1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to health care innovation; creating s. 3 381.4015, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative 4 intent; creating the Health Care Innovation Council 5 within the Department of Health for a specified 6 purpose; providing for membership, meetings, and 7 conflicts of interest of the council; specifying 8 conflicts of interest with respect to the revolving 9 loan program established under the act; defining the terms "business relationship" and "relative"; 10 11 specifying duties of the council; requiring the 12 council, by a specified date, to adopt, and update as 13 necessary, a certain document; requiring the council to submit annual reports to the Governor and the 14 15 Legislature; requiring state agencies and statutorily 16 created state entities to assist and cooperate with 17 the council as requested; requiring the department to 18 provide administrative support to the council; 19 requiring the department to maintain a link to specified information on the homepage of its website; 20 requiring the department to publish specified 21 22 information on its website; requiring the department 23 to provide technical assistance to certain applicants 24 upon request; requiring the department to establish and administer a revolving loan program for applicants 25

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26 seeking to implement certain health care innovations 27 in this state; providing for administration of the 28 program; requiring the department to adopt certain 29 rules; specifying eligibility and application requirements; specifying terms, authorized uses, and 30 31 repayment options for loans; requiring the department 32 to create and maintain a separate account in the 33 Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the department 34 to fund the revolving loan program; providing that funds for the program are not subject to reversion; 35 36 authorizing the department to contract with a third 37 party to administer the program, including loan 38 servicing, and manage the revolving loan fund; 39 specifying requirements for the contract; requiring 40 the department to publish and update specified 41 information and reports on its website annually; 42 requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and 43 44 Government Accountability to each develop and present an evaluation of the program to the Governor and the 45 46 Legislature every 5 years beginning on specified 47 dates; specifying requirements for the evaluations; 48 requiring that the offices be given access to all data 49 necessary to complete the evaluation, including 50 confidential data; authorizing the offices to

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51 collaborate on data collection and analysis; requiring 52 the department to adopt rules; providing for future 53 expiration; authorizing the department to adopt 54 emergency rules to implement the act; providing that implementation of the revolving loan fund is 55 56 contingent upon appropriation by the Legislature; 57 authorizing the department to use a specified 58 percentage of appropriated funds for administrative 59 costs to implement the revolving loan program; providing an effective date. 60 61 62 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 63 Section 381.4015, Florida Statutes, is created 64 Section 1. to read: 65 66 381.4015 Florida health care innovation.-(1) 67 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: 68 (a) "Council" means the Health Care Innovation Council. 69 (b) "Department" means the Department of Health. 70 "Health care provider" means any person or entity (C) licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized by law 71 72 to provide health care services in this state. 73 LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-The Legislature intends to harness (2) 74 the innovation and creativity of entrepreneurs and businesses, 75 together with the state's health care system and stakeholders,

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76	to lead the discussion and highlight advances and innovations
77	that will address challenges in the health care system as they
78	develop in real time and transform the delivery and strengthen
79	the quality of health care in Florida. Innovative technologies,
80	workforce pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions
81	that improve the quality of care in measurable and sustainable
82	ways, that can be replicated, and that will lower costs and
83	allow that value to be passed on to health care consumers shall
84	be highlighted for adoption across all neighborhoods and
85	communities in this state.
86	(3) HEALTH CARE INNOVATION COUNCILThe Health Care
87	Innovation Council, a council as defined in s. 20.03, is created
88	within the department to tap into the best knowledge and
89	experience available by regularly bringing together subject
90	matter experts in a public forum to explore and discuss
91	innovations in technology, workforce, and service delivery
92	models that can be exhibited as best practices, implemented, or
93	scaled in order to improve the quality and delivery of health
94	care in this state in measurable, sustainable, and reproducible
95	ways.
96	(a) Membership
97	1. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex officio,
98	nonvoting member and shall act as the council chair.
99	2. The council shall be composed of the following voting
100	members, to be appointed by July 1, 2024:
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101 a. One member appointed by the President of the Senate and 102 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of 103 Representatives. The appointing officers shall make appointments 104 prioritizing members who have the following experience: 105 (I) A representative of the health care sector who has 106 senior-level experience in reducing inefficiencies in health 107 care delivery systems; 108 (II) A representative of the private sector who has 109 senior-level experience in cybersecurity or software engineering 110 in the health care sector; (III) A representative who has expertise in emerging 111 112 technology that can be used in the delivery of health care; or (IV) A representative who has experience in finance or 113 114 investment or in management and operation of early stage 115 companies. 116 b. A physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, 117 appointed by the Governor. 118 c. A nurse licensed under chapter 464, appointed by the 119 Governor. 120 d. An employee of a hospital licensed under chapter 395 who has executive-level experience, appointed by the Governor. 121 122 e. A representative of the long-term care facility 123 industry, appointed by the Governor. 124 f. An employee of a health insurer or health maintenance 125 organization who has executive-level experience, appointed by

