A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor; amending s. 252.3711, F.S.; revising and providing uses of moneys deposited in the fund; providing requirements for the deposit of federal reimbursements of state emergency expenditures; providing reporting requirements; revising provisions relating to the termination of the fund; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on February 17, 2026, is re-created.

Section 2. Section 252.3711, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

(1) The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund is created within the Executive Office of the Governor.

(2) The fund is established for use as a depository for state moneys specifically transferred or appropriated to the

fund by the Legislature. The moneys deposited in the fund are available as a primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of preparing or responding to a natural emergency as defined in s. 252.34(8) ~~disaster~~ declared by the Governor as a state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

(a) Moneys in the fund that are appropriated for a state of emergency that is a natural emergency and that has been renewed pursuant to s. 252.36 are subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures set forth in s. 216.177.

(b) Moneys in the fund may not be used to purchase aircraft, boats, or motor vehicles.

(c) Moneys in the fund may not be invested as provided in s. 17.61 but shall be retained in the fund for investment with interest appropriated to the General Revenue Fund as provided in s. 17.57.

(3) Federal reimbursements of state emergency expenditures shall not be deposited in the fund. Federal reimbursements of state emergency expenditures shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 215.32(2)(a).

(4) On or before the 15th day of the month following each quarter, the Executive Office of the Governor shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that includes the following:

(a) The projected year-end cash balance of the fund;

(b) An updated cash flow statement for that fiscal year;

(c) An accounting of all inventory and assets purchased, separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for, responding to, or recovering from a state of emergency that is a natural emergency and the current status of such assets; and

(d) A written attestation, under penalty of perjury, from the director of the Division of Emergency Management that the information in the report is true, accurate, and complete.

(5)~~(3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution,~~ The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2030 ~~4 years after the effective date of this act~~. Before its scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3208 ~~s. 215.3206(1) and (2)~~.

Section 3. This act shall operate retroactively to February 17, 2026.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.