Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-GOV-21-0159)
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 11:35:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Vassallo, Miguel
To: AO Records
Attachments: image001.png

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning,

We received your payment for Monahan, C. 01-G & Monahan, C. 02-G.

A search of the Executive Office of the Governor's files has produced documents responsive to your request as stated below.

You may find your records on the Governor's website at the link provided below under "10-18-2021_Monahan,_C._01-G_Responsive_Documents" & "10-15-2021_Monahan,_C._02-G_ResponsiveDocuments".

Public Records Requests

Thank you for contacting the Executive Office of the Governor.

Best regards,

Miguel Vassallo
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Executive Office of the Governor
Personal Line: (850) 717-9299

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: McCloud, Cody; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: UPDATE TO TALKERS
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:57:36 AM

Please update the Publix section in his talking points to reflect 593 rather than 595.

From: John Provenzano <John.Provenzano@publix.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:48 AM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re: Can you verify?

It is 593. And yes 17 in Manatee.

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:32:54 PM
To: John Provenzano <John.Provenzano@publix.com>
Subject: Can you verify?

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Can you verify the highlighted portion please?

- **Additionally, last week, I announced the launch of the federal pharmacy program in Florida.**
- **119 Walmart and Sam's Club stores across 34 counties have started putting shots in arms. This is over 30% of their 383 stores – a great starting point.**
    - **While the initial announcement did not include any Walmart stores in Manatee County my team is actively working with them to ensure we get Walmart or Sam's Club stores brought online here as soon as possible.**
- And Publix—which had been offering vaccines at 325 of their pharmacies across 23 counties pursuant to our state partnership with them—expanded **to 595 stores across 41 counties**.

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- **This expansion included 17 Publix Pharmacies locations offering vaccines here in Manatee County.**

- To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

Thank you,
Mara

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Coppola, Courtney
Cc: Gambineri, Mara
Subject: can you fill in blanks? need tonight
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:07:11 PM
Attachments: Sun City Center_1_27.docx

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Sun City Center

1/27/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today, I am excited to announce that we are hosting a vaccination site here at Sun City Center to vaccinate **5,000** seniors age 65 and older over a **five-day period.**
- Registrations are being coordinated through **the Sun City Center Community Association.**
- This site represents the latest action we have taken to further our strategy of putting **Seniors First**.
- As of today, we have vaccinated _____ seniors in Florida: the most of all states by far.
  - This number accounts for roughly 70% of the _____ people that have received a vaccination in Florida – also the highest among all states.
- Beyond seniors, it is important to note we are getting shots in arms at a rapid pace: Of the ten most populous states, we have vaccinated the most people per capita at _____ per 100,000.

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- The next closest state is ____ at _____ per 100,000.

VACCINE UPDATE

- When I issued an Executive Order to give seniors the next priority with our vaccine in just the second week of the vaccine's first arrival in Florida, the CDC had recommended we start with individuals 75 years and older and younger workers.

- I knew that was the wrong approach and we went ahead with the Seniors First strategy – the first state to do so.

- Since then, the CDC and many other states have followed our lead.

- And we continue to plow ahead, finding new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- Yesterday, I announced the expansion of our partnership with Publix to offer the vaccine at their Pharmacies bringing the total to 261 stores across 20 counties.

- We have also worked with county health departments to stand up 77 community vaccination sites.

- And now offer vaccinations at our major COVID-19 testing site at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami – another model we plan to replicate.

- We also continue to partner with places of worship to bring vaccines to underserved areas. So far, we have held **19** vaccination events at places of worship in **12 counties** and vaccinated almost **10,000 individuals (9,962).**

- **In the coming weeks, we will continue full speed ahead with our Seniors First strategy.**

CLOSE

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- **While supply remains limited, we will not stop working as hard as we can to use the supply we do have efficiently.**

- **And we are ready when supply does increase.**

- **If you are waiting for a vaccine, please know we will get to you as soon as possible.**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Coppola, Courtney; Mahon, Jason
Cc: Gambineri, Mara
Subject: can you guys fill in blanks and fact check
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 6:10:00 PM
Attachments: villages event 2_1_21.docx

Need by 8:45am

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: The Villages

2/1/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon.
- Before I begin, I want to recognize a few people:
  - Gary Lester, _____
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I came here on ____ to announce we would be hosting a vaccine site to vaccinate _____ individuals right here in the Villages.
- Today, I am here to announce that beginning this **Thursday** this site will re-open and become a permanent vaccination site.
- This site will be in addition to our other permanent vaccine location in Sumter county located at _____.
- To start, I have allocated **4,000** doses of the Moderna vaccine to feed the site.
- The allotment for subsequent weeks will depend on supply.
- The last event was so successful that it just makes sense to keep it going.
- To schedule an appointment please contact _____.

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VACCINE AND COVID UPDATE

- Making this site permanent is the latest step in our ongoing effort to ensure that every individual 65 years of age and older in Florida that wants a vaccine gets one.

- To date, we have vaccinated _____ seniors, which is over 70% of the _____ people who have received their vaccine in Florida.

- **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

- When I issued an Executive Order to prioritize seniors in just the second week of the vaccine's first arrival in Florida, the CDC had recommended we start with individuals 75 years and older and younger workers.

- I knew that was the wrong approach and we went ahead with the Seniors First strategy – the first state to do so.

- Since then, the CDC and many other states have followed our lead.

- And we continue to plow ahead, finding new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- Last week, I announced the expansion of our partnership with Publix to offer the vaccine at 261 of their Pharmacies across 20 counties.

- We have also worked with county health departments to stand up 77 community vaccination sites.

- We also continue to partner with places of worship to bring vaccines to underserved areas. So far, we have held **19** vaccination events at places of worship in **12 counties** and vaccinated almost **10,000 individuals (9,962).**

- This week, we will be visiting ____ additional places of worship.

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- We have also held vaccine events at _____ senior communities across the state and will host ____ additional events this week.

- We are also going to begin doing mobile vaccinations for seniors unable to leave their homes. **This week we dedicated 1,500 vaccines for that effort**.

CLOSE

- **While supply remains limited, we will not stop working as hard as we can to use the supply we do have efficiently.**

- **And our focus will remain on seniors until every individual 65 and older who wants a vaccine gets one.**

- **If you are waiting for a vaccine, please know we will get to you as soon as possible.**

CLOSE

- Beyond seniors, it is important to note we are getting shots in arms at a rapid pace: Of the ten most populous states, we have vaccinated the most people per capita at _____ per 100,000.

- The next closest state is ____ at _____ per 100,000.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: can you review and update highlights
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 3:23:27 PM
Attachments: Manatee tele townhall 3_1_21.docx

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Manatee Tele townhall

2/27/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning, this is Governor Ron DeSantis.

- I organized this call to give a progress update on Florida's vaccine rollout in Manatee County and some insight into what you can expect in the coming days and weeks as we continue to administer the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and efficiently as possible.

VACCINE EVENT IN MANATEE & OPENING WALGREENS

- First, beginning tomorrow the Florida Department of Health will be hosting a three-day vaccine event at the **Colony Cove Mobile Home Park** at 101 Amsterdam Avenue in Ellenton.

- The site will be open from 9am to 4:30pm, Tuesday through Thursday and will administer **1,100 Pfizer vaccines per day**.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered by mobile home parks in the area and through the County Health Department's waiting list.

- Additionally, my administration has worked with Walgreens and they have agreed to open two of their stores in Manatee that will offer the vaccine.

    - This is just the starting point: more Walgreens will eventually come online in Manatee – as they will throughout the state.

- **We will be releasing more information on how to get a shot at Walgreens in the coming days.**

- These two Walgreens will also be in addition to the 17 Publix Pharmacies, 1 Winn Dixie and 1 CVS Pharmacy that are currently offering the vaccine in Manatee.

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- To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

- To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- **To schedule a vaccine at CVS, visit CVS.com.**

SENIORS FIRST

- To date, we have vaccinated over **2.3 million seniors**, which is over **75% of the over 3 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **50%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

    - **Here in Manatee County, we have vaccinated approximately 44,000 seniors, which is about 40% of the roughly 111,000 seniors living in the county.**

    - **When we held a vaccine event at in Manatee just a few weeks ago the percent of seniors we had vaccinated in the county was only 28% - so we are making real progress.**

- And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **Last week, I was excited to be in Jacksonville at Edward Waters College to announce the opening of six new permanent vaccination sites throughout the state located in underserved communities that will offer 200 vaccines per day.**

    - **In addition to the site at Edward Waters, there are now vaccination sites at:**
        - FAMU in Leon County;
        - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
        - Broward College in Broward County;
        - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and

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    - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 18 counties and have completed more than 44,000 vaccinations.**

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

    - **In Manatee, the permanent vaccination site is located at Tom Bennet Park.**

    - **That site is offering 11,000 Moderna vaccines per week.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities like the one that starts tomorrow at Colony Cove. To date, we have done events at **15 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 74,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **To date, we have vaccinated over 1,300 seniors through the pilot.**

- **We also partnered with FEMA to open four mass vaccination sites in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.**

    - Those sites will open this coming Wednesday, March 3 and offer 3,000 vaccines per day.

VACCINE SUPPLY

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- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- Fortunately, the FDA just approved the **Johnson and Johnson vaccine** and we expect to receive our first shipment of 175,000 doses later this week.

NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

- While vaccinating seniors remains my priority, in light of the increased supply and our incredible progress getting over 50% of our seniors vaccinated, I signed an Executive Order today that will go into effect on Wednesday that expands access for law enforcement, firefighters, school personnel and individuals with underlying conditions.

    - **Beginning on Wednesday sworn law enforcement aged 50 and older, firefighters 50 and older, K-12 school personnel 50 and older, and people who a physician has determined is extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 will all have access to the vaccine.**

REPEAT ON MANATEE ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE CLOSE

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- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered by mobile home parks in the area and through the County Health Department's waiting list.

- Additionally, my administration has worked with Walgreens and they have agreed to open two of their stores in Manatee that will offer the vaccine.

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- **We will be releasing more information on how to get a shot at Walgreens in the coming days.**

- These two Walgreens will be in addition to the 17 Publix Pharmacies, 1 Winn Dixie and 1 CVS Pharmacy that are currently offering the vaccine in Manatee.

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at a Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Winn Dixie**, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at CVS**, visit CVS.com.**

CLOSE

- Thank you for taking the time to listen in and I look forward to being back in Manatee county soon!

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: can you update
Date: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:48:18 PM

Are there any other good tidbits/stats you recommend adding?

- The partnership has made a big impact on our vaccination efforts – especially with respect to my priority of making the COVID-19 vaccine available to every senior in Florida 65 years of age and older.

- To date, we have vaccinated _____ seniors: the most out of any state by far.

    - **This accounts for _____% of all of the _____ total number of people that have received a vaccination.**

- As supplies allow, we will continue building our vaccination apparatus to increase the convenience and speed at which people can get vaccinated – especially seniors.

- We have come a long way since the first week we received the vaccine just before Christmas.

- We started offering the very limited amount of Pfizer vaccine at 5 hospitals and at long-term care facilities with EMS strike teams.

- Today, in addition to the partnership with Publix:

    - We have worked with county health departments to stand up 77 community vaccination sites;

    - We now offer vaccinations at our major COVID-19 testing site at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami – another model we plan to replicate; and

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- We continue to partner with places of worship to bring vaccines to underserved areas. So far, we have held _____ vaccination events at places of worship in _____ counties.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Gambineri, Mara; Coppola, Courtney
Subject: columbia (1 of 2)
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:44:56 PM
Attachments: columbia 3_11_21.docx

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Columbia

3/11/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

COLUMBIA VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today that we are surging this vaccination site with _____doses of **Johnson and Johnson one-shot vaccine**.
- This surge is part of our efforts to increase vaccinations in areas that have lagged a bit relative to the rest of the state.

SENIORS FIRST

- To date, we have vaccinated over **2.7 million seniors**, which is over **70% of the 3.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **58%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.
  - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.
  - **Here in Columbia County, we have vaccinated approximately 6,000 seniors, which is 45% of the roughly 13,500 seniors living in the county.**
  - **While 45% of seniors vaccinated is high compared to the rest of the country, it is the 9th lowest here in Florida – so we're here to change that.**

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- **And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Earlier this week, I was excited to announce an expansion of our partnership with CVS Health to increase the number of CVS pharmacies offering the vaccine **by 76 stores to 157 across 30 counties.**

- These **157 CVS Pharmacies** offering the vaccine is in addition to every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **12 Walgreens, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- And we will have more announcements soon on further expansions with our pharmacy partners.

- **Here in Columbia, 1 Publix Pharmacy and 1 Walmart are offering the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
    - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
    - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
    - FAMU in Leon County;
    - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
    - Broward College in Broward County;
    - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
    - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

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- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 19 counties and have completed more than 65,000 vaccinations.**

    - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

    - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce earlier this week **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Coppola, Courtney; Gambineri, Mara
Subject: courtney can you check the yellow highlights
Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021 9:56:44 PM
Attachments: Bay of Pigs.docx

Need edits tonight

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Bay of Pigs

2/8/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
- Thank you for joining me.
- I also want to thank our host, **J.R. "Johnny" Lopez de la Cruz**, *Colonel, U.S. Army (R), President, Veterans Association-Brigade 2506*
- Thank you for having us.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- On April 17, 1961 –two years after Fidel Castro came to power-- 1,400 Cuban exiles set off to the Bay of Pigs on Cuba's southern coast to invade their homeland to overthrow Castro and rid their country of communism.
- While the invasion was not successful, the soldiers of **Brigade 2506** are heroes.
- And the same anti-Castro, anti-communism spirit that fueled **their mission nearly 60 years ago is as strong today as it was then.**
- In honor of their courage and enduring determination, I am pleased to announce that we will be offering the COVID-19 vaccine to the veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, beginning with three individuals right here:

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- **Eli B. Cesar**, who joined Brigade 2506 at 23 years old.
- **Jose Benito Clark** joined the Brigade at 18 years old; and
- **Rigoberto Montesinos**, who joined the Brigade at 22.
- **All three were captured by Castro's forces and spent 20 months as POWs before their negotiated release in December of 1962.**

- The rest of the Bay of Pigs veterans and their spouses will receive their vaccine in the comfort of their homes as part of the pilot program to vaccinate homebound seniors, which we kicked off last week with the vaccination of Holocaust survivors.

MIAMI-DADE UPDATE

- In addition to being here to announce the vaccination of Brigade 2506, I am also pleased to announce I directed our Division of Emergency Management to open a permanent vaccination site in _[insert location of new POD in Dade]__.
- Doing so is part of my administrations ongoing effort to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine in underserved areas.
- **The site will serve 200 seniors per day – 7 days a week.**
- **To make an appointment at the new site, please visit _____.**
- **With that site, our already robust efforts in Miami-Dade continue to grow:**
  - **We have the drive through sites at both the Marlins Stadium and Hard Rock stadium, where we have doubled the lanes, and I will have an announcement very soon on other private pharmacies that will begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine. (Walmart and Winn Dixie).**

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VACCINE UPDATE

- We are still full speed ahead with our **Seniors First** strategy, which started with my Executive Order on **December 23, 2020** - in just the second week of the vaccine's arrival in Florida.

- At the time, the CDC had recommended states give priority to individuals 75 years and older and younger "essential" workers.

- I knew that was the wrong strategy: In Florida, I was not going to allow a 20-something have priority over their 73-year old grandmother.

- Eventually, states and the CDC changed course and decided to follow our lead.

- To date, we have vaccinated **1,461,981 seniors**, which is **over 73% of the 1.9 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **30%** of the **over 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

- And we continue to find new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- In addition to the new homebound pilot:

    - We continue to expand our partnership with Publix to provide the vaccine at their pharmacies.

        - There are now **325 Publix pharmacies offering the vaccine** across **23 counties**.

        - To sign up for a vaccine at Publix visit www.publix.com/covidvaccine.

- **We also continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. To date, we've held 26 events and have completed more than 13,000 vaccinations.**

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- **Last week we held an interfaith event at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center where The second announcement** is an inter-faith vaccine event right here at Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center where **175** members of the synagogue, **175** members of The Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens, and **175** members of **Trinity Church all received a vaccine**.

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 78 community vaccination sites.**

- We have also held vaccine events at **18 senior communities** across the state.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- For the past several weeks we have been getting about 260,000 first doses of the vaccine, which increased to roughly 300,000 last week and 325,000 this week.

- We appreciate the modest increase in the last couple of weeks, but the numbers remain insufficient for a state of our size.

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

    - Johnson and Johnson has applied for their EUA and we expect the FDA approval will be coming soon.

CLOSE

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- Regardless of the supply, however, you can rest assured we will continue working as hard as we can to get shots in arms as quickly and efficiently as possible.

- **Now let's get Eli, Jose and Rigoberto vaccinated.**

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: data request
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:34:36 PM

- Number of shots given at hard rock
- Number of appointments at hard rock each day
- Number of shots given by publix
- How many calls into call center for hard rock
- Number of shots given by each hospital
- Number of shots given at each county site

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Jones, Morgan
Subject: draft LBL for tomorrow
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:59:40 AM

Tuesday, January 12

Event #1 Villages Vaccination Event
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 3800 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages, FL 32162
Hours of Operation: 8am – 6pm
Site Director: Ed Badamo, 203-464-8778
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: TBD
Location: Publix 1241 – 11240 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Bay County
Regional: Amanda Thorpe

Event #3 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: TBD
Location: Publix 1461 – 1520 John Sims Parkway E, Niceville, FL 32578 Okaloosa County
Regional: TBD

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Will McKinley
Subject: draft for call
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 9:38:34 AM
Attachments: Film Incentives.pdf

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Film Incentives

Overview

Media consumption in the U.S. and abroad has changed. Streaming platforms with an endless array of content has paved the way for binge watching of TV shows and movies. As a result, the need for new, and often times inexpensive, content is on the rise. The industry is trying to keep up.

States that have studio space, a diverse landscape, a ready workforce, and financial incentives will likely be the ones who attract film and television production work. Florida has the opportunity to be one of those states and the components to bring about an increase in permanent production in the state. In order to grow the industry, several things are needed.

Background

Film Incentives

Over the last decade, Florida, through various legislatively created programs, has offered film tax credits and tax exemptions to attract film and television production in the state. While Florida's programs were successful in attracting production opportunities, the incentives never created the permanent industry structure the state was hoping to achieve. Once the tax credits were exhausted, filming essentially dried up and the productions moved to other states, such as Louisiana and Georgia that offered some type of incentive. In addition, the state's return on investment for the incentives it offered was well below a break-even point largely due to a lack of permanent jobs and infrastructure.

In Florida, the Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Film and Entertainment (OFE) is responsible for developing, marketing, promoting and providing services to the state's entertainment industry. The OFE and the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) are responsible for administering the two film and entertainment incentive programs offered by the state: the Entertainment Industry Financial Incentive (tax credit, or FTC) and the Entertainment Industry Sales Tax Exemption (STE) programs.

The Florida Entertainment Industry Financial Incentive Program began July 1, 2010, and expired June 30, 2016. The program offered tax credits for qualified expenditures related to film and digital media production (motion pictures, commercials, music videos, industrial or educational films, infomercials, documentary films, television series, and digital media projects) in Florida. The program was administered by the OFE, which continues to administer the remaining credits of the program. The program was allocated $296 million in credits over its entire existence, which could be taken against sales and use tax or corporate income tax. Qualified expenditures included production expenditures for goods or services purchased or leased from Florida vendors and salary and wages paid to Florida residents. Up to 30% of the qualified purchases were eligible

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for a tax credit. The credits were allocated on first-come, first-serve basis and ended up being allocated much quicker than was anticipated.

The Entertainment Industry Sales Tax Exemption Program is currently available to "any production company engaged in this state in the production of motion pictures, made-for-TV motion pictures, television series, commercial advertising, music videos, or sound recordings…" This program offers sales and use tax exemptions on:

- The fabrication labor used in set design and construction for qualified motion pictures;
- Motion picture or video equipment and sound recording equipment that is purchased or leased for use in this state for certain entertainment production activities; The sale of master tapes, records, films, or video tapes; and
- The lease or rental of real property used as an integral part of the performance of qualified motion picture production services.

Qualified production companies may submit an application to DOR to be approved by the OFE. If the company has operated a business in Florida at a permanent address for at least 12 consecutive months, they may be eligible for designation as a qualified production company and be eligible for a 1-year certificate of exemption. Companies that do not qualify for the 1-year certificate, including out-of-state companies, may be may be eligible for a 90-day certificate of exemption.

Examples of Longer-Term Successes in Florida

Unlike the State of Georgia, Florida's film incentives did little to entice long-term permanent film and television production in the state. However, Florida has had success utilizing its traditional economic development incentives to retain and expand two major television studios, Univision Communications and Telemundo Media.

Both of these projects involved significant capital investment, $626 million, in studio and headquarters space in South Florida. The projects were designated as "High-Impact" Sectors under the Television Broadcasting industry making the projects eligible to use the High-Impact Sector Performance Incentive Grant (HIPI) and the Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC). The HIPI grant awarded to Univision Communications in the amount of $5 million helped to retain 110 jobs and create 178 jobs, to date. Telemundo Media was awarded a HIPI grant in the amount of $5.5 million and a CITC in the amount of their capital investment at five percent a year over a period of 20 years. The project retained 800 jobs and created 411 high wage jobs, to date.

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Film Incentives

Georgia's Example

The film industry in the State of Georgia has been growing steadily over the last 10 years. In calendar year 2016, Georgia topped California and New York in the number of feature films shot in the state. The biggest reason for Georgia's success in attracting and retaining film and television production was not relying on just a large incentive program, but rather investing in infrastructure, encouraging cooperation between educational institutions and the industry, and offering the industry incentives to encourage businesses to grow production in Georgia.

Georgia is currently home to roughly 100 sound stages and several major production studios such as Turner Studios, Tyler Perry Studios, and Pinewood Studios. In an effort to provide the talent needed for the industry former Governor Deal and the legislature established the Georgia Film Academy in 2015. This job-training program is a collaboration between Georgia's public universities and technical colleges. The program, built from scratch with the help of film industry representatives, offers classroom knowledge combined with hands on experience at sound stages and studios. In addition, Georgia is home to the Savannah College of Art and Design, a 14,000-student private arts college with an emphasis on the following areas of study: cinema studies, film and television, production design, sound design, and visual effects. The school is consistently ranked as one of the best schools for film and television production in the country.

The state passed legislation in May 2005 to create the Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act, which created a film credit offering a 20% tax credit for companies that spend $500,000 or more on production and post production work in Georgia. In 2008, the legislature amended the law to offer a 10% bonus to productions who add the Georgia Peach logo at the end of film credits. The film credit is broadly defined to include all dollars spent on the production whether in or out of state. Additionally, the company may transfer or sell its tax credits. The tax credit has no cap and no sunset clause in statute, something that offers certainty to the industry. This incentive is widely credited for driving film production to Georgia, but the governor and the state legislature assisted efforts by encouraging studios to establish permanent infrastructure and investing in education to support the industry.

Options

1.) State investment in permanent infrastructure to support the industry such as studio and/or post production to attract early growth through a combination of film tax credits/rebates, including programs like CITC and HIPI, but that are amended to broaden applicability. Currently, "Information Technology" is designated as a high impact sector, which includes many film production categories (if additional classifications are needed, we can recommend to DEO to expand designations).

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- CITC Proposal
  - Amend provisions to broaden applicability:
    - Decrease the number of years a project has to certify compliance to DEO (i.e. 20 to 10 years)
      - A business has to certify its jobs and capital investment maintenance each year the business wishes to take the credit.
    - Increase the percentage of the investment able to be recouped by the credit (i.e. 5% of the capital cost to 10% of the capital cost)
    - Allow the sale or transfer of credit to third parties, rather than just an affiliated group to make Florida more competitive with other states.

- Current CITC Provisions (F.S. 220.191)
  - Annual credit against corporate income tax (CIT) of 5% of the capital cost of a qualifying project for a period of 20 years beginning with the commencement of operations.
  - Credit transferable between members of affiliated group.
  - Limited to 50/75/100% of annual CIT liability for projects of at least $25m/$50m/$100m
  - Qualifying Project
    - New or expanding facility in high-impact sector creating at least 100 new jobs.
    - New or expanding facility of at least $100m in target industry creating or retaining at least 1,000 new jobs of which at least 100 are new and pay 130% of average private sector wages in the area.

- HIPI Proposal
  - Amend provisions as follows:
    - Include an additional tier to lower the amount of the total investment and increase grant amounts for each tier.

- Current HIPI Provisions (F.S. 288.108)
  - Qualifying Project
    - Investment by high-impact sector business of at least $50m creating at least 50 jobs.
    - Investment by R&D facility of at least $25m creating at least 25 jobs.
  - Grant Amount

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Film Incentives

- $500k - $1 million for high-impact sector business investing $50m and creating 50 jobs.
- $1 - $2 million for high-impact sector business investing $100m and creating 100 jobs.
- $10 - $12 million for high-impact sector business investing $800m and creating 800 jobs.
- $700k - $1 million for R&D facility investing $25m and creating 25 jobs.
- $2 - $3 million for R&D facility investing $75m and creating 75 jobs.
- $3.5 - $4.5 million for R&D facility investing $150m and creating 150 jobs.

2.) Encourage partnerships with state educational institutions and the film production industry. This will allow Florida graduates to have meaningful internships and post graduate work in Florida as well as providing the industry the talent it needs to complete productions.

3.) The state needs to market its existing economic development incentives such as the HIPI and CITC to meet the needs of the industry so that others in the film industry can utilize these options.

4.) Provide greater state support to the OFE (3 FTE) and build out a robust marketing office at DEO.

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey
Subject: draft for tomorrow
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:15:47 PM

Please draft LBL for tomorrow ASAP so I can figure out timing for the CVS press conference:

Cabinet – Tallahassee
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting with Chris Spencer – Tallahassee
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting with DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein – Tallahassee
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting with Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Pepe Diaz – Tallahassee
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CVS Expansion Announcement
Time TBD
CVS 11241 Miromar Square Blvd., Estero, FL (Lee County)

Thank you,
Mara

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Gambineri, Mara; Coppola, Courtney
Subject: duval (2 of 2)
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference

Duval, March 11, 2020

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin I would like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today I am excited to announce a major expansion of our partnership with **Walgreens** to increase the number of their stores that offer the COVID-19 vaccine **from 12 to 97.**
- **And 16 of these stores will be right here in Duval County:**
- **The rest of the stores are spread across 18 additional counties:**
  - (3 in Alachua
  - 1 in Bradford
  - 5 in Charlotte
  - 5 in Citrus
  - 1 in Clay
  - 9 in Collier
  - 1 in Escambia
  - 1 in Hendry
  - 1 in Lake
  - 8 in Manatee
  - 12 in Marion
  - 1 in Nassau
  - 4 in Palm Beach
  - 13 in Pasco

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- 8 in Polk
- 2 in Santa Rosa
- 5 in Sarasota
- 1 in Sumter)

- **Appointments are open today for shots to go in arms tomorrow.**

    - **To make an appointment for a COVID vaccine at a Walgreens, visit Walgreens.com.**

- We appreciate Walgreens' partnership and look forward to their continued success in efficiently getting shots in arms.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**

    - Cases for seniors 65 and older have decreased by nearly 75% since the peak wave from December 31 through January 6;

    - COVID hospitalizations among seniors are down more than 75% since February 3; and

    - 40 states have suffered higher COVID mortality overall for seniors per capita.

- To date, we have vaccinated over 2.7 million seniors, which is over 70% of the 3.7 million people who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over 58% of the roughly 4.4 million seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

    - **Here in Duval County, we have vaccinated approximately 90,000 seniors, which is 62% of the roughly 145,000 seniors living in the county.**

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- And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **In addition to the now 97 Walgreens Pharmacies, every single one of the 730 Publix Pharmacies in the state of Florida are offering vaccinations along with 157 CVS Pharmacies, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- **In Duval, beyond the new 16 Walgreens**, **there are 25 Publix Pharmacies, 5 CVS Pharmacies, 18 Walmarts, and 5 Winn Dixies offering the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at CVS, visit **CVS.com.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

    - To schedule a vaccine at Winn Dixie, visit **winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine**.

- We have also set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we dedicated to underserved communities.**

    - This includes a site here in Jacksonville at Edward Waters College, which I announced last month.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 20 counties and have completed more than 58,000 vaccinations.**

    - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway increasing access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

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    - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce earlier this week **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility up to additional ages as demand softens.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Edward Waters

2/25/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am excited to be here at **Edward Waters College** today to announce the opening of **six new permanent vaccination sites throughout the state focused on reaching underserved communities.**
- The six—which are in addition to the site we opened at Anquan Boldin Stadium in Pahokee a few weeks ago—includes this site here at Edward Waters, and sites at:
  - FAMU in Leon County;
  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.
- Each site will offer **200** vaccines per day.

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- This site at Edward Waters is being coordinated in partnership with Agape Family Health Services.

- We greatly appreciate all involved to get this done.

SENIORS FIRST

- This announcement is the latest step in our ongoing efforts to ensure that every single senior in Florida that wants a vaccine, gets a vaccine.

