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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 Families and used by the State Office on  
12 Homelessness for certain purposes; providing exemption  
13 from certain application fee requirements; providing  
14 that voluntary contributions for the homeless are not  
15 income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying  
16 certain service charges; creating s. 414.161, F.S.;  
17 establishing a homelessness prevention grant program;  
18 requiring grant applicants to be ranked competitively;  
19 providing preference for certain grant applicants;  
20 providing eligibility requirements; providing grant  
21 limitations and restrictions; requiring lead agencies  
22 for local homeless assistance continuums of care to  
23 track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a  
24 specified period; amending s. 420.622, F.S.; limiting  
25 the percentage of funding that lead agencies may spend  
26 on administrative costs; amending s. 420.625, F.S.;  
27 deleting a cross-reference to conform; repealing s.  
28 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency assistance

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29 | program for families with children that have lost  
30 | shelter or face loss of shelter due to an emergency;  
31 | transferring emergency assistance program funds to the  
32 | homelessness prevention grant program; providing  
33 | effective dates.

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

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37 | Section 1. Effective October 1, 2013, paragraph (s) is  
38 | added to subsection (15) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to  
39 | read:

40 | 320.02 Registration required; application for  
41 | registration; forms.—

42 | (15)

43 | (s) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for  
44 | motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must  
45 | include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per  
46 | applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to  
47 | this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations  
48 | Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Families and used  
49 | by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made  
50 | under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public  
51 | about homelessness in the state, and provide literature for  
52 | homeless persons seeking assistance. The application fee  
53 | required under s. 320.023 for an organization that seeks  
54 | authorization to establish a voluntary contribution does not  
55 | apply to this paragraph.

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57 For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.  
58 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not  
59 income of a revenue nature.

60 Section 2. Effective October 1, 2013, subsection (7) of  
61 section 322.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

62 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license  
63 and identification card forms.—

64 (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or  
65 replacement driver license or identification card shall include  
66 language permitting the following:

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

71 (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which  
72 contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the  
73 Blind.

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

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

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

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

84 (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop

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85 Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart  
86 Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

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

91 (i) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for  
92 services for persons with developmental disabilities, which  
93 shall be distributed to The Arc of Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

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113 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the  
114 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall  
115 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,  
116 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

117 (p) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for  
118 Autism Services and Supports, which shall be distributed to  
119 Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., Autism Services  
120 Fund.

121 (q) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to  
122 Support Our Troops, which shall be distributed to Support Our  
123 Troops, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit organization.

124 (r) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution  
125 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made  
126 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants  
127 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and  
128 Families and used by the State Office on Homelessness to  
129 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide  
130 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and  
131 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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133 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust  
134 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the  
135 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received  
136 under paragraphs (b)-(r) ~~(b)-(q)~~ are not income of a revenue  
137 nature.

138 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2013, subsection (9) is  
139 added to section 322.18, Florida Statutes, to read:

140 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;

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141 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

142 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal  
 143 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary  
 144 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.  
 145 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be  
 146 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the  
 147 Department of Children and Families and used by the State Office  
 148 on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4)  
 149 and (5), provide information to the public about homelessness in  
 150 the state, and provide literature for homeless persons seeking  
 151 assistance. For the purpose of applying the service charge  
 152 provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under this  
 153 subsection are not income of a revenue nature.

154 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created  
 155 to read:

156 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

157 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is created a grant  
 158 program to provide emergency financial assistance to families  
 159 facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or  
 160 other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness, with the  
 161 concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and  
 162 administer moneys appropriated to the Department of Children and  
 163 Families to provide homelessness prevention grants annually to  
 164 lead agencies for local homeless assistance continuums of care,  
 165 as recognized by the State Office on Homelessness. These moneys  
 166 shall consist of any sums that the state may appropriate, as  
 167 well as money received from donations, gifts, bequests, or  
 168 otherwise from any public or private source that is intended to

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169 assist families to prevent them from becoming homeless.

170 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked  
171 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who  
172 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who  
173 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention  
174 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the  
175 commitment of other assistance and services to address family  
176 health, employment, and education needs.

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

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

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

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

198 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on  
199 Homelessness.—

200 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of  
201 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence  
202 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys  
203 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to  
204 lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care  
205 designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency  
206 may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county  
207 government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit  
208 corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

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

211 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
212 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

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

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

221 Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed,  
222 and any balances remaining in the emergency assistance program  
223 terminated by this act shall, on the date of termination, be



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224 | transferred to the homelessness prevention grant program created  
225 | under s. 414.161, Florida Statutes.

226 |       Section 8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
227 | act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
228 | this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
229 | 2013.