.; providing that the Department of Transportation is the primary point of contact for procurement and cost-sharing related to specified information systems and sharing; authorizing the department to enter into specified agreements with certain entities; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for future expiration; amending s. 215.001, F.S.; defining the term “conviction”; revising qualifications for Florida State Guard applicants; revising requirements for membership of a specified unit within the Florida State Guard; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; requiring the Department of Management Services to assess an administrative health insurance assessment on each state agency; providing the rate of such assessment; defining the term “state agency”; requiring the Department of Management Services to take certain actions in case of delinquencies; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer funds under specified circumstances; requiring state agencies to provide a list of positions that qualify for a certain exception by a specified date and to update the list monthly thereafter; requiring state agencies to include the administrative health insurance assessment in their indirect cost plan beginning for a specified fiscal year and annually thereafter; requiring agencies to notify the Department of Management Services, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the Legislature regarding the approval of their updated indirect cost plans; authorizing the Executive Office of the Governor to transfer budget authority between agencies in specified circumstances; providing for future expiration; providing that the annual salaries of the members of the Legislature be maintained at a specified level for a specified fiscal year; providing for future expiration; reenacting s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., relating to the authorization for transferring unappropriated cash balances from selected trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Fund; providing for future expiration and reversion of specific statutory text; requiring per diem and subsistence

allowance rates for state employee travel to be established by each state agency or the judicial branch; prohibiting such rates from exceeding a specified rate; providing for future expiration; requiring mileage allowance for state employee travel to be established by each state agency or the judicial branch; prohibiting such allowance from exceeding a specified rate; providing for future expiration; specifying the type of travel which may be used with state employee travel funds for a specified fiscal year; providing exceptions; requiring reporting in specified circumstances; providing applicability; providing for future expiration; prohibiting lodging costs associated with specified events organized or sponsored by a state agency or the judicial branch from exceeding a specified amount; providing exceptions; providing for future expiration; amending s. 216.181, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the authority of the Legislative Budget Commission to approve budget amendments for certain fixed capital outlay projects; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year the requirements for certain transfers; authorizing ate agencies to purchase certain vehicles from nonstate term contact vendors if specified conditions are met; providing for future expiration; amending s. 11.52, F.S.; extending for 1 year certain state agency reporting requirements regarding implementation of legislation; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; extending for 1 fiscal year an exception from certain planning requirements; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; providing that certain entities are not required to develop specified cost summaries; providing for future expiration; extending for 1 year a requirement that certain entities include a specified inventory in their legislative budget requests; providing that the use of state funds must be consistent with specified principles of individual freedom; prohibiting a state agency from using state funds to contract with an advertising agency or other contractor who acts as or uses the services of media reliability and bias monitors; defining the term "media reliability and bias monitor"; amending s. 440.13, F.S.; extending for 1 year the expiration of certain reimbursement allowances; providing that the Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex; prohibiting the interior space allotted to each tenant as of a specified date from being reduced or moved without the tenant's express consent; requiring the Legislature to have the right of first refusal if certain space becomes available; requiring the Department of Management Services to coordinate with specified entities before planning or scheduling any projects in the Capitol Center; requiring the office to solicit specified feedback in carrying out the provisions of the Capitol Center long-range planning; prohibiting certain parking spaces from being reduced or reassigned without the express consent of the Legislature; providing for future expiration; requiring certain information technology funds be held in reserve; authorizing specified agencies to submit budget amendments to request the release for funds; providing requirements for such requests; providing for future expiration; requiring specified agencies contract with an independent verification and validation provider for specified purposes; providing contractual requirements for such services; providing for future expiration; providing conditions under which the 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 for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature; providing for severability; providing for contingent retroactivity; 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 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Section 2. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year included in the document titled “Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2026-2027,” dated May 26, 2026, and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, are incorporated by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature, consistent with the requirements of state law, in making appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

(4) COMPUTATION OF DISTRICT REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT.—The Legislature shall prescribe the aggregate required local effort for all school districts collectively as an item in the General Appropriations Act for each fiscal year. The amount that each district shall provide annually

toward the cost of the Florida Education Finance Program for kindergarten through grade 12 programs shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Estimated taxable value calculations.—

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

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

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

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

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

(6) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY CONTRIBUTION.—The state-funded discretionary contribution is created to fund the nonvoted discretionary millage for operations pursuant to s. 1011.71(1) and (3) for

developmental research schools (lab schools) established in s. 1002.32, charter schools sponsored by a Florida College System institution or a state university pursuant to s. 1002.33(5), and the Florida Virtual School established in s. 1002.37.

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

(16) STATE-FUNDED DISCRETIONARY SUPPLEMENT.—

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

(19) EDUCATIONAL ENROLLMENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM.

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

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

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

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

4. A school district has entered a state of financial emergency and a financial emergency board has been appointed by the State Board of Education. Any funds provided pursuant to this subparagraph are supplemental and may not be added to the district's total Florida Education Finance Program funds for any future recalculation to maintain the stability of the operations of public schools in each school district and to protect districts, including charter schools, from financial instability as a result of

changes in full-time equivalent student enrollment throughout the school year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 5. The amendments to s. 1011.62(4)(a), (6)(b), (16)(b) and (19), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those paragraphs and subsection, as applicable, shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 6. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 5, 6, 88, and 89 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 1011.62(17)(f)1., Florida Statutes, for purposes of calculating the academic acceleration options supplement, a value of 0.025 is assigned to each elementary and middle school grade student who earns a CAPE Digital Tool certificate in the 2026-2027 school year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

public school in the state by a school district or the Florida Virtual School; or if reported by a school district or the Florida Virtual School, have submitted a completed standard withdrawal form.