- To date, we have vaccinated **over 2.1 million seniors**, which is over **75% of the 2.8 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **45%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

    - **Here in Duval County, the numbers are even better: we have vaccinated approximately 77,000 seniors, which is 55% of the roughly 140,000 seniors living in the county.**

- And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **On Tuesday, I was down in Miami where I announced 81 CVS pharmacies would begin offering 100 vaccines per day.**

    - The 81 stores include all of CVS's Navarro Discount Pharmacies and CVS *ymas* stores in Miami-Dade County – significantly increasing access to the vaccine in underserved communities.

    - While no CVS pharmacies are currently offering vaccines in Duval, we are actively working to expand their reach.

- The 81 CVS locations are in addition to **593 Publix Pharmacies**, **119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies** now offering vaccines to seniors accross **52 counties**.

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- **Here in Duval**, 25 Publix Pharmacies, 18 Walmarts and 5 Winn Dixies are currently offering vaccines.

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

    - To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 18 counties and have completed more than 44,000 vaccinations.**

    - **In Duval we've held three such events where we were able to administer over 2,000 vaccines: one at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, one at St. Paul AME, and one at St. Stephen AME Church.**

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

    - **Here in Duval -in addition to the new site here at Edward Waters, there is a permanent vaccination site located at the Regency Mall.**

    - **That site is offering 9,360 Pfizer vaccines per week.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done events at **15 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 74,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to

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coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

  - **To date, we have vaccinated over 1,300 seniors through the pilot.**

- **We also partnered with FEMA to open four mass vaccination sites in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and here in Jacksonville.**

  - Those sites will open next week and offer 3,000 vaccines per day.

  - As I mentioned earlier this week, law enforcement and classroom teachers aged 50 and older will be able to get their vaccine at these sites.

  - I will be issuing an executive order in the coming days with more detail.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

  - Johnson and Johnson has applied for their EUA and we expect the FDA approval will be coming **very** soon.

COVID UPDATE

- As we work to get the vaccine out, the pandemic's outlook in Florida has been showing positive signs:

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- Instances of COVID-like illness showing up at emergency rooms is down over 50% in the last 30 days.

- Our percent positivity has been under 7% for over two weeks.

- Hospitalizations have plummeted by over 40% in the last month.

- And we fare especially well compared to other states:

  - Since December of 2020, Florida's cases per capita compared to the rest of the country is ranked **28th.**

  - Hospitalizations per capita for the same time period: **27th.**

  - And fatalities per capita for the same time period compared to other states: **43nd.**

- **That means for the last three months, well over half of the country has been experiencing a far worse pandemic than here in Florida.**

CLOSE

- We will have more announcements on COVID and our efforts to distribute the vaccine in the coming days and weeks, but you can rest assured we are moving in the right direction.

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: St. Lucie

2/25/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am excited to be in **St. Lucie County** today to announce the opening of this vaccine site, which will be open to seniors age 65 and older for **three days** and offer **300 vaccines today and 1,000 per day Friday and Saturday** for a total of **2,250 vaccines**.
- The list of seniors to be vaccinated was developed by the Spanish Lake Community here in St. Lucie County.

SENIORS FIRST

- This announcement is the latest step in our ongoing efforts to ensure that every single senior in Florida that wants a vaccine, gets a vaccine.
- To date, we have vaccinated **over 2.1 million seniors**, which is over **75% of the 2.8 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **45%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.
  - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

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    - **Here in St. Lucie County, we have vaccinated approximately 35,000 seniors, which is 45% of the roughly 77,000 seniors living in the county.**

- We continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **This morning, I was excited to be in Jacksonville at Edward Waters College to announce the opening of six new permanent vaccination sites throughout the state located in underserved communities that will offer 200 vaccines per day.**

    - **In addition to the site at Edward Waters, there will be sites at:**
        - FAMU in Leon County;
        - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
        - Broward College in Broward County;
        - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
        - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- **And on Tuesday, I was down in Miami where I announced 81 CVS pharmacies would begin offering 100 vaccines per day.**

    - The 81 stores includes all of CVS's Navarro Discount Pharmacies and CVS ymas stores in Miami-Dade County – significantly increasing access to the vaccine in underserved communities.

    - **While most of the 81 stores are in Miami-Dade County, 1 is located here in St. Lucie County and we will continue to expand as supply allows.**

- To make an appointment at a CVS pharmacy, **please visit CVS.com**. There is a prominent display at the top of the website. When you put in your zip code, you will be directed to the best options locally.

- The 81 CVS locations are in addition to **593 Publix Pharmacies**, **119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies** now offering vaccines to seniors accross **52 counties**.

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- **Here in St. Lucie County**, 9 Publix pharmacies and 5 Walmarts currently offer vaccines.

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 18 counties and have completed more than 44,000 vaccinations.**

    - **In St. Lucie, we held a faith based event at the St. Bernadette Catholic Church, where we offered over 1,000 vaccines.**

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

    - **Here in St. Lucie, the permanent vaccination site is located at the St. Lucie Fairgrounds.**

    - **That site is offering 4,680 Pfizer vaccines per week.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities like this one today. To date, we have done events at **15 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 74,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

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    - **To date, we have vaccinated over 1,300 seniors through the pilot.**

- **We also partnered with FEMA to open four mass vaccination sites in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.**

    - Those sites will open next week and offer 3,000 vaccines per day.

    - As I mentioned earlier this week, law enforcement and classroom teachers aged 50 and older will be able to get their vaccine at these sites.

    - I will be issuing an executive order in the coming days with more detail.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: event options on my radar
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:23:40 AM

- Pfizer announcement
- Holocaust survivor vaccination
- Church, Temple & Mosque event
- Anquon Boldin vaccine event
- Pinellas and Pasco publix expansion
- Big tech

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie
Subject: for tomorrow
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:41:48 PM

1:25-2:10pm **PRESS CONFERENCE**

Location: CVS
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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: going to send these in tranches
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:14:01 AM

- Today I am excited to announce a major expansion of our partnership with CVS Pharmacy to increase the number of their stores that offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Beginning Thursday, eligible Floridians will be able to make appointments at **24 additional CVS pharmacies**, bringing their total to _____ stores offering the vaccine across ___ counties.

- **And 6 of these stores will be right here in Lee County:**

  - **(Address without zip)**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **xxx**

- CVS's current footprint of 81 stores is mostly focused in Miami-Dade County, where all of their _____ Navarro Discount Pharmacies and all of their _____ CVS ymas pharmacies offer the vaccine.

- Those stores have had a major impact in Miami-Dade county, and we fully expect them to have that same impact here in Lee.

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Hernando

2/24/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - xxx
- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- I am excited to be in **Hernando County** today to announce the opening of this vaccine site, which will be open to seniors age 65 and older for **three days** and offer **750 vaccines per day** for a total of **2,250 vaccines**.
- The list of seniors to be vaccinated was developed by both Hernando county and the High Point Community.

SENIORS FIRST

- This announcement is the latest step in our ongoing efforts to ensure that every single senior in Florida that wants a vaccine, gets a vaccine.
- To date, we have vaccinated **over 2 million seniors**, which is over **75% of the 2.8 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **45%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.
  - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

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- **Here in Hernando County, we have vaccinated approximately 17,500 seniors, which is 33% of the roughly 54,000 seniors living in the county.**

- While a high percentage of seniors vaccinated compared to most other states, here in Florida it is the **fifth lowest percent of seniors vaccinated by a county,** which is why we are here today to bring those numbers up.

- We continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

  - **Just yesterday, I was down in Miami where I announced 81 CVS pharmacies would begin offering 100 vaccines per day.**

    - The 81 stores includes all of CVS's Navarro Discount Pharmacies and CVS ymas stores in Miami-Dade County – significantly increasing access to the vaccine in underserved communities.

  - **While most of the 81 stores are in Miami-Dade County, 2 are in nearby Polk County and we will continue to expand as supply allows.**

- To make an appointment at a CVS pharmacy, **please visit CVS.com**. There is a prominent display at the top of the website. When you put in your zip code, you will be directed to the best options locally.

- The 81 CVS locations are in addition to **593 Publix Pharmacies**, **119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies** now offering vaccines to seniors accross **52 counties**.

- **Here in Hernando**, 7 Publix pharmacies, 1 Walmart, and 1 Winn Dixie are currently offering vaccines.

  - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 18 counties and have completed more than 44,000 vaccinations.**

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

    - **Here in Hernando, the permanent vaccination site is located at the Hernando County Fairgrounds.**

    - **That site is offering 3,100 Moderna vaccines per week.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done events at **15 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 74,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **To date, we have vaccinated nearly 1,300 seniors through the pilot.**

- **We also partnered with FEMA to open four mass vaccination sites in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.**

    - Those sites will open next week and offer 3,000 vaccines per day.

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VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

    - Johnson and Johnson has applied for their EUA and we expect the FDA approval will be coming soon.

COVID UPDATE

- As we work to get the vaccine out, the pandemic's outlook in Florida has been showing positive signs:

    - Instances of COVID-like illness showing up at emergency rooms is down over 50% in the last 30 days.

    - Our percent positivity has been under 7% for over two weeks.

    - Hospitalizations have plummeted by over 40% in the last month.

    - And we fare especially well compared to other states:

        - Since December of 2020, Florida's cases per capita compared to the rest of the country is ranked **28th.**

        - Hospitalizations per capita for the same time period: **27th.**

        - And fatalities per capita for the same time period compared to other states: **43nd.**

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- **That means for the last three months, well over half of the country has been experiencing a far worse pandemic than here in Florida.**

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- We will have more announcements on COVID and our efforts to distribute the vaccine in the coming days and weeks, but you can rest assured we are moving in the right direction.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Strum, Shane; Moulton, Diane
Subject: key messages if needed
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:26:50 AM
Attachments: Key messages for hospital call_12_17.docx

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Governor DeSantis: Hospital Call

12/17/20

INTRODUCTION

- Thank you to the Florida Hospital Association and Safety Net Hospital Alliance for organizing this call today.

- We have had a very exciting first few days of vaccinations here in Florida and for our Country.

VACCINE

- As I announced on Monday, we secured 179,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine for Florida's week one allocation, which was split among front line workers at hospitals and residents and staff at long term care facilities like nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

- On Monday, I personally signed for some the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine arriving in Florida at Tampa General Hospital, and while I was at Tampa General, they administered the vaccine to a front-line health care worker – one of the first in Florida to receive the vaccine.

- Yesterday, we administered the first vaccines to long-term care facility residents in in Broward and Pinellas Counties. **We were the first state in the nation to do so.**

    - The Pinellas and Broward County Departments of Health each received 10,725 doses of the Pfizer vaccine to vaccinate residents and staff in long-term care facilities as quickly as possible.

    - Approximately 60,000 doses are being distributed to CVS and Walgreens. CVS and Walgreens will initiate their vaccination efforts on **December 21 statewide.**

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PLANS FOR HOSPITALS, MODERNA VACCINE

- Earlier this week, the five pilot hospitals received the first shipment of Pfizer vaccine, and have begun administering it to their staff.
    - Tampa General Hospital
    - Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood
    - UF Health Jacksonville
    - Jackson Memorial Hospital
    - Advent Health in Orlando

- They already started working with more than 50 partner hospitals to vaccinate their staff as well – which we greatly appreciate.

    - As a reminder: All healthcare team members that regularly interact with patients should be offered the vaccine. **This should include** clerical, environmental, and registration staff.

- **To date, I am pleased to say we have already vaccinated more than 10,000 individuals.**

- Next week, we are expected to receive approximately 367,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, pending EUA approval.

    - With this allotment, we are planning to distribute doses to another 173 hospitals across the state – which we are able to do because the storage needs are much less arduous than they are for Pfizer.

- As more Pfizer and Moderna become available, we will continue to ensure all hospitals have access to vaccine to those newly enrolled in SHOTS.

- **If you are a hospital that is not yet registered to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, please connect with the Florida Department of Health as soon as possible and we will make sure you are on the distribution list.**

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OTHER IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- As the vaccine administration begins, it is critically important we have immediate and accurate reporting in Florida SHOTS – Florida's reporting platform for all vaccines.
    - If we have two or more manufacturers available at the same time, need to be sure both the first and second shot are from the same manufacturer.
- It is also important that people know the vaccine is safe and effective – so make sure to keep getting the message out:
    - Getting the vaccine protects you, your family & your community
    - The vaccine does not contain any virus. It is a manmade vaccine that has no ability to cause an infection.

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- We believe the vaccine distribution will continue to increase exponentially in coming weeks.
- I'll continue providing regular updates, and I can assure you - my number 1 goal is getting this vaccine out to as many people in Florida as possible.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Gambineri, Mara
Subject: lots of blanks for you
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021 7:00:06 PM
Attachments: Lynn Haven Church vaccine event 1_10.docx

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Lynn Haven

January 10, 2021

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning and thank you all for coming.

- Before I begin, there are a few people I'd like to recognize:
  - State Senator George Gainer
  - State Representative Jay Trumbull
  - State Representative Brad Drake
  - Robert Carroll, Chairman of the Bay County Board of Commissioners
  - Bob Majka, Bay County, County Manager
  - Frankie Lumm, Bay County Emergency Management Director
  - Vickie Gainer, City Manager of Lynn Haven

- **Thank you all for your support.**

ANNOUNCEMENT: 7 NEW VACCINATION SITES HOSTED BY PLACES OF WORSHIP

- **Earlier this week, I announced that the state would be standing up vaccination sites at places of worship in underserved communities: an idea that we successfully piloted two weeks ago at _____ in _____.**

- Today I am pleased to **announce that we have followed through on that commitment: beginning this morning 7 new vaccination sites hosted by places of worship are opening throughout the state:**

  - In Tallahassee, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Port St. Lucie, Tampa, Jacksonville, **and this one right here in Lynn Haven**.

- **I decided to make the announcement here because of the incredible collaboration it took to bring it together.**

- Along with the City of Lynn Haven, Bay County and the state of Florida, this vaccination site is supported **by 50 – yes 50 –** different churches in the area.

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- **That is real teamwork, and it demonstrates what makes this state so special.**

- **The churches involved each have been provided designated times for qualified individuals from their congregations to arrive to receive a vaccine.**

- **This morning, individuals from the following churches are here:**

    - Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME)
    - Bethesda Baptist
    - Campbell's Temple Holiness Church
    - Mt. Olive AME
    - Mt. Zion AME
    - New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
    - St. James AME
    - St. Paul AME

- **This location will be able to handle _____ vaccinations per day and with be open 7 days a week from _____ to _____.**

- In line with my executive order, the vaccine will be reserved will be reserved for people aged 65 and older and _____.

- To make an appointment, visit _____.

GETTING SENIORS VACCINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

- **My current priority as Governor is to ensure that every individual in the state that is 65 years of age and older is given an opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as possible.**

    - **And we're doing a good job despite having a limited supply: We have now vaccinated over 240,000 seniors, which accounts for roughly half of the total vaccinations in Florida.**

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- As supplies allow, we will continue building our vaccination apparatus to increase the convenience and speed at which people can get vaccinated.

- When we first received a small amount of the COVID-19 vaccine in Florida just four weeks ago, we had to rely on our hospital system to administer vaccines.

    - They started with their frontline healthcare workers, and at my direction, began setting up sites to offer vaccines to seniors in the community.

- In addition to hospitals, we offered vaccines to residents and staff at long term care facilities. While CVS and Walgreens were contracted to offer those vaccines, I ordered state EMS strike teams to take some of their load to accelerate the process.

    - **In fact, my EMS strike teams allowed us to be the first state in the nation to begin offering vaccines to that critical population.**

- After hospitals and the long-term care facilities, we sent vaccine to all 67 county health departments, which are also setting up community vaccination sites.

- Once we built our three-part foundation of hospitals, long-term care facilities and county health departments, we started adding more innovative vaccination sites to continuously expand our reach.

- **These innovative approaches include:**

    - **vaccination sites at places of worship in underserved communities, which we kicked off today,**

    - **offering vaccinations at large state-run COVID-19 testing sites, which we kicked off earlier this week at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami; and**

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    - A new public private partnership with Publix to offer vaccines at select Publix pharmacies.

- The partnership with Publix is particularly exiting.
- So far there are 22 Publix pharmacies offering vaccines to individuals 65 years of age and older in three counties: Citrus, Hernando and Marion.

- I visited three of the locations yesterday and they are all operating without a hitch.

- We hope to be able to increase the number of stores offering the vaccine so stay tuned.

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- **I have directed all state-run vaccination sites to run 7 days per week, because there is time to waste.**

- 2020 was a rough year, but Floridians are resilient.

- And you have to look no further than the partnership demonstrated here today to know that brighter days are indeed ahead.

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Beatrice, Meredith M.
Subject: tps
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:51:24 AM
Attachments: VOLUSIA 3_12_21 cfc.docx
BREVARD 3_12_21 cfc.docx

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: VOLUSIA

3/12/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Kevin Kucinski, *Incident Commander*
  - Tom Wright, *Senator, Florida's 14th Senate District*
  - Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*
  - Webster Barnaby, *Representative, Florida's 27th House District*

- Thank you all for being here.

VOLUSIA VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at **Crane Lakes**, where we will be offering the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to 1,000 seniors each day for the next **four** days.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered through community outreach and from the county waiting list.

- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this happen.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**

  - Rolling 7-day case average of seniors 65+ is down 84% from January 6 (2,473) to March 8 (397)

  - Rolling 7-day hospitalization average of seniors is down 79% from February 3 (136) to March 8 (28)

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- Florida continues to rank 41st in senior COVID-19 mortality rate with 40 states having a higher rate per capita as of the latest CDC update to provisional deaths on March 10

- To date, we have vaccinated nearly **2.9 million seniors**, which is over **70% of the 4 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **61%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.

    - **Here in Volusia County, we have vaccinated approximately 79,000 seniors, which is 58% of the roughly 138,000 seniors living in the county.**

- **And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Just yesterday, I was excited to announce an expansion of our partnership with Walgreens to increase the number of Walgreens Pharmacies offering the vaccine **from 12 to 97, spanning across 19 counties.**

- These **97 Walgreens** offering the vaccine is in addition to every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **157 CVS Pharmacies, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- **In Volusia, 22 Publix Pharmacies, 2 CVS Pharmacies, 4 Walmart Pharmacies, 1 Sam's Club and 2 Winn Dixie's offer the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To make an appointment for a COVID vaccine at a CVS**, visit CVS.com.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

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- To schedule a vaccine at a Sam's Club, visit **Samsclub.com/covid**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Winn Dixie**, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
  - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
  - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
  - FAMU in Leon County;
  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- **Here in Volusia**, the permanent site is at the County Fairgrounds and offers 4,000 Moderna vaccines per week.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 19 counties and have completed more than 65,000 vaccinations.**

  - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

  - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

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- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

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- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce earlier this week **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: BREVARD

3/12/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*
  - Debbie Mayfield, *Senator, Florida's 17th Senate District*
  - Randy Fine, *Representative*, *Florida's 53rd House District*
  - Tyler Sirois, *Representative, Florida's 51st House District*

- Thank you all for being here.

BREVARD VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at **the Concordia Lutheran Church in the Barefoot Bay Community**, where we will be offering the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to 1,000 seniors each day for the next **four** days.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered through community outreach and from the county waiting list.

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    - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.

    - **Here in Brevard County, we have vaccinated approximately 78,000 seniors, which is 53% of the roughly 148,000 seniors living in the county.**

- **And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

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- **In Brevard, 22 Publix Pharmacies, 6 Walmart Pharmacies, 1 Sam's Club and 2 Winn Dixie's offer the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

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  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- **Here in Brevard**, the permanent site is in Viera at the Brevard County Health Department and offers 3,500 Moderna vaccines per week.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: McCloud, Cody
Cc: Strum, Shane
Subject: update
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:48:01 AM
Attachments: manatee sarasota charlotte.docx

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Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee County Updates

Manatee

- Vaccine event at 55+ community: **3,000 at Lakewood Ranch** (this week)
- Recent Community POD increase: **0**
- Pharmacies: **17 Publix pharmacies, 1 Winn Dixie**
- Current percent of 65+ vaccinated: **29% (3rd lowest in state)**

Sarasota

- Vaccine event at 55+ community: **3,000 at Venice Community Center** (last week)
- Recent Community POD increase: **3,700/week increase (3,300 to 7,000)**
- Pharmacies: **22 Publix pharmacies**
- Current percent of 65+ vaccinated: **32% (13th lowest in state)**

Charlotte

- Vaccine events at 55+ community: **3,000 at Kings Gate** (week 9)
- Recent Community POD increase**: 600/week increase** (2,000 to 2,600)
- Pharmacies: **7 Publix pharmacies**
- Current percent of 65+ vaccinated: **29% (4th lowest in state)**

Totals

- Vaccine events at 55+ communities: **3 events, 9,000 doses**
- Total increase at community PODs: **4,300**
- Pharmacies: **46 Publix pharmacies, 1 Winn Dixie**

Vaccine Delay Update

Pfizer shipment this week = 145,275

- 136,500 Pfizer doses received before ice storm hit Memphis, Tennessee (originated from Kalamazoo, Michigan)
- 8,775 left to come
- Anticipate remaining shipment to arrive tonight through tomorrow morning

Moderna shipment this week = 208,000

- Entire 208,000 left to come from **Memphis, Tennessee** (point of origin)
- Workers have been unable to enter facility to pack doses
- We anticipate the doses to come Thursday or Friday

Next Week's Shipment

Pfizer = 209,430

- Increase from previous week (including extra dose in vial) = 50,310
- True increase (if we were measuring same doses) = 41,925

Moderna = 208,000

- No increase from previous week

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey
Subject: updated block calendars for your records
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:30:10 PM
Attachments: April 2021 Scheduling Calendar MKG.docx
March 2021 Scheduling Calendar MKG.docx

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April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAR 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Easter 4	5	6	7	8	9 **ALL DAY**—*Palm Beach* HOLD	10 **ALL DAY**—*Palm Beach* HOLD **5:00-7:00pm**—*Tallahassee* FSU Spring Game
11 **ALL DAY**—*Palm Beach* HOLD	12	13	14	15 **5:30-8:00pm**—*Tampa* HOLD	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	**Last Day of Legislative Session** 30	

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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB 28 **2:00-7:30pm**—*Tallahassee* HOLD	1 **9:00am-5:00pm**—*Tallahassee* Staff and Call Time	**First Day of Session** 2 **11:00am-12:00pm**—*Tallahassee* State of the State Address **5:00-6:30pm**—*Tallahassee* State of the State Reception	3 **9:00-9:45 am** – *New Port Richey* Pasco County POD Press Conference **10:00-10:30am** – VIA PHONE – Interview with Ben Shapiro **2:00-3:00pm** – *Tallahassee* Call with CVS Health President and CEO Karen Lynch **2:30-3:30pm** – *Tallahassee* HOLD **3:30-4:00pm** – *Tallahassee* Meeting with Secretary Valenstein **4:00-4:30pm** – *Tallahassee* Meeting with Commissioner Corcoran **4:30-5:00pm**—*Tallahassee* HOLD	4 **9:30-10:15am** – *Crystal River* Citrus County POD Press Conference **TBD** – Putnam County POD Press Conference **6:00-7:30pm**—*Orlando* HOLD	5 **6:00-9:00am** – *Tallahassee* Fox & Friends **9:00-10:00am** – *Tallahassee* Meeting at the Capitol **TBD** – *Ocala* Marion County POD Press Conference **TBD** – *Ocala* Lunch **TBD** – *Winter Haven* Polk LEO Vaccination Press Conference **6:30-7:00pm** – *Palm Beach* HOLD **7:00-8:00pm** – *Palm Beach* HOLD	6 **TBD** – *Plant City* Florida Strawberry Festival
7	8	9 **9:00am-12:00pm**—*Tallahassee* Cabinet Meeting	10 **9:00am-12:00pm**—*Tallahassee* Clemency Meeting	11	12 **All Day** - Tentative HOLD	13 **All Day** - Tentative HOLD
14	15 **6:30-7:30pm** – *Tallahassee* HOLD	16 **TBD** – *Tallahassee* UF v. FSU	17 **6:00-7:30pm** – *Jacksonville* HOLD	18	19 **5:00-8:00pm** – *Palm Beach* Tentative HOLD	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 **6:00-7:00pm**—*Orlando* HOLD	31 **6:00-7:00pm**—*Orlando* HOLD	**NOTES:**		

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: updated list
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 7:51:18 PM

Most pressing (need #1 tonight):

1. **State of state stats (see previous email)**

2. **Plan for Johnson and Johnson**

3. **Updated** Comprehensive list of all vaccine efforts to date by type (see below)
   - PODs
   - Sr. Community PODs
   - Retail partners
   - Churches
   - Homebound program
   - Hospitals

Less pressing:

4. **Rural program detail/plan**

5. **Detail on new permanent POD in Northern Pinellas (when does it open; location; amount of vaccine, etc.)**

6. **Walgreens details: store locations (double check Manatee locations), how and when to schedule an appointment**

7. Misc:
   - Assistance to WWII vet
   - constituent email (I believe these are done - just double checking)
   - **New for homebound (age 99)**
   - **Highlands update**

8. List of all Sr. Communities (Bussey should have completed by now)

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: updated list
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 11:14:13 PM
Attachments: fact check.docx

Need 1-4 on Sunday

1. **Fact check numbers on state of state doc (see attached)**

2. **Federal site plan (as much detail as we have: most importantly how people are being informed)**

3. **Detail for Manatee site that opens on Tuesday**

4. **Walgreens details: store locations, how and when to schedule an appointment**

5. **Updated** Comprehensive list of all vaccine efforts to date by type (see below)
   - PODs
   - Sr. Community PODs
   - Retail partners
   - Churches
   - Homebound program
   - Hospitals

6. Need to discuss Launch of rural program (or status update if we already started)

7. Assistance to WWII vet; constituent (I believe these are done; just double checking)

8. List of all Sr. Communities (Bussey should have completed by now)

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Why Florida Got It Right

Florida Leads in Protecting the Most Vulnerable

The new coronavirus pandemic has been a challenge for us all. However, the states and governments that followed the data and science, and not just cries of science, are coming out on the backend of COVID-19 faring much better. Florida followed the data. Florida said they would protect the vulnerable. Many states said they would protect the vulnerable, but Florida did. And that wasn't just a hollow statement. The facts back it up.

As of Feb. 24, 2021, there have been 478,912 deaths associated with COVID-19 in the United States (1). Although there have been over 500,000 reported, this is the number shown by the CDC as having age reported and updated in the provisional counts. Among those deaths:

- 388,352 have come from seniors ages 65 and over (**81.1%**)
- 78,693 were attributed to ages 45-64 (16.4%)
- 11,039 occurred to people ages 25-44 (2.3%)
- Only 828 total deaths under the age of 25 (0-24) have occurred with COVID-19 listed as a contributing cause (**0.2%**)

This shows us two things: first and foremost, it illustrates the importance of protecting the seniors and second, it also corroborates Florida GOT IT RIGHT keeping kids in school. They are simply not at great risk.

In fact, in the entire state of Florida, just 10 COVID-19 associated deaths ages **0-17** have been reported by the CDC since Jan. 1, 2020. A **total of 2,285 deaths** have been reported among all causes in the past **14 months**. In **2019 alone, over a 12 month period**, there were **2,109 deaths** among kids 0-17 in Florida (2). Mortality simply has not risen among kids in Florida or most anywhere else. CHILDREN. ARE. SAFE!

But seniors are also safer because Florida acted properly. By protecting nursing homes, focusing resources and administering over 76 percent of our vaccines to seniors thus far, we see the results in COVID-19 per capita mortality rates. As we close in on over 50 percent of seniors in the state being vaccinated:

- Florida has 22,974 COVID-19 deaths among seniors 65 and over (**511 per 100,000** people using 2019 age group estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau)
    - The national total (388,352) represents a per capita average of **718 per 100,000** against the 2019 national 65+ population of just over 54 million people
    - Currently, Florida ranks **41st** in senior COVID-19 per capita mortality with **40 other states** having a ***higher*** rate of COVID-19 deaths among ages 65+

    - Larger states that locked down haven't fared nearly as well as Florida; see: California (**648 per 100,000**), Illinois (**784**), New Jersey (**1,132**) and New York (**1,123**)

To be blunt, NONE of the largest states have walked the walk in protecting seniors as well as Florida. Not even our southern neighbors that remained largely open for business.

- Compare the 511 senior deaths per 100k to:
    - Texas (**847** per 100,000)
    - Georgia (**716**)
    - Pennsylvania (**875**)
    - Ohio (**800**)
    - Michigan (**665**)

Overall, Florida has shown the same success in cases that it's seen in protection of seniors. Since the start of the pandemic in spring 2020, Florida has reported 1,857,670 cases as of Feb. 25 (3).