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126	the Governor.
127	g. A resident of this state who can represent the interest
128	of health care patients in this state, appointed by the
129	Governor.
130	3. The chair of the Council of Florida Medical School
131	Deans shall serve as a voting member of the council.
132	4. The council shall be composed of the following ex
133	officio, nonvoting members:
134	a. The State Surgeon General.
135	b. The Secretary of Health Care Administration.
136	c. The Secretary of Children and Families.
137	d. The director of the Agency for Persons with
138	Disabilities.
139	e. The Secretary of Elderly Affairs.
140	5. Except for ex officio, nonvoting members, the term of
141	all appointees shall be for 2 years unless otherwise specified.
142	However, to achieve staggered terms, the appointees in sub-
143	subparagraphs 2.ac. shall serve initial terms of 3 years. The
144	appointees may be reappointed for no more than four consecutive
145	terms.
146	6. Any vacancy occurring on the council must be filled in
147	the same manner as the original appointment. Any member who is
148	appointed to fill a vacancy occurring because of death,
149	resignation, or ineligibility for membership shall serve only
150	for the unexpired term of the member's predecessor.

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151	7. Members whose terms have expired may continue to serve
152	until replaced or reappointed. However, members whose terms have
153	expired may not serve longer than 6 months after the expiration
154	of their terms.
155	8. Members shall serve without compensation but are
156	entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses
157	pursuant to s. 112.061.
158	9. Members may be removed for cause by the appointing
159	entity.
160	10. Each member of the council who is not otherwise
161	required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to s.
162	8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144 must file a
163	disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.
164	(b) MeetingsThe council shall convene its first
165	organizational meeting by September 1, 2024. Thereafter, the
166	council shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly, at the
167	call of the chair. In order to provide an opportunity for the
168	broadest public input, the chair shall ensure that a majority of
169	the meetings held in a year are geographically dispersed within
170	this state. As feasible, meetings are encouraged to provide an
171	opportunity for presentation or demonstration of innovative
172	solutions in person. A majority of the members of the council
173	constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held with less
174	than a quorum present. In order to establish a quorum, the
175	council may conduct its meetings through teleconference or other
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176	electronic means. The affirmative vote of a majority of the
177	members of the council present is necessary for any official
178	action by the council.
179	(c) Conflicts of interest.—
180	1. A council member may not vote on any matter that would
181	provide:
182	a. Direct financial benefit to the member;
183	b. Financial benefit to a relative of the member,
184	including an entity of which a relative is an officer, partner,
185	director, or proprietor or in which the relative has a material
186	interest; or
187	c. Financial benefit to a person or entity with whom the
188	member has a business relationship.
189	2. With respect to the revolving loan program established
190	in subsection (7):
191	a. Council members may not receive loans under the
192	program.
193	b. A person or entity that has a conflict-of-interest
194	relationship with a council member as described in sub-
195	subparagraph 1.b. or sub-subparagraph 1.c. may not receive a
196	loan under the program unless that council member recused
197	himself or herself from consideration of the person's or
198	entity's application.
199	3. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:
200	a. "Business relationship" means an ownership or
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201 controlling interest, an affiliate or subsidiary relationship, a 202 common parent company, or any mutual interest in any limited 203 partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability 204 company, or other entity or business association. 205 "Relative" means a father, mother, son, daughter, b. husband, wife, brother, sister, grandparent, father-in-law, 206 mother-in-law, son-in-<u>law, or daughter-in-law of a person.</u> 207 208 (d) Public meetings and records.-The council and any 209 subcommittees it forms are subject to the provisions of chapter 210 119 relating to public records and the provisions of chapter 286 211 relating to public meetings. 212 (4) HEALTH CARE INNOVATION COUNCIL DUTIES. - In order to 213 facilitate and implement this section, the council shall: 214 (a) By February 1, 2025, adopt and update as necessary a 215 document that sets forth and describes a mission statement, 216 goals, and objectives for the council to function and meet the 217 purposes of this section. 218 (b) Facilitate public meetings across this state at which 219 innovators, developers, and implementers of technologies, workforce pathways, service delivery models, and other solutions 220 may present information and lead discussions on concepts that 221 222 address challenges to the health care system as they develop in 223 real time and advance the delivery of health care in this state 224 through technology and innovation. 225 1. Consideration must be given to how such concepts