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

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

(4) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

Section 10. The amendments to s. 1001.451(2)(a), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 11. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 5 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 1011.45, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is reenacted, to read:

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

(3) A university's carry forward spending plan must include the estimated cost per planned expenditure and a timeline for completion of the expenditure. A carry forward spending plan may include retention of the carry forward balance as a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses in subsequent years. For any annual reserve balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the university's 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year state operating fund carry forward balance to fund a public education capital outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been provided which requires additional funds for completion and which is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12)(d) or for deferred building maintenance expenses. The carry forward spending plan must identify the specific public education capital outlay project and the amount the university will contribute toward the fixed capital outlay project pursuant to s. 1001.706(12)(d) or specific deferred maintenance project. Authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 12. The text of s. 1011.45(5), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this act and the text of s. 1011.45(3), as amended by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 13. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 7 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (18) of section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.
2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.
3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as adopted by the Board of Governors or a state-approved teacher preparation program. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight Programs of Strategic Emphasis in science, technology, engineering, or math; beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, two Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the critical workforce gap analysis category; and beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, two state-approved teacher preparation programs for which a student may be eligible to receive the tuition and fee waiver authorized by this subsection. The programs identified by the board must reflect the priorities of the state

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

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

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

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

Section 14. The text of s. 1009.26(18), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 15. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 129 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 9 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

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

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

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

Section 16. The text of s. 1004.89, Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 17. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 1001.706(7), Florida Statutes, a state university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a health care provider may accept the health care provider's procurement methods and construction contracts entered thereunder and may reimburse the health care provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

Section 21. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 129 and 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 1007.55, Florida Statutes, in performing the duties under ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25, Florida Statutes, by December 1, 2026, the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall submit to the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors courses that have been approved by public postsecondary educational institutions as meeting general education requirements. The

listing of general education courses must include the information in s. 1007.55(2)(a), (b), and (c), Florida Statutes. The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors must approve, reject, or amend the list of general education courses for each Florida College System institution and state university, respectively. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

1011.90 State university funding.—

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

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

1001.03 Specific powers of State Board of Education.—

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

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

1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited each year an amount of funds equal to 0.5 percent of the total value of the building for future maintenance;
2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education Capital Outlay funding cycle; and
3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.

Section 24. The amendment to s. 1001.03(18)(c), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 25. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 17 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

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

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

1. A plan is provided to reserve funds in an escrow account, ~~specific to the project,~~ into which shall be deposited each year an amount of funds equal to 1 percent of the total value of the building for future maintenance;
2. There exists sufficient capacity within the cash and bonding estimate of funds by the Revenue Estimating Conference to accommodate the project within the 3-year Public Education Capital Outlay funding cycle; and
3. The project has been recommended pursuant to s. 1013.31.

Section 26. The amendment to s. 1001.706(12)(c), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 27. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 152 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (1) of section 1011.47, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

Section 28. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 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 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 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 29. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 190 through 195 of the 2026-2027 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 Florida Kidcare program appropriation categories to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment must be submitted by each agency in the last quarter of the 2026-2027 fiscal year only. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 30. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 490 through 499 of the 2026-2027 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, ~~2027~~ 2026, are not subject to ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541. This subsection expires July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

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

Section 32. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 216, 217, 219, and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health

Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals statewide providing inpatient and outpatient services to Medicaid managed care enrollees, the Indirect Medical Education (IME) Program, and a nursing workforce expansion and education program for certain institutions participating in a graduate medical education or nursing education program. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. For institutions participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education program, the budget amendment must identify the educational institutions partnering with the teaching hospital. Institutions participating in the nursing workforce expansion and education program shall provide quarterly reports to the agency detailing the number of nurses participating in the program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 222 and 223 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and a directed payment program for

physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental school, or a public hospital. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approving the state-directed payment. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

Section 37. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 237 of the 2026-2027 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, requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities contributing inter-governmental transfers and certified public expenditures to support the state match required. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

(2) The task force shall evaluate:

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

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

(c) Quality metrics for ABA therapy services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b. Representatives of the ABA provider community;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

Section 42. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 209 through 211, 217, 219, 220, 222 through 224, 363, 372, 475, 479, 480, 486, 501, 502, 508, and 512 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority to support refugee programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. The Department of Children and Families shall submit quarterly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the number of refugees entering the state, the nations of origin of such refugees, and current expenditure projections. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

393.066 Community services and treatment.—

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

persons and entities shall meet the minimum hardware and software technical requirements established by the agency for the use of such systems. Such persons or entities shall also meet any requirements established by the agency for training and professional development of staff providing direct services to clients.

Section 45. The text of s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 46. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and in order to implement Specific Appropriations 373 through 390 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (c) of subsection (9) of section 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

(9) FUNDING FOR MANAGING ENTITIES.—

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

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

409.9913 Funding methodology to allocate funding to lead agencies.—

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

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

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

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

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

(e) This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

(9) Notwithstanding subsection (5), all funds held by a lead agency carried forward pursuant to subsection (5) as of July 1, 2026, must be returned to the department. By August 1, 2026, the department must report to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget the amount of funds returned by each lead agency. The funds returned shall be held in reserve and the Department of Children and Families may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216 requesting release of funds in amounts necessary to satisfy fourth quarter payment obligations to community-based care lead agencies or address potential revenue shortfalls associated with declining Title IV-E eligibility within the state's foster care population. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

Section 49. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 465 and 467 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181

and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

Section 53. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 223, 224, 279, 290, 349, 503, 526, and 751 of the 2026-2027 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 Children and Families, and the Department of Corrections, shall competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate, for these agencies, prices for prescribed drugs and biological products excluded from the program established under s. 381.02035, Florida Statutes, and ineligible under 21 U.S.C. s. 384, including, but not limited to, insulin and epinephrine. The contract may allow the vendor to directly purchase these products for participating agencies when feasible and advantageous. The contracted vendor must be compensated on a contingency basis, paid

from a portion of the savings achieved by its price negotiation or purchase of the prescription drugs and products. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 55. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 272, 277, 278, 283, 288, and 289 of the 2026-2027 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 to support additional staff augmentation resources needed at the Developmental Disability Centers. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 56. In order to implement section 82 of the 2026-2027 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 request the appropriation of funds from the Lump Sum-Home and Community-Based Services Waiver category to address any deficits or funding shortfalls. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 60. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 594 through 622A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss.