- The 85,476 cases per 1 million people using 2020 Census Bureau estimates is **30th** among all states and the District of Columbia with 29 other jurisdictions having a higher overall case rate
- Since Sep. 25, 2020 specifically, the date of the phase three reopening of Florida, there have been 1,172,823 cases (53,964) with a rank of **41st** overall. That is 40 other states with a higher per capita case rate since Florida fully reopened for business.
- In that timeframe, most of the largest states have seen higher case rates while Florida is free and open
    - Pennsylvania ranks No. 38 (60,203 cases per 1 million)
    - New York ranks No. 37 (60,625)
    - Georgia ranks No. 33 (62,580)
    - Texas ranks No. 30 (64,619)
    - California ranks No. 25 (67,813)
    - Ohio ranks No. 22 (69,669)
    - Illinois ranks No. 19 (71,313)

Source(s): CDC, "Provisional COVID-19 Death Counts by Sex, Age and State," Feb. 24 update (1); CDC Wonder, "Underlying Cause of Death, 1999-2019," pulled Feb. 27 (2); CDC, "United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State Over Time," Feb. 26 update;

All population totals by age are 2019 United States Census Bureau estimates with overall population totals using 2020 estimates when using per capita comparisons of totals

Florida Also Spared Lives by Staying Open

History will not tell a good story when it is fully written on how we responded to COVID-19. We will find the development of children was stunted due to keeping them out of schools; seniors were sent to premature deaths by not protecting them enough; but also, many other deaths of despair were created on account of lockdowns through misery, depression and delayed medical treatment. These indirect causes of death were lower in Florida by keeping the economy open and people free to go about their lives.

We have the receipts.

There have been many attempts to measure “excess” deaths in the United States. Conceptually, excess deaths are the number of deaths above and beyond whatever threshold is a reasonable estimate for how many *should* have died. Because the threshold can be imperfect, it’s easiest to simply compare states by how many died on a per capita basis in 2019 and how many died in 2020 with the pandemic and lockdowns common among the states.

In a normal year, deaths increase by about 1-2 percent. In 2020, the national total per capita increased 16.6 percent (4). But in Florida, the result was better.

- From 2019 to 2020, Florida saw a 14.0 percent increase in per capita mortality from all causes, 2.6% less than the national total
- Florida ranks 37th in all-cause mortality increase from 2019 to 2020 with 36 other states showing a higher increase, including:
    - California (16.9%)
    - Georgia (17.9%)
    - Illinois (21.6%)
    - Michigan (18.7%)
    - New Jersey (28.2%)
    - New York (30.2%)
    - Ohio (15.4%)
    - Pennsylvania (14.4%)
    - Texas (20.3%)

Source: CDC, “Excess Deaths Associated with COVID-19,” Feb. 24 update (4) adjusted to 2019 vs. 2020 population estimates by the Census Bureau; death counts for 2020 are still provisional and use the predicted (weighted) count by the CDC to account for any remaining reporting lag that may exist

And Business IS Booming

Florida saved lives.

Florida spared lives.

Floridians are enjoying life.

Since August, Florida has been below the national average in rate of unemployment (5). In fact, Florida saw five consecutive months of unemployment decreasing and eight straight months with sustained job growth (6).

The straight facts on jobs:

- Florida was 6.1% unemployment for December, compared to 6.7% national total
    - California (9.0%) and New York (8.2%) were still substantially worse
- The 6-month average (7.5%) compared favorably to:
    - National total (7.8 %), California (10.3%), Texas (7.4%) and New York (10.7%)
- Nonagricultural jobs bottomed out in April (7,129,400) but have climbed upward since with 8,612,200 reported as of December

We see this success corroborated by other private sector measurements. Indeed.com maintains a dataset indexing new job postings by market and state over a 7-day period, seasonally adjusted to a Feb. 1, 2020 baseline (pre-pandemic) (7).

- As of Feb. 19, Florida was up 8.8 percent in job postings from Feb. 1, 2020
    - California was down 2.4%
    - Illinois was up 0.4%
    - New York was down 6.7%
    - Pennsylvania was up 4.7%
    - Texas was up 5.5%

Even in the third quarter of 2020, Florida was faring much better than expected. The gross domestic product (GDP) was down just 0.1 percent from Q3 of 2019 (8).

- GDP was 1,113,170 (in millions) in 2019 and 1,111,614 in 2020
- National total was down 1.7%
- California was down 0.7%, New York was down 4.2%
- Texas was not even spared, being down 4.2%

In more recent months, tax revenue has exceeded expectations and budget planning.

Monthly revenue estimates since the last adopted Revenue Estimating Conference figures in December:

- $336.7 million above estimate for December
- $228.9 mil above estimate for January (preliminary)
- $220.0 mil above estimate pacing for February (preliminary)
- A total of $750-800 mil over adopted estimate for these three months

The success of the economy is showing in business startups as well. Although it's difficult to completely assess just how many businesses are getting off the ground yet, we can gauge interest in business formation requests (9).

Here, we see how many business formation applications for new employer identification numbers have been submitted since the second half of 2020 (week 27):

- Florida (365,520)
- California (317,220)
- Texas (293,790)
- Georgia (215,640)
- New York (193,050)
- Illinois (134,890)
- North Carolina (103,740)
- Michigan (103,070)
- New Jersey (102,540)
- Pennsylvania (99,990)

Source(s): U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "State Employment and Unemployment" monthly release, updated Jan. 26, 2021 for December, 2020 (5); Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity, "Nonagricultural Employment", Workforce Statistics Data Releases, Jan. 22, 2021 (6); Indeed.com, "New Job Postings" by state on Hiring Lab Data Repository Github, updated Feb. 24, 2021 through Feb. 19 (7); Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Gross Domestic Product by State, 3rd Quarter 2020," table 3, Current-Dollar GDP by State and Region: 2019:Q1-2020:Q3 released Dec. 23, 2020 (8); Census Bureau, "Business Formation Statistics," Not Adjusted State Business Applications, updated Feb. 25, 2021 through Feb. 20 (9);

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Subject: updated list
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:31:49 PM

Need #4 by 3pm on Monday

1. **Rural program detail/plan**

2. **Detail on new permanent POD in Northern Pinellas (when does it open; location; amount of vaccine, etc.)**

3. **Walgreens details: store locations, how and when to schedule an appointment**

4. **Updated** Comprehensive list of all vaccine efforts to date by type (see below)
   - PODs
   - Sr. Community PODs
   - Retail partners
   - Churches
   - Homebound program
   - Hospitals

5. Assistance to WWII vet; constituent (I believe these are done; just double checking)

6. List of all Sr. Communities (Bussey should have completed by now)

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Subject: updated talkers for aventura
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Aventura

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INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- I'd like to recognize:
  - **Rabbi Jonathon Berkun**, *Leader, Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center*
  - **Rich Wilkerson**, *Trinity Church in Miami Gardens*
  - Pastor Michael, *Anderson New Jerusalem First Missionary Baptist Church in Hollywood*
  - **Imam Dr. Abdul**, *Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens*
- Thank you all for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Today, I am excited to make two announcements:**

[Announcement 1/2]

- **First,** we have just launched a new **pilot** to deliver **1,500 doses of the COVID-19** vaccine to homebound seniors.

- To begin the program, **we are setting aside 750 doses for Holocaust Survivors and their spouses,** who we were able to identify through Jewish Family Services organizations in South Florida and the Holocaust Documentation Center in Hollywood Florida.

- In fact, earlier this morning, I had the honor of visiting **with Judy Rodan**, an 83-year old Holocaust survivor while she received the COVID-19 vaccine.

- It was a pleasure talking to her and learning more about her incredible life.

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- Judy was born in Berehovo, Czechoslovakia. When she was six years old, in May of 1944, her entire family was transported to Auschwitz with the last deportation of the Hungarian Jews.

- **Judy is the only survivor of her entire family**: She became a **Hidden Child** thanks to a rescuer: a Christian woman who kept her hidden, living under a false identity in a Convent in Budapest, until the end of the war.

- She has three children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

- We will continue traveling to Holocaust survivors' homes in the next several days.

- **Then**, we will tap into the network of homebound seniors that county health departments and other community providers are currently serving or have served in the past.

[Announcement 1/2]

- **The second announcement** is an inter-faith vaccine event right here at Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

- So far, we have held 25 vaccine events at places of worship throughout the state where we have vaccinated more than 13,000 individuals, **but this is the first one where we have been able to do so with representation from multiple faiths.**

    - Throughout the day, we will vaccinate **175** members of the synagogue, **175** members of The Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens, and **175** members of **Trinity Church**.

- This is a special day, and I really appreciate **Pastor Rich Wilkerson**, **Imam Dr. Abdul Samra**, and **Rabbi Jonathan Berkun** for coming together to make it happen.

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VACCINE UPDATE

- Today's announcements are the latest steps we've taken in our ongoing **Seniors First** strategy, which started with my Executive Order on **December 23, 2020** - in just the second week of the vaccine's arrival in Florida.

- At the time, the CDC had recommended states give priority to individuals 75 years and older and younger "essential" workers.

- I knew that was the wrong strategy: In Florida, I was not going to allow a 20-something have priority over their 73-year old grandmother.

- Eventually, states and the CDC changed course and decided to follow our lead.

- To date, we have vaccinated **1.3 million seniors**, which is **over 73% of the 1.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and roughly **30%** of the **over 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

- And we continue to find new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- In addition to the new homebound initiative and vaccine at places of worship:

    - We continue to expand our partnership with Publix to provide the vaccine at their pharmacies.

        - In fact, earlier this week, I announced the extension of the partnership to three additional counties, bringing the total to **325 Publix pharmacies** across **23 counties**.

        - To sign up for a vaccine at Publix visit www.publix.com/covidvaccine.

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- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 77 community vaccination sites.**

- We have also held vaccine events at **15 senior communities** across the state and are hosting **3 additional events this week**.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- For the past several weeks we have been getting about 260,000 first doses of the vaccine, which increased to roughly 300,000 this week and 325,000 next week.

- We appreciate the modest increase in the last couple of weeks, but the numbers remain insufficient for a state of our size.

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

    - Our expectation is Johnson and Johnson will apply for their EUA within the next couple of weeks and will be approved shortly thereafter.

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- **Again, I appreciate everyone coming together for this special day and hope to hold similar events throughout the state.**

- **Rest assured, we will continue working as hard as we can to get the vaccine out as quickly and efficiently as we possibly can.**

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Anna DeCerchio,

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Subject: Gov. DeSantis: Accept FEMA Dollars and End Racist Vaccine Rollout

Shane Strum,

Our governor has had 8+ months of using the vaccine as a public excuse to not do the right thing with this pandemic, so in that time a sure-fire method to distribute the vaccine to Florida residents should have been a priority. People are still dying and not masking up or taking this pandemic seriously and those mistakes will cost our economy dearly long into the future. And now folks who truly need the vaccine cannot figure out a way to get it. I am writing to you to urge you to accept the $245 million that FEMA has for its COVID-19 vaccination plan and end the racist rollout of vaccination coverage across the Florida. (1)

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There's no way one can characterize the initial rollout of the vaccination plan in Florida as successful if you take into account the disproportionate representation of poor folks and people of color who have received the vaccine to date. Nor can you claim success when the distribution sites seem to be, disproportionately located in wealthy, white and Republican counties and communities.

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Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:06:00 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 1:42 PM
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I am writing to you AGAIN to remind you that you are the Governor of ALL Floridians!
Stop acting like the idiot in Mar-a-Lago!
There is NO UPSIDE to being associated with him!
Please govern ethically, with respect and caring for ALL Floridians.
If you REALLY hope to help our beautiful State to be filled with healthy, educated, productive and contributing citizens, you MUST MAKE CERTAIN we are ALL vaccinated as soon as possible!
Therefore, I urge you to accept the $245 million that FEMA has for its COVID-19 vaccination plan and end the racist rollout of vaccination coverage across Florida.
Contrary to your statement last week, Florida DOES need federal help with vaccine distribution.
I am in the first group per the CDC to receive the vaccine yet cannot get an appointment to be vaccinated because there is no vaccine available.
Yet the White House reported that close to half of the vaccinations sent to Florida by the federal government have yet to be distributed; seniors, like me, complain that access to the vaccine has been next to impossible; and, the Florida Department of Health reports that thousands of life saving vaccination doses have been wasted!!!!
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That is wrong and I am White!!
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Come on, you know that what you are doing is wrong!!! Stop doing it because it is killing our State!
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And please stay away from the idiot!!
Thank you.
God bless you.
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FEMA money would not cost the state anything and would help ensure that more Floridians are vaccinated faster so we can flatten the curve! Why would you turn that down? The people of Florida are counting on you to do right by us and accept federal assistance so that covid vaccines reach the Floridians who need them most!

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Subject: FW: Gov. DeSantis: Accept FEMA Dollars and End Racist Vaccine Rollout
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:05:00 AM

From: Nancy McDermott <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:43 PM
To: Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
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FYI - just heard that Melinda is getting these too so they may be sending them to everyone on the org chart/senior staff?

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference

Lehigh Acres, March 9, 2020

INTRODUCTION

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  - Commissioner Brian Hamman
  - Commissioner Frank Mann
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- Thank you all for being here.

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- The rest of the 76 stores are located as follows:
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    - 4 in Broward
    - 1 in Charlotte
    - 1 in Collier
    - 1 in Columbia
    - 5 in Duval
    - 1 in Escambia
    - 1 in Gulf
    - 1 in Hamilton
    - 2 in Hernando
    - 7 in Hillsborough
    - 5 in Leon
    - 2 in Marion
    - 4 in Miami
    - 6 in Orange
    - 2 in Osceola
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- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

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- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce yesterday **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

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    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce yesterday **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

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Hendricks, Courtney

Subject: Press Conference
Location: Ponte Vedra

Start: Wed 1/13/2021 9:00 AM
End: Wed 1/13/2021 9:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Schedule, Gov
Required Attendees FDLE, Mansion; Mara Gambineri; Beatrice, Meredith M.; McCloud, Cody; Marquez, Jonas; Lukis, Adrian

Publix Super Market at Sawgrass Village
220 Front Street, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Hendricks, Courtney

Subject: Press Conference
Location: Vero Beach

Start: Tue 1/26/2021 9:00 AM
End: Tue 1/26/2021 9:20 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Schedule, Gov
Required Attendees FDLE, Mansion; Mara Gambineri; Beatrice, Meredith M.; McCloud, Cody; Marquez, Jonas; Himrod, LeAnna; Lukis, Adrian

Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza
415 21st St Vero Beach, FL 32960-5455

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Hendricks, Courtney

Subject: CVS

Start: Tue 2/9/2021 9:30 AM
End: Tue 2/9/2021 10:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Lukis, Adrian

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Hendricks, Courtney

Subject: Conference Call
Location: via phone

Start: Tue 2/2/2021 4:30 PM
End: Tue 2/2/2021 5:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Schedule, Gov

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INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon and thank you all for joining the call.

- I organized this call to give a progress update on Florida's vaccine rollout and some insight into what you can expect in the coming days and weeks as we continue to administer the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and efficiently as possible.

EXPANSION OF PUBLIX PARTNERSHIP

- First, I am excited to announce that the state of Florida's partnership with Publix is expanding to **Pinellas**, **Pasco** and **Nassau** counties.

- 42 Publix pharmacies in Pinellas, 19 in Pasco, and 2 in Nassau will soon be offering the vaccine to seniors age 65 and older.

- This brings the partnership to **325 Publix pharmacies in 23 counties**.

SENIORS FIRST

- The Publix partnership is part of our ongoing **Seniors First** strategy, which started with my Executive Order on **December 23, 2020** - in just the second week of the vaccine's arrival in Florida.

- At the time, the CDC had recommended states give priority to individuals 75 years and older and younger "essential" workers.

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- I knew that was the wrong strategy: In Florida, I was not going to allow a 20-something have priority over their 73-year old grandmother.

- Eventually, states and the CDC changed course and decided to follow our lead.

- To date, we have vaccinated **1.3 million seniors**, which is **over 70% of the 1.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida and roughly **28%** of the **over 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

- And we continue to plow ahead, finding new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- In addition to the Publix partnership:

    - We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 77 community vaccination sites.**

    - We continue to partner with places of worship to bring vaccines to underserved areas. So far, we have **held 25 vaccination events** at places of worship in **15 counties** and vaccinated more than **13,000 individuals.**

        - This week, we will be visiting **23** additional places of worship.

    - We have also held vaccine events at **12 senior communities** across the state and will host **3 additional events this week**.

    - Finally, we are going to begin doing mobile vaccinations for seniors unable to leave their homes. **This week we dedicated 1,500 vaccines for that effort**.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based solely on supply: **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- For the past several weeks we have been getting about 260,000 first doses of the vaccine, which increased modestly to roughly 300,000 this week – an insufficient amount for a state of our size.

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- Fortunately, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is on the horizon, which will be a game changer for supply.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- As we get more and more vaccine out into the community, the COVID-19 pandemic is also looking more positive – especially compared to other states.

- Since December 1, 2020, Florida's COVID cases and hospitalizations per capita **rank 30** compared to the rest of the country.

- Meanwhile, we are protecting every Floridians' right to earn a living, and every parent's right to send their child to school.

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: 2-9 Gov. Ron DeSantis TTH Outbound Calls.docx
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 12:26:08 PM
Attachments: 2-9 Gov. Ron DeSantis TTH Outbound Calls.docx

Let's discuss when you have more info.

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Office of Governor Ron DeSantis

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Live Answer

Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccination efforts in your area. Please stay on the line now to hear this important live update. Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Voicemail

Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccinations in your area. If you are on the line now press 1 to join the call. If you received this message in the last 10 minutes and would like to join in, please call 833-946-1542. Again that number is 833-946-1542.

Beginning Friday, 119 Walmart stores across 34 counties will offer the COVID-19 vaccine. And Publix will expand vaccine locations to 595 stores across 41 counties.

To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine.

To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit Publix.com/covidvaccine.

Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Text Message link

Important: For info on expanded COVID-19 vaccinations in your area, listen to a live update from Gov. DeSantis at 3:30 pm. To join the call dial 1-833-946-1542 or click http://bit.ly/FLvaccine.

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie
Subject: All FTE Reductions
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:40:01 PM
Attachments: FTE Senate 3.25.21.xlsx

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Policy Unit	Agency	Tracking Issue	Tracking Type	2021-22 Senate FTE	2021-22 Budget Recommendations FTE
ENV	Agriculture and Consumer Services	Eliminate Poultry and Egg Grading Program	Reduction Issues	(14.00)	(14.00)
Agriculture and Consumer Services Total:				**(14.00)**	**(14.00)**
GGU	Business and Professional Regulation	Reduce Salaries and Benefits	Reduction Issues	(8.00)	(15.00)
Business and Professional Regulation Total:				**(8.00)**	**(15.00)**
GGU	Financial Services	OIR - Eliminate Scanning Unit	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
GGU	Financial Services	Reduce Positions in Insurance Agent Pre-Licensing Education Section	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
GGU	Financial Services	Eliminate Investigations Legal Processing Unit	Reduction Issues	0.00	(3.00)
Financial Services Total:				**0.00**	**(5.00)**
GGU	Management Services	Reduction of FTE and funding in Federal Property Assistance	Reduction Issues	(2.00)	(2.00)
GGU	Management Services	Reduction in State Employee Leasing - Salaries and Benefits Category	Reduction Issues	(1.00)	0.00
GGU	Management Services	Reduction in the State Data Center - Outsourcing the Mainframe	Reduction Issues	(5.00)	(5.00)
Management Services Total:				**(8.00)**	**(7.00)**
GGU	Revenue	Close Out of State Offices - Houston, New York, Dallas	Reduction Issues	0.00	(19.00)
GGU	Revenue	Salaries and Benefits Reduction	Reduction Issues	(15.00)	(15.00)
GGU	Revenue	Reduce E-filing Threshold	Reduction Issues	0.00	(8.00)
GGU	Revenue	Eliminate Vacant Positions Over 180 Days Old - General Tax Administration	Reduction Issues	(5.00)	(5.00)
GGU	Revenue	Eliminate Vacant Positions - General Tax Administration	Reduction Issues	(14.00)	0.00
GGU	Revenue	Image Management System Savings - Year 2 and 3	Reduction Issues	(7.00)	(7.00)
Revenue Total:				**(41.00)**	**(54.00)**
HHS	Children and Families	Economic Self-Sufficiency Transformation - Net Savings	Reduction Issues	(80.00)	0.00
HHS	Children and Families	Eliminate Adult Protective Services Investigations at the State Mental Health Treatment Facilities	Reduction Issues	(6.00)	0.00

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Policy Unit	Agency	Tracking Issue	Tracking Type	2021-22 Senate FTE	2021-22 Budget Recommendations FTE
Children and Families Total:				**(86.00)**	**0.00**
HHS	Health	CMS Administrative Savings	Reduction Issues	(40.00)	0.00
Health Total:				**(40.00)**	**0.00**
HHS	Veterans Affairs	Eliminate Positions Vacant for 180 Days	Reduction Issues	(4.00)	0.00
Veterans Affairs Total:				**(4.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Appellate Public Defenders	Reduce Public Defender Funding	Reduction Issues	(5.00)	0.00
Appellate Public Defenders Total:				**(5.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Capital Collateral Regional Counsels	Reduce Capital Collateral Regional Counsel Funding	Reduction Issues	(3.50)	0.00
Capital Collateral Regional Counsels Total:				**(3.50)**	**0.00**
PSU	Corrections	Reduce Administration Statewide	Reduction Issues	(90.00)	0.00
PSU	Corrections	Consolidate Prison Capacity	Reduction Issues	(1,500.00)	0.00
Corrections Total:				**(1,590.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Guardian Ad Litem	Reduce Guardian ad Litem Funding	Reduction Issues	(24.00)	0.00
Guardian Ad Litem Total:				**(24.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Juvenile Justice	Base Budget Reduction	Reduction Issues	(69.00)	0.00
Juvenile Justice Total:				**(69.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Law Enforcement	Base Budget Reduction	Reduction Issues	(3.00)	0.00
Law Enforcement Total:				**(3.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Legal Affairs	Base Budget Reduction	Reduction Issues	(20.00)	0.00
Legal Affairs Total:				**(20.00)**	**0.00**
PSU	Public Defenders	Reduce Public Defender Funding	Reduction Issues	(76.00)	0.00
Public Defenders Total:				**(76.00)**	**0.00**

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Policy Unit	Agency	Tracking Issue	Tracking Type	2021-22 Senate FTE	2021-22 Budget Recommendations FTE
PSU	Regional Conflict Counsel	Reduce Conflict Counsel	Reduction Issues	(15.75)	0.00
Regional Conflict Counsel Total:				**(15.75)**	**0.00**
PSU	State Attorneys	Reduce Vacant Positions	Reduction Issues	(7.00)	(7.00)
PSU	State Attorneys	Reduce State Attorney Funding	Reduction Issues	(110.00)	0.00
State Attorneys Total:				**(117.00)**	**(7.00)**
PSU	State Court System	Base Budget Reduction	Reduction Issues	(109.00)	0.00
State Court System Total:				**(109.00)**	**0.00**
TED	Executive Office of the Governor	Eliminate Vacant Positions	Reduction Issues	0.00	(5.00)
Executive Office of the Governor Total:				**0.00**	**(5.00)**
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Close State Operated Driver License Offices	Reduction Issues	0.00	(31.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Reduce Customer Service Call Center Staff	Reduction Issues	0.00	(9.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Vacant Positions In the Division of Administration	Reduction Issues	0.00	(8.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Grant Specialist Position Anticipated Vacancy	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Vacant Bar Positions	Reduction Issues	(5.00)	(10.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Communication Coordinator In Bureau of Credentialing Services	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Communication Coordinator in Motorist Services Director's Office	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
TED	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	Eliminate Security Guard	Reduction Issues	0.00	(1.00)
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Total:				**(5.00)**	**(62.00)**
TED	Transportation	Eliminate Positions Vacant Over 365 Days	Reduction Issues	(126.00)	0.00
Transportation Total:				**(126.00)**	**0.00**
Report Total(s):				**(2,364.25)**	**(169.00)**

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Saliba, Lisa; Gunder, Brandi; Russo, Katherine; Mahoney, Mark
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act Language
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 6:10:40 PM
Attachments: American Rescue Plan Act SENATE.pdf

Attached is the language for the Senate bill passed today, refer to page 575 for the "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" and please review the eligibility of use of funds, additional restrictions on the use of funds, and reporting requirements for both the state and local portion and let's discuss Monday.

Also, due to the changes from the BLS on benchmark employment statistics and the impact of that on the funding allocation formula in the bill, Florida's allocation will decrease by at least $1.2 billion from the previous $10.3 billion.

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Uthmeier, James; Percival, Emily
Cc: Saliba, Lisa; Gunder, Brandi
Subject: BILLS-117HR1319EAS(2).pdf
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:06:28 PM
Attachments: BILLS-117HR1319EAS(2).pdf

See the below excerpt from page 579 of the stimulus Bill. Can you review the applicability of this to general taxes of the state? Specifically, I read this as a restriction on the use of the funds provided to the state by the bill against any tax, rather than limiting the state entirely from reducing a tax due to excess collections of state revenues or other policy decisions made by the legislature. However, "indirect" provision could be read to be more broadly impacting all tax decisions of the state.

Can we discuss when you've had time to review? This is time sensitive. Thanks

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.

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In the Senate of the United States,

March 6 (legislative day, March 5), 2021.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1319) entitled ''An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.'', do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''American Rescue Plan Act of 2021''.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.
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TITLE I—COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

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Sec. 1002. Emergency rural development grants for rural health care.
Sec. 1003. Pandemic program administration funds.

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Sec. 1004. Funding for the USDA Office of Inspector General for oversight of COVID–19-related programs.
Sec. 1005. Farm loan assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.
Sec. 1006. USDA assistance and support for socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, forest land owners and operators, and groups.
Sec. 1007. Use of the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities and associated expenses.

Subtitle B—Nutrition

Sec. 1101. Supplemental nutrition assistance program.
Sec. 1102. Additional assistance for SNAP online purchasing and technology improvements.
Sec. 1103. Additional funding for nutrition assistance programs.
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Sec. 1105. Improvements to WIC benefits.
Sec. 1106. WIC program modernization.
Sec. 1107. Meals and supplements reimbursements for individuals who have not attained the age of 25.
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Sec. 2002. Emergency assistance to non-public schools.
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Sec. 2007. Student aid administration.
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Sec. 2010. Institute of Education Sciences.
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Subtitle C—Human Services and Community Supports

Sec. 2201. Child Care and Development Block Grant Program.
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Sec. 2203. Head Start.
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Subtitle D—Public Health

Sec. 2301. Funding for COVID–19 vaccine activities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Sec. 2302. Funding for vaccine confidence activities.
Sec. 2303. Funding for supply chain for COVID–19 vaccines, therapeutics, and medical supplies.
Sec. 2304. Funding for COVID–19 vaccine, therapeutic, and device activities at the Food and Drug Administration.
Sec. 2305. Reduced cost-sharing.

Subtitle E—Testing

Sec. 2401. Funding for COVID–19 testing, contact tracing, and mitigation activities.
Sec. 2402. Funding for SARS–CoV–2 genomic sequencing and surveillance.
Sec. 2403. Funding for global health.
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Sec. 2501. Funding for public health workforce.
Sec. 2502. Funding for Medical Reserve Corps.

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Sec. 2601. Funding for community health centers and community care.
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Sec. 2605. Funding for family planning.

Subtitle H—Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Sec. 2701. Funding for block grants for community mental health services.
Sec. 2702. Funding for block grants for prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
Sec. 2703. Funding for mental health and substance use disorder training for health care professionals, paraprofessionals, and public safety officers.
Sec. 2704. Funding for education and awareness campaign encouraging healthy work conditions and use of mental health and substance use disorder services by health care professionals.
Sec. 2705. Funding for grants for health care providers to promote mental health among their health professional workforce.
Sec. 2706. Funding for community-based funding for local substance use disorder services.
Sec. 2707. Funding for community-based funding for local behavioral health needs.
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Sec. 2709. Funding for Project AWARE.
Sec. 2710. Funding for youth suicide prevention.
Sec. 2711. Funding for behavioral health workforce education and training.
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Sec. 2912. Funding for water assistance program.

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Sec. 4010. Appropriation for the United States Digital Service.
Sec. 4011. Appropriation for the Technology Modernization Fund.
Sec. 4012. Appropriation for the Federal Citizen Services Fund.
Sec. 4013. AFG and SAFER program funding.
Sec. 4014. Emergency management performance grant funding.
Sec. 4015. Extension of reimbursement authority for Federal contractors.
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Sec. 7102. Relief for airports.
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Sec. 8006. Covid–19 veteran rapid retraining assistance program.
Sec. 8007. Prohibition on copayments and cost sharing for veterans during emergency relating to COVID–19.
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Sec. 9013. Extension of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.
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Sec. 9017. Extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation payments in States with programs in law.
Sec. 9018. Extension of temporary financing of short-time compensation agreements for States without programs in law.

PART 2—Extension of FFCRA Unemployment Provisions

Sec. 9021. Extension of temporary assistance for States with advances.
Sec. 9022. Extension of full Federal funding of extended unemployment compensation.