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226	increase efficiency in the health care system in this state,
227	reduce strain on the state's health care workforce, improve
228	patient outcomes, expand public access to health care services
229	in this state, or reduce costs for patients and the state
230	without reducing the quality of patient care.
231	2. Exploration and discussion of concepts may include how
232	concepts can be supported, cross-functional, or scaled to meet
233	the needs of health care consumers, including employers, payors,
234	patients, and the state.
235	3. The council may coordinate with the Florida Small
236	Business Development Center Network, the Florida Opportunity
237	Fund, the Institute for Commercialization of Florida Technology,
238	and other business incubators, development organizations, or
239	institutions of higher education to include emerging and early
240	stage innovators, developers, and implementers of technology,
241	models, or solutions in health care in the exploration and
242	discussion of concepts and breakthrough innovations.
243	4. To support adoption and implementation of innovations
244	and advancements, specific meetings may be held which bring
245	together technical experts, such as those in system integration,
246	cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, to
247	lead discussions on recommended structures and integrations of
248	information technology products and services and propose
249	solutions that can make adoption and implementation efficient,
250	effective, and economical.
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251	5. The council may also highlight broad community or
252	statewide issues or needs of providers and users of health care
253	delivery and may facilitate public forums in order to explore
254	and discuss the range of effective, efficient, and economical
255	technology and innovative solutions that can be implemented.
256	(c) Annually distinguish the most impactful concepts by
257	recognizing the innovators, developers, and implementers whose
258	work is helping Floridians live brighter and healthier lives. In
259	seeking out projects, initiatives, and concepts that are having
260	a positive impact in Florida, have huge potential to scale that
261	impact throughout this state through growth or replication, or
262	are cutting-edge advancements, programs, or other innovations
263	that have the capability to accelerate transformation of health
264	care in this state, the council may issue awards to recognize
265	these strategic and innovative thinkers who are helping
266	Floridians live brighter and healthier lives. The council may
267	develop a logo for the award for use by awardees to advertise
268	their achievements and recognition.
269	(d) Consult with and solicit input from health care
270	experts, health care providers, and technology and manufacturing
271	experts in the health care or related fields, users of such
272	innovations or systems, and the public to develop and update:
273	1. Best practice recommendations that will lead to the
274	continuous modernization of the health care system in this state
275	and make the Florida system a nationwide leader in innovation,
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276	technology, and service. At a minimum, recommendations must be
277	made for how to explore implementation of innovations, how to
278	implement new technologies and strategies, and health care
279	service delivery models. As applicable, best practices must be
280	distinguished by practice setting and with an emphasis on
281	increasing efficiency in the delivery of health care, reducing
282	strain on the health care workforce, increasing public access to
283	health care, improving patient outcomes, reducing unnecessary
284	emergency room visits, and reducing costs for patients and the
285	state without reducing the quality of patient care. Specifically
286	for information technology, best practices must also recommend
287	actions to guide the selection of technologies and innovations,
288	which may include, but need not be limited to, considerations
289	for system-to-system integration, consistent user experiences
290	for health care workers and patients, and patient education and
291	practitioner training.
292	2. A list of focus areas in which to advance the delivery
293	of health care in this state through innovative technologies,
294	workforce pathways, or service delivery models. The focus areas
295	may be broad or specific, but must, at a minimum, consider all
296	of the following topics:
297	a. The health care workforce. This topic includes, but is
298	not limited to, all of the following:
299	(I) Approaches to cultivate interest and growth in the
300	workforce, including concepts resulting in increases in the
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301	number of providers.
302	(II) Efforts to improve the use of the workforce, whether
303	through techniques, training, or devices to increase
304	effectiveness or efficiency.
305	(III) Educational pathways that connect students with
306	employers or result in attainment of cost-efficient and timely
307	degrees or credentials.
308	(IV) Use of technology to reduce the burden on the
309	workforce during decisionmaking processes such as triage, but
310	which leaves all final decisions to the health care
311	practitioner.
312	b. The provision of patient care in the most appropriate
313	setting and reduction of unnecessary emergency room visits.
314	These topics include, but are not limited to, all of the
315	following:
316	(I) Use of advanced technologies to improve patient
317	outcomes, provide patient care, or improve patient quality of
318	life.
319	(II) The use of early detection devices, including remote
320	communications devices and diagnostic tools engineered for early
321	detection and patient engagement.
322	(III) At-home patient monitoring devices and measures.
323	(IV) Advanced at-home health care.
324	(V) Advanced adaptive equipment.
325	c. The delivery of primary care through methods,
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326 practices, or procedures that increase efficiencies. 327 d. The technical aspects of the provision of health care. 328 These aspects include, but are not limited to, all of the 329 following: 330 (I) Interoperability of electronic health records systems 331 and the impact on patient care coordination and administrative 332 costs for health care systems. 333 (II) Cybersecurity and the protection of health care data 334 and systems. 335 (e) Identify and recommend any changes to Florida law or 336 changes that can be implemented without legislative action which 337 are necessary to: 338 1. Advance, transform, or innovate in the delivery and 339 strengthen the quality of health care in Florida, including 340 removal or update of any regulatory barriers or governmental 341 inefficiencies. 342 2. Implement the council's duties or recommendations. 343 (f) Recommend criteria for awarding loans as provided in 344 subsection (7) to the department and review loan applications. 345 (g) Annually submit by December 1 a report of council activities and recommendations to the Governor, the President of 346 347 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At 348 a minimum, the report must include an update on the status of 349 the delivery of health care in this state; information on 350 implementation of best practices by health care industry