216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to:

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

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

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

This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

766.314 Assessments; plan of operation.—

(9)

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

2. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the association is authorized to accept new claims during the 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year if the total of

all current estimates exceeds the limits described in subparagraph 1. during that fiscal year. This subparagraph expires July 1, ~~2027~~ 2026.

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

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

Section 65. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 223 and 235 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Agency for Health Care Administration may submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, requesting additional spending authority to implement a managed care organization quality incentive program. The budget amendment must identify the specific activities and quality-based outcomes on which managed care organization will focus. Payments under the quality incentive program are contingent upon a managed care organization achieving the applicable quality metrics and performance outcomes established by the agency. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein. These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations or directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216. Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to

prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

(2)

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

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

a. Peer Groups, including:

(I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee Counties; and

(II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and Okeechobee Counties.

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

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

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

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

c. Floors:

- (I) Direct Care Component..... 95 percent.
- (II) Indirect Care Component..... 92.5 percent.
- (III) Operating Component..... None.

d. Pass-through Payments.....Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and Property Insurance.

e. Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool.....~~18.1373~~ 10 percent of September 2016 non-property related payments of included facilities.

f. Quality Score Threshold to Qualify for Quality Incentive Payment.....33 percent of all available points in the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program ~~20th percentile of included facilities.~~

g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:

- (I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.
- (II) Land Valuation..... 10 percent of Gross Building value.
- (III) Facility Square Footage..... Actual Square Footage.
- (IV) Movable Equipment Allowance..... \$8,000 per bed.
- (V) Obsolescence Factor..... 1.5 percent.
- (VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return..... 8 percent.
- (VII) Minimum Occupancy..... 90 percent.
- (VIII) Maximum Facility Age..... 40 years.
- (IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed..... 350.
- (X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed.....500.
- (XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements.....\$500 per bed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. By October 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, the agency shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report on each Quality Incentive Program payment made

pursuant to sub-subparagraph 1.e. The report must, at a minimum, include all of the following information:

- a. The name of each facility that received a Quality Incentive Program payment and the dollar amount of such payment each facility received.
- b. The total number of quality incentive metric points awarded by the agency to each facility and the number of points awarded by the agency for each individual quality metric measured.
- c. An examination of any trends in the improvement of the quality of care provided to nursing home residents which may be attributable to incentive payments received under the Quality Incentive Program. The agency shall include examination of trends both for the program as a whole as well as for each individual quality metric used by the agency to award program payments.

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

Section 67. The amendment to s. 409.908(2)(b), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 68. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 626 through 718 and 742 through 782 of the 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year only, if the actual inmate population of the Department of Corrections exceeds the inmate population projections of the December 23, 2025 ~~February 21, 2025~~, 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, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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

215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

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

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

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

(1) Counsel shall be appointed to represent any individual in a criminal or civil proceeding entitled to court-appointed counsel under the Federal or State Constitution or as authorized by general law. The court shall appoint a public defender to represent indigent persons as authorized in s. 27.51. The office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel shall be appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-appointed counsel, but only after the public defender has certified to the court in writing that the public defender is unable to provide representation

due to a conflict of interest or is not authorized to provide representation. The public defender shall report, in the aggregate, the specific basis of all conflicts of interest certified to the court. On a quarterly basis, the public defender shall submit this information to the Justice Administrative Commission.

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

(3) In using a registry:

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

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

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

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

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

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

this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.”

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

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

(b)1. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act shall be presumed by the court to be sufficient compensation. The attorney shall maintain appropriate documentation, including contemporaneous and detailed hourly accounting of time spent representing the client. If the attorney fails to maintain such contemporaneous and detailed hourly records, the attorney waives the right to seek compensation in excess of the flat fee established in s. 27.5304 and the General Appropriations Act. These records and documents are subject to review by the Justice Administrative Commission and audit by the Auditor General, subject to the attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege. The attorney shall maintain the records and documents in a manner that enables the attorney to redact any information subject to a privilege in order to facilitate the commission’s review of the records and documents and not to impede such review. The attorney may redact information from the records and documents only to the extent necessary to comply with the privilege. The Justice Administrative Commission shall review such records and shall contemporaneously document such review before authorizing payment to an attorney. Objections by or on behalf of the Justice Administrative Commission to records or documents or to claims for payment by the attorney shall be presumed correct by the court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption.

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

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

Section 71. The text of s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (3)(a), (5), (6), and (7), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2019-116, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, 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 72. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 793 through 817A, 978 through 1125, and 1146 through 1182 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 54 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (13) of section 27.5304, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (1), (3), (6), (7), and (11), and paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (12) of that section are reenacted, to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) A copy of the motion and attachments shall be served on the Justice Administrative Commission at least 20 business days before the date of a hearing. The Justice Administrative Commission has standing to appear before the court, and may appear in person or telephonically, including at the hearing under paragraph (b), to contest any motion for an order approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses and may

participate in a hearing on the motion by use of telephonic or other communication equipment. The Justice Administrative Commission may contract with other public or private entities or individuals to appear before the court for the purpose of contesting any motion for an order approving payment of attorney fees, costs, or related expenses. The fact that the Justice Administrative Commission has not objected to any portion of the billing or to the sufficiency of the documentation is not binding on the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 73. The text of s. 27.5304(1), (3), (7), (11), and (12)(a)-(e), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2019-116, Laws of Florida, and the text of s. 27.5304(6), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2023-

240, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs, as applicable, 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 74. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1348 through 1353 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section 908.1033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

908.1033 Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.—

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

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

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

Section 75. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1405 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Legal Affairs may submit a budget amendment, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget authority for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants if additional federal revenues specific

to VOCA assistance services become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