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PART 3—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDING FOR TIMELY, ACCURATE, AND EQUITABLE PAYMENT

Sec. 9031. Funding for administration.
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Sec. 9401. Providing for infection control support to skilled nursing facilities through contracts with quality improvement organizations.
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Subtitle F—Preserving Health Benefits for Workers

Sec. 9501. Preserving health benefits for workers.

Subtitle G—Promoting Economic Security

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Sec. 9601. 2021 recovery rebates to individuals.

PART 2—CHILD TAX CREDIT

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PART 3—EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

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Sec. 9623. Credit allowed in case of certain separated spouses.
Sec. 9624. Modification of disqualified investment income test.
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Subtitle A—Agriculture

SEC. 1001. FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN AND AGRICULTURE PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) to purchase food and agricultural commodities;

(2) to purchase and distribute agricultural commodities (including fresh produce, dairy, seafood, eggs, and meat) to individuals in need, including through delivery to nonprofit organizations and through restaurants and other food related entities, as

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determined by the Secretary, that may receive, store, process, and distribute food items;

(3) to make grants and loans for small or midsized food processors or distributors, seafood processing facilities and processing vessels, farmers markets, producers, or other organizations to respond to COVID–19, including for measures to protect workers against COVID–19; and

(4) to make loans and grants and provide other assistance to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

(c) ANIMAL HEALTH.—

(1) COVID–19 ANIMAL SURVEILLANCE.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct monitoring and surveillance of susceptible animals for incidence of SARS–CoV–2.

(2) FUNDING.—Out of the amounts made available under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use $300,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

(d) OVERTIME FEES.—

(1) SMALL ESTABLISHMENT; VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT DEFINITIONS.—The terms "small establishment" and "very small establishment" have the meaning given those terms in the final rule entitled "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical

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Control Point (HACCP) Systems" published in the Federal Register on July 25, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 38806).

(2) OVERTIME INSPECTION COST REDUCTION.—Notwithstanding section 10703 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2219a), the Act of June 5, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 695), section 25 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 468), and section 24 of the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1053), and any regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture implementing such provisions of law and subject to the availability of funds under paragraph (3), the Secretary of Agriculture shall reduce the amount of overtime inspection costs borne by federally-inspected small establishments and very small establishments engaged in meat, poultry, or egg products processing and subject to the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), or the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.), for inspection activities carried out during the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2030.

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(3) FUNDING.—Out of the amounts made available under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use $100,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

SEC. 1002. EMERGENCY RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE.

(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") shall use the funds made available by this section to establish an emergency pilot program for rural development not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of this Act to provide grants to eligible applicants (as defined in section 3570.61(a) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) to be awarded by the Secretary based on rural development needs related to the COVID–19 pandemic.

(b) USES.—An eligible applicant to whom a grant is awarded under this section may use the grant funds for costs, including those incurred prior to the issuance of the grant, as determined by the Secretary, of facilities which primarily serve rural areas (as defined in section 343(a)(13)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(C)), which are located in a rural area, the median household income of the population to be served by which is less than the greater of the poverty line or the applicable percentage (determined under section 3570.63(b) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations)

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of the State nonmetropolitan median household income, and for which the performance of any construction work completed with grant funds shall meet the condition set forth in section 9003(f) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(f)), to—

(1) increase capacity for vaccine distribution;

(2) provide medical supplies to increase medical surge capacity;

(3) reimburse for revenue lost during the COVID–19 pandemic, including revenue losses incurred prior to the awarding of the grant;

(4) increase telehealth capabilities, including underlying health care information systems;

(5) construct temporary or permanent structures to provide health care services, including vaccine administration or testing;

(6) support staffing needs for vaccine administration or testing; and

(7) engage in any other efforts to support rural development determined to be critical to address the COVID–19 pandemic, including nutritional assistance to vulnerable individuals, as approved by the Secretary.

(c) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal

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year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, to carry out this section, of which not more than 3 percent may be used by the Secretary for administrative purposes and not more than 2 percent may be used by the Secretary for technical assistance as defined in section 306(a)(26) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(26)).

SEC. 1003. PANDEMIC PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $47,500,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary administrative expenses associated with carrying out this subtitle.

SEC. 1004. FUNDING FOR THE USDA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR OVERSIGHT OF COVID–19-RELATED PROGRAMS.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for audits, investigations, and other oversight activities of projects and activities carried out with funds made avail-

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able to the Department of Agriculture related to the COVID–19 pandemic.

SEC. 1005. FARM LOAN ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS.

(a) PAYMENTS.—

(1) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for the cost of loan modifications and payments under this section.

(2) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall provide a payment in an amount up to 120 percent of the outstanding indebtedness of each socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher as of January 1, 2021, to pay off the loan directly or to the socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (or a combination of both), on each—

(A) direct farm loan made by the Secretary to the socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher; and

(B) farm loan guaranteed by the Secretary the borrower of which is the socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher.

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(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FARM LOAN.—The term "farm loan" means—

(A) a loan administered by the Farm Service Agency under subtitle A, B, or C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.); and

(B) a Commodity Credit Corporation Farm Storage Facility Loan.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR RANCHER.—The term "socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher" has the meaning given the term in section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)).

SEC. 1006. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS, RANCHERS, FOREST LAND OWNERS AND OPERATORS, AND GROUPS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,010,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section.

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(b) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) for purposes described in this subsection by—

(1) using not less than 5 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) to provide outreach, mediation, financial training, capacity building training, cooperative development training and support, and other technical assistance on issues concerning food, agriculture, agricultural credit, agricultural extension, rural development, or nutrition to socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners, or other members of socially disadvantaged groups;

(2) using not less than 5 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) to provide grants and loans to improve land access for socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners, including issues related to heirs' property in a manner as determined by the Secretary;

(3) using not less than 0.5 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) to fund the activities of one or more equity commissions that will address racial equity issues within the Department of Agriculture and its programs;

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(4) using not less than 5 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) to support and supplement agricultural research, education, and extension, as well as scholarships and programs that provide internships and pathways to Federal employment, by—

(A) using not less than 1 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) at colleges or universities eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (commonly known as the "Second Morrill Act") (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University;

(B) using not less than 1 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) at 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382));

(C) using not less than 1 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) at Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions eligible to receive grants under subsections (a) and (b), respectively, of section 1419B of the National Agricul-

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tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156);

(D) using not less than 1 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) at Hispanic-serving institutions eligible to receive grants under section 1455 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3241); and

(E) using not less than 1 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) at the insular area institutions of higher education located in the territories of the United States, as referred to in section 1489 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361); and

(5) using not less than 5 percent of the total amount of funding provided under subsection (a) to provide financial assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners that are former farm loan borrowers that suffered related adverse actions or past discrimination or bias in Department of Agriculture programs, as determined by the Secretary.

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(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) NONINDUSTRIAL PRIVATE FOREST LAND.—The term "nonindustrial private forest land" has the meaning given the term in section 1201(a)(18) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(18)).

(2) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER, RANCHER, OR FOREST LANDOWNER.—The term "socially disadvantaged farmer, rancher, or forest landowner" means a farmer, rancher, or owner or operator of nonindustrial private forest land who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

(3) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUP.—The term "socially disadvantaged group" has the meaning given the term in section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)).

SEC. 1007. USE OF THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FOR COMMODITIES AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $800,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to use the Commodity Credit Corporation to acquire and make available commodities under section 406(b) of the

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Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1736(b)) and for expenses under such section.

Subtitle B—Nutrition

SEC. 1101. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) VALUE OF BENEFITS.—Section 702(a) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is amended by striking "June 30, 2021" and inserting "September 30, 2021".

(b) SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, with amounts to be obligated for each of fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, for the costs of State administrative expenses associated with carrying out this section and administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), of which—

(1) $15,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for management and oversight of the program; and

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(2) $1,135,000,000 shall be for the Secretary to make grants to each State agency for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023 as follows:

(A) 75 percent of the amounts available shall be allocated to States based on the share of each State of households that participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as reported to the Department of Agriculture for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, adjusted by the Secretary (as of the date of the enactment of this Act) for participation in disaster programs under section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)); and

(B) 25 percent of the amounts available shall be allocated to States based on the increase in the number of households that participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as reported to the Department of Agriculture over the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, adjusted by the Secretary (as of the date of the enactment of this Act) for participation in disaster programs under section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)).

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SEC. 1102. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR SNAP ONLINE PURCHASING AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $25,000,000 to remain available through September 30, 2026, to carry out this section.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Agriculture may use the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) to make technological improvements to improve online purchasing in the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

(2) to modernize electronic benefit transfer technology;

(3) to support the mobile technologies demonstration projects and the use of mobile technologies authorized under section 7(h)(14) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(14)); and

(4) to provide technical assistance to educate retailers on the process and technical requirements for the online acceptance of the supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, for mobile payments, and

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for electronic benefit transfer modernization initiatives.

SEC. 1103. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Section 704 of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is amended—

(1) by striking "In addition" and inserting the following:

"(a) COVID–19 RESPONSE FUNDING.—In addition"; *and*

(2) by adding at the end the following—

"(b) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addition to any other funds made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2027, for the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa for nutrition assistance, of which $30,000,000 shall be available to provide grants to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands for such assistance.".

SEC. 1104. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $37,000,000,

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to remain available until September 30, 2022, for activities authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note).

SEC. 1105. IMPROVEMENTS TO WIC BENEFITS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—The term "applicable period" means a period—

(A) beginning after the date of enactment of this Act, as selected by a State agency; and

(B) ending not later than the earlier of—

(i) 4 months after the date described in subparagraph (A); or

(ii) September 30, 2021.

(2) CASH-VALUE VOUCHER.—The term "cash-value voucher" has the meaning given the term in section 246.2 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act).

(3) PROGRAM.—The term "program" means the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children established by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

(4) QUALIFIED FOOD PACKAGE.—The term "qualified food package" means each of the following food packages (as defined in section 246.10(e) of title

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7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act)):

(A) Food package III–Participants with qualifying conditions.

(B) Food Package IV–Children 1 through 4 years.

(C) Food Package V–Pregnant and partially (mostly) breastfeeding women.

(D) Food Package VI–Postpartum women.

(E) Food Package VII–Fully breastfeeding.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(6) STATE AGENCY.—The term "State agency" has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)).

(b) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF CASH-VALUE VOUCHER.—During the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), and in response to challenges relating to that public health emergency, the Secretary may, in carrying out the program, increase the amount of a cash-value voucher under a qualified food package to an amount that is less than or equal to $35.

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(c) APPLICATION OF INCREASED AMOUNT OF CASH-VALUE VOUCHER TO STATE AGENCIES.—

(1) NOTIFICATION.—An increase to the amount of a cash-value voucher under subsection (b) shall apply to any State agency that notifies the Secretary of—

(A) the intent to use that increased amount, without further application; and

(B) the applicable period selected by the State agency during which that increased amount shall apply.

(2) USE OF INCREASED AMOUNT.—A State agency that makes a notification to the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall use the increased amount described in that paragraph—

(A) during the applicable period described in that notification; and

(B) only during a single applicable period.

(d) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary under subsection (b), and the authority of a State agency to increase the amount of a cash-value voucher under subsection (c), shall terminate on September 30, 2021.

(e) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$490,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available until September 30, 2022.

SEC. 1106. WIC PROGRAM MODERNIZATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $390,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, to remain available until September 30, 2024, to carry out outreach, innovation, and program modernization efforts, including appropriate waivers and flexibility, to increase participation in and redemption of benefits under programs established under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1431), except that such waivers may not relate to the content of the WIC Food Packages (as defined in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act)), or the nondiscrimination requirements under section 246.8 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

SEC. 1107. MEALS AND SUPPLEMENTS REIMBURSEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF 25.

(a) PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK SCHOOL CHILDREN.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A) of section 17(r) of the Richard

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B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(r)), during the COVID–19 public health emergency declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), the Secretary shall reimburse institutions that are emergency shelters under such section 17(r) (42 U.S.C. 1766(r)) for meals and supplements served to individuals who, at the time of such service—

(1) have not attained the age of 25; and

(2) are receiving assistance, including non-residential assistance, from such emergency shelter.

(b) PARTICIPATION BY EMERGENCY SHELTERS.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, notwithstanding paragraph (5)(A) of section 17(t) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(t)), during the COVID–19 public health emergency declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), the Secretary shall reimburse emergency shelters under such section 17(t) (42 U.S.C. 1766(t)) for meals and supplements served to individuals who, at the time of such service have not attained the age of 25.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) EMERGENCY SHELTER.—The term "emergency shelter" has the meaning given the term under section 17(t)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(t)(1)).

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(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 1108. PANDEMIC EBT PROGRAM.

Section 1101 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 note; Public Law 116–127) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "During fiscal years 2020 and 2021" and inserting "In any school year in which there is a public health emergency designation"; and

(B) by inserting "or in a covered summer period following a school session" after "in session";

(2) in subsection (g), by striking "During fiscal year 2020, the" and inserting "The";

(3) in subsection (h)(1)—

(A) by inserting "either" after "at least 1 child enrolled in such a covered child care facility and"; and

(B) by inserting "or a Department of Agriculture grant-funded nutrition assistance program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or American

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Samoa" before "shall be eligible to receive assistance";

(4) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (j) and (k), respectively;

(5) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

"(i) EMERGENCIES DURING SUMMER.—The Secretary of Agriculture may permit a State agency to extend a State agency plan approved under subsection (b) for not more than 90 days for the purpose of operating the plan during a covered summer period, during which time schools participating in the school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the school breakfast program under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) and covered child care facilities shall be deemed closed for purposes of this section.";

(6) in subsection (j) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (7), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) COVERED SUMMER PERIOD.—The term 'covered summer period' means a summer period that fol-

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lows a school year during which there was a public health emergency designation."; and

(C) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by striking "or another coronavirus with pandemic potential"; and

(7) in subsection (k) (as so redesignated), by inserting "Federal agencies," before "State agencies".

TITLE II—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Subtitle A—Education Matters

PART 1—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SEC. 2001. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available through the Education Stabilization Fund, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $122,774,800,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, to carry out this section.

(b) GRANTS.—From funds provided under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) use $800,000,000 for the purposes of identifying homeless children and youth and providing homeless children and youth with—

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(A) wrap-around services in light of the challenges of COVID–19; and

(B) assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities; and

(2) from the remaining amounts, make grants to each State educational agency in accordance with this section.

(c) ALLOCATIONS TO STATES.—The amount of each grant under subsection (b) shall be allocated by the Secretary to each State in the same proportion as each State received under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in the most recent fiscal year.

(d) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall allocate not less than 90 percent of the grant funds awarded to the State under this section as subgrants to local educational agencies (including charter schools that are local educational agencies) in the State in proportion to the amount of funds such local educational agencies and charter schools that are local educational agencies received under part A of title I of the Elementary and

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Secondary Education Act of 1965 in the most recent fiscal year.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Each State shall make allocations under paragraph (1) to local educational agencies in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the receipt of such funds.

(e) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency that receives funds under this section—

(1) shall reserve not less than 20 percent of such funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care; and

(2) shall use the remaining funds for any of the following:

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(A) Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(B) Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(C) Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

(D) Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

(E) Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(F) Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

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(G) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.

(H) Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

(I) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings operated by such agency.

(J) Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.

(K) Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students

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and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

(L) Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools.

(M) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

(N) Addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, of the local educational agency, including by—

(i) administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic

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progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction;

(ii) implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students;

(iii) providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment; and

(iv) tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.

(O) School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.

(P) Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning,

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fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

(Q) Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

(R) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

(f) STATE FUNDING.—With funds not otherwise allocated under subsection (d), a State—

(1) shall reserve not less than 5 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State under this section to carry out, directly or through grants or contracts, activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' aca-

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demic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, including by providing additional support to local educational agencies to fully address such impacts;

(2) shall reserve not less than 1 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State under this section to carry out, directly or through grants or contracts, the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs, and ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student populations described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care;

(3) shall reserve not less than 1 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State under this section to carry out, directly or through grants or contracts, the implementation of evidence-

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based comprehensive afterschool programs, and ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student populations described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care; and

(4) may reserve not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State under this section for administrative costs and the remainder for emergency needs as determined by the State educational agency to address issues responding to coronavirus, which may be addressed through the use of grants or contracts.

(g) REALLOCATION.—A State shall return to the Secretary any funds received under this section that the State does not award within 1 year of receiving such funds and the Secretary shall reallocate such funds to the remaining States in accordance with subsection (c).

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the terms "child", "children with disabilities", "distance education", "elementary school", "English learner", "evidence-based", "secondary

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school", "local educational agency", "parent", "Secretary", "State educational agency", and "technology" have the meanings given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801);

(2) the term "full-service community school" has the meaning given that term in section 4622(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7272(2)); and

(3) the term "State" means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(i) SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

(2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

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(3) PREVIOUS PLANS.—If a local educational agency has developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction before the date of enactment of this Act that meets the requirements described in paragraphs (1) and (2), such plan shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements under this subsection.

SEC. 2002. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,750,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for making allocations to Governors under the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program to provide services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of low-income students and are most impacted by the qualifying emergency.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—Funds provided under subsection (a) shall not be used to provide reimbursements to any non-public school.

SEC. 2003. HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal

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year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $39,584,570,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for making allocations to institutions of higher education in accordance with the same terms and conditions of section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (division M of Public Law 116–260), except that—

(1) subsection (a)(1) of such section 314 shall be applied by substituting "91 percent" for "89 percent";

(2) subsection (a)(2) of such section 314 shall be applied—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by substituting "under the heading 'Higher Education' in the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2020" for "in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94)"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by substituting "under the heading 'Higher Education' in the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2020" for "in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94)";

(3) an institution that receives an allocation apportioned in accordance with clause (iii) of subsection (a)(2)(A) of such section 314 that has a total endow-

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ment size of less than $1,000,000 (including an institution that does not have an endowment) shall be treated by the Secretary as having a total endowment size of $1,000,000 for the purposes of such clause (iii);

(4) subsection (a)(4) of such section 314 shall be applied by substituting "1 percent" for "3 percent";

(5) except as provided in paragraphs (7) and (9) of subsection (d) of such section 314, an institution shall use a portion of funds received under this section to—

(A) implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines; and

(B) conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances, described in section 479A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087tt);

(6) the following shall not apply to funds provided or received in accordance with this section—

(A) subsection (b) of such section 314;

(B) paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of such section 314;

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(C) paragraphs (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (8) of subsection (d) of such section 314;

(D) subsections (e) and (f) of such section 314; and

(E) section 316 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (division M of Public Law 116–260); and

(7) an institution that receives an allocation under this section apportioned in accordance with subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(1) of such section 314 shall use not less than 50 percent of such allocation to provide emergency financial aid grants to students in accordance with subsection (c)(3) of such section 314.

SEC. 2004. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUITY.

(a) STATE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds under section 2001, a State shall maintain support for elementary and secondary education, and for higher education (which shall include State funding to institutions of higher education and State need-based financial aid, and shall not include support for capital projects or for research and development or tuition and fees paid by students), in each of fiscal

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years 2022 and 2023 at least at the proportional levels of such State's support for elementary and secondary education and for higher education relative to such State's overall spending, averaged over fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

(2) WAIVER.—For the purpose of relieving fiscal burdens incurred by States in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus, the Secretary of Education may waive any maintenance of effort requirements associated with the Education Stabilization Fund.

(b) STATE MAINTENANCE OF EQUITY.—

(1) HIGH-NEED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—As a condition of receiving funds under section 2001, a State educational agency shall not, in fiscal year 2022 or 2023, reduce State funding (as calculated on a per-pupil basis) for any high-need local educational agency in the State by an amount that exceeds the overall per-pupil reduction in State funds, if any, across all local educational agencies in such State in such fiscal year.

(2) HIGHEST POVERTY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), as a condition of receiving funds under section 2001, a State educational agency shall not, in fiscal year

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2022 or 2023, reduce State funding (as calculated on a per-pupil basis) for any highest poverty local educational agency below the level of funding (as calculated on a per-pupil basis) provided to each such local educational agency in fiscal year 2019.

(c) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY MAINTENANCE OF EQUITY FOR HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOLS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds under section 2001, a local educational agency shall not, in fiscal year 2022 or 2023—

(A) reduce per-pupil funding (from combined State and local funding) for any high-poverty school served by such local educational agency by an amount that exceeds—

(i) the total reduction in local educational agency funding (from combined State and local funding) for all schools served by the local educational agency in such fiscal year (if any); divided by

(ii) the number of children enrolled in all schools served by the local educational agency in such fiscal year; or

(B) reduce per-pupil, full-time equivalent staff in any high-poverty school by an amount that exceeds—

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(i) the total reduction in full-time equivalent staff in all schools served by such local educational agency in such fiscal year (if any); divided by

(ii) the number of children enrolled in all schools served by the local educational agency in such fiscal year.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a local educational agency in fiscal year 2022 or 2023 that meets at least 1 of the following criteria in such fiscal year:

(A) Such local educational agency has a total enrollment of less than 1,000 students.

(B) Such local educational agency operates a single school.

(C) Such local educational agency serves all students within each grade span with a single school.

(D) Such local educational agency demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance, such as unpredictable changes in student enrollment or a precipitous decline in the financial resources of such agency, as determined by the Secretary of Education.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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(1) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION; SECONDARY EDUCATION.—The terms "elementary education" and "secondary education" have the meaning given such terms under State law.

(2) HIGHEST POVERTY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term "highest poverty local educational agency" means a local educational agency that is among the group of local educational agencies in the State that—

(A) in rank order, have the highest percentages of economically disadvantaged students in the State, on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data available from the Department of Commerce (or, for local educational agencies for which no such data are available, such other data as the Secretary of Education determines are satisfactory); and

(B) collectively serve not less than 20 percent of the State's total enrollment of students served by all local educational agencies in the State.

(3) HIGH-NEED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term "high-need local educational agency" means a local educational agency that is among the group of local educational agencies in the State that—

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(A) in rank order, have the highest percentages of economically disadvantaged students in the State, on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data available from the Department of Commerce (or, for local educational agencies for which no such data are available, such other data as the Secretary of Education determines are satisfactory); and

(B) collectively serve not less than 50 percent of the State's total enrollment of students served by all local educational agencies in the State.

(4) HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "high-poverty school" means, with respect to a school served by a local educational agency, a school that is in the highest quartile of schools served by such local educational agency based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students served, as determined by the State in accordance with subparagraph (B).

(B) DETERMINATION.—In making the determination under subparagraph (A), a State shall select a measure of poverty established for the purposes of this paragraph by the Secretary of

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Education and apply such measure consistently to all schools in the State.

(5) OVERALL PER-PUPIL REDUCTION IN STATE FUNDS.—The term "overall per-pupil reduction in State funds" means, with respect to a fiscal year—

(A) the amount of any reduction in the total amount of State funds provided to all local educational agencies in the State in such fiscal year compared to the total amount of such funds provided to all local educational agencies in the State in the previous fiscal year; divided by

(B) the aggregate number of children enrolled in all schools served by all local educational agencies in the State in the fiscal year for which the determination is being made.

(6) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

SEC. 2005. OUTLYING AREAS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $850,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for the Secretary of Education to allocate awards to the outlying areas on the basis of their re-

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spective needs, as determined by the Secretary, to be allocated not more than 30 calendar days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2006. GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $19,250,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and Gallaudet University to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll) and to provide financial aid grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance.

SEC. 2007. STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $91,130,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for Student Aid Administration within the Department of Education to prevent, prepare for,

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and respond to coronavirus including direct outreach to students and borrowers about financial aid, economic impact payments, means-tested benefits, unemployment assistance, and tax benefits, for which the students and borrowers may be eligible.

SEC. 2008. HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $35,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for Howard University to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll) and to provide financial aid grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance.

SEC. 2009. NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $19,250,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for the National Technical Institute

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for the Deaf to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff training, and payroll) and to provide financial aid grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance.

SEC. 2010. INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2023, for the Institute of Education Sciences to carry out research related to addressing learning loss caused by the coronavirus among the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)) and students experiencing homelessness and children and youth in foster care, and to disseminate such findings to State educational agencies and local educational agencies and other appropriate entities.

SEC. 2011. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal

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year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $15,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2024, for Program Administration within the Department of Education to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and for salaries and expenses necessary to implement this part.

SEC. 2012. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education, for salaries and expenses necessary for oversight, investigations, and audits of programs, grants, and projects funded under this part carried out by the Office of Inspector General.

SEC. 2013. MODIFICATION OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPRIETARY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 487(a)(24) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)(24)) is amended by striking "funds provided under this title" and inserting "Federal funds that are disbursed or delivered to or on behalf of a student to be used to attend such institution (re-

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ferred to in this paragraph and subsection (d) as 'Federal education assistance funds')".

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF NON-FEDERAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT.—Section 487(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(d)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking "Non-title IV" and inserting "Non-Federal"; and

(2) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking "funds for a program under this title" and inserting "Federal education assistance funds".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made under this section shall—

(1) be subject to the master calendar requirements under section 482 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1089) and the public involvement and negotiated rulemaking requirements under section 492 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098a), except that such negotiated rulemaking shall commence not earlier than October 1, 2021; and

(2) apply to institutional fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

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SEC. 2014. FUNDING FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.

(a) AMOUNTS FOR IDEA.—There is appropriated to the Secretary of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) $2,580,000,000 for grants to States under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;

(2) $200,000,000 for preschool grants under section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

(3) $250,000,000 for programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(b) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—Any amount appropriated under subsection (a) is in addition to other amounts appropriated or made available for the applicable purpose.

PART 2—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 2021. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $135,000,000, to remain available until expended, under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as follows:

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(1) Forty percent shall be for grants, and relevant administrative expenses, to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations that support organizations' programming and general operating expenses to cover up to 100 percent of the costs of the programs which the grants support, to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

(2) Sixty percent shall be for direct grants, and relevant administrative expenses, that support organizations' programming and general operating expenses to cover up to 100 percent of the costs of the programs which the grants support, to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

SEC. 2022. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $135,000,000, to remain available until expended, under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as follows:

(1) Forty percent shall be for grants, and relevant administrative expenses, to State humanities councils that support humanities organizations' programming and general operating expenses to cover up to 100 percent of the costs of the programs which the

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grants support, to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

(2) Sixty percent shall be for direct grants, and relevant administrative expenses, that support humanities organizations' programming and general operating expenses to cover up to 100 percent of the costs of the programs which the grants support, to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

SEC. 2023. INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to carry out museum and library services. The Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services shall award not less than 89 percent of such funds to State library administrative agencies by applying the formula in section 221(b) of the Museum and Library Services Act, except that—

(1) section 221(b)(3)(A) of such Act shall be applied by substituting "$2,000,000" for "$680,000" and by substituting "$200,000" for "$60,000"; and

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(2) section 221(b)(3)(C) and subsections (b) and (c) of section 223 of such Act shall not apply to funds provided under this section.

Subtitle B—Labor Matters

SEC. 2101. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WORKER PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Labor for fiscal year 2021, $200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the Wage and Hour Division, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, the Office of the Solicitor, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to carry out COVID–19 related worker protection activities, and for the Office of Inspector General for oversight of the Secretary's activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19.

(b) ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts appropriated under subsection (a) shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Not less than $100,000,000 shall be for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, of which $10,000,000 shall be for Susan Harwood training grants and not less than $5,000,000 shall be for enforcement activities related to COVID–19 at high

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risk workplaces including health care, meat and poultry processing facilities, agricultural workplaces and correctional facilities.

(2) $12,500,000 shall be for the Office of Inspector General.

Subtitle C—Human Services and Community Supports

SEC. 2201. CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $14,990,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, to carry out the program authorized under section 658C of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858a) without regard to requirements in sections 658E(c)(3)(E) or 658G of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(3)(E), 9858e). Payments made to States, territories, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations from funds made available under this subsection shall be obligated in fiscal year 2021 or the succeeding 2 fiscal years. States, territories, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations are authorized to use such funds to provide child care assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sani-

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tation workers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to coronavirus by public officials, without regard to the income eligibility requirements of section 658P(4) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9858n(4)).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $35,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025, for the costs of providing technical assistance and conducting research and for the administrative costs to carry out this section and section 2202 of this subtitle.

(c) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made available to carry out this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide child care services for eligible individuals.

SEC. 2202. CHILD CARE STABILIZATION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term "COVID–19 public health emergency" means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

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247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19, including any renewal of the declaration.

(2) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term "eligible child care provider" means—

(A) an eligible child care provider as defined in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n); or

(B) a child care provider that is licensed, regulated, or registered in the State, territory, or Indian Tribe on the date of enactment of this Act and meets applicable State and local health and safety requirements.

(b) CHILD CARE STABILIZATION FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $23,975,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, for grants under this section in accordance with the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

(c) GRANTS.—From the amounts appropriated to carry out this section and under the authority of section 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m) and this section, the Secretary shall award to each lead agency a child care stabilization

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grant, without regard to the requirements in subparagraphs (C) and (E) of section 658E(c)(3), and in section 658G, of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(3), 9858e). Such grant shall be allotted in accordance with section 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m).