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351	stakeholders in this state; and highlights of exploration,
352	development, or implementation of innovative technologies,
353	workforce pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions
354	by health care industry stakeholders in this state.
355	(5) AGENCY COOPERATIONAll state agencies and statutorily
356	created state entities shall assist and cooperate with the
357	council as requested.
358	(6) DEPARTMENT DUTIESThe department shall, at a minimum,
359	do all of the following to facilitate implementation of this
360	section:
361	(a) Provide reasonable and necessary support staff and
362	materials to assist the council in the performance of its
363	duties.
364	(b) Maintain on the homepage of the department a link to a
364 365	(b) Maintain on the homepage of the department a link to a website dedicated to the council on which the department shall
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365 366	website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes
365 366 367	website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in
365 366 367 368	website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4).
365 366 367 368 369	website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4). (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any
365 366 367 368 369 370	<pre>website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4). (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any sources of federal, state, or private funding available for</pre>
365 366 367 368 369 370 371	<pre>website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4). (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any sources of federal, state, or private funding available for implementation of innovative technologies and service delivery</pre>
365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372	<pre>website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4). (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any sources of federal, state, or private funding available for implementation of innovative technologies and service delivery models in health care, including the details and eligibility</pre>
365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373	<pre>website dedicated to the council on which the department shall post information related to the council, including the outcomes of the duties of the council and annual reports as described in subsection (4). (c) Identify and publish on its website a list of any sources of federal, state, or private funding available for implementation of innovative technologies and service delivery models in health care, including the details and eligibility requirements for each funding opportunity. Upon request, the</pre>

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376 of the funding opportunity provides technical assistance, the 377 department may foster working relationships that allow the 378 department to refer the person seeking funding to the 379 appropriate contact for such assistance. 380 Incorporate recommendations of the council into the (d) 381 department's duties or as part of the administration of this 382 section, or update administrative rules or procedures as 383 appropriate based upon council recommendations. 384 (7) REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM. - The department shall establish 385 and administer a revolving loan program for applicants seeking 386 to implement innovative solutions in this state. 387 (a) Administration.-The council may make recommendations 388 to the department for the administration of the loans. The 389 department shall adopt rules: 390 1. Establishing an application process to submit and 391 review funding proposals for loans. Such rules must also include 392 the process for the council to review applications to ensure 393 compliance with applicable laws, including those related to 394 discrimination and conflicts of interest. If a council member 395 participated in the vote of the council recommending an award 396 for a proposal with which the council member has a conflict of 397 interest, the division may not award the loan to that entity. 398 2. Establishing eligibility criteria to be applied by the 399 council in recommending applications for the award of loans 400 which:

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401	a. Incorporate the recommendations of the council. The
402	council shall recommend to the department criteria based upon
403	input received and the focus areas developed. The council may
404	recommend updated criteria as necessary, based upon the most
405	recent input, best practice recommendations, or focus areas
406	list.
407	b. Determine which proposals are likely to provide the
408	greatest return to the state if funded, taking into
409	consideration, at a minimum, the degree to which the proposal
410	would increase efficiency in the health care system in this
411	state, reduce strain on the state's health care workforce,
412	improve patient outcomes, increase public access to health care
413	in this state, or provide cost savings to patients or the state
414	without reducing the quality of patient care.
415	3. It deems necessary to administer the program,
416	including, but not limited to, rules for application
417	requirements, the ability of the applicant to properly
418	administer funds, the professional excellence of the applicant,
419	the fiscal stability of the applicant, the state or regional
420	impact of the proposal, matching requirements for the proposal,
421	and other requirements to further the purposes of the program.
422	(b) Eligibility
	(b) Eligibility 1. The following entities may apply for a revolving loan:
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422 423	1. The following entities may apply for a revolving loan:

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426	408.802, except for those specified in s. 408.802(1), (3), (13),
427	(23), or (25).
428	b. An education or clinical training provider in
429	partnership with an entity under sub-subparagraph a.
430	2.a. Council members may not receive loans under the
431	program.
432	b. An entity that has a conflict-of-interest relationship
433	with a council member as described in sub-subparagraph
434	(3)(c)1.b. or sub-subparagraph (3)(c)1.c. may not receive a loan
435	under the program unless that council member recused himself or
436	herself from consideration of the entity's application.
437	3. Priority must be given to applicants located in a rural
438	or medically underserved area as designated by the department
439	which are:
440	a. Rural hospitals as defined in s. 395.602(2).
441	b. Nonprofit entities that accept Medicaid patients.
442	4. The department may award a loan for up to 50 percent of
443	the total projected implementation costs, or up to 80 percent of
444	the total projected implementation costs for an applicant under
445	subparagraph 3. The applicant must demonstrate the source of
446	funding it will use to cover the remainder of the total
447	projected implementation costs, which funding must be from
448	nonstate sources.
449	(c) Applications
450	1. The department shall set application periods to apply
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451	for loans. The department may set multiple application periods
452	in a fiscal year, with up to four periods per year. The
453	department shall coordinate with the council when establishing
454	application periods to establish separate priority, in addition
455	to eligibility, within the loan applications for defined
456	categories based on the current focus area list. The department
457	shall publicize the availability of loans under the program to
458	stakeholders, education or training providers, and others.
459	2. Upon receipt of an application, the department shall
460	determine whether the application is complete and the applicant
461	has demonstrated the ability to repay the loan. Within 30 days
462	after the close of the application period, the department shall
463	forward all completed applications to the council for
464	consideration.
465	3. The council shall review applications for loans under
466	the criteria and pursuant to the processes and format adopted by
467	the department. The council shall submit to the department for
468	approval lists of applicants that it recommends for funding,
469	arranged in order of priority and as required for the
470	application period.
471	4. A loan applicant must demonstrate plans to use the
472	funds to implement one or more innovative technologies,
473	workforce pathways, service delivery models, or other solutions
474	in order to fill a demonstrated need; obtain or upgrade
475	necessary equipment, hardware, and materials; adopt new

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476	technologies or systems; or a combination thereof which will
477	improve the quality and delivery of health care in measurable
478	and sustainable ways and which will lower costs and allow
479	savings to be passed on to health care consumers.
480	(d) Awards
481	1. The amount of each loan must be based upon demonstrated
482	need and availability of funds. The department may not award
483	more than 10 percent of the total allocated funds for the fiscal
484	year to a single loan applicant.
485	2. The interest rate for each loan may not exceed 1
486	percent.
487	3. The term of each loan is up to 10 years.
488	4. In order to equitably distribute limited state funding,
489	applicants may apply for and be awarded only one loan per fiscal
490	year. If a loan recipient has one or more outstanding loans at
491	any time, the recipient may apply for funding for a new loan if
492	the current loans are in good standing.
493	(e) Written agreement
494	1. Each loan recipient must enter into a written agreement
495	with the department to receive the loan. At a minimum, the
496	agreement with the applicant must specify all of the following:
497	a. The total amount of the award.
498	b. The performance conditions that must be met, based upon
499	the submitted proposal and the defined category or focus area,
500	as applicable.

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501 The information to be reported on actual implementation с. costs, including the share from nonstate resources. 502 503 d. The schedule for payment. 504 e. The data and progress reporting requirements and 505 schedule. 506 f. Any sanctions that would apply for failure to meet 507 performance conditions. 508 2. The department shall develop uniform data reporting 509 requirements for loan recipients to evaluate the performance of 510 the implemented proposals. Such data must be shared with the 511 council. 512 3. If requested, the department shall provide technical 513 assistance to loan recipients under the program. 514 (f) Loan repayment.-Loans become due and payable in 515 accordance with the terms of the written agreement. All 516 repayments of principal received by the department in a fiscal 517 year shall be returned to the revolving loan fund and made 518 available for loans to other applicants. 519 (g) Revolving loan fund.-The department shall create and 520 maintain a separate account in the Grants and Donations Trust 521 Fund within the department as a fund for the program. All 522 repayments of principal must be returned to the revolving loan 523 fund and made available as provided in this section. 524 Notwithstanding s. 216.301, funds appropriated for the revolving 525 loan program are not subject to reversion. The department may

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526 contract with a third-party administrator to administer the 527 program, including loan servicing, and manage the revolving loan 528 fund. A contract for a third-party administrator which includes 529 management of the revolving loan fund must, at a minimum, 530 require maintenance of the revolving loan fund to ensure that 531 the program may operate in a revolving manner. 532 (8) REPORTING.-The department shall publish on its website 533 information related to loan recipients, including the written 534 agreements, performance conditions and their status, and the 535 total amount of loan funds disbursed to date. The department 536 shall update the information annually on the award date. The 537 department shall, beginning on September 1, 2025, and annually 538 thereafter, post on its website a report on this section for the 539 previous fiscal year which must include all of the following 540 information: 541 (a) A summary of the adoption and implementation of 542 recommendations of the council during the previous fiscal year. 543 (b) An evaluation of actions and related activities to 544 meet the purposes set forth in this section. 545 (c) Consolidated data based upon the uniform data 546 reporting by funding recipients and an evaluation of how the 547 provision of the loans has met the purposes set forth in this 548 section. 549 (d) The number of applications for loans, the types of 550 proposals received, and an analysis on the relationship between Page 22 of 25

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551	the proposals and the purposes of this section.
552	(e) The amount of funds allocated and awarded for each
553	loan application period, as well as any funds not awarded in
554	that period.
555	(f) The amount of funds paid out during the fiscal year
556	and any funds repaid or unused.
557	(g) The number of persons assisted and outcomes of any
558	technical assistance requested for loans and any federal, state,
559	or private funding opportunities.
560	(9) EVALUATION
561	(a) Beginning October 1, 2029, and every 5 years
562	thereafter, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research
563	(EDR) shall develop and present to the Governor, the President
564	of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a
565	comprehensive financial and economic evaluation of the
566	innovative solutions undertaken by the revolving loan program
567	administered under this section. The evaluation must include,
568	but need not be limited to, separate calculations of the state's
569	return and the economic value to residents of this state, as
570	well as the identification of any cost savings to patients or
571	the state and the impact on the state's health care workforce.
572	(b) Beginning October 1, 2030, and every 5 years
573	thereafter, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
574	Accountability (OPPAGA) shall develop and present to the
575	Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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576 House of Representatives an evaluation of the administration and 577 efficiency of the revolving loan program administered under this 578 section. The evaluation must include, but need not be limited 579 to, the degree to which the collective proposals increased 580 efficiency in the health care system in this state, improved 581 patient outcomes, increased public access to health care, and 582 achieved the cost savings identified in paragraph (a) without 583 reducing the quality of patient care. 584 (c) Both the EDR and OPPAGA shall include recommendations 585 for consideration by the Legislature. The EDR and OPPAGA must be 586 given access to all data necessary to complete the evaluation, 587 including any confidential data. The offices may collaborate on 588 data collection and analysis. 589 (10) RULES.-The department shall adopt rules to implement 590 this section. 591 (11) EXPIRATION.-This section expires July 1, 2043. 592 Section 2. The Department of Health shall, and all 593 conditions are deemed met to, adopt emergency rules pursuant to 594 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing 595 s. 381.4015, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other law, 596 emergency rules adopted pursuant to this section are effective 597 for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during the 598 pendency of the procedure to adopt permanent rules addressing 599 the subject of the emergency rules. 600 Section 3. (1) Implementation of the revolving loan fund Page 24 of 25

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601	created in s. 381.4015, Florida Statutes, is contingent upon
602	appropriation by the Legislature.
603	(2) The Department of Health may use up to 3 percent of
604	the appropriated funds for administrative costs to implement the
605	revolving loan program.
606	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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