934.50 Searches and seizure using a drone.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This paragraph expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 79. In order to implement appropriations used to pay existing lease contracts for private lease space in excess of 2,000 square feet in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Management Services, with the cooperation of the agencies having the existing lease contracts for office or storage space, shall use tenant broker services to renegotiate or reprocure all private lease agreements for office or storage space which are expiring between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2029, in order to reduce costs in future years. The department shall incorporate this initiative into its 2026 master leasing report required under s. 255.249(7), Florida Statutes, and may use tenant broker services to explore the possibilities of collocating office or storage space, to review the space needs of each agency, and to review the length and terms of potential renewals or renegotiations. The department shall provide a report to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2026, which lists each lease contract for private office or storage space, the status of renegotiations, and the savings achieved. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

Section 82. In order to implement the appropriation of funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories-Transfer to Department of Management Services-Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract" in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and pursuant to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, the

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

Section 83. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2935 in the 2026-2027 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 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 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, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The Chief Financial Officer or the executive sponsor of the project.
2. A representative of the Division of Treasury of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. The Chief Information Officers of the Department of Financial Services and the Department of Environmental Protection.
4. Two employees from the Division of Accounting and Auditing of the Department of Financial Services, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer. Each employee must have experience relating to at least one of the four main components that compose FLAIR.
5. Two employees from the Executive Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor. One employee must have experience relating to the Legislative Appropriations System/Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.
6. One employee from the Department of Revenue, appointed by the executive director, who has experience using or maintaining the department's finance and accounting systems.
7. Two employees from the Department of Management Services, appointed by the Secretary of Management Services. One employee must have experience relating to the department's personnel information subsystem and one employee must have experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.
8. A state agency administrative services director, appointed by the Governor.
9. The executive sponsor of the Florida Health Care Connection (FX) System or his or her designee, appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.
10. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her designee, as a nonvoting member. The State Chief Information Officer, or his or her designee, shall provide monthly status reports at the executive steering committee meeting pursuant to the oversight responsibilities in s. 282.0051, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The chair shall establish a working group composed of FLAIR users, state agency technical staff who maintain applications that integrate with FLAIR, and no less than four state agency finance and accounting or budget directors. The working group shall meet at least monthly to review PALM functionality, assess project impacts to state financial business processes and agency staff, and develop recommendations to the executive steering committee for improvements. The chair shall request input from the working group on agenda items for each scheduled meeting. The PALM project team shall dedicate a staff member to the group and provide system demonstrations and any project documentation, as needed, for the group to fulfill its duties.

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

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

(a) Identify and recommend to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives any statutory changes needed to implement the replacement subsystem that will standardize, to the fullest extent possible, the state's financial management business processes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 85. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 3040 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 65 of chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 282.709, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

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

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

1. The purchase of radios;
2. The upgrade to the Project 25 communications standard;
3. Increased system capacity and enhanced coverage for system users;
4. Operations, maintenance, and support at a fixed annual rate;
5. The conveyance of communications towers to the department; and
6. The assignment of communications tower leases to the department.

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

Section 86. The text of s. 282.709(3), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2021-37, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that subsection, shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2021, 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 87. In order to implement appropriations relating to the purchase of equipment and services related to the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) as authorized in the 2026-2027 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 SLERS contract for purchase of equipment and services. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 90. The amendment to s. 24.105(9)(i), Florida Statutes, made by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2022, 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 91. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 3084 through 3092 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (ll) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.—

(6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

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

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

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

112.215 Government employees; deferred compensation program.—

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

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

110.116 Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—

(2)(a) In recognition of the critical nature of the statewide personnel and payroll system commonly known as People First, the Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state to continue partnering with the current People First third-party operator. The People First System annually processes 500,000 employment applications, 455,000 personnel actions, and the state’s \$9.5-billion payroll. The Legislature finds that the continuity of operations of the People First System and the critical functions it provides such as payroll, employee health insurance benefit records, and other critical services must not be interrupted. Presently, the Chief Financial Officer is undertaking the development of a new statewide accounting and financial management system, commonly known as the Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) system, scheduled to be operational in the year 2027. The procurement and implementation of an entire replacement of the People First System will impede the timeframe needed to successfully integrate the state’s payroll system with the PALM System. In order to maintain continuity of operations and to ensure the successful completion of the PALM System, the Legislature directs that the department:

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

2. Suspend major functionality updates or changes to the People First System until the completion of the PALM System. This does not include:

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

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

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

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

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

a. System capabilities and user requirements;

b. Security, accessibility, and compliance standards;

c. Data migration and conversion requirements;

d. Integration points with existing enterprise systems and third-party applications; and

e. Verifiable acceptance criteria for each requirement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for the program, consistent with this section. This section does not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed

inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects on those homes. The department shall implement the program in such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of available funds. If, after applications are processed and approved, funds remain available, the department may accept applications up to the available amount. The program shall develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements provided in this section.

(1) HURRICANE MITIGATION INSPECTIONS.—

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

a. “Attached” means a dwelling unit that shares a wall with another dwelling unit.

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

c. “Single-family” means a residence designed for and containing only one dwelling unit.

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

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

(I) A detached residential property; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Opening protection improvements, including:

- a. Exterior doors,
- b. Garage doors,
- c. Windows, and
- d. Skylights.

2. Roof improvements, including:

- a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.
- ~~b.~~ Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.

~~c.~~ Installing secondary water resistance for roof and replacing the roof covering.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

e. Last, all other applications for an inspection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(9)~~(8) CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.—

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

~~(11)~~(10) REPORTS.—The department shall make an annual report on the activities of the program that shall account for the use of state funds and indicate the number of inspections requested, the number of inspections performed, the number of grant applications received, the number and value of grants approved, and the estimated average annual amount of insurance premium discounts and total estimated annual amount of insurance premium discounts applicants homeowners received from insurers as a result of mitigation funded through the program. The report must be

delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

Section 95. The amendments to s. 215.5586(1), (2), (3), and (4) through (10), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 96. Effective upon this act becoming a law, in order to implement Specific Appropriation 2544A of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, the funds appropriated to the Department of Financial Services in Specific Appropriation 2245A of the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act and Specific Appropriation 2489A and section 179 of the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act will not revert and may be carried forward through the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

284.51 Electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation treatment pilot program.—

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

(a) “Division” means the Division of Risk Management of the Department of Financial Services.