(d) STATE RESERVATIONS AND SUBGRANTS.—

(1) RESERVATION.—A lead agency for a State that receives a child care stabilization grant pursuant to subsection (c) shall reserve not more than 10 percent of such grant funds to administer subgrants, provide technical assistance and support for applying for and accessing the subgrant opportunity, publicize the availability of the subgrants, carry out activities to increase the supply of child care, and provide technical assistance to help child care providers implement policies as described in paragraph (2)(D)(i).

(2) SUBGRANTS TO QUALIFIED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency shall use the remainder of the grant funds awarded pursuant to subsection (c) to make subgrants to qualified child care providers described in subparagraph (B), regardless of such a provider's previous receipt of other Federal assistance, to

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support the stability of the child care sector during and after the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(B) QUALIFIED CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—To be qualified to receive a subgrant under this paragraph, a provider shall be an eligible child care provider that on the date of submission of an application for the subgrant, was either—

(i) open and available to provide child care services; or

(ii) closed due to public health, financial hardship, or other reasons relating to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(C) SUBGRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of such a subgrant to a qualified child care provider shall be based on the provider's stated current operating expenses, including costs associated with providing or preparing to provide child care services during the COVID–19 public health emergency, and to the extent practicable, cover sufficient operating expenses to ensure continuous operations for the intended period of the subgrant.

(D) APPLICATION.—The lead agency shall—

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(i) make available on the lead agency's website an application for qualified child care providers that includes certifications that, for the duration of the subgrant—

(I) the provider applying will, when open and available to provide child care services, implement policies in line with guidance from the corresponding State, Tribal, and local authorities, and in accordance with State, Tribal, and local orders, and, to the greatest extent possible, implement policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(II) for each employee, the provider will pay not less than the full compensation, including any benefits, that was provided to the employee as of the date of submission of the application for the subgrant (referred to in this subclause as "full compensation"), and will not take any action that reduces the weekly amount of the employee's compensation below the weekly

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amount of full compensation, or that reduces the employee's rate of compensation below the rate of full compensation, including the involuntary furloughing of any employee employed on the date of submission of the application for the subgrant; and

(III) the provider will provide relief from copayments and tuition payments for the families enrolled in the provider's program, to the extent possible, and prioritize such relief for families struggling to make either type of payment; and

(ii) accept and process applications submitted under this subparagraph on a rolling basis, and provide subgrant funds in advance of provider expenditures, except as provided in subsection (e)(2).

(E) OBLIGATION.—The lead agency shall notify the Secretary if it is unable to obligate at least 50 percent of the funds received pursuant to subsection (c) that are available for subgrants described in this paragraph within 9 months of the date of enactment of this Act.

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(e) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A qualified child care provider that receives funds through such a subgrant shall use the funds for at least one of the following:

(A) Personnel costs, including payroll and salaries or similar compensation for an employee (including any sole proprietor or independent contractor), employee benefits, premium pay, or costs for employee recruitment and retention.

(B) Rent (including rent under a lease agreement) or payment on any mortgage obligation, utilities, facility maintenance or improvements, or insurance.

(C) Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitization supplies and services, or training and professional development related to health and safety practices.

(D) Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(E) Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services.

(F) Mental health supports for children and employees.

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(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The qualified child care provider may use the subgrant funds to reimburse the provider for sums obligated or expended before the date of enactment of this Act for the cost of a good or service described in paragraph (1) to respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(f) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made available to carry out this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide child care services for eligible individuals.

SEC. 2203. HEAD START.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2022, to carry out the Head Start Act, including for Federal administrative expenses. After reserving funds for Federal administrative expenses, the Secretary shall allocate all remaining amounts to Head Start agencies for one-time grants, and shall allocate to each Head Start agency an amount that bears the same ratio to the portion available for allocations as the number of enrolled children served by the Head Start agency bears to the number of enrolled children served by all Head Start agencies.

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SEC. 2204. PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10403) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—For the purposes of carrying out this title, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purposes, there are appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2021, to remain available until expended except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each of the following:

"(1) $180,000,000 to carry out sections 301 through 312, to be allocated in the manner described in subsection (a)(2), except that—

"(A) a reference in subsection (a)(2) to an amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) shall be considered to be a reference to an amount appropriated under this paragraph;

"(B) the matching requirement in section 306(c)(4) and condition in section 308(d)(3) shall not apply; and

"(C) each reference in section 305(e) to 'the end of the following fiscal year' shall be considered to be a reference to 'the end of fiscal year 2025'; and

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"(D) funds made available to a State in a grant under section 306(a) and obligated in a timely manner shall be available for expenditure, by the State or a recipient of funds from the grant, through the end of fiscal year 2025;

"(2) $18,000,000 to carry out section 309.

"(3) $2,000,000 to carry out section 313, of which $1,000,000 shall be allocated to support Indian communities.".

(b) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DEFINED.—In this section, the term "COVID–19 public health emergency" means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19, including any renewal of the declaration.

(c) GRANTS TO SUPPORT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC POPULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the "Secretary"), $49,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, to be available until expended, to carry out this subsection (excluding Fed-

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eral administrative costs, for which funds are appropriated under subsection (e)).

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—From amounts appropriated under paragraph (1), the Secretary acting through the Director of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, shall—

(A) support culturally specific community-based organizations to provide culturally specific activities for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, to address emergent needs resulting from the COVID–19 public health emergency and other public health concerns; and

(B) support culturally specific community-based organizations that provide culturally specific activities to promote strategic partnership development and collaboration in responding to the impact of COVID–19 and other public health concerns on survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

(d) GRANTS TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Secretary, $198,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, to

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be available until expended, to carry out this subsection (excluding Federal administrative costs, for which funds are appropriated under subsection (e)).

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—From amounts appropriated under paragraph (1), the Secretary acting through the Director of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, shall assist rape crisis centers in transitioning to virtual services and meeting the emergency needs of survivors.

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, to remain available until expended, for the Federal administrative costs of carrying out subsections (c) and (d).

SEC. 2205. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following amounts, to remain available through September 30, 2023:

(1) $250,000,000 for carrying out the program authorized under section 201 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116), which shall be allocated without regard to section 204(4) of

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such Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d(4)) and shall be allotted to States in accordance with section 203 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5116b), except that—

(A) in subsection (b)(1)(A) of such section 203, "70 percent" shall be deemed to be "100 percent"; and

(B) subsections (b)(1)(B) and (c) of such section 203 shall not apply; and

(2) $100,000,000 for carrying out the State grant program authorized under section 106 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a), which shall be allocated without regard to section 112(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(2)).

SEC. 2206. CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.

(a) CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Corporation for National and Community Service, $852,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2024, to carry out subsection (b), except that amounts to

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carry out subsection (b)(7) shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

(b) ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts provided by subsection (a) shall be allocated as follows:

(1) AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL.—$620,000,000 shall be used—

(A) to increase the living allowances of participants in national service programs; and

(B) to make funding adjustments to existing (as of the date of enactment of this Act) awards and award new and additional awards to entities to support programs described in paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(B), (3)(B), (4)(B), and (5)(B) of subsection (a), and subsection (b)(2), of section 122 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572), whether or not the entities are already grant recipients under such provisions on the date of enactment of this Act, and notwithstanding section 122(a)(1)(B)(vi) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(a)(1)(B)(vi)), by—

(i) prioritizing entities serving communities disproportionately impacted by COVID–19 and utilizing culturally com-

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petent and multilingual strategies in the provision of services; and

(ii) taking into account the diversity of communities and participants served by such entities, including racial, ethnic, socio-economic, linguistic, or geographic diversity.

(2) STATE COMMISSIONS.—$20,000,000 shall be used to make adjustments to existing (as of the date of enactment of this Act) awards and new and additional awards, including awards to State Commissions on National and Community Service, under section 126(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12576(a)).

(3) VOLUNTEER GENERATION FUND.—$20,000,000 shall be used for expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4)(F) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12681(a)(4)(F)), which, notwithstanding section 198P(d)(1)(B) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 12653p(d)(1)(B)), shall be for grants awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service on a competitive basis.

(4) AMERICORPS VISTA.—$80,000,000 shall be used for the purposes described in section 101 of the

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Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4951), including to increase the living allowances of volunteers, described in section 105(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4955(b)).

(5) NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.—$30,000,000 shall be used for the purposes described in section 200 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5000).

(6) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—$73,000,000 shall be used for the Corporation for National and Community Service for administrative expenses to carry out programs and activities funded by subsection (a).

(7) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—$9,000,000 shall be used for the Office of Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service for salaries and expenses necessary for oversight and audit of programs and activities funded by subsection (a).

(c) NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $148,000,000, to remain available until expended, for administration of the National Service Trust, and for payment to the Trust for the provision of educational awards pursuant to section 145(a)(1)(A) of the

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National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601(a)(1)(A)).

Subtitle D—Public Health

SEC. 2301. FUNDING FOR COVID–19 VACCINE ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $7,500,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out activities to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track COVID–19 vaccines.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consultation with other agencies, as applicable, shall, in conducting activities referred to in subsection (a)—

(1) conduct activities to enhance, expand, and improve nationwide COVID–19 vaccine distribution and administration, including activities related to distribution of ancillary medical products and supplies related to vaccines; and

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(2) provide technical assistance, guidance, and support to, and award grants or cooperative agreements to, State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments for enhancement of COVID–19 vaccine distribution and administration capabilities, including—

(A) the distribution and administration of vaccines licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) or authorized under section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3) and ancillary medical products and supplies related to vaccines;

(B) the establishment and expansion, including staffing support, of community vaccination centers, particularly in underserved areas;

(C) the deployment of mobile vaccination units, particularly in underserved areas;

(D) information technology, standards-based data, and reporting enhancements, including improvements necessary to support standards-based sharing of data related to vaccine distribution and vaccinations and systems that enhance vaccine safety, effectiveness, and uptake, particularly among underserved populations;

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(E) facilities enhancements;

(F) communication with the public regarding when, where, and how to receive COVID–19 vaccines; and

(G) transportation of individuals to facilitate vaccinations, including at community vaccination centers and mobile vaccination units, particularly for underserved populations.

(c) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR STATE VACCINATION GRANTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) BASE FORMULA.—The term "base formula" means the allocation formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2020.

(B) ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION.—The term "alternative allocation" means an allocation to each State, territory, or locality calculated using the percentage derived from the allocation received by such State, territory, or locality of the aggregate amount of fiscal year 2020 Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement awards under section 319C–1 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–3a).

(2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.—

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(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 21 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, out of amounts described in subsection (a), provide supplemental funding to any State, locality, or territory that received less of the amounts that were appropriated under title III of division M of Public Law 116–260 for vaccination grants to be issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention than such State, locality, or territory would have received had such amounts been allocated using the alternative allocation.

(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of supplemental funding provided under this subsection shall be equal to the difference between—

(i) the amount the State, locality, or territory received, or would receive, under the base formula; and

(ii) the amount the State, locality, or territory would receive under the alternative allocation.

SEC. 2302. FUNDING FOR VACCINE CONFIDENCE ACTIVITIES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of

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any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out activities, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(1) to strengthen vaccine confidence in the United States, including its territories and possessions;

(2) to provide further information and education with respect to vaccines licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) or authorized under section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb–3); and

(3) to improve rates of vaccination throughout the United States, including its territories and possessions, including through activities described in section 313 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by section 311 of division BB of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260).

SEC. 2303. FUNDING FOR SUPPLY CHAIN FOR COVID–19 VACCINES, THERAPEUTICS, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $6,050,000,000, to remain available until expended, for nec-

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essary expenses with respect to research, development, manufacturing, production, and the purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, and ancillary medical products and supplies to prevent, prepare, or respond to—

(1) SARS–CoV–2 or any viral variant mutating therefrom with pandemic potential; and

(2) COVID–19 or any disease with potential for creating a pandemic.

SEC. 2304. FUNDING FOR COVID–19 VACCINE, THERAPEUTIC, AND DEVICE ACTIVITIES AT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $500,000,000, to remain available until expended, to be used for the evaluation of the continued performance, safety, and effectiveness, including with respect to emerging COVID–19 variants, of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics approved, cleared, licensed, or authorized for use for the treatment, prevention, or diagnosis of COVID–19; facilitation of advanced continuous manufacturing activities related to production of vaccines and related materials; facilitation and conduct of inspections related to the manufacturing of vaccines, therapeutics, and devices delayed or cancelled for reasons related to COVID–19; review of devices

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authorized for use for the treatment, prevention, or diagnosis of COVID–19; and oversight of the supply chain and mitigation of shortages of vaccines, therapeutics, and devices approved, cleared, licensed, or authorized for use for the treatment, prevention, or diagnosis of COVID–19 by the Food and Drug Administration.

SEC. 2305. REDUCED COST-SHARING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1402 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g) and by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

"(f) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DURING 2021.—For purposes of this section, in the case of an individual who has received, or has been approved to receive, unemployment compensation for any week beginning during 2021, for the plan year in which such week begins—

"(1) such individual shall be treated as meeting the requirements of subsection (b)(2), and

"(2) for purposes of subsections (c) and (d), there shall not be taken into account any household income of the individual in excess of 133 percent of the poverty line for a family of the size involved.".

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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2020.

Subtitle E—Testing

SEC. 2401. FUNDING FOR COVID–19 TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND MITIGATION ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $47,800,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out activities to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19 infections and related strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID–19.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—From amounts appropriated by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) implement a national, evidence-based strategy for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, and mitigation with respect to SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19, including through activities authorized under section 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act;

(2) provide technical assistance, guidance, and support, and award grants or cooperative agreements to State, local, and territorial public health depart-

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ments for activities to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19 infections and related strategies and activities to mitigate the spread of COVID–19;

(3) support the development, manufacturing, procurement, distribution, and administration of tests to detect or diagnose SARS–CoV–2 and COVID–19, including through—

(A) support for the development, manufacture, procurement, and distribution of supplies necessary for administering tests, such as personal protective equipment; and

(B) support for the acquisition, construction, alteration, or renovation of non-federally owned facilities for the production of diagnostics and ancillary medical products and supplies where the Secretary determines that such an investment is necessary to ensure the production of sufficient amounts of such supplies;

(4) establish and expand Federal, State, local, and territorial testing and contact tracing capabilities, including—

(A) through investments in laboratory capacity, such as—

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(i) academic and research laboratories, or other laboratories that could be used for processing of COVID–19 testing;

(ii) community-based testing sites and community-based organizations; or

(iii) mobile health units, particularly in medically underserved areas; and

(B) with respect to quarantine and isolation of contacts;

(5) enhance information technology, data modernization, and reporting, including improvements necessary to support sharing of data related to public health capabilities;

(6) award grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with, State, local, and territorial public health departments to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce; and

(7) to cover administrative and program support costs necessary to conduct activities related to subparagraph (a).

SEC. 2402. FUNDING FOR SARS–COV–2 GENOMIC SEQUENCING AND SURVEILLANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise

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appropriated, $1,750,000,000, to remain available until expended, to strengthen and expand activities and workforce related to genomic sequencing, analytics, and disease surveillance.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—From amounts appropriated by subsection (a), the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall—

(1) conduct, expand, and improve activities to sequence genomes, identify mutations, and survey the circulation and transmission of viruses and other organisms, including strains of SARS–CoV–2;

(2) award grants or cooperative agreements to State, local, Tribal, or territorial public health departments or public health laboratories—

(A) to increase their capacity to sequence genomes of circulating strains of viruses and other organisms, including SARS–CoV–2;

(B) to identify mutations in viruses and other organisms, including SARS–CoV–2;

(C) to use genomic sequencing to identify outbreaks and clusters of diseases or infections, including COVID–19; and

(D) to develop effective disease response strategies based on genomic sequencing and surveillance data;

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(3) enhance and expand the informatics capabilities of the public health workforce; and

(4) award grants for the construction, alteration, or renovation of facilities to improve genomic sequencing and surveillance capabilities at the State and local level.

SEC. 2403. FUNDING FOR GLOBAL HEALTH.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $750,000,000, to remain available until expended, for activities to be conducted acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to combat SARS–CoV–2, COVID–19, and other emerging infectious disease threats globally, including efforts related to global health security, global disease detection and response, global health protection, global immunization, and global coordination on public health.

SEC. 2404. FUNDING FOR DATA MODERNIZATION AND FORECASTING CENTER.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for activities to be conducted acting through the Director of the

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support public health data surveillance and analytics infrastructure modernization initiatives at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and establish, expand, and maintain efforts to modernize the United States disease warning system to forecast and track hotspots for COVID–19, its variants, and emerging biological threats, including academic and workforce support for analytics and informatics infrastructure and data collection systems.

Subtitle F—Public Health Workforce

SEC. 2501. FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $7,660,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out activities related to establishing, expanding, and sustaining a public health workforce, including by making awards to State, local, and territorial public health departments.

(b) USE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.—Amounts made available to an awardee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used for the following:

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(1) Costs, including wages and benefits, related to the recruiting, hiring, and training of individuals—

(A) to serve as case investigators, contact tracers, social support specialists, community health workers, public health nurses, disease intervention specialists, epidemiologists, program managers, laboratory personnel, informaticians, communication and policy experts, and any other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19; and

(B) who are employed by—

(i) the State, territorial, or local public health department involved; or

(ii) a nonprofit private or public organization with demonstrated expertise in implementing public health programs and established relationships with such State, territorial, or local public health departments, particularly in medically underserved areas.

(2) Personal protective equipment, data management and other technology, or other necessary supplies.

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(3) Administrative costs and activities necessary for awardees to implement activities funded under this section.

(4) Subawards from recipients of awards under subsection (a) to local health departments for the purposes of the activities funded under this section.

SEC. 2502. FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 2813 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–15).

Subtitle G—Public Health Investments

SEC. 2601. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND COMMUNITY CARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $7,600,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses for awarding grants and cooperative agreements under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b) to

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be awarded without regard to the time limitation in subsection (e)(3) and subsections (e)(6)(A)(iii), (e)(6)(B)(iii), and (r)(2)(B) of such section 330, and for necessary expenses for awarding grants to Federally qualified health centers, as described in section 1861(aa)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.1395x(aa)(4)(B)), and for awarding grants or contracts to Papa Ola Lokahi and to qualified entities under sections 4 and 6 of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (42 U.S.C. 11703, 11705). Of the total amount appropriated by the preceding sentence, not less than $20,000,000 shall be for grants or contracts to Papa Ola Lokahi and to qualified entities under sections 4 and 6 of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (42 U.S.C. 11703, 11705).

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to an awardee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used—

(1) to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID–19 vaccines, and to carry out other vaccine-related activities;

(2) to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor COVID–19 infections and related activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID–19, including activities related to, and equipment or supplies purchased for, testing, contact tracing, surveillance, mitigation, and treatment of COVID–19;

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(3) to purchase equipment and supplies to conduct mobile testing or vaccinations for COVID–19, to purchase and maintain mobile vehicles and equipment to conduct such testing or vaccinations, and to hire and train laboratory personnel and other staff to conduct such mobile testing or vaccinations, particularly in medically underserved areas;

(4) to establish, expand, and sustain the health care workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, and to carry out other health workforce-related activities;

(5) to modify, enhance, and expand health care services and infrastructure; and

(6) to conduct community outreach and education activities related to COVID–19.

(c) PAST EXPENDITURES.—An awardee may use amounts awarded pursuant to subsection (a) to cover the costs of the awardee carrying out any of the activities described in subsection (b) during the period beginning on the date of the declaration of a public health emergency by the Secretary under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19 and ending on the date of such award.

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SEC. 2602. FUNDING FOR NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $800,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out sections 338A, 338B, and 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l, 254l–1, 254q–1) with respect to the health workforce.

(b) STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made available pursuant to subsection (a), $100,000,000 shall be made available for providing primary health services through grants to States under section 338I(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254q–1(a)).

(2) CONDITIONS.—With respect to grants described in paragraph (1) using funds made available under such paragraph:

(A) Section 338I(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254q–1(b)) shall not apply.

(B) Notwithstanding section 338I(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254q–1(d)(2)), not more than 10 percent of an award to a State from such amounts, may be used by

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the State for costs of administering the State loan repayment program.

SEC. 2603. FUNDING FOR NURSE CORPS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 846 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n).

SEC. 2604. FUNDING FOR TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, and notwithstanding the capped amount referenced in sections 340H(b)(2) and 340H(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(b)(2) and (d)(2)), there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $330,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education under section 340H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h) and for teaching health center development grants authorized under section 749A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293l–1).

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(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used for the following activities:

(1) For making payments to establish new approved graduate medical residency training programs pursuant to section 340H(a)(1)(C) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(a)(1)(C)).

(2) To provide an increase to the per resident amount described in section 340H(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(a)(2)) of $10,000.

(3) For making payments under section 340H(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(a)(1)(A))) to qualified teaching health centers for maintenance of filled positions at existing approved graduate medical residency training programs.

(4) For making payments under section 340H(a)(1)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(a)(1)(B)) for the expansion of existing approved graduate medical residency training programs.

(5) For making awards under section 749A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293l–1) to teaching health centers for the purpose of establishing

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new accredited or expanded primary care residency programs.

(6) To cover administrative costs and activities necessary for qualified teaching health centers receiving payments under section 340H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h) to carry out activities under such section.

SEC. 2605. FUNDING FOR FAMILY PLANNING.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $50,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses for making grants and contracts under section 1001 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300).

Subtitle H—Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

SEC. 2701. FUNDING FOR BLOCK GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out subpart I of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x et seq.),

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subpart III of part B of title XIX of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–51 et seq.), and section 505(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa–4(c)) with respect to mental health. Notwithstanding section 1952 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–62), any amount awarded to a State out of amounts appropriated by this section shall be expended by the State by September 30, 2025.

SEC. 2702. FUNDING FOR BLOCK GRANTS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.), subpart III of part B of title XIX of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–51 et seq.), section 505(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa–4(d)) with respect to substance abuse, and section 515(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–21(d)). Notwithstanding section 1952 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–62), any amount awarded to a State out of amounts appropriated by this section shall be expended by the State by September 30, 2025.

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SEC. 2703. FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $80,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) USE OF FUNDING.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall, taking into consideration the needs of rural and medically underserved communities, use amounts appropriated by subsection (a) to award grants or contracts to health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities (or consortia of entities, including entities promoting multidisciplinary approaches), to plan, develop, operate, or participate in health professions and nursing training activities for health care students, residents, professionals, paraprofessionals, trainees, and public safety officers, and employers of such individuals, in evidence-informed strategies for reducing and addressing suicide, burnout, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders among health care professionals.

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SEC. 2704. FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGING HEALTHY WORK CONDITIONS AND USE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with the medical professional community, shall use amounts appropriated by subsection (a) to carry out a national evidence-based education and awareness campaign directed at health care professionals and first responders (such as emergency medical service providers), and employers of such professionals and first responders. Such awareness campaign shall—

(1) encourage primary prevention of mental health conditions and substance use disorders and secondary and tertiary prevention by encouraging health care professionals to seek support and treatment for their own mental health and substance use concerns; and

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(2) help such professionals to identify risk factors in themselves and others and respond to such risks.

SEC. 2705. FUNDING FOR GRANTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THEIR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $40,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall, taking into consideration the needs of rural and medically underserved communities, use amounts appropriated by subsection (a) to award grants or contracts to entities providing health care, including health care providers associations and Federally qualified health centers, to establish, enhance, or expand evidence-informed programs or protocols to promote mental health among their providers, other personnel, and members.

SEC. 2706. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal

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year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $30,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and in consultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall award grants to support States; local, Tribal, and territorial governments; Tribal organizations; nonprofit community-based organizations; and primary and behavioral health organizations to support community-based overdose prevention programs, syringe services programs, and other harm reduction services.

(2) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under this section to eligible entities shall be used for preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases and the consequences of such diseases for individuals with substance use disorder, distributing opioid overdose reversal medication to individuals at risk of overdose, connecting individuals at risk for, or with, a substance use disorder to overdose education, counseling, and health education, and encouraging such individuals to take steps to reduce the negative

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personal and public health impacts of substance use or misuse.

SEC. 2707. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $50,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the purpose described in subsection (b).

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, shall award grants to State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, Tribal organizations, nonprofit community-based entities, and primary care and behavioral health organizations to address increased community behavioral health needs worsened by the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(2) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under this section to eligible entities shall be used for promoting care coordination among local entities; training the mental and behavioral health workforce, relevant stakeholders, and community members; expanding evidence-based integrated models of care; addressing surge capacity for mental and behavioral

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health needs; providing mental and behavioral health services to individuals with mental health needs (including co-occurring substance use disorders) as delivered by behavioral and mental health professionals utilizing telehealth services; and supporting, enhancing, or expanding mental and behavioral health preventive and crisis intervention services.

SEC. 2708. FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS NETWORK.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 582 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290hh–1) with respect to addressing the problem of high-risk or medically underserved persons who experience violence-related stress.

SEC. 2709. FUNDING FOR PROJECT AWARE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $30,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 520A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–32) with respect to advancing wellness and resiliency in education.

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SEC. 2710. FUNDING FOR YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out sections 520E and 520E–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36, 290bb–36b).

SEC. 2711. FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 756 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294e–1).

SEC. 2712. FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $80,000,000, to remain available until expended, for carrying out section 330M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–19).

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SEC. 2713. FUNDING FOR EXPANSION GRANTS FOR CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $420,000,000, to remain available until expended, for grants to communities and community organizations that meet the criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics pursuant to section 223(a) of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note).

Subtitle I—Exchange Grant Program

SEC. 2801. ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR EXCHANGE MODERNIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Out of funds appropriated under subsection (b), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this subtitle referred to as the "Secretary") shall award grants to each American Health Benefits Exchange established under section 1311(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(b)) (other than an Exchange established by the Secretary under section 1321(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 18041(c))) that submits to the Secretary an application at such time and in such manner,

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and containing such information, as specified by the Secretary, for purposes of enabling such Exchange to modernize or update any system, program, or technology utilized by such Exchange to ensure such Exchange is compliant with all applicable requirements.

(b) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated, for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $20,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for carrying out this section.

Subtitle J—Continued Assistance to Rail Workers

SEC. 2901. ADDITIONAL ENHANCED BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(5)(A) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)(A)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021";

(B) by striking "or July 1, 2020" and inserting "July 1, 2020, or July 1, 2021"; and

(2) in the fourth sentence, by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

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(b) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under subparagraph (B) of section 2(a)(5) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)) shall be available to cover the cost of recovery benefits provided under such section 2(a)(5) by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) as well as to cover the cost of such benefits provided under such section 2(a)(5) as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2902. EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(c)(2)(D) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(c)(2)(D)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking "185 days" and inserting "330 days";

(B) in subclause (II),

(i) by striking "19 consecutive 14-day periods" and inserting "33 consecutive 14-day periods"; and

(ii) by striking "6 consecutive 14-day periods" and inserting "20 consecutive 14-day periods";

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(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by striking "120 days of unemployment" and inserting "265 days of unemployment";

(B) by striking "12 consecutive 14-day periods" and inserting "27 consecutive 14-day periods"; and

(C) by striking "6 consecutive 14-day periods" and inserting "20 consecutive 14-day periods";

(3) in clause (iii)—

(A) by striking "June 30, 2021" and inserting "June 30, 2022"; and

(B) by striking "the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) shall not apply to any employee whose extended benefit period under subparagraph (B) begins after March 14, 2021, and shall not apply to any employee with respect to any registration period beginning after April 5, 2021." and inserting "the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) shall not apply to any employee with respect to any registration period beginning after September 6, 2021."; and

(4) in clause (v), by adding at the end the following: "In addition to the amount appropriated by

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the preceding two sentences, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated $2,000,000 to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment benefits provided under this subparagraph, to remain available until expended.".

(b) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under the first, second, or third sentence of clause (v) of section 2(c)(2)(D) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act shall be available to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment benefits provided under such section 2(c)(2)(D) by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) as well as to cover the cost of such benefits provided under such section 2(c)(2)(D) as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2903. EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF THE 7-DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2112(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9030(a)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

(b) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under section 2112(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9030(c)) shall be available to cover the cost of additional benefits payable due to section 2112(a) of such Act by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a)

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as well as to cover the cost of such benefits payable due to such section 2112(a) as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2904. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD AND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FUNDING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) $27,975,000, to remain available until expended, for the Railroad Retirement Board, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, of which—

(A) $6,800,000 shall be for additional hiring and overtime bonuses as needed to administer the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; and

(B) $21,175,000 shall be to supplement, not supplant, existing resources devoted to operations and improvements for the Information Technology Investment Initiatives of the Railroad Retirement Board; and

(2) $500,000, to remain available until expended, for the Railroad Retirement Board Office of Inspector General for audit, investigatory and review activities.

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Subtitle K—Ratepayer Protection

SEC. 2911. FUNDING FOR LIHEAP.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $4,500,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2022, for additional funding to provide payments under section 2602(b) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621(b)), except that—

(1) $2,250,000,000 of such amounts shall be allocated as though the total appropriation for such payments for fiscal year 2021 was less than $1,975,000,000; and

(2) section 2607(b)(2)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(2)(B)) shall not apply to funds appropriated under this section for fiscal year 2021.

