

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to homelessness; amending ss. 320.02,
3 322.08, and 322.18, F.S.; requiring the motor vehicle
4 registration form and registration renewal form, the
5 driver license application form, and the driver
6 license application form for renewal issuance or
7 renewal extension to include an option to make a
8 voluntary contribution to aid the homeless; providing
9 for such contributions to be deposited into the Grants
10 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children
11 and Family Services and used by the State Office on
12 Homelessness for certain purposes; providing that
13 voluntary contributions for the homeless are not
14 income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying
15 certain service charges; creating s. 414.161, F.S.;
16 establishing a homelessness prevention grant program;
17 requiring grant applicants to be ranked competitively;
18 providing preference for certain grant applicants;
19 providing eligibility requirements; providing grant
20 limitations and restrictions; requiring lead agencies
21 for local homeless assistance continuums of care to
22 track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a
23 specified period of time; amending s. 420.622, F.S.;
24 limiting the percentage of funding that lead agencies
25 may spend on administrative costs; amending s.
26 420.625, F.S.; deleting a cross-reference to conform;
27 repealing s. 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency
28 assistance program for families with children that

29 | have lost shelter or face loss of shelter due to an
 30 | emergency; providing an effective date.

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

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34 | Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (15) of
 35 | section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

36 | 320.02 Registration required; application for
 37 | registration; forms.—

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39 | (o) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for
 40 | motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must
 41 | include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per
 42 | applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to
 43 | this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 44 | Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Family Services and
 45 | used by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants
 46 | made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the
 47 | public about homelessness in the state, and provide literature
 48 | for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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50 | For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.
 51 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
 52 | income of a revenue nature.

53 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.08, Florida
 54 | Statutes, is amended to read:

55 | 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
 56 | and identification card forms.—

57 (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or
58 replacement driver's license or identification card shall
59 include language permitting the following:

60 (a) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
61 contribution shall be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund
62 for organ and tissue donor education and for maintaining the
63 organ and tissue donor registry.

64 (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
65 contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the
66 Blind.

67 (c) A voluntary contribution of \$2 per applicant, which
68 shall be distributed to the Hearing Research Institute,
69 Incorporated.

70 (d) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
71 shall be distributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
72 International.

73 (e) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
74 shall be distributed to the Children's Hearing Help Fund.

75 (f) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
76 shall be distributed to Family First, a nonprofit organization.

77 (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop
78 Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart
79 Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

80 (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior
81 Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida
82 Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-
83 profit organization.

84 (i) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for

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85 services for persons with developmental disabilities, which
86 shall be distributed to The Arc of Florida.

87 (j) A voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Ronald McDonald
88 House, which shall be distributed each month to Ronald McDonald
89 House Charities of Tampa Bay, Inc.

90 (k) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
91 of \$1 per applicant, which shall be distributed to the League
92 Against Cancer/La Liga Contra el Cancer, a not-for-profit
93 organization.

94 (l) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to
95 Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, which shall be distributed to
96 Lauren's Kids, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

97 (m) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
98 shall be distributed to Prevent Blindness Florida, a not-for-
99 profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight
100 of the residents of this state.

101 (n) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
102 of \$1 per applicant to the state homes for veterans, to be
103 distributed on a quarterly basis by the department to the State
104 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is administered by the
105 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

106 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the
107 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall
108 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,
109 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

110 (p) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
111 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made
112 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants

113 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and
 114 Family Services and used by the State Office on Homelessness to
 115 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide
 116 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and
 117 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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 119 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust
 120 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the
 121 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
 122 under paragraphs (b)-(p) ~~(b)-(e)~~ are not income of a revenue
 123 nature.

124 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.18,
 125 Florida Statutes, to read:

126 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
 127 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

128 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal
 129 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary
 130 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.
 131 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be
 132 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the
 133 Department of Children and Family Services and used by the State
 134 Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s.
 135 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public about
 136 homelessness in the state, and provide literature for homeless
 137 persons seeking assistance. For the purpose of applying the
 138 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
 139 under this paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

140 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created
141 to read:

142 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

143 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is created a grant
144 program to provide emergency financial assistance to families
145 facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or
146 other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness, with the
147 concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and
148 administer moneys appropriated to the Department of Children and
149 Family Services to provide homelessness prevention grants
150 annually to lead agencies for local homeless assistance
151 continuums of care, as recognized by the State Office on
152 Homelessness. These moneys shall consist of any sums that the
153 state may appropriate, as well as money received from donations,
154 gifts, bequests, or otherwise from any public or private source
155 that is intended to assist families to prevent them from
156 becoming homeless.

157 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked
158 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who
159 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who
160 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention
161 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the
162 commitment of other assistance and services to address family
163 health, employment, and education needs.

164 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead
165 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance
166 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The
167 homelessness prevention program must be included in the

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168 continuum of care plan.

169 (4) GRANT LIMITS.—The maximum grant amount per lead agency
170 may not exceed \$300,000. The grant assistance may be used to pay
171 past due rent or mortgage payments, past due utility costs,
172 provision of case management services, and program
173 administration costs not to exceed 3 percent of the grant award.
174 The homelessness prevention program must develop a case plan for
175 each family to be assisted setting forth what costs will be
176 covered and the maximum level of assistance to be offered.

177 (5) PERFORMANCE.—The lead agency must track, monitor, and
178 report on each family assisted for at least 12 months after the
179 last assistance provided to the family. The goal for the
180 homelessness prevention program is to enable at least 85 percent
181 of the families assisted to remain in their homes and avoid
182 becoming homeless during the ensuing year.

183 Section 5. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4) of
184 section 420.622, Florida Statutes, to read:

185 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
186 Homelessness.—

187 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of
188 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence
189 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
190 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to
191 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care
192 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency
193 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county
194 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit
195 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

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196 (d) A lead agency may spend a maximum of 8 percent of its
197 funding on administrative costs.

198 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
199 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

200 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

201 (3) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a grant-in-
202 aid program to help local communities in serving the needs of
203 the homeless through a variety of supportive services, which may
204 include, but are not limited to:

205 (d) Emergency financial assistance for persons who are
206 totally without shelter or facing loss of shelter, ~~but who are~~
207 ~~not eligible for such assistance under s. 414.16.~~

208 Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

209 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.