(b) “Electroencephalogram combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation” or “eTMS” means treatment in which transcranial magnetic stimulation frequency pulses are tuned to the patient’s physiology and biometric data.

(c) “First responder” means a law enforcement officer, a part-time law enforcement officer, or an auxiliary law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10; a firefighter as defined in s. 633.102; a 911 public safety telecommunicator as defined in s. 401.465; or an emergency medical technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 employed by state or local government. The term also includes a volunteer or retired law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or paramedic engaged, or previously engaged, by the state or a local government.

(d) “Veteran” means:

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

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

- (a) Substance use disorders.
- (b) Mental illness.
- (c) Sleep disorders.
- (d) Traumatic brain injuries.
- (e) Sexual trauma.
- (f) Posttraumatic stress disorder and accompanying comorbidities.
- (g) Concussions.
- (h) Other brain trauma.
- (i) Quality of life issues affecting human performance, including issues related to or resulting from problems with cognition and problems maintaining attention, concentration, or focus.

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

(4) The pilot program shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

717.123 Deposit of funds.—

(3) The department shall segregate in a separate account an amount that does not exceed the estimated atypical receipts for fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 as a result of implementation of chapter 2024-140, Laws of Florida, and as identified by the Revenue Estimating Conference in its most recently adopted official forecast. This amount must be held in a separate account for the payment of claims associated with such receipts as allowed by the department. In addition to the \$15 million the department is authorized to retain pursuant to subsection (1) and notwithstanding subsection (1), for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years only, the department shall retain any remaining funds held in the separate account. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 104. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1660 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida Statutes, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to increase budget

authority to support the National School Lunch Program. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 105. 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 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) of section 215.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.18 Transfers between funds; limitation.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and only with respect 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, whenever there is a deficiency in a land acquisition trust fund which would render that trust fund temporarily insufficient to meet its just requirements, including the timely payment of appropriations from that trust fund, and other trust funds in the State Treasury have moneys that are for the time being or otherwise in excess of the amounts necessary to meet the just requirements, including appropriated obligations, of those other trust funds, the Governor may order a temporary transfer of moneys from one or more of the other 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. Any action proposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to the notice, 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 2026 ~~2025~~, 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 ~~2026-2027~~ ~~2025-2026~~ 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, ~~2027~~ ~~2026~~.

Section 106. (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 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Environmental Protection shall transfer revenues from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department to the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as provided in this section. As used in this section, the term “department” means the Department of Environmental Protection.

(2) After subtracting any required debt service payments, the proportionate share of revenues to be transferred to each land acquisition trust fund shall be calculated by dividing the appropriations from each of the land acquisition trust funds for the fiscal year by the total appropriations from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department and the land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the fiscal year. The department shall transfer the proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department on a monthly basis to the appropriate land acquisition trust funds within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall retain its proportionate share of the revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the department. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of State, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may not exceed the total appropriations from such trust fund for the fiscal year.

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

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

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 107. In order to implement specific appropriations from the Florida Forever Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection, which are contained in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations

Act, paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of section 259.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.105 The Florida Forever Act.—

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

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

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

376.91 Statewide cleanup of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.—

(2) STATEWIDE CLEANUP TARGET LEVELS.—

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

Section 109. The amendments to s. 376.91(2)(a), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 110. In order to implement section 149 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (i) of subsection (13) of section 376.3071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(13) PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—To encourage detection, reporting, and cleanup of contamination caused by discharges of petroleum or petroleum products, the department shall, within the guidelines established in this subsection, implement a cleanup program to provide rehabilitation funding assistance for all property contaminated by discharges of petroleum or petroleum products from a

petroleum storage system occurring before January 1, 1995. Eligibility is subject to an annual appropriation from the fund. Additionally, funding for eligible sites is contingent upon annual appropriation in subsequent years. Such continued state funding is not an entitlement or a vested right under this subsection. Eligibility shall be determined in the program, notwithstanding any other provision of law, consent order, order, judgment, or ordinance to the contrary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

376.3072 Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program.—

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

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

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

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

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

Section 112. In order to implement section 149 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding the expiration date in section 89 of chapter 2025-199, 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.—The department shall pay, pursuant to this subsection, up to \$10 million each fiscal year from the fund for the costs of labor and equipment to repair or replace petroleum storage systems that may have been damaged due to the storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel, or for preventive measures to reduce the potential for such damage.

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

1. Proposal costs or costs related to preparation of the application and required documentation;
2. Certified public accountant costs;
3. Except as provided in paragraph (j), any costs in excess of the amount approved by the department under paragraph (b) or which are not in substantial compliance with the purchase order;
4. Costs associated with storage tanks, piping, or ancillary equipment that has previously been repaired or replaced for which costs have been paid under this section;
5. Facilities that are not in compliance with department storage tank rules, until the noncompliance issues have been resolved; or
6. Costs associated with damage to petroleum storage systems caused in whole or in part by causes other than the storage of fuels blended with ethanol or biodiesel.

Section 113. The text of s. 376.3071(15)(g), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on July 1, 2020, but not including any amendments made by this act or chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, and 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 portion of text which expires pursuant to this section.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Within a municipality with a population less than 30,000;
2. Within a municipality or area under intense growth and development pressures, as evidenced by a number of factors, including a determination that the municipality's growth rate exceeds the average growth rate for the state;
3. Within the boundary of a community redevelopment agency established pursuant to s. 163.356;
4. Adjacent to state-owned submerged lands designated as an aquatic preserve identified in s. 258.39; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 116. The text of s. 380.5105, Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida, by this act expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024, 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 117. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1951 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act and notwithstanding s. 823.11(4)(c), Florida Statutes, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use funds appropriated for the derelict vessel removal program for grants to local governments or to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, or to pay private contractors to remove, store, destroy, and dispose of, derelict vessels, migrant vessels, at-risk vessel turn in program vessels, or vessels declared a public nuisance pursuant to s. 327.73(1)(aa) and (gg), Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

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

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

375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

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

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

1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595. From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the purpose of performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this paragraph shall be added to the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

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

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

4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and each fiscal year

thereafter, for the EAA reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in 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 6.~~ ~~subparagraphs 3. and 6.~~, for the ~~2026-2027~~ ~~2025-2026~~ fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1, ~~2027~~ ~~2026~~.

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

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

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

288.80125 Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund.—

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

Section 123. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 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, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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

Section 125. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2055 through 2068, 2069D and 2069E, 2080 through 2090, 2092 through 2100, and 2138 through 2151 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding s. 339.135(7)(b), Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation is authorized to request up to \$200 million of budget authority to the extent necessary to advance or defer projects programmed in the Work Program and realign resources to safeguard district allocations and ensure projects programmed in the Work Program are balanced to the finance plan. The department may submit budget amendments to realign budget

authority consistent with this section and pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

288.0655 Rural Infrastructure Fund.—

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

Section 127. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2759 through 2764 and sections 217 and 218 of the 2026-2027 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 if additional federal revenues specific to such programs become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

443.1113 Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 129. The text of s. 443.1113(4) and (5), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2025-199, Laws of Florida, expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2025, 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 130. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2359 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, subsections (1) and (9) of section 445.08, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (2) and (4) are reenacted, to read:

445.08 Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.

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

(a) “Commission” means the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement.

(b) “Employing agency” has the same meaning as provided in s. 943.10(4).

(c) “Law enforcement officer” has the same meaning as provided in s. 943.10(1).

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

(e) “Program” means the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The standards by which the department will determine under what circumstances a break in service is acceptable. A law enforcement officer must provide documentation to the department justifying a break in service. For purposes of this section, the term “break in service” means a period of time during which the person is employed with a Florida criminal justice

agency but is not employed as a full-time law enforcement officer or a period of time during which the person is in between employment as a full-time law enforcement officer for no longer than 15 days. The time period for any break in service does not count toward satisfying the 2-year full-time employment requirement of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.—

(a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal

conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

Section 132. In order to implement section 197 of the 2026-2027 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 to support the federal Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR). This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

334.64 Department to serve as primary point of contact for LiDAR procurement.—Notwithstanding s. 20.255(9), the department shall serve as the primary point of contact for statewide topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing related to statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data sharing. The department may provide these services to other state and local governmental entities by entering into an interagency agreement consistent with chapter 216. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any charter, ordinance, statute, or special law, all state agencies and local governmental entities conducting programs or exercising powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR mapping are authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the department for the provision by the department of topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services, and to delegate authority to conduct programs or exercise powers relating to topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing services to the department pursuant to such interagency agreements. The department may adopt rules to implement this section. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

251.001 Florida State Guard Act.—

(5) PERSONNEL.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The director shall establish minimum standards for the age, physical and health condition, and physical fitness of applicants based upon the component unit of the Florida State Guard structure in which the applicant is being considered for placement. However, an applicant being considered for placement in a component unit that serves in an active duty capacity within the Florida State Guard must be subject to standards that are no less than the standards required for recruitment, enrollment, and retention in the Florida National Guard.

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

(6) SPECIALIZED UNIT.—The director shall organize a specialized unit within the Florida State Guard. All members of the specialized unit must be of good moral character and are vested with the authority to bear arms, detect, and apprehend while activated. In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (5)(c), ~~each member only those members~~ of the specialized unit must be a certified law enforcement officer pursuant to s. 943.1395, who

~~meet the requirements in s. 943.13 and are certified as law enforcement officers as defined in s. 943.10(1) Members of the specialized unit are authorized to have the same law enforcement authority as the law enforcement agency in conjunction with which they are working when activated.~~

Section 135. The amendments to s. 251.001(5) and (6), Florida Statutes, made by this act expire July 1, 2027, and the text of those subsections, as applicable, shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, 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 136. (1) In order to implement section 8 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, beginning July 1, 2026, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the Department of Management Services shall assess an administrative health insurance assessment on each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position within such agency eligible for coverage through the Division of State Group Insurance. As used in this section, the term "state agency" means an agency within the State Personnel System, the Department of the Lottery, the Justice Administrative Commission and all entities administratively housed in the Justice Administrative Commission, and the state courts system.

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

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

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

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

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

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

215.32 State funds; segregation.—

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

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

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

- a. Operations or operating trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used for program operations funded by program revenues, with the exception of administrative activities when the operations or operating trust fund is a proprietary fund.
- b. Operations and maintenance trust fund, for use as a depository for client services funded by third-party payors.
- c. Administrative trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used for management activities that are departmental in nature and funded by indirect cost earnings and assessments against trust funds. Proprietary funds are excluded from the requirement of using an administrative trust fund.
- d. Grants and donations trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant or donor agreement activities funded by restricted contractual revenue from private and public nonfederal sources.
- e. Agency working capital trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used pursuant to s. 216.272.
- f. Clearing funds trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to account for collections pending distribution to lawful recipients.
- g. Federal grant trust fund, for use as a depository for funds to be used for allowable grant activities funded by restricted program revenues from federal sources.

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

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

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

b. This subparagraph does not apply to trust funds required by federal programs or mandates; trust funds established for bond covenants, indentures, or resolutions whose revenues are legally pledged by the state or public body to meet debt service or other financial requirements of any

debt obligations of the state or any public body; the Division of Licensing Trust Fund in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the State Transportation Trust Fund; the trust fund containing the net annual proceeds from the Florida Education Lotteries; the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund; trust funds under the management of the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors of the State University System, where such trust funds are for auxiliary enterprises, self-insurance, and contracts, grants, and donations, as those terms are defined by general law; trust funds that serve as clearing funds or accounts for the Chief Financial Officer or state agencies; trust funds that account for assets held by the state in a trustee capacity as an agent or fiduciary for individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units; and other trust funds authorized by the State Constitution.