SEC. 2912. FUNDING FOR WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for grants to States and Indian Tribes to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes, that pay a high proportion

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of household income for drinking water and wastewater services, by providing funds to owners or operators of public water systems or treatment works to reduce arrearages of and rates charged to such households for such services.

(b) ALLOTMENT.—The Secretary shall—

(1) allot amounts appropriated in this section to a State or Indian Tribe based on—

(A) the percentage of households in the State, or under the jurisdiction of the Indian Tribe, with income equal or less than 150 percent of the Federal poverty line; and

(B) the percentage of households in the State, or under the jurisdiction of the Indian Tribe, that spend more than 30 percent of monthly income on housing; and

(2) reserve up to 3 percent of the amount appropriated in this section for Indian Tribes and tribal organizations.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "State" means each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Subtitle L—Assistance for Older Americans, Grandfamilies, and Kinship Families

SEC. 2921. SUPPORTING OLDER AMERICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,434,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the Older Americans Act of 1965.

(b) ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts made available by subsection (a) shall be available as follows:

(1) $750,000,000 shall be available to carry out part C of title III of such Act.

(2) $25,000,000 shall be available to carry out title VI of such Act, including part C of such title.

(3) $460,000,000 shall be available to carry out part B of title III of such Act, including for—

(A) supportive services of the types made available for fiscal year 2020;

(B) efforts related to COVID–19 vaccination outreach, including education, communication, transportation, and other activities to facilitate vaccination of older individuals; and

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(C) prevention and mitigation activities related to COVID–19 focused on addressing extended social isolation among older individuals, including activities for investments in technological equipment and solutions or other strategies aimed at alleviating negative health effects of social isolation due to long-term stay-at-home recommendations for older individuals for the duration of the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(4) $44,000,000 shall be available to carry out part D of title III of such Act.

(5) $145,000,000 shall be available to carry out part E of title III of such Act.

(6) $10,000,000 shall be available to carry out the long-term care ombudsman program under title VII of such Act.

SEC. 2922. NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER ON GRANDFAMILIES AND KINSHIP FAMILIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025, for the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Admin-

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istration for Community Living, to establish, directly or through grants or contracts, a National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families (in this section referred to as the "Center") to provide training, technical assistance, and resources for government programs, nonprofit and other community-based organizations, and Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, that serve grandfamilies and kinship families to support the health and well-being of members of grandfamilies and kinship families, including caregivers, children, and their parents. The Center shall focus primarily on serving grandfamilies and kinship families in which the primary caregiver is an adult age 55 or older, or the child has one or more disabilities.

(b) ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER.—The Center shall—

(1) engage experts to stimulate the development of new and identify existing evidence-based, evidence-informed, and exemplary practices or programs related to health promotion (including mental health and substance use disorder treatment), education, nutrition, housing, financial needs, legal issues, disability self-determination, caregiver support, and other issues to help serve caregivers, children, and their parents in grandfamilies and kinship families;

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(2) encourage and support the implementation of the evidence-based, evidence-informed, and exemplary practices or programs identified under paragraph (1) to support grandfamilies and kinship families and to promote coordination of services for grandfamilies and kinship families across systems that support them;

(3) facilitate learning across States, territories, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations for providing technical assistance, resources, and training related to issues described in paragraph (1) to individuals and entities across systems that directly work with grandfamilies and kinship families;

(4) help government programs, nonprofit and other community-based organizations, and Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, serving grandfamilies and kinship families, to plan and coordinate responses to assist grandfamilies and kinship families during national, State, Tribal, territorial, and local emergencies and disasters; and

(5) assist government programs, and nonprofit and other community-based organizations, in promoting equity and implementing culturally and lin-

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guistically appropriate approaches as the programs and organizations serve grandfamilies and kinship families.

TITLE III—COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Subtitle A—Defense Production Act of 1950

SEC. 3101. COVID–19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES ENHANCEMENT.

(a) SUPPORTING ENHANCED USE OF THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950.—In addition to funds otherwise available, there is appropriated, for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to carry out titles I, III, and VII of such Act in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.—

(1) TESTING, PPE, VACCINES, AND OTHER MATERIALS.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), amounts appropriated in subsection (a) shall be used for the purchase, production (including the construction, repair, and retrofitting of government-owned or private facilities as necessary), or distribution of medical supplies and equipment (including durable

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medical equipment) related to combating the COVID–19 pandemic, including—

(A) in vitro diagnostic products for the detection of SARS–CoV–2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID–19, and the reagents and other materials necessary for producing, conducting, or administering such products, and the machinery, equipment, laboratory capacity, or other technology necessary to produce such products;

(B) face masks and personal protective equipment, including face shields, nitrile gloves, N–95 filtering facepiece respirators, and any other masks or equipment (including durable medical equipment) needed to respond to the COVID–19 pandemic, and the materials, machinery, additional manufacturing lines or facilities, or other technology necessary to produce such equipment; and

(C) drugs, devices, and biological products that are approved, cleared, licensed, or authorized for use in treating or preventing COVID–19 and symptoms related to COVID–19, and any materials, manufacturing machinery, additional manufacturing or fill-finish lines or facilities,

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technology, or equipment (including durable medical equipment) necessary to produce or use such drugs, biological products, or devices (including syringes, vials, or other supplies or equipment related to delivery, distribution, or administration).

(2) RESPONDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.—After September 30, 2022, amounts appropriated in subsection (a) may be used for any activity authorized by paragraph (1), or any other activity necessary to meet critical public health needs of the United States, with respect to any pathogen that the President has determined has the potential for creating a public health emergency.

Subtitle B—Housing Provisions

SEC. 3201. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) FUNDING.—

(1) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $21,550,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for making payments to eligible grantees under this section—

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(2) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amount appropriated under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall reserve—

(A) $305,000,000 for making payments under this section to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa;

(B) $30,000,000 for costs of the Secretary for the administration of emergency rental assistance programs and technical assistance to recipients of any grants made by the Secretary to provide financial and other assistance to renters;

(C) $3,000,000 for administrative expenses of the Inspector General relating to oversight of funds provided in this section; and

(D) $2,500,000,000 for payments to high-need grantees as provided in this section.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE GRANTEES.—

(1) ALLOCATION FOR STATES AND UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount appropriated under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) that remains after the application of paragraph

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(2) of such subsection shall be allocated to eligible grantees described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (f)(1) in the same manner as the amount appropriated under section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is allocated to States and units of local government under subsection (b)(1) of such section, except that section 501(b) of such subtitle A shall be applied—

(i) without regard to clause (i) of paragraph (1)(A);

(ii) by deeming the amount appropriated under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Act that remains after the application of paragraph (2) of such subsection to be the amount deemed to apply for purposes of applying clause (ii) of section 501(b)(1)(A) of such subtitle A;

(iii) by substituting "$152,000,000" for "$200,000,000" each place such term appears;

(iv) in subclause (I) of such section 501(b)(1)(A)(v), by substituting "under section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act

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of 2021" for "under section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021"; and

(v) in subclause (II) of such section 501(b)(1)(A)(v), by substituting "local government elects to receive funds from the Secretary under section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and will use the funds in a manner consistent with such section" for "local government elects to receive funds from the Secretary under section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and will use the funds in a manner consistent with such section".

(B) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary shall make pro rata adjustments in the amounts of the allocations determined under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph for entities described in such subparagraph as necessary to ensure that the total amount of allocations made pursuant to such subparagraph does not exceed the remainder appropriated amount described in such subparagraph.

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(2) ALLOCATIONS FOR TERRITORIES.—The amount reserved under subsection (a)(2)(A) shall be allocated to eligible grantees described in subsection (f)(1)(C) in the same manner as the amount appropriated under section 501(a)(2)(A) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is allocated under section 501(b)(3) of such subtitle A to eligible grantees described under subparagraph (C) of such section 501(b)(3), except that section 501(b)(3) of such subtitle A shall be applied—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "of section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" after "the amount reserved under subsection (a)(2)(A)"; and

(B) in clause (i) of subparagraph (B), by substituting "the amount equal to 0.3 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1)" with "the amount equal to 0.3 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) of section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021".

(3) HIGH-NEED GRANTEES.—The Secretary shall allocate funds reserved under subsection (a)(2)(D) to eligible grantees with a high need for assistance under

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this section, with the number of very low-income renter households paying more than 50 percent of income on rent or living in substandard or overcrowded conditions, rental market costs, and change in employment since February 2020 used as the factors for allocating funds.

(c) PAYMENT SCHEDULE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay all eligible grantees not less than 40 percent of each such eligible grantee's total allocation provided under subsection (b) within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

(2) SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall pay to eligible grantees additional amounts in tranches up to the full amount of each such eligible grantee's total allocation in accordance with a procedure established by the Secretary, provided that any such procedure established by the Secretary shall require that an eligible grantee must have obligated not less than 75 percent of the funds already disbursed by the Secretary pursuant to this section prior to disbursement of additional amounts.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible grantee shall only use the funds provided from payments made under this section as follows:

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(A) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii) of this subparagraph, funds received by an eligible grantee from payments made under this section shall be used to provide financial assistance to eligible households, not to exceed 18 months, including the payment of—

(I) rent;

(II) rental arrears;

(III) utilities and home energy costs;

(IV) utilities and home energy costs arrears; and

(V) other expenses related to housing, as defined by the Secretary.

(ii) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount of financial assistance an eligible household may receive under this section, when combined with financial assistance provided under section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), shall not exceed 18 months.

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(B) HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES.—Not more than 10 percent of funds received by an eligible grantee from payments made under this section may be used to provide case management and other services intended to help keep households stably housed.

(C) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 15 percent of the total amount paid to an eligible grantee under this section may be used for administrative costs attributable to providing financial assistance, housing stability services, and other affordable rental housing and eviction prevention activities, including for data collection and reporting requirements related to such funds.

(D) OTHER AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING AND EVICTION PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.—An eligible grantee may use any funds from payments made under this section that are unobligated on October 1, 2022, for purposes in addition to those specified in this paragraph, provided that—

(i) such other purposes are affordable rental housing and eviction prevention purposes, as defined by the Secretary, serving

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very low-income families (as such term is defined in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)));

and

(ii) prior to obligating any funds for such purposes, the eligible grantee has obligated not less than 75 percent of the total funds allocated to such eligible grantee in accordance with this section.

(2) DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE.—Amounts appropriated under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be subject to the same terms and conditions that apply under paragraph (4) of section 501(c) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) to amounts appropriated under subsection (a)(1) of such section 501.

(e) REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning March 31, 2022, the Secretary shall reallocate funds allocated to eligible grantees in accordance with subsection (b) but not yet paid in accordance with subsection (c)(2) according to a procedure established by the Secretary.

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR REALLOCATED FUNDS.—The Secretary shall require an eligible grantee to have

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obligated 50 percent of the total amount of funds allocated to such eligible grantee under subsection (b) to be eligible to receive funds reallocated under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) PAYMENT OF REALLOCATED FUNDS BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall pay to each eligible grantee eligible for a payment of reallocated funds described in paragraph (2) of this subsection the amount allocated to such eligible grantee in accordance with the procedure established by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(4) USE OF REALLOCATED FUNDS.—Eligible grantees may use any funds received in accordance with this subsection only for purposes specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (d).

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE GRANTEE.—The term "eligible grantee" means any of the following:

(A) The 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(B) A unit of local government (as defined in paragraph (5)).

(C) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Com-

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monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

(2) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term "eligible household" means a household of 1 or more individuals who are obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling and with respect to which the eligible grantee involved determines that—

(A) 1 or more individuals within the household has—

(i) qualified for unemployment benefits; or

(ii) experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship during or due, directly or indirectly, to the coronavirus pandemic;

(B) 1 or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and

(C) the household is a low-income family (as such term is defined in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

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(3) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The term "Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury.

(5) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term "unit of local government" has the meaning given such term in section 501 of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260).

(g) AVAILABILITY.—Funds provided to an eligible grantee under a payment made under this section shall remain available through September 30, 2025.

(h) EXTENSION OF AVAILABILITY UNDER PROGRAM FOR EXISTING FUNDING.—Paragraph (1) of section 501(e) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is amended by striking "December 31, 2021" and inserting "September 30, 2022".

SEC. 3202. EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$5,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, for—

(1) incremental emergency vouchers under subsection (b);

(2) renewals of the vouchers under subsection (b);

(3) fees for the costs of administering vouchers under subsection (b) and other eligible expenses defined by notice to prevent, prepare, and respond to coronavirus to facilitate the leasing of the emergency vouchers, such as security deposit assistance and other costs related to retention and support of participating owners; and

(4) adjustments in the calendar year 2021 section 8 renewal funding allocation, including mainstream vouchers, for public housing agencies that experience a significant increase in voucher per-unit costs due to extraordinary circumstances or that, despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, would otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding.

(b) EMERGENCY VOUCHERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide emergency rental assistance vouchers under subsection (a), which shall be tenant-based rental assistance

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under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).

(2) QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES DEFINED.—For the purposes of this section, qualifying individuals or families are those who are—

(A) homeless (as such term is defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));

(B) at risk of homelessness (as such term is defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1)));

(C) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary; or

(D) recently homeless, as determined by the Secretary, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

(3) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of the number of emergency vouchers provided under this section to be allocated to the agency not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, in accordance with a formula that includes public housing agency capacity and en-

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sures geographic diversity, including with respect to rural areas, among public housing agencies administering the Housing Choice Voucher program.

(4) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(A) ELECTION TO ADMINISTER.—The Secretary shall establish a procedure for public housing agencies to accept or decline the emergency vouchers allocated to the agency in accordance with the formula under subparagraph (3).

(B) FAILURE TO USE VOUCHERS PROMPTLY.—If a public housing agency fails to lease its authorized vouchers under subsection (b) on behalf of eligible families within a reasonable period of time, the Secretary may revoke and redistribute any unleased vouchers and associated funds, including administrative fees and costs referred to in subsection (a)(3), to other public housing agencies according to the formula under paragraph (3).

(5) WAIVERS AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) or regulation applicable to such statute other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimina-

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tion, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of amounts made available in this section.

(6) TERMINATION OF VOUCHERS UPON TURNOVER.—After September 30, 2023, a public housing agency may not reissue any vouchers made available under this section when assistance for the family assisted ends.

(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER COSTS.—The Secretary may use not more $20,000,000 of the amounts made available under this section for the costs to the Secretary of administering and overseeing the implementation of this section and the Housing Choice Voucher program generally, including information technology, financial reporting, and other costs. Of the amounts set aside under this subsection, the Secretary may use not more than $10,000,000, without competition, to make new awards or increase prior awards to existing technical assistance providers to provide an immediate increase in capacity building and technical assistance to public housing agencies.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may implement the provisions of this section by notice.

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SEC. 3203. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL HOUSING.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to provide grants under section 521(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, for temporary adjustment of income losses for residents of housing financed or assisted under section 514, 515, or 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 who have experienced income loss but are not currently receiving Federal rental assistance.

SEC. 3204. HOUSING COUNSELING.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (in this section referred to as the "Corporation") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for grants to housing counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, State housing finance agencies, and NeighborWorks organizations for providing housing counseling services, as authorized under the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C.

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8101–8107) and consistent with the discretion set forth in section 606(a)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 8105(a)(5)) to design and administer grant programs. Of the grant funds made available under this subsection, not less than 40 percent shall be provided to counseling organizations that—

(1) target housing counseling services to minority and low-income populations facing housing instability; or

(2) provide housing counseling services in neighborhoods having high concentrations of minority and low-income populations.

(b) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount provided to NeighborWorks organizations under this section shall not exceed 15 percent of the total of grant funds made available by subsection (a).

(c) ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT.—The Corporation may retain a portion of the amounts provided under this section, in a proportion consistent with its standard rate for program administration in order to cover its expenses related to program administration and oversight.

(d) HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES DEFINED.— For the purposes of this section, the term "housing counseling services" means—

(1) housing counseling provided directly to households facing housing instability, such as evic-

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tion, default, foreclosure, loss of income, or homelessness;

(2) education, outreach, training, technology upgrades, and other program related support; and

(3) operational oversight funding for grantees and subgrantees that receive funds under this section.

SEC. 3205. HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $5,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, except that amounts authorized under subsection (d)(3) shall remain available until September 30, 2029, for assistance under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) for the following activities to primarily benefit qualifying individuals or families:

(1) Tenant-based rental assistance.

(2) The development and support of affordable housing pursuant to section 212(a) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) ("the Act" herein).

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(3) Supportive services to qualifying individuals or families not already receiving such supportive services, including—

(A) activities listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(29));

(B) housing counseling; and

(C) homeless prevention services.

(4) The acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units, all or a portion of which may—

(A) be converted to permanent affordable housing;

(B) be used as emergency shelter under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371–11378);

(C) be converted to permanent housing under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389); or

(D) remain as non-congregate shelter units.

(b) QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES DEFINED.—For the purposes of this section, qualifying individuals or families are those who are—

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(1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));

(2) at-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));

(3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary;

(4) in other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or

(5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) FUNDING RESTRICTIONS.—The cost limits in section 212(e) (42 U.S.C. 12742(e)), the commitment requirements in section 218(g) (42 U.S.C. 12748(g)), the matching requirements in section 220 (42 U.S.C. 12750), and the set-aside for housing developed, sponsored, or owned by community housing development organizations required in section 231 of the Act (42

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U.S.C. 12771) shall not apply for amounts made available in this section.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.— Notwithstanding sections 212(c) and (d)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(c) and (d)(1)), of the funds made available in this section for carrying out activities authorized in this section, a grantee may use up to fifteen percent of its allocation for administrative and planning costs.

(3) OPERATING EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding sections 212(a) and (g) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a) and (g)), a grantee may use up to an additional five percent of its allocation for the payment of operating expenses of community housing development organizations and nonprofit organizations carrying out activities authorized under this section, but only if—

(A) such funds are used to develop the capacity of the community housing development organization or nonprofit organization in the jurisdiction or insular area to carry out activities authorized under this section; and

(B) the community housing development organization or nonprofit organization complies

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with the limitation on assistance in section 234(b) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12774(b)).

(4) CONTRACTING.—A grantee, when contracting with service providers engaged directly in the provision of services under paragraph (a)(3), shall, to the extent practicable, enter into contracts in amounts that cover the actual total program costs and administrative overhead to provide the services contracted.

(d) ALLOCATION.—

(1) FORMULA ASSISTANCE.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall allocate amounts made available under this section pursuant to section 217 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12747) to grantees that received allocations pursuant to that same formula in fiscal year 2021, and shall make such allocations within 30 days of enactment of this Act.

(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Up to $25,000,000 of the amounts made available under this section shall be used, without competition, to make new awards or increase prior awards to existing technical assistance providers to provide an immediate increase in capacity building and technical assistance available to any grantees implementing activities or projects consistent with this section.

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(3) OTHER COSTS.—Up to $50,000,000 of the amounts made available under this section shall be used for the administrative costs to oversee and administer implementation of this section and the HOME program generally, including information technology, financial reporting, and other costs.

(4) WAIVERS OR ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) and titles I and IV of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq., 11360 et seq.) or regulation for the administration of the amounts made available under this section other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of amounts made available under this section.

SEC. 3206. HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Homeowner Assistance Fund established under subsection (c) for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$9,961,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for qualified expenses that meet the purposes specified under subsection (c) and expenses described in subsection (d)(1).

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CONFORMING LOAN LIMIT.—The term "conforming loan limit" means the applicable limitation governing the maximum original principal obligation of a mortgage secured by a single-family residence, a mortgage secured by a 2-family residence, a mortgage secured by a 3-family residence, or a mortgage secured by a 4-family residence, as determined and adjusted annually under section 302(b)(2) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)(2)) and section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)).

(2) DWELLING.—The term "dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more individuals.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity" means—

(A) a State; or

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(B) any entity eligible for payment under subsection (f).

(4) MORTGAGE.—The term "mortgage" means any credit transaction—

(A) that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other consensual security interest on a principal residence of a borrower that is (i) a 1- to 4-unit dwelling, or (ii) residential real property that includes a 1- to 4-unit dwelling; and

(B) the unpaid principal balance of which was, at the time of origination, not more than the conforming loan limit.

(5) FUND.—The term "Fund" means the Homeowner Assistance Fund established under subsection (c).

(6) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury.

(7) STATE.—The term "State" means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT; QUALIFIED EXPENSES.—There is established in the Department of the Treas-

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ury a Homeowner Assistance Fund to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing such funds as are appropriated by subsection (a) to eligible entities for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020, through qualified expenses related to mortgages and housing, which include—

(A) mortgage payment assistance;

(B) financial assistance to allow a homeowner to reinstate a mortgage or to pay other housing related costs related to a period of forbearance, delinquency, or default;

(C) principal reduction;

(D) facilitating interest rate reductions;

(E) payment assistance for—

(i) utilities, including electric, gas, home energy, and water;

(ii) internet service, including broadband internet access service, as defined in section 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation);

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(iii) homeowner's insurance, flood insurance, and mortgage insurance; and

(iv) homeowner's association, condominium association fees, or common charges;

(F) reimbursement of funds expended by a State, local government, or designated entity under subsection (f) during the period beginning on January 21, 2020, and ending on the date that the first funds are disbursed by the eligible entity under the Homeowner Assistance Fund, for the purpose of providing housing or utility payment assistance to homeowners or otherwise providing funds to prevent foreclosure or post-foreclosure eviction of a homeowner or prevent mortgage delinquency or loss of housing or utilities as a response to the coronavirus disease (COVID) pandemic; and

(G) any other assistance to promote housing stability for homeowners, including preventing mortgage delinquency, default, foreclosure, post-foreclosure eviction of a homeowner, or the loss of utility or home energy services, as determined by the Secretary.

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(2) TARGETING.—Not less than 60 percent of amounts made to each eligible entity allocated amounts under subsection (d) or (f) shall be used for qualified expenses that assist homeowners having incomes equal to or less than 100 percent of the area median income for their household size or equal to or less than 100 percent of the median income for the United States, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is greater. The eligible entity shall prioritize remaining funds to socially disadvantaged individuals.

(d) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(1) ADMINISTRATION.—Of any amounts made available under this section, the Secretary shall reserve—

(A) to the Department of the Treasury, an amount not to exceed $40,000,000 to administer and oversee the Fund, and to provide technical assistance to eligible entities for the creation and implementation of State and tribal programs to administer assistance from the Fund; and

(B) to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury, an amount to not exceed $2,600,000 for oversight of the program under this section.

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(2) FOR STATES.—After the application of paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of this subsection and subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Secretary shall allocate the remaining funds available within the Homeowner Assistance Fund to each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico based on homeowner need, for such State relative to all States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, which is determined by reference to—

(A) the average number of unemployed individuals measured over a period of time not fewer than 3 months and not more than 12 months; and

(B) the total number of mortgagors with—

(i) mortgage payments that are more than 30 days past due; or

(ii) mortgages in foreclosure.

(3) SMALL STATE MINIMUM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall receive no less than $50,000,000 for the purposes established in (c).

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(B) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary shall adjust on a pro rata basis the amount of the payments for each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico determined under this subsection without regard to this subparagraph to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (A).

(4) TERRITORY SET-ASIDE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve $30,000,000 to be disbursed to Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands based on each such territory's share of the combined total population of all such territories, as determined by the Secretary. For the purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined based on the most recent year for which data are available from the United States Census Bureau.

(5) TRIBAL SET-ASIDE.—The Secretary shall allocate funds to any eligible entity designated under subsection (f) pursuant to the requirements of that subsection.

(e) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO STATES.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make payments, beginning not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, from amounts allocated under subsection (d) to eligible entities that have notified the Secretary that they request to receive payment from the Fund and that the eligible entity will use such payments in compliance with this section.

(2) REALLOCATION.—If a State does not request allocated funds by the 45th day after the date of enactment of this Act, such State shall not be eligible for a payment from the Secretary pursuant to this section, and the Secretary shall, by the 180th day after the date of enactment of this Act, reallocate any funds that were not requested by such State among the States that have requested funds by the 45th day after the date of enactment of this Act. For any such reallocation of funds, the Secretary shall adhere to the requirements of subsection (d), except for paragraph (1), to the greatest extent possible, provided that the Secretary shall also take into consideration in determining such reallocation a State's remaining need and a State's record of using payments from the Fund to serve homeowners at disproportionate risk of mortgage default, foreclosure, or displacement, including homeowners having incomes equal to or less than

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100 percent of the area median income for their household size or 100 percent of the median income for the United States, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is greater, and minority homeowners.

(f) TRIBAL SET-ASIDE.—

(1) SET-ASIDE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use 5 percent to make payments to entities that are eligible for payments under clauses (i) and (ii) of section 501(b)(2)(A) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) for the purposes described in subsection (c).

(2) ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall allocate the funds set aside under paragraph (1) using the allocation formulas described in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 501(b)(2)(A) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), and shall make payments of such amounts beginning no later than 45 days after enactment of this Act to entities eligible for payment under clauses (i) and (ii) of section 501(b)(2)(A) of subtitle A of title V of division N of

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the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) that notify the Secretary that they request to receive payments allocated from the Fund by the Secretary for purposes described under subsection (c) and will use such payments in compliance with this section.

(3) ADJUSTMENT.—Allocations provided under this subsection may be further adjusted as provided by section 501(b)(2)(B) of subtitle A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260).

SEC. 3207. RELIEF MEASURES FOR SECTION 502 AND 504 DIRECT LOAN BORROWERS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $39,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for direct loans made under sections 502 and 504 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472, 1474).

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The Secretary may use not more than 3 percent of the amounts appropriated under this section for administrative purposes.

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SEC. 3208. FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $20,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a) to ensure fair housing organizations have additional resources to address fair housing inquiries, complaints, investigations, education and outreach activities, and costs of delivering or adapting services, during or relating to the coronavirus pandemic.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The Secretary may use not more than 3 percent of the amounts appropriated under this section for administrative purposes.

Subtitle C—Small Business (SSBCI)

SEC. 3301. STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE.

(a) STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 3003—

(i) in subsection (b)—

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(I) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of subsection (d), the Secretary shall allocate Federal funds to participating States so that each State is eligible to receive an amount equal to what the State would receive under the 2021 allocation, as determined under paragraph (2).";

(II) in paragraph (2)—

(aa) by striking "2009" each place such term appears and inserting "2021";

(bb) by striking "2008" each place such term appears and inserting "2020";

(cc) in subparagraph (A), by striking "The Secretary" and inserting "With respect to States other than Tribal governments, the Secretary";

(dd) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking "2007" and inserting "2019"; and

(ee) by adding at the end the following:

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"(C) SEPARATE ALLOCATION FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to States that are Tribal governments, the Secretary shall determine the 2021 allocation by allocating $500,000,000 among the Tribal governments in the proportion the Secretary determines appropriate, including with consideration to available employment and economic data regarding each such Tribal government.

"(ii) NOTICE OF INTENT; TIMING OF ALLOCATION.—With respect to allocations to States that are Tribal governments, the Secretary may—

"(I) require Tribal governments that individually or jointly wish to participate in the Program to file a notice of intent with the Secretary not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of subsection (d); and

"(II) notwithstanding paragraph (1), allocate Federal funds to participating Tribal governments not later

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than 60 days after the date of enactment of subsection (d).

"(D) EMPLOYMENT DATA.—If the Secretary determines that employment data with respect to a State is unavailable from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, the Secretary shall consider such other economic and employment data that is otherwise available for purposes of determining the employment data of such State."; and

(III) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in subsection (c)—

(I) in paragraph (1)(A)(iii), by inserting before the period the following: "that have delivered loans or investments to eligible businesses"; and

(II) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

"(4) TERMINATION OF AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS NOT TRANSFERRED.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of a participating State's allocated amount that has not been transferred to the State under this section may be deemed by the Secretary to be no longer

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allocated to the State and no longer available to the State and shall be returned to the general fund of the Treasury or reallocated as described under subparagraph (B), if—

"(i) the second 1/3 of a State's allocated amount has not been transferred to the State before the end of the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date that the Secretary approves the State for participation; or

"(ii) the last 1/3 of a State's allocated amount has not been transferred to the State before the end of the end of the 6-year period beginning on the date that the Secretary approves the State for participation.

"(B) REALLOCATION.—Any amount deemed by the Secretary to be no longer allocated to a State and no longer available to such State under subparagraph (A) may be reallocated by the Secretary to other participating States. In making such a reallocation, the Secretary shall not take into account the minimum allocation requirements under subsection (b)(2)(B) or the specific allocation for Tribal governments described under subsection (b)(2)(C).";

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(B) in section 3004(d), by striking "date of enactment of this Act" each place it appears and inserting "date of the enactment of section 3003(d)";

(C) in section 3005(b), by striking "date of enactment of this Act" each place it appears and inserting "date of the enactment of section 3003(d)";

(D) in section 3006(b)(4), by striking "date of enactment of this Act" and inserting "date of the enactment of section 3003(d)";

(E) in section 3007(b), by striking "March 31, 2011" and inserting "March 31, 2022";

(F) in section 3009, by striking "date of enactment of this Act" each place it appears and inserting "date of the enactment of section 3003(d)"; and

(G) in section 3011(b), by striking "date of the enactment of this Act" each place it appears and inserting "date of the enactment of section 3003(d)".

