CHAPTER 2004-477

Senate Bill No. 18-A

An act relating to the state's health and human services agencies; providing legislative findings with respect to the need to provide nutritional, medical, and social services to the elderly, children, families, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals due to the impact of hurricanes and a tropical storm in this state during 2004; providing appropriations to the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; requiring that the Executive Office of the Governor provide prior notice to the Legislative Budget Commission of allocations from lump-sum appropriations to appropriation categories; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. The Legislature finds that immediate assistance is needed to provide nutritional, medical, and social services to the elderly, children, families, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals and to provide services within the communities in which they live in order to address the impact of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Jeanne, and Ivan and Tropical Storm Bonnie, which struck the state during 2004.
- Section 2. The sum of \$12 million from the Federal Grants Trust Fund is appropriated in lump sum to the Department of Elderly Affairs for the purpose of providing support services relating to the 2004 hurricanes and tropical storm to the elderly during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- Section 3. The sum of \$4,704,736 from the Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund and the sum \$4,500,000 from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Trust Fund are appropriated in lump sum to the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of providing support services relating to the 2004 hurricanes and tropical storm to children and families during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- Section 4. The sum of \$1,313,429 from the Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund is appropriated in lump sum to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for the purpose of providing support services relating to the 2004 hurricanes and tropical storm to the developmentally disabled during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- Section 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes, requiring a 14-day notice for interim budget actions, and pursuant to section 216.351, Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor shall provide notice of the allocation of the lump-sum appropriations authorized by this act into traditional appropriation categories to the chair and vice chair of the Legislative Budget Commission at least 3 working days prior to the effective date of such allocation.
 - Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor December 21, 2004.

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