Section 139. The text of s. 215.32(2)(b), Florida Statutes, as carried forward from chapter 2011-47, Laws of Florida, by this act, expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that paragraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2011, 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 140. In order to implement the appropriations authorized in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel and notwithstanding s. 112.061(7)(d)1.a., Florida Statutes, the mileage allowance for travel by privately owned vehicles for official travel shall be established by each state agency or the judicial branch. The mileage allowance may not exceed the standard mileage rates established by the Internal Revenue Service. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 141. In order to implement appropriations in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for state employee travel, the funds appropriated to each state agency which may be used for travel by state employees are limited during the 2026-2027 fiscal year to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. Funds may not be used for travel by state employees to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff training activities, or other administrative functions unless the agency head has approved, in writing, that such activities are critical to the agency's mission. The agency head shall consider using teleconferencing and other forms of electronic communication to meet the needs of the proposed activity before approving mission-critical travel. If international travel is approved, the agency must provide a quarterly report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate that provides the justification for such travel along with a breakdown of the associated costs. 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, 2027.

Section 142. In order to implement appropriations in the 2026-2027 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, 2027.

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

216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital outlay.—

(11)

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

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

Section 144. In order to implement the salaries and benefits, expenses, other personal services, contracted services, special categories, and operating capital outlay categories of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 216.292, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.292 Appropriations nontransferable; exceptions.—

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

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

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

2. Between budget entities within identical categories of appropriations, if no category of appropriation is increased or decreased by more than 5

percent of the original approved budget or \$250,000, whichever is greater, by all action taken under this subsection.

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

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

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

Section 145. In order to implement appropriations in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act for the acquisitions of motor vehicles, and notwithstanding chapter 287, Florida Statutes, relating to the purchase of motor vehicles from a state term contract, state agencies may purchase vehicles from nonstate term contract vendors without prior approval from the Department of Management Services, provided the cost of the motor vehicle is equal to or less than the cost of a similar class of vehicle found on a state term contract and provided the funds for the purchase have been specifically appropriated. This section expires July 1, 2027.

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

11.52 Implementation of enacted legislation.—Each state agency shall provide the Legislature and the Executive Office of the Governor with information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation. The implementation status must be provided 90 days following the effective date of the legislation and updated each August 1 thereafter until all provisions of the legislation have been fully implemented. The implementation status report must include, at a minimum, for each enacted legislation, the actions or steps taken to implement the legislation and planned actions or steps for implementation, such as any rules proposed for implementation, any procurements required, any contract executed to assist the agency in the implementation, any contracts executed to implement or administer the legislation, programs started, offices established, or other organization administrative changes made including personnel changes, or federal waivers requested; any expenditures made directly related to the implementation; and any impediments or delays in implementation,

including, but not limited to, challenges of administrative rules. No later than 14 days prior to the next regular legislative session, the state agency shall provide an update of any changes to the implementation status, notify the Legislature of any protests of rulemaking or other communications regarding the implementation of the legislation and the status of any litigation related to the legislation, and identify any policy issues that need to be resolved by the Legislature to ensure timely and effective implementation of the legislation. This section expires July 1, 2027 ~~2026~~.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) The name of the technology system.
- (b) A brief description of the purpose and function of the system.
- (c) A brief description of the goals of the project.
- (d) The initiation date of the project.
- (e) The key performance indicators for the project.

- (f) Any other metrics for the project evaluating the health and status of the project.
- (g) The original and current baseline estimated end dates of the project.
- (h) The original and current estimated costs of the project.
- (i) Total funds appropriated or allocated to the project and the current realized cost for the project by fiscal year.

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

(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each state executive agency and the judicial branch is not required to develop or post the agency-level unit cost summary by October 15, 2026, for the 2027-2028 fiscal year. This subsection expires July 1, 2027.

Section 149. In order to implement appropriations in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, the use of state funds must be consistent with the following principles of individual freedom:

(1) No person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex.

(2) No race is inherently superior to another race.

(3) No person should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or sex.

(4) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are not racist but fundamental to the right to pursue happiness and be rewarded for industry.

(5) A person, by virtue of his or her race or sex, does not bear responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.

(6) A person should not be instructed that he or she must feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress for actions, in which he or she played no part, committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.

This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 150. In order to implement appropriations for state agencies in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, a state agency may not use state funds to contract with an advertising agency or other contractor who acts as or uses the services of media reliability and bias monitors. The term “media reliability and bias monitor” means any contractor whose primary or principal function is to rate or rank news and information services for the factual accuracy of their content, whether the content is published online, in print, by audio, or digitally, or by broadcasting via radio, television, cable, streaming service, or any other way news is delivered to the public; or to provide ratings or a subjective evaluation of news and information services regarding misinformation, bias, adherence to journalistic standards, or ethics. The term includes, but is not limited to, organizations that engage in fact checking. The term does not include any contractor that rates media outlets for audience size, viewership, and demographic information; or that monitors media outlets for the purpose of compiling press or video clippings or aggregating news sources for the purpose of public relations and public awareness. This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 151. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2601 through 2615 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (d) of subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for violations; limitations.

(12) CREATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL; GUIDES OF MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES.—

(d)1. Outpatient reimbursement for scheduled surgeries shall be 60 percent of charges.

2. Reimbursement for emergency services and care as defined in s. 395.002 which have not been assigned a maximum reimbursement allowance must be 250 percent of Medicare, unless there is a contract, in which case the contract governs reimbursement. Upon this subparagraph taking effect, the department shall engage with an actuarial services firm to begin development of maximum reimbursement allowances for services subject to the reimbursement provisions of this subparagraph. Until the three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum reimbursement allowances, reimbursement for emergency services and care that have not been assigned a maximum reimbursement allowance and for which there is no Medicare billing code must be 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a contract, in which case the contract governs reimbursement. This subparagraph expires June 30, 2027 ~~2026~~.

The department, as requested, shall provide data to the panel, including, but not limited to, utilization trends in the workers’ compensation health care delivery system. The department shall provide the panel with an annual report regarding the resolution of medical reimbursement disputes and any actions pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall provide administrative support and service to the panel to the extent requested by the panel.

The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection. For prescription medication purchased under the requirements of this subsection, a dispensing practitioner shall not possess such medication unless payment has been made by the practitioner, the practitioner's professional practice, or the practitioner's practice management company or employer to the supplying manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or drug repackager within 60 days of the dispensing practitioner taking possession of that medication.

Section 152. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 2923 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act, and notwithstanding any other law:

(1) The Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature are permanent tenants of the Capitol Complex. The interior space allocated to each tenant on or after January 1, 2026, may not be reduced or moved without express consent of the tenant. If additional interior space becomes vacant, the Legislature has the first right of refusal for use of the space.

(2)(a) Before the Department of Management Services may plan for or schedule any project in the Capitol Center that impacts space occupied by a permanent tenant of the Capitol Complex other than the Governor, the Department of Management Services must coordinate with the tenant and receive the tenant's approval on the scope, design, and timeline of the project. For purposes of space in which the Legislature is the tenant, the Department of Management Services must coordinate with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives for space allocated to the House of Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space allocated jointly to both chambers. For any project that impacts space in which the Legislature is the tenant, the Department of Management Services must consider the schedule and time constraints of the Legislature, as well as the Legislature's needs.

(b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may design, redesign, renovate, or upgrade any space allocated to their respective chambers in which the Senate or the House of Representatives is the tenant without approval by the Department of Management Services.

(c) The Department of Management Services must consult with and receive approval from the President of the Senate for space allocated to the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives for space allocated to the House of Representatives, or both the President and the Speaker for space allocated jointly to both chambers before including in the report required under s. 272.09(3), Florida Statutes, any project that impacts any space in the Capitol Complex in which the Legislature is the tenant.

(3) In carrying out the provisions of the Capitol Center long-range planning specified in s. 272.121, Florida Statutes, the Department of Management Services must solicit feedback from all permanent tenants

of the Capitol Center, including the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) The parking spaces within the Capitol Center area allocated to the Legislature on January 1, 2026, may not be reduced or reassigned without the express consent of the Legislature. If additional parking spaces become available for assignment, the Legislature has the first right of refusal for the use of the parking spaces.

(5) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 153. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 142, 2180, 2514, and 3235, and sections 83, 84, 106, 108, 141, 171, and 189 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) Of the funds appropriated for information technology projects, 75 percent shall be held in reserve and the remaining 25 percent shall be fully released. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the Department of Financial Services, and the Department of Revenue are authorized to submit budget amendments to request release of funds pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

(a) The amount requested in each budget amendment may not exceed the entity’s planned project expenditures for the ensuing 3-month period.

(b) Beginning with the second quarterly release, approval is also contingent on the entity removing previously planned costs that have not been incurred and reallocating such costs, if necessary, to the appropriate future months, including the following:

- 1. Costs associated with deliverables not yet accepted;
- 2. Time-and-materials expenses not realized; and
- 3. Unobligated funds.

(c) Release is contingent upon submission of all of the following:

1. An updated and comprehensive operational work plan that includes a project schedule that clearly identifies each payment-related project deliverable.

2. A detailed monthly spend plan in columnar form that:

a. Identifies all planned and actual project work and associated costs, broken down by deliverable; and

b. Includes, for each expenditure, a column specifying:

(I) A unique identifier that directly correlates the cost to the current project schedule;

(II) The payment terms, identified as either payment in advance or payment in arrears;

(III) The contract type, identified as fixed-fee, time-and-materials, or cost reimbursement; and

(IV) The liability or disbursement type, identified as encumbered or unencumbered.

3. A copy of the project status report from the most recently completed month at the time of submission, including justification of any variance from the most recently submitted project schedule and spend plan.

(2) The entity receiving funds pursuant to this section must submit monthly project status reports no later than 30 days from the close of the previous month to the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated project oversight entity. Each status report must include all of the following:

(a) Copies of new or updated relevant task orders, contracts, purchase orders, and invoices.

(b) A description of progress made to date for each project milestone and deliverable.

(c) Planned and actual completion dates.

(d) Planned and actual costs incurred.

(e) Identification of any current project issues or risks.

(3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 154. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 267A, 2439, and 3235 and sections 83, 84, 99, 106, 108, and 189 of the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act:

(1) Each of the following agencies: the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, the Department of Financial Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Revenue shall contract with an independent verification and validation (IV&V) provider to provide IV&V services for all entity staff and vendor work needed to implement such projects as applicable.

(2) The IV&V contract shall require that all deliverables be simultaneously provided to the entities, the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the

chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and any other designated project oversight entity. At a minimum, IV&V services must include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Oversight of all entity staff and vendor work needed to implement the project;

(b) An evaluation of the project’s schedule to highlight variances and ensure it aligns with project objectives, remains feasible, and mitigates risks; and

(c) A thorough review of all project budget requests and monthly and quarterly reporting submitted by the entity to the Legislature.

(2) Each monthly IV&V report must include technical reviews of all project deliverables submitted or accepted within the reporting period and an analysis of whether:

(a) The project is being built and implemented in accordance with defined technical architecture, specifications, and requirements;

(b) The project is adhering to established project management and governance processes;

(c) Solicitation and procurement documentation of products, tools, or services, and resulting contracts, are compliant with current statutory and regulatory requirements and aligned with project objectives;

(d) The outcomes and benefits of services performed are commensurate with the amounts invoiced; and

(e) The project is on track to achieve the original business benefits and project objectives.

(3) This section expires July 1, 2027.

Section 155. Any section of this act which implements a specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language is vetoed. Any section of this act which implements more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of specifically identified proviso language in the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso language are vetoed.

Section 156. If any other act passed during the 2026 Regular Session or 2026 Special Session E of the Legislature contains a provision that is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but that removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the provision in the other act takes

precedence and continues to operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

Section 157. If any law amended by this act was also amended by a law enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been enacted during the same session of the Legislature and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

Section 158. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 159. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2026, or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2026.

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