(2) APPROPRIATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury for fiscal year

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2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to provide support to small businesses responding to and recovering from the economic effects of the COVID–19 pandemic, ensure business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals have access to credit and investments, provide technical assistance to help small businesses applying for various support programs, and to pay reasonable costs of administering such Initiative.

(B) RESCISSION.—With respect to amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A)—

(i) the Secretary of the Treasury shall complete all disbursements and remaining obligations before September 30, 2030; and

(ii) any amounts that remain unexpended (whether obligated or unobligated) on September 30, 2030, shall be rescinded and deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

(b) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—Section

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3003 of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5702) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—Of the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2021 to carry out the Program, the Secretary shall—

"(1) allocate $1,500,000,000 to States from funds allocated under this section and, by regulation or other guidance, prescribe Program requirements that the funds be expended for business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

"(2) allocate such amounts to States based on the needs of business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, as determined by the Secretary, in each State, and not subject to the allocation formula described under subsection (b).

"(e) INCENTIVE ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—Of the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2021 to carry out the Program, the Secretary shall set aside $1,000,000,000 for

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an incentive program under which the Secretary shall increase the second 1/3 and last 1/3 allocations for States that demonstrate robust support, as determined by the Secretary, for business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the deployment of prior allocation amounts.".

(c) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT VERY SMALL BUSINESSES.—Section 3003 of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5702), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT VERY SMALL BUSINESSES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appropriated to carry out the Program, the Secretary shall allocate not less than $500,000,000 to States from funds allocated under this section to be expended for very small businesses.

"(2) VERY SMALL BUSINESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'very small business'—

"(A) means a business with fewer than 10 employees; and

"(B) may include independent contractors and sole proprietors.".

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(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 3009 of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5708) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Of the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2021 to carry out the Program, $500,000,000 may be used by the Secretary to—

"(1) provide funds to States to carry out a technical assistance plan under which a State will provide legal, accounting, and financial advisory services, either directly or contracted with legal, accounting, and financial advisory firms, with priority given to business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, to very small businesses and business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals applying for—

"(A) State programs under the Program; and

"(B) other State or Federal programs that support small businesses;

"(2) transfer amounts to the Minority Business Development Agency, so that the Agency may use such amounts in a manner the Agency determines appropriate, including through contracting with third parties, to provide technical assistance to business enter-

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prises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals applying to—

"(A) State programs under the Program; and

"(B) other State or Federal programs that support small businesses; and

"(3) contract with legal, accounting, and financial advisory firms (with priority given to business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals), to provide technical assistance to business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals applying to—

"(A) State programs under the Program; and

"(B) other State or Federal programs that support small businesses.".

(e) INCLUSION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—Section 3002(10) of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5701(10)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

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"(E) a Tribal government, or a group of Tribal governments that jointly apply for an allocation.".

(f) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3002 of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5701) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(15) BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—The term 'business enterprise owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals' means a business that—

"(A) if privately owned, 51 percent is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals;

"(B) if publicly owned, 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

"(C) in the case of a mutual institution, a majority of the Board of Directors, account holders, and the community which the institution services is predominantly comprised of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

"(16) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term 'community development fi-

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nancial institution' has the meaning given that term under section 103 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994.

"(17) MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term 'minority depository institution' has the meaning given that term under section 308(b) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989.

"(18) SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUAL.—The term 'socially and economically disadvantaged individual' means an individual who is a socially disadvantaged individual or an economically disadvantaged individual, as such terms are defined, respectively, under section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637) and the regulations thereunder.

"(19) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'Tribal government' means the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of enactment of this paragraph pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).".

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(g) RULE OF APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to funds appropriated under this section and funds appropriated on and after the date of enactment of this section.

Subtitle D—Public Transportation

SEC. 3401. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS.

(a) FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $30,461,355,534, to remain available until September 30, 2024, that shall—

(A) be for grants to eligible recipients under sections 5307, 5309, 5310, and 5311 of title 49, United States Code, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus; and

(B) not be subject to any prior restriction on the total amount of funds available for implementation or execution of programs authorized under sections 5307, 5310, or 5311 of such title.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) or (b) of section 5307 and section

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5310(b)(2)(A) of title 49, United States Code, funds provided under this section, other than subsection (b)(4), shall be available for the operating expenses of transit agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus public health emergency, including, beginning on January 20, 2020—

(i) reimbursement for payroll of public transportation (including payroll and expenses of private providers of public transportation);

(ii) operating costs to maintain service due to lost revenue due as a result of the coronavirus public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment; and

(iii) paying the administrative leave of operations or contractor personnel due to reductions in service.

(B) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds described in subparagraph (A) shall be—

(i) available for immediate obligation, notwithstanding the requirement for such expenses to be included in a transportation improvement program, long-range transpor-

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tation plan, statewide transportation plan, or statewide transportation improvement program under sections 5303 and 5304 of title 49, United States Code;

(ii) directed to payroll and operations of public transportation (including payroll and expenses of private providers of public transportation), unless the recipient certifies to the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration that the recipient has not furloughed any employees;

(iii) used to provide a Federal share of the costs for any grant made under this section of 100 percent.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(1) URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $26,086,580,227 shall be for grants to recipients and subrecipients under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, and shall be administered as if such funds were provided under section 5307 of such title.

(B) ALLOCATION.—Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) shall be apportioned to

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urbanized areas based on data contained in the National Transit Database such that—

(i) each urbanized area shall receive an apportionment of an amount that, when combined with amounts that were otherwise made available to such urbanized area for similar activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, is equal to 132 percent of the urbanized area's 2018 operating costs; and

(ii) for funds remaining after the apportionment described in clause (i), such funds shall be apportioned such that each urbanized area that did not receive an apportionment under clause (i) shall receive an apportionment equal to 25 percent of the urbanized area's 2018 operating costs.

(2) FORMULA GRANTS FOR THE ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $50,000,000 shall be for grants to recipients or subrecipients eligible under section 5310 of title 49, United States

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Code, and shall be apportioned in accordance with such section.

(B) ALLOCATION RATIO.—Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) shall be allocated in the same ratio as funds were provided under section 5310 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2020.

(3) FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $317,214,013 shall be for grants to recipients or subrecipients eligible under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code, and shall be administered as if the funds were provided under section 5311 of such title, and shall be apportioned in accordance with such section, except as described in paragraph (B).

(B) ALLOCATION RATIO.—Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) to States, as defined in section 5302 of title 49, United States Code, shall be allocated to such States based on data contained in the National Transit Database, such that—

(i) any State that received an amount for similar activities to prevent, prepare

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for, and respond to coronavirus that is equal to or greater than 150 percent of the combined 2018 rural operating costs of the recipients and subrecipients in such State shall receive an amount equal to 5 percent of such State's 2018 rural operating costs;

(ii) any State that does not receive an allocation under clause (i) that received an amount for similar activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus that is equal to or greater than 140 percent of the combined 2018 rural operating costs of the recipients and subrecipients in that State shall receive an amount equal to 10 percent of such State's 2018 rural operating costs; and

(iii) any State that does not receive an allocation under clauses (i) or (ii) shall receive an amount equal to 20 percent of such State's 2018 rural operating costs.

(4) CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a)—

(i) $1,425,000,000 shall be for grants administered under subsections (d) and (e)

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of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code; and

(ii) $250,000,000 shall be for grants administered under subsection (h) of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

(B) FUNDING DISTRIBUTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available in subparagraph (A)(i), $1,250,000,000 shall be provided to each recipient for all projects with existing full funding grant agreements that received allocations for fiscal year 2019 or 2020, except that recipients with projects open for revenue service are not eligible to receive a grant under this subparagraph. Funds shall be provided proportionally based on the non-capital investment grant share of the amount allocated.

(ii) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made available in subparagraph (A)(i), $175,000,000 shall be provided to each recipient for all projects with existing full funding grant agreements that received an allocation only prior to fiscal year 2019, except that projects open for revenue service

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are not eligible to receive a grant under this subparagraph and no project may receive more than 40 percent of the amounts provided under this clause. The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration shall proportionally distribute funds in excess of such percent to recipients for which the percent of funds does not exceed 40 percent. Funds shall be provided proportionally based on the non-capital investment grant share of the amount allocated.

(iii) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—For amounts made available in subparagraph (A)(ii), eligible recipients shall be any recipient of an allocation under subsection (h) of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, or an applicant in the project development phase described in paragraph (2) of such subsection.

(iv) AMOUNT.—Amounts distributed under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (A) shall be provided notwithstanding the limitation of any calculation of the maximum amount of Federal financial assistance for the project under sub-

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section (k)(2)(C)(ii) or (h)(7) of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

(5) SECTION 5311(F) SERVICES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a) and in addition to the amounts made available under paragraph (3), $100,000,000 shall be available for grants to recipients for bus operators that partner with recipients or subrecipients of funds under section 5311(f) of title 49, United States Code.

(B) ALLOCATION RATIO.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration shall allocate amounts under subparagraph (A) in the same ratio as funds were provided under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2020.

(C) EXCEPTION.—If a State or territory does not have bus providers eligible under section 5311(f) of title 49, United States Code, funds under this paragraph may be used by such State or territory for any expense eligible under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

(6) PLANNING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $25,000,000 shall

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be for grants to recipients eligible under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, for the planning of public transportation associated with the restoration of services as the coronavirus public health emergency concludes and shall be available in accordance with such section.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR ROUTE PLANNING.—Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) shall be available for route planning designed to—

(i) increase ridership and reduce travel times, while maintaining or expanding the total level of vehicle revenue miles of service provided in the planning period; or

(ii) make service adjustments to increase the quality or frequency of service provided to low-income riders and disadvantaged neighborhoods or communities.

(C) LIMITATION.—Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) shall not be used for route planning related to transitioning public transportation service provided as of the date of receipt of funds to a transportation network company or other third-party contract provider,

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unless the existing provider of public transportation service is a third-party contract provider.

(7) RECIPIENTS AND SUBRECIPIENTS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $2,207,561,294 shall be for grants to eligible recipients or subrecipients of funds under sections 5307 or 5311 of title 49, United States Code, that, as a result of COVID–19, require additional assistance for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, and sanitization combating the spread of pathogens on transit systems, and debt service payments incurred to maintain operations and avoid layoffs and furloughs.

(B) ADMINISTRATION.—Funds made available under subparagraph (A) shall, after allocation, be administered as if provided under paragraph (1) or (3), as applicable.

(C) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration may not allocate funds to an eligible recipient or subrecipient of funds under chapter 53 of

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title 49, United States Code, unless the recipient provides to the Administrator—

(I) estimates of financial need;

(II) data on reductions in farebox or other sources of local revenue for sustained operations;

(III) a spending plan for such funds; and

(IV) demonstration of expenditure of greater than 90 percent of funds available to the applicant from funds made available for similar activities in fiscal year 2020.

(ii) DEADLINES.—The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration shall—

(I) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, issue a Notice of Funding Opportunity for assistance under this paragraph; and

(II) not later than 120 days after the application deadline established in the Notice of Funding Opportunity under subclause (I), make awards

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under this paragraph to selected applicants.

(iii) EVALUATION.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Applications for assistance under this paragraph shall be evaluated by the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration based on the level of financial need demonstrated by an eligible recipient or subrecipient, including projections of future financial need to maintain service as a percentage of the 2018 operating costs that has not been replaced by the funds made available to the eligible recipient or subrecipient under paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection when combined with the amounts allocated to such eligible recipient or subrecipient from funds previously made available for the operating expenses of transit agencies related to the response to the COVID–19 public health emergency.

(II) RESTRICTION.—Amounts made available under this paragraph

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shall only be available for operating expenses.

(iv) STATE APPLICANTS.—A State may apply for assistance under this paragraph on behalf of an eligible recipient or subrecipient or a group of eligible recipients or subrecipients.

(D) UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—If amounts made available under this paragraph remain unobligated on September 30, 2023, such amounts shall be available for any purpose eligible under sections 5307 or 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

TITLE IV—COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SEC. 4001. EMERGENCY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE LEAVE FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPROPRIATION.—There is established in the Treasury the Emergency Federal Employee Leave Fund (in this section referred to as the "Fund"), to be administered by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, for the purposes set forth in subsection (b). In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $570,000,000, which shall

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be deposited into the Fund and remain available through September 30, 2022. The Fund is available for reasonable expenses incurred by the Office of Personnel Management in administering this section.

(b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available for reimbursement to an agency for the use of paid leave under this section by any employee of the agency who is unable to work because the employee—

(1) is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID–19;

(2) has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID–19;

(3) is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order or has been so advised;

(4) is experiencing symptoms of COVID–19 and seeking a medical diagnosis;

(5) is caring for a son or daughter of such employee if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, if the school of such son or daughter requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model or requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or the child care provider of such son or daughter is unavailable, due to COVID–19 precautions;

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(6) is experiencing any other substantially similar condition;

(7) is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID–19; or

(8) is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or is recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Paid leave under this section may only be provided to and used by an employee during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2021.

(2) TOTAL HOURS; AMOUNT.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) shall be provided to an employee in an amount not to exceed 600 hours of paid leave for each full-time employee, and in the case of a part-time employee, employee on an uncommon

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tour of duty, or employee with a seasonal work schedule, in an amount not to exceed the proportional equivalent of 600 hours to the extent amounts in the Fund remain available for reimbursement;

(B) shall be paid at the same hourly rate as other leave payments; and

(C) may not be provided to an employee if the leave would result in payments greater than $2,800 in aggregate for any biweekly pay period for a full-time employee, or a proportionally equivalent biweekly limit for a part-time employee.

(3) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LEAVE.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) is in addition to any other leave provided to an employee; and

(B) may not be used by an employee concurrently with any other paid leave.

(4) CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Any paid leave provided to an employee under this section shall reduce the total service used to calculate any Federal civilian retirement benefit.

(d) EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "employee" means—

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(1) an individual in the executive branch for whom annual and sick leave is provided under subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) an individual employed by the United States Postal Service;

(3) an individual employed by the Postal Regulatory Commission; and

(4) an employee of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Courts.

SEC. 4002. FUNDING FOR THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $77,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses of the Government Accountability Office to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus and to support oversight of the Coronavirus response and of funds provided in this Act or any other Act pertaining to the Coronavirus pandemic.

SEC. 4003. PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the

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Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $40,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee to support oversight of the Coronavirus response and of funds provided in this Act or any other Act pertaining to the Coronavirus pandemic.

SEC. 4004. FUNDING FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $12,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses for the White House, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

SEC. 4005. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY APPROPRIATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $50,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to carry out the purposes of the Disaster Relief Fund for costs associated with major disaster declarations.

SEC. 4006. FUNERAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the emergency declaration issued by the President on March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

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Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)), and for any subsequent major disaster declaration that supersedes such emergency declaration, the President shall provide financial assistance to an individual or household to meet disaster-related funeral expenses under section 408(e)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(e)(1)), for which the Federal cost share shall be 100 percent.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under section 4005 may be used to carry out subsection (a) of this section.

SEC. 4007. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $400,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for the emergency food and shelter program.

SEC. 4008. HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $110,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for the emergency

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food and shelter program for the purposes of providing humanitarian relief to families and individuals encountered by the Department of Homeland Security.

SEC. 4009. CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $650,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency for cybersecurity risk mitigation.

SEC. 4010. APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DIGITAL SERVICE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2024, for the United States Digital Service.

SEC. 4011. APPROPRIATION FOR THE TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUND.

In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the General Services Administration for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000, to remain avail-

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able until September 30, 2025, to carry out the purposes of the Technology Modernization Fund.

SEC. 4012. APPROPRIATION FOR THE FEDERAL CITIZEN SERVICES FUND.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the General Services Administration for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2024, to carry out the purposes of the Federal Citizen Services Fund.

SEC. 4013. AFG AND SAFER PROGRAM FUNDING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which $100,000,000 shall be for assistance to firefighter grants and $200,000,000 shall be for staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grants.

SEC. 4014. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT FUNDING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to re-

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main available until September 30, 2025, for emergency management performance grants.

SEC. 4015. EXTENSION OF REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS.

Section 3610 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 414) is amended by striking "September 30, 2020" and inserting "September 30, 2021".

SEC. 4016. ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DIAGNOSED WITH COVID–19.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), a covered employee shall, with respect to any claim made by or on behalf of the covered employee for benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, be deemed to have an injury proximately caused by exposure to the novel coronavirus arising out of the nature of the covered employee's employment. Such covered employee, or a beneficiary of such an employee, shall be entitled to such benefits for such claim, including disability compensation, medical services, and survivor benefits.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "covered employee" means an individual—

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(i) who is an employee under section 8101(1) of title 5, United States Code, employed in the Federal service at anytime during the period beginning on January 27, 2020, and ending on January 27, 2023;

(ii) who is diagnosed with COVID–19 during such period; and

(iii) who, during a covered exposure period prior to such diagnosis, carries out duties that—

(I) require contact with patients, members of the public, or co-workers; or

(II) include a risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus.

(B) TELEWORKING EXCEPTION.—The term "covered employee" does not include any employee otherwise covered by subparagraph (A) who is exclusively teleworking during a covered exposure period, regardless of whether such employment is full time or part time.

(2) COVERED EXPOSURE PERIOD.—The term "covered exposure period" means, with respect to a diagnosis of COVID–19, the period beginning on a date to be determined by the Secretary of Labor.

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(3) NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.—The term "novel coronavirus" means SARS–CoV–2 or another coronavirus declared to be a pandemic by public health authorities.

(c) LIMITATION.—

(1) DETERMINATIONS MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—This section shall not apply with respect to a covered employee who is determined to be entitled to benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, for a claim described in subsection (a) if such determination is made on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) LIMITATION ON DURATION OF BENEFITS.—No funds are authorized to be appropriated to pay, and no benefits may be paid for, claims approved on the basis of subsection (a) after September 30, 2030. No administrative costs related to any such claim may be paid after such date.

(d) EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The costs of benefits for claims approved on the basis of subsection (a) shall not be included in the annual statement of the cost of benefits and other payments of an agency or instrumentality under section 8147(b) of title 5, United States Code.

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(2) FAIR SHARE PROVISION.—Costs of administration for claims described in paragraph (1)—

(A) may be paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund; and

(B) shall not be subject to the fair share provision in section 8147(c) of title 5, United States Code.

TITLE V—COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SEC. 5001. MODIFICATIONS TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.

(a) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN NONPROFIT ENTITIES FOR COVERED LOANS UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)), as amended by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (xv), by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) in clause (xvi), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

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(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(xvii) the term 'additional covered nonprofit entity'—

"(I) means an organization described in any paragraph of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, other than paragraph (3), (4), (6), or (19), and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code; and

"(II) does not include any entity that, if the entity were a business concern, would be described in section 120.110 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations (or in any successor regulation or other related guidance or rule that may be issued by the Administrator) other than a business concern described in paragraph (a) or (k) of such section."; and

(B) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (iii), by adding at the end the following:

"(III) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—Subject to the provi-

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sions in this subparagraph, during the covered period—

"(aa) a nonprofit organization shall be eligible to receive a covered loan if the nonprofit organization employs not more than 500 employees per physical location of the organization; and

"(bb) an additional covered nonprofit entity and an organization that, but for subclauses (I)(dd) and (II)(dd) of clause (vii), would be eligible for a covered loan under clause (vii) shall be eligible to receive a covered loan if the entity or organization employs not more than 300 employees per physical location of the entity or organization."; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

"(ix) ELIGIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL COVERED NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—An additional covered nonprofit entity shall be eligible to receive a covered loan if—

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"(I) the additional covered nonprofit entity does not receive more than 15 percent of its receipts from lobbying activities;

"(II) the lobbying activities of the additional covered nonprofit entity do not comprise more than 15 percent of the total activities of the organization;

"(III) the cost of the lobbying activities of the additional covered nonprofit entity did not exceed $1,000,000 during the most recent tax year of the additional covered nonprofit entity that ended prior to February 15, 2020; and

"(IV) the additional covered nonprofit entity employs not more than 300 employees.".

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR SECOND DRAW LOANS.—Paragraph (37)(A)(i) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), as added by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), is amended by inserting "'additional covered nonprofit entity'," after "the terms".

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(b) ELIGIBILITY OF INTERNET PUBLISHING ORGANIZATIONS FOR COVERED LOANS UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

(A) in clause (iii), by adding at the end the following:

"(IV) ELIGIBILITY OF INTERNET PUBLISHING ORGANIZATIONS.—A business concern or other organization that was not eligible to receive a covered loan the day before the date of enactment of this subclause, is assigned a North American Industry Classification System code of 519130, certifies in good faith as an Internet-only news publisher or Internet-only periodical publisher, and is engaged in the collection and distribution of local or regional and national news and information shall be eligible to receive a covered loan for the continued provision of news, information, content, or emergency information if—

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"(aa) the business concern or organization employs not more than 500 employees, or the size standard established by the Administrator for that North American Industry Classification code, per physical location of the business concern or organization; and

"(bb) the business concern or organization makes a good faith certification that proceeds of the loan will be used to support expenses at the component of the business concern or organization that supports local or regional news.";

(B) in clause (iv)—

(i) in subclause (III), by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) in subclause (IV)(bb), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

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"(V) any business concern or other organization that was not eligible to receive a covered loan the day before the date of enactment of this subclause, is assigned a North American Industry Classification System code of 519130, certifies in good faith as an Internet-only news publisher or Internet-only periodical publisher, and is engaged in the collection and distribution of local or regional and national news and information, if the business concern or organization—

"(aa) employs not more than 500 employees, or the size standard established by the Administrator for that North American Industry Classification code, per physical location of the business concern or organization; and

"(bb) is majority owned or controlled by a business concern or organization that is assigned a North American Industry Classification System code of 519130.";

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(C) in clause (v), by striking "clause (iii)(II), (iv)(IV), or (vii)" and inserting "subclause (II), (III), or (IV) of clause (iii), subclause (IV) or (V) of clause (iv), clause (vii), or clause (ix)"; and

(D) in clause (viii)(II)—

(i) by striking "business concern made eligible by clause (iii)(II) or clause (iv)(IV) of this subparagraph" and inserting "business concern made eligible by subclause (II) or (IV) of clause (iii) or subclause (IV) or (V) of clause (iv) of this subparagraph"; and

(ii) by inserting "or organization" after "business concern" each place it appears.

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR SECOND DRAW LOANS.—Section 7(a)(37)(A)(iv)(II) of the Small Business Act, as amended by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), is amended by striking "clause (iii)(II), (iv)(IV), or (vii)" and inserting "subclause (II), (III), or (IV) of clause (iii), subclause (IV) or (V) of clause (iv), clause (vii), or clause (ix)".

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(c) COORDINATION WITH CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(1) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—Section 7A(a)(12) of the Small Business Act (as redesignated, transferred, and amended by section 304(b) of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Public Law 116–260)) is amended—

(A) by striking "CARES Act or" and inserting "CARES Act,"; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", or premiums taken into account in determining the credit allowed under section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986".

(2) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM SECOND DRAW.—Section 7(a)(37)(J)(iii)(I) of the Small Business Act, as amended by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), is amended—

(A) by striking "or" at the end of item (aa);

(B) by striking the period at the end of item (bb) and inserting "; or"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new item:

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"(cc) premiums taken into account in determining the credit allowed under section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

(3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply only with respect to applications for forgiveness of covered loans made under paragraphs (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), that are received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) COMMITMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) COMMITMENT AUTHORITY.—Section 1102(b)(1) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by striking "$806,450,000,000" and inserting "$813,700,000,000".

(2) DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $7,250,000,000,

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to remain available until expended, for carrying out this section.

SEC. 5002. TARGETED EIDL ADVANCE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration; and

(2) the terms "covered entity" and "economic loss" have the meanings given the terms in section 331(a) of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260).

(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $15,000,000,000—

(1) to remain available until expended; and

(2) of which, the Administrator shall use—

(A) $10,000,000,000 to make payments to covered entities that have not received the full amounts to which the covered entities are entitled under section 331 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260); and

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(B) $5,000,000,000 to make payments under section 1110(e) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9009(e)), each of which shall be—

(i) made to a covered entity that—

(I) has suffered an economic loss of greater than 50 percent; and

(II) employs not more than 10 employees;

(ii) in an amount that is $5,000; and

(iii) with respect to the covered entity to which the payment is made, in addition to any payment made to the covered entity under section 1110(e) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9009(e)) or section 331 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260).

SEC. 5003. SUPPORT FOR RESTAURANTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(2) AFFILIATED BUSINESS.—The term "affiliated business" means a business in which an eligible entity has an equity or right to profit distributions of not

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less than 50 percent, or in which an eligible entity has the contractual authority to control the direction of the business, provided that such affiliation shall be determined as of any arrangements or agreements in existence as of March 13, 2020.

(3) COVERED PERIOD.—The term "covered period" means the period—

(A) beginning on February 15, 2020; and

(B) ending on December 31, 2021, or a date to be determined by the Administrator that is not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section.

(4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity"—

(A) means a restaurant, food stand, food truck, food cart, caterer, saloon, inn, tavern, bar, lounge, brewpub, tasting room, taproom, licensed facility or premise of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products, or other similar place of business in which the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or drink;

(B) includes an entity described in subparagraph (A) that is located in an airport terminal or that is a Tribally-owned concern; and

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(C) does not include—

(i) an entity described in subparagraph (A) that—

(I) is a State or local government-operated business;

(II) as of March 13, 2020, owns or operates (together with any affiliated business) more than 20 locations, regardless of whether those locations do business under the same or multiple names; or

(III) has a pending application for or has received a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260); or

(ii) a publicly-traded company.

(5) EXCHANGE; ISSUER; SECURITY.—The terms "exchange", "issuer", and "security" have the meanings given those terms in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)).

(6) FUND.—The term "Fund" means the Restaurant Revitalization Fund established under subsection (b).

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(7) PANDEMIC-RELATED REVENUE LOSS.—The term "pandemic-related revenue loss" means, with respect to an eligible entity—

(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D), the gross receipts, as established using such verification documentation as the Administrator may require, of the eligible entity during 2020 subtracted from the gross receipts of the eligible entity in 2019, if such sum is greater than zero;

(B) if the eligible entity was not in operation for the entirety of 2019—

(i) the difference between—

(I) the product obtained by multiplying the average monthly gross receipts of the eligible entity in 2019 by 12; and

(II) the product obtained by multiplying the average monthly gross receipts of the eligible entity in 2020 by 12; or

(ii) an amount based on a formula determined by the Administrator;

(C) if the eligible entity opened during the period beginning on January 1, 2020, and end-

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ing on the day before the date of enactment of this section—

(i) the expenses described in subsection (c)(5)(A) that were incurred by the eligible entity minus any gross receipts received; or

(ii) an amount based on a formula determined by the Administrator; or

(D) if the eligible entity has not yet opened as of the date of application for a grant under subsection (c), but has incurred expenses described in subsection (c)(5)(A) as of the date of enactment of this section—

(i) the amount of those expenses; or

(ii) an amount based on a formula determined by the Administrator.

For purposes of this paragraph, the pandemic-related revenue losses for an eligible entity shall be reduced by any amounts received from a covered loan made under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) in 2020 or 2021.

(8) PAYROLL COSTS.—The term "payroll costs" has the meaning given the term in section 7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)), except that such term shall not include—

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(A) qualified wages (as defined in subsection (c)(3) of section 2301 of the CARES Act) taken into account in determining the credit allowed under such section 2301; or

(B) premiums taken into account in determining the credit allowed under section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(9) PUBLICLY-TRADED COMPANY.—The term "publicly-traded company" means an entity that is majority owned or controlled by an entity that is an issuer, the securities of which are listed on a national securities exchange under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f).

(10) TRIBALLY-OWNED CONCERN.—The term "Tribally-owned concern" has the meaning given the term in section 124.3 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(b) RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

(2) APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund for fiscal year

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2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $28,600,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(B) DISTRIBUTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subparagraph (A)—

(I) $5,000,000,000 shall be available to eligible entities with gross receipts during 2019 of not more than $500,000; and

(II) $23,600,000,000 shall be available to the Administrator to award grants under subsection (c) in an equitable manner to eligible entities of different sizes based on annual gross receipts.

(ii) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Administrator may make adjustments as necessary to the distribution of funds under clause (i)(II) based on demand and the relative local costs in the markets in which eligible entities operate.

(C) GRANTS AFTER INITIAL PERIOD.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), on and after the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment

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of this section, or another period of time determined by the Administrator, the Administrator may make grants using amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) to any eligible entity regardless of the annual gross receipts of the eligible entity.

(3) USE OF FUNDS.—The Administrator shall use amounts in the Fund to make grants described in subsection (c).

(c) RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b) and paragraph (3), the Administrator shall award grants to eligible entities in the order in which applications are received by the Administrator.

(2) APPLICATION.—

(A) CERTIFICATION.—An eligible entity applying for a grant under this subsection shall make a good faith certification that—

(i) the uncertainty of current economic conditions makes necessary the grant request to support the ongoing operations of the eligible entity; and

(ii) the eligible entity has not applied for or received a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Busi-

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nesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260).

(B) BUSINESS IDENTIFIERS.—In accepting applications for grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall prioritize the ability of each applicant to use their existing business identifiers over requiring other forms of registration or identification that may not be common to their industry and imposing additional burdens on applicants.

(3) PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—During the initial 21-day period in which the Administrator awards grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall prioritize awarding grants to eligible entities that are small business concerns owned and controlled by women (as defined in section 3(n) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(n))), small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans (as defined in section 3(q) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q))), or socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns (as defined in section 8(a)(4)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)(A))). The Administrator may take such steps as necessary to ensure

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that eligible entities described in this subparagraph have access to grant funding under this section after the end of such 21-day period.

(B) CERTIFICATION.—For purposes of establishing priority under subparagraph (A), an applicant shall submit a self-certification of eligibility for priority with the grant application.

(4) GRANT AMOUNT.—

(A) AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The aggregate amount of grants made to an eligible entity and any affiliated businesses of the eligible entity under this subsection—

(i) shall not exceed $10,000,000; and

(ii) shall be limited to $5,000,000 per physical location of the eligible entity.

(B) DETERMINATION OF GRANT AMOUNT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this paragraph, the amount of a grant made to an eligible entity under this subsection shall be equal to the pandemic-related revenue loss of the eligible entity.

(ii) RETURN TO TREASURY.—Any amount of a grant made under this subsection to an eligible entity based on estimated receipts that is greater than the ac-

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tual gross receipts of the eligible entity in 2020 shall be returned to the Treasury.

(5) USE OF FUNDS.—During the covered period, an eligible entity that receives a grant under this subsection may use the grant funds for the following expenses incurred as a direct result of, or during, the COVID–19 pandemic:

(A) Payroll costs.

(B) Payments of principal or interest on any mortgage obligation (which shall not include any prepayment of principal on a mortgage obligation).

(C) Rent payments, including rent under a lease agreement (which shall not include any prepayment of rent).

(D) Utilities.

(E) Maintenance expenses, including—

(i) construction to accommodate outdoor seating; and

(ii) walls, floors, deck surfaces, furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

(F) Supplies, including protective equipment and cleaning materials.

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(G) Food and beverage expenses that are within the scope of the normal business practice of the eligible entity before the covered period.

(H) Covered supplier costs, as defined in section 7A(a) of the Small Business Act (as redesignated, transferred, and amended by section 304(b) of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Public Law 116–260)).

(I) Operational expenses.

(J) Paid sick leave.

(K) Any other expenses that the Administrator determines to be essential to maintaining the eligible entity.

(6) RETURNING FUNDS.—If an eligible entity that receives a grant under this subsection fails to use all grant funds or permanently ceases operations on or before the last day of the covered period, the eligible entity shall return to the Treasury any funds that the eligible entity did not use for the allowable expenses under paragraph (5).

SEC. 5004. COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term "Administration" means the Small Business Administration.

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(2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(3) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR SERVICES.—The term "community navigator services" means the outreach, education, and technical assistance provided by community navigators that target eligible businesses to increase awareness of, and participation in, programs of the Small Business Administration.

(4) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR.—The term "community navigator" means a community organization, community financial institution as defined in section 7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)), or other private nonprofit organization engaged in the delivery of community navigator services.

(5) ELIGIBLE BUSINESS.—The term "eligible business" means any small business concern, with priority for small business concerns owned and controlled by women (as defined in section 3(n) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(n))), small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans (as defined in section 3(q) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q))), and socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns (as defined in section

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8(a)(4)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)(A))).

(6) PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term "private nonprofit organization" means an entity that is described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.

(7) RESOURCE PARTNER.—The term "resource partner" means—

(A) a small business development center (as defined in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632));

(B) a women's business center (as described in section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)); and

(C) a chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (as defined in section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B))).

(8) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term "small business concern" has the meaning given under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

(9) STATE.—The term "State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Amer-

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ican Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, or an agency, instrumentality, or fiscal agent thereof.

(10) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term "unit of general local government" means a county, city, town, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State.

(b) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall establish a Community Navigator pilot program to make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, private nonprofit organizations, resource partners, States, Tribes, and units of local government to ensure the delivery of free community navigator services to current or prospective owners of eligible businesses in order to improve access to assistance programs and resources made available because of the COVID–19 pandemic by Federal, State, Tribal, and local entities.

(2) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for carrying out this subsection.

(c) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.—

(1) PROMOTION.—The Administrator shall develop and implement a program to promote community navigator services to current or prospective owners of eligible businesses.

(2) CALL CENTER.—The Administrator shall establish a telephone hotline to offer information about Federal programs to assist eligible businesses and offer referral services to resource partners, community navigators, potential lenders, and other persons that the Administrator determines appropriate for current or prospective owners of eligible businesses.

(3) OUTREACH.—The Administrator shall—

(A) conduct outreach and education, in the 10 most commonly spoken languages in the United States, to current or prospective owners of eligible businesses on community navigator services and other Federal programs to assist eligible businesses;

(B) improve the website of the Administration to describe such community navigator services and other Federal programs; and

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(C) implement an education campaign by advertising in media targeted to current or prospective owners of eligible businesses.

(4) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $75,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for carrying out this subsection.

(d) SUNSET.—The authority of the Administrator to make grants under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2025.

SEC. 5005. SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,250,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), of which $500,000 shall be used to provide technical assistance to help applicants access the System for Award Management (or any successor thereto) or to assist applicants with an alternative grant application system.

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(b) REDUCTION OF SHUTTERED VENUES ASSISTANCE FOR NEW PPP RECIPIENTS.—Section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A)(vi)—

(A) by striking subclause (III);

(B) by redesignating subclause (IV) as subclause (III); and

(C) in subclause (III), as so redesignated, by striking "subclauses (I), (II), and (III)" and inserting "subclauses (I) and (II)"; and

(2) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "A grant" and inserting "Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), a grant"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) REDUCTION FOR RECIPIENTS OF NEW PPP LOANS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The otherwise applicable amount of a grant under subsection (b)(2) to an eligible person or entity shall be reduced by the total amount of loans guaranteed under paragraph (36) or (37) of sec-

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tion 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) that are received on or after December 27, 2020 by the eligible person or entity.

"(ii) APPLICATION TO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.—For purposes of applying clause (i) to an eligible person or entity owned by a State or a political subdivision of a State, the relevant entity—

"(I) shall be the eligible person or entity; and

"(II) shall not include entities of the State or political subdivision other than the eligible person or entity.".

SEC. 5006. DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until expended—

(1) $840,000,000 for administrative expenses, including to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID–19 pandemic, domestically or internationally, including administrative expenses related to paragraphs (36) and (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, section 324 of the Economic Aid to

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Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260), section 5002 of this title, and section 5003 of this title; and

(2) $460,000,000 to carry out the disaster loan program authorized by section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)), of which $70,000,000 shall be for the cost of direct loans authorized by such section and $390,000,000 shall be for administrative expenses to carry out such program.

(b) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $25,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General.

TITLE VI—COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

SEC. 6001. ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$3,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to the Department of Commerce for economic adjustment assistance as authorized by sections 209 and 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3149 and 3233) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus.

(b) Of the funds provided by this section, up to 2 percent shall be used for Federal costs to administer such assistance utilizing temporary Federal personnel as may be necessary consistent with the requirements applicable to such administrative funding in fiscal year 2020 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and which shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

(c) Of the funds provided by this section, 25 percent shall be for assistance to States and communities that have suffered economic injury as a result of job and gross domestic product losses in the travel, tourism, or outdoor recreation sectors.

SEC. 6002. FUNDING FOR POLLUTION AND DISPARATE IMPACTS OF THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to

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remain available until expended, to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID–19 pandemic, of which—

(1) $50,000,000, shall be for grants, contracts, and other agency activities that identify and address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in minority populations or low-income populations under—

(A) section 103(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403(b));

(B) section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–1);

(C) section 104(k)(7)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(7)(A)); and

(D) sections 791 through 797 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16131 through 16137); and

(2) $50,000,000 shall be for grants and activities authorized under subsections (a) through (c) of section 103 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403) and grants and activities authorized under section 105 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7405).

(b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—

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(1) Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall reserve 2 percent for administrative costs necessary to carry out activities funded pursuant to such subsection.

(2) Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)(2), the Administrator shall reserve 5 percent for activities funded pursuant to such subsection other than grants.

SEC. 6003. UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.

(a) INSPECTION, INTERDICTION, AND RESEARCH RELATED TO CERTAIN SPECIES AND COVID–19.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $95,000,000 to remain available until expended, to carry out the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) through direct expenditure, contracts, and grants, of which—

(1) $20,000,000 shall be for wildlife inspections, interdictions, investigations, and related activities, and for efforts to address wildlife trafficking;

(2) $30,000,000 shall be for the care of captive species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, for the care of rescued and confiscated wildlife,

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and for the care of Federal trust species in facilities experiencing lost revenues due to COVID–19; and

(3) $45,000,000 shall be for research and extension activities to strengthen early detection, rapid response, and science-based management to address wildlife disease outbreaks before they become pandemics and strengthen capacity for wildlife health monitoring to enhance early detection of diseases that have capacity to jump the species barrier and pose a risk in the United States, including the development of a national wildlife disease database.

(b) LACEY ACT PROVISIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the provisions of section 42(a) of title 18, United States Code, and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371–3378).

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TITLE VII—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle A—Transportation and Infrastructure

SEC. 7101. GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION.

(a) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $970,388,160, to remain available until September 30, 2024, for grants as authorized under section 11101(a) of the FAST Act (Public Law 114–94) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(b) NATIONAL NETWORK APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $729,611,840, to remain available until September 30, 2024, for grants as authorized under section 11101(b) of the FAST Act (Public Law 114–94) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(c) LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE RESTORATION AND EMPLOYEE RECALLS.—Not less than $165,926,000 of the aggregate amounts made available under subsections (a) and

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(b) shall be for use by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to—

(1) restore, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the frequency of rail service on long-distance routes (as defined in section 24102 of title 49, United States Code) that the National Railroad Passenger Corporation reduced the frequency of on or after July 1, 2020, and continue to operate such service at such frequency; and

(2) recall and manage employees furloughed on or after October 1, 2020, as a result of efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(d) USE OF FUNDS IN LIEU OF CAPITAL PAYMENTS.—Not less than $109,805,000 of the aggregate amounts made available under subsections (a) and (b)—

(1) shall be for use by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation in lieu of capital payments from States and commuter rail passenger transportation providers that are subject to the cost allocation policy under section 24905(c) of title 49, United States Code; and

(2) notwithstanding sections 24319(g) and 24905(c)(1)(A)(i) of title 49, United States Code, such amounts do not constitute cross-subsidization of commuter rail passenger transportation.

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(e) USE OF FUNDS FOR STATE PAYMENTS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED ROUTES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (b), $174,850,000 shall be for use by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to offset amounts required to be paid by States for covered State-supported routes.

(2) FUNDING SHARE.—The share of funding provided under paragraph (1) with respect to a covered State-supported route shall be distributed as follows:

(A) Each covered State-supported route shall receive 7 percent of the costs allocated to the route in fiscal year 2019 under the cost allocation methodology adopted pursuant to section 209 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–432).

(B) Any remaining amounts after the distribution described in subparagraph (A) shall be apportioned to each covered State-supported route in proportion to the passenger revenue of such route and other revenue allocated to such route in fiscal year 2019 divided by the total passenger revenue and other revenue allocated to all covered State-supported routes in fiscal year 2019.

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(3) COVERED STATE-SUPPORTED ROUTE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term "covered State-supported route" means a State-supported route, as such term is defined in section 24102 of title 49, United States Code, but does not include a State-supported route for which service was terminated on or before February 1, 2020.

(f) USE OF FUNDS FOR DEBT REPAYMENT OR PREPAYMENT.—Not more than $100,885,000 of the aggregate amounts made available under subsections (a) and (b) shall be—

(1) for the repayment or prepayment of debt incurred by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under financing arrangements entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) to pay required reserves, costs, and fees related to such debt, including for loans from the Department of Transportation and loans that would otherwise have been paid from National Railroad Passenger Corporation revenues.

(g) PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT.—Not more than $2,000,000 of the aggregate amounts made available under subsections (a) and (b) shall be for activities authorized under section 11101(c) of the FAST Act (Public Law 114–94).

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SEC. 7102. RELIEF FOR AIRPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $8,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2024, for assistance to sponsors of airports, as such terms are defined in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code, to be made available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(2) REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.—Amounts made available under this section—

(A) may not be used for any purpose not directly related to the airport; and

(B) may not be provided to any airport that was allocated in excess of 4 years of operating funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in fiscal year 2020.

(b) ALLOCATIONS.—The following terms shall apply to the amounts made available under this section:

(1) OPERATING EXPENSES AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than $6,492,000,000 shall be made available for primary airports, as such term is defined in section

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47102 of title 49, United States Code, and certain cargo airports, for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments.

(B) DISTRIBUTION.— Amounts made available under this paragraph—

(i) shall not be subject to the reduced apportionments under section 47114(f) of title 49, United States Code;

(ii) shall first be apportioned as set forth in sections 47114(c)(1)(A), 47114(c)(1)(C)(i), 47114(c)(1)(C)(ii), 47114(c)(2)(A), 47114(c)(2)(B), and 47114(c)(2)(E) of title 49, United States Code; and

(iii) shall not be subject to a maximum apportionment limit set forth in section 47114(c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

(C) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amount remaining after distribution under subparagraph (B) shall be distributed to the sponsor of each primary airport (as such term is defined in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code)

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based on each such primary airport's passenger enplanements compared to the total passenger enplanements of all such primary airports in calendar year 2019.

(2) FEDERAL SHARE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than $608,000,000 allocated under subsection (a)(1) shall be available to pay a Federal share of 100 percent of the costs for any grant awarded in fiscal year 2021, or in fiscal year 2020 with less than a 100-percent Federal share, for an airport development project (as such term is defined in section 47102 of title 49).

(B) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amount remaining under this paragraph shall be distributed as described in paragraph (1)(C).

(3) NONPRIMARY AIRPORTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than $100,000,000 shall be made available for general aviation and commercial service airports that are not primary airports (as such terms are defined in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code) for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, com-

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bating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments.

(B) DISTRIBUTION.—Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be apportioned to each non-primary airport based on the categories published in the most current National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, reflecting the percentage of the aggregate published eligible development costs for each such category, and then dividing the allocated funds evenly among the eligible airports in each category, rounding up to the nearest thousand dollars.

(C) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Any amount remaining under this paragraph shall be distributed as described in paragraph (1)(C).

(4) AIRPORT CONCESSIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than $800,000,000 shall be made available for sponsors of primary airports to provide relief from rent and minimum annual guarantees to airport concessions, of which at least $640,000,000 shall be available to provide relief to eligible small airport concessions and of which at least $160,000,000 shall be available to provide relief

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to eligible large airport concessions located at primary airports.

(B) DISTRIBUTION.—The amounts made available for each set-aside in this paragraph shall be distributed to the sponsor of each primary airport (as such term is defined in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code) based on each such primary airport's passenger enplanements compared to the total passenger enplanements of all such primary airports in calendar year 2019.

(C) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of approving a grant under this paragraph—

(i) the sponsor shall provide such relief from the date of enactment of this Act until the sponsor has provided relief equaling the total grant amount, to the extent practicable and to the extent permissible under State laws, local laws, and applicable trust indentures; and

(ii) for each set-aside, the sponsor shall provide relief from rent and minimum annual guarantee obligations to each eligible airport concession in an amount that reflects each eligible airport concession's pro-

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portional share of the total amount of the rent and minimum annual guarantees of those eligible airport concessions at such airport.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may retain up to 0.1 percent of the funds provided under this section to fund the award of, and oversight by the Administrator of, grants made under this section.

(2) WORKFORCE RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) REQUIRED RETENTION.—As a condition for receiving funds provided under this section, an airport shall continue to employ, through September 30, 2021, at least 90 percent of the number of individuals employed (after making adjustments for retirements or voluntary employee separations) by the airport as of March 27, 2020.

(B) WAIVER OF RETENTION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall waive the workforce retention requirement if the Secretary determines that—

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(i) the airport is experiencing economic hardship as a direct result of the requirement; or

(ii) the requirement reduces aviation safety or security.

(C) EXCEPTION.—The workforce retention requirement shall not apply to nonhub airports or nonprimary airports receiving funds under this section.

(D) NONCOMPLIANCE.—Any financial assistance provided under this section to an airport that fails to comply with the workforce retention requirement described in subparagraph (A), and does not otherwise qualify for a waiver or exception under this paragraph, shall be subject to clawback by the Secretary.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE LARGE AIRPORT CONCESSION.—The term "eligible large airport concession" means a concession (as defined in section 23.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations), that is in-terminal and has maximum gross receipts, averaged over the previous three fiscal years, of more than $56,420,000.

(2) ELIGIBLE SMALL AIRPORT CONCESSION.—The term "eligible small airport concession" means a

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concession (as defined in section 23.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations), that is in-terminal and—

(A) a small business with maximum gross receipts, averaged over the previous 3 fiscal years, of less than $56,420,000; or

(B) is a joint venture (as defined in section 23.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations).

SEC. 7103. EMERGENCY FAA EMPLOYEE LEAVE FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPROPRIATION.—There is established in the Federal Aviation Administration the Emergency FAA Employee Leave Fund (in this section referred to as the "Fund"), to be administered by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, for the purposes set forth in subsection (b). In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $9,000,000, which shall be deposited into the Fund and remain available through September 30, 2022.

(b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Administrator for the use of paid leave under this section by any employee of the Administration who is unable to work because the employee—

(1) is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID–19;

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(2) has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID–19;

(3) is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order or has been so advised;

(4) is experiencing symptoms of COVID–19 and seeking a medical diagnosis;

(5) is caring for a son or daughter of such employee if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, if the school of such son or daughter requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model or requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or the child care provider of such son or daughter is unavailable, due to COVID–19 precautions;

(6) is experiencing any other substantially similar condition;

(7) is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID–19; or

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(8) is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or is recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Paid leave under this section may only be provided to and used by an employee of the Administration during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this section and ending on September 30, 2021.

(2) TOTAL HOURS; AMOUNT.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) shall be provided to an employee of the Administration in an amount not to exceed 600 hours of paid leave for each full-time employee, and in the case of a part-time employee, employee on an uncommon tour of duty, or employee with a seasonal work schedule, in an amount not to exceed the proportional equivalent of 600 hours to the extent amounts in the Fund remain available for reimbursement;

(B) shall be paid at the same hourly rate as other leave payments; and

(C) may not be provided to an employee if the leave would result in payments greater than

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$2,800 in aggregate for any biweekly pay period for a full-time employee, or a proportionally equivalent biweekly limit for a part-time employee.

(3) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LEAVE.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) is in addition to any other leave provided to an employee of the Administration; and

(B) may not be used by an employee of the Administration concurrently with any other paid leave.

(4) CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Any paid leave provided to an employee of the Administration under this section shall reduce the total service used to calculate any Federal civilian retirement benefit.

SEC. 7104. EMERGENCY TSA EMPLOYEE LEAVE FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPROPRIATION.—There is established in the Transportation Security Administration (in this section referred to as the "Administration") the Emergency TSA Employee Leave Fund (in this section referred to as the "Fund"), to be administered by the Administrator of the Administration, for the purposes set forth in subsection (b). In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money

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in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $13,000,000, which shall be deposited into the Fund and remain available through September 30, 2022.

(b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Administration for the use of paid leave under this section by any employee of the Administration who is unable to work because the employee—

(1) is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID–19;

(2) has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID–19;

(3) is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order or has been so advised;

(4) is experiencing symptoms of COVID–19 and seeking a medical diagnosis;

(5) is caring for a son or daughter of such employee if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, if the school of such son or daughter requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model or requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or the child care provider of such son or daughter is unavailable, due to COVID–19 precautions;

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(6) is experiencing any other substantially similar condition;

(7) is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID–19; or

(8) is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or is recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Paid leave under this section may only be provided to and used by an employee of the Administration during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this section and ending on September 30, 2021.

(2) TOTAL HOURS; AMOUNT.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) shall be provided to an employee of the Administration in an amount not to exceed 600 hours of paid leave for each full-time employee, and in the case of a part-time employee, em-

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ployee on an uncommon tour of duty, or employee with a seasonal work schedule, in an amount not to exceed the proportional equivalent of 600 hours to the extent amounts in the Fund remain available for reimbursement;

(B) shall be paid at the same hourly rate as other leave payments; and

(C) may not be provided to an employee if the leave would result in payments greater than $2,800 in aggregate for any biweekly pay period for a full-time employee, or a proportionally equivalent biweekly limit for a part-time employee.

(3) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LEAVE.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) is in addition to any other leave provided to an employee of the Administration; and

(B) may not be used by an employee of the Administration concurrently with any other paid leave.

(4) CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Any paid leave provided to an employee of the Administration under this section shall reduce the total service used to calculate any Federal civilian retirement benefit.

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Subtitle B—Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection

SEC. 7201. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE GROUP.—The term "eligible employee group" means the portion of an employer's United States workforce that—

(A) does not exceed 25 percent of the employer's total United States workforce as of April 1, 2020; and

(B) contains only employees with a total compensation level of $200,000 or less per year; and

(C) is engaged in aviation manufacturing activities and services, or maintenance, repair, and overhaul activities and services.

(2) AVIATION MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—The term "aviation manufacturing company" means a corporation, firm, or other business entity—

(A) that—

(i) actively manufactures an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or a component, part, or systems of an aircraft or aircraft engine under a Federal Aviation Administration production approval;

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(ii) holds a certificate issued under part 145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, for maintenance, repair, and overhaul of aircraft, aircraft engines, components, or propellers; or

(iii) operates a process certified to SAE AS9100 related to the design, development, or provision of an aviation product or service, including a part, component, or assembly;

(B) which—

(i) is established, created, or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States; and

(ii) has significant operations in, and a majority of its employees engaged in aviation manufacturing activities and services, or maintenance, repair, and overhaul activities and services based in the United States;

(C) which has involuntarily furloughed or laid off at least 10 percent of its workforce in 2020 as compared to 2019 or has experienced at least a 15 percent decline in 2020 revenues as compared to 2019;

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(D) that, as supported by sworn financial statements or other appropriate data, has identified the eligible employee group and the amount of total compensation level for the eligible employee group;

(E) that agrees to provide private contributions and maintain the total compensation level for the eligible employee group for the duration of an agreement under this subtitle;

(F) that agrees to provide immediate notice and justification to the Secretary of involuntary furloughs or layoffs exceeding 10 percent of the workforce that is not included in an eligible employee group for the duration of an agreement and receipt of public contributions under this subtitle;

(G) that has not conducted involuntary furloughs or reduced pay rates or benefits for the eligible employee group, subject to the employer's right to discipline or terminate an employee in accordance with employer policy, between the date of application and the date on which such a corporation, firm, or other business entity enters into an agreement with the Secretary under this subtitle; and

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(H) that—

(i) in the case of a corporation, firm, or other business entity including any parent company or subsidiary of such a corporation, firm, or other business entity, that holds any type or production certificate or similar authorization issued under section 44704 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to a transport-category airplane covered under part 25 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, certificated with a passenger seating capacity of 50 or more, agrees to refrain from conducting involuntary layoffs or furloughs, or reducing pay rates and benefits, for the eligible employee group, subject to the employer's right to discipline or terminate an employee in accordance with employer policy from the date of agreement until September 30, 2021, or the duration of the agreement and receipt of public contributions under this subtitle, whichever period ends later; or

(ii) in the case of corporation, firm, or other business entity not specified under subparagraph (i), agrees to refrain from

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conducting involuntary layoffs or furloughs, or reducing pay rates and benefits, for the eligible employee group, subject to the employer's right to discipline or terminate an employee in accordance with employer policy for the duration of the agreement and receipt of public contributions under this subtitle.

(3) EMPLOYEE.—The term "employee" has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

(4) EMPLOYER.—The term "employer" means an aviation manufacturing company that is an employer (as defined in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203)).

(5) PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.—The term "private contribution" means the contribution funded by the employer under this subtitle to maintain 50 percent of the eligible employee group's total compensation level, and combined with the public contribution, is sufficient to maintain the total compensation level for the eligible employee group as of April 1, 2020.

(6) PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.—The term "public contribution" means the contribution funded by the Federal Government under this subtitle to provide 50

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percent of the eligible employees group's total compensation level, and combined with the private contribution, is sufficient to maintain the total compensation level for those in the eligible employee group as of April 1, 2020.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.

(8) TOTAL COMPENSATION LEVEL.—The term "total compensation level" means the level of total base compensation and benefits being provided to an eligible employee group employee, excluding overtime and premium pay, and excluding any Federal, State, or local payroll taxes paid, as of April 1, 2020.

SEC. 7202. PAYROLL SUPPORT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a payroll support program and enter into agreements with employers who meet the eligibility criteria specified in subsection (b) and are not ineligible under subsection (c), to provide public contributions to supplement compensation of an eligible employee group. There is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $3,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the Secretary to carry out the payroll support program authorized under the preceding sen-

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tence for which 1 percent of the funds may be used for implementation costs and administrative expenses.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary shall enter into an agreement and provide public contributions, for a term no longer than 6 months, solely with an employer that agrees to use the funds received under an agreement exclusively for the continuation of employee wages, salaries, and benefits, to maintain the total compensation level for the eligible employee group as of April 1, 2020 for the duration of the agreement, and to facilitate the retention, rehire, or recall of employees of the employer, except that such funds may not be used for back pay of returning rehired or recalled employees.

(c) INELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary may not enter into any agreement under this section with an employer who was allowed a credit under section 2301 of the CARES Act (26 U.S.C. 3111 note) for the immediately preceding calendar quarter ending before such agreement is entered into, who received financial assistance under section 4113 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9073), or who is currently expending financial assistance under the paycheck protection program established under section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)), as of the date the employer submits an application under the payroll support program established under subsection (a).

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(d) REDUCTIONS.—To address any shortfall in assistance that would otherwise be provided under this subtitle, the Secretary shall reduce, on a pro rata basis, the financial assistance provided under this subtitle.

(e) AGREEMENT DEADLINE.—No agreement may be entered into by the Secretary under the payroll support program established under subsection (a) after the last day of the 6 month period that begins on the effective date of the first agreement entered into under such program.

Subtitle C—Airlines

SEC. 7301. AIR TRANSPORTATION PAYROLL SUPPORT PROGRAM EXTENSION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—The definitions in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code, shall apply with respect to terms used in this section, except that—

(1) the term "catering functions" means preparation, assembly, or both, of food, beverages, provisions and related supplies for delivery, and the delivery of such items, directly to aircraft or to a location on or near airport property for subsequent delivery to aircraft;

(2) the term "contractor" means—

(A) a person that performs, under contract with a passenger air carrier conducting oper-

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ations under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations—

(i) catering functions; or

(ii) functions on the property of an airport that are directly related to the air transportation of persons, property, or mail, including the loading and unloading of property on aircraft, assistance to passengers under part 382 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, security, airport ticketing and check-in functions, ground-handling of aircraft, or aircraft cleaning and sanitization functions and waste removal; or

(B) a subcontractor that performs such functions;

(3) the term "employee" means an individual, other than a corporate officer, who is employed by an air carrier or a contractor;

(4) the term "eligible air carrier" means an air carrier that—

(A) received financial assistance pursuant section 402(a)(1) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260);

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(B) provides air transportation as of March 31, 2021;

(C) has not conducted involuntary furloughs or reduced pay rates or benefits between March 31, 2021, and the date on which the air carrier makes a certification to the Secretary pursuant to subparagraph (D); and

(D) certifies to the Secretary that such air carrier will—

(i) refrain from conducting involuntary furloughs or reducing pay rates or benefits until September 30, 2021, or the date on which assistance provided under this section is exhausted, whichever is later;

(ii) refrain from purchasing an equity security of the air carrier or the parent company of the air carrier that is listed on a national securities exchange through September 30, 2022;

(iii) refrain from paying dividends, or making other capital distributions, with respect to common stock (or equivalent interest) of such air carrier through September 30, 2022;

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(iv) during the 2-year period beginning April 1, 2021, and ending April 1, 2023, refrain from paying—

(I) any officer or employee of the air carrier whose total compensation exceeded $425,000 in calendar year 2019 (other than an employee whose compensation is determined through an existing collective bargaining agreement entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act)—

(aa) total compensation that exceeds, during any 12 consecutive months of such 2-year period, the total compensation received by the officer or employee from the air carrier in calendar year 2019; or

(bb) severance pay or other benefits upon termination of employment with the air carrier which exceeds twice the maximum total compensation received by the officer or employee from the air carrier in calendar year 2019; and

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(II) any officer or employee of the air carrier whose total compensation exceeded $3,000,000 in calendar year 2019 during any 12 consecutive months of such period total compensation in excess of the sum of—

(aa) $3,000,000; and

(bb) 50 percent of the excess over $3,000,000 of the total compensation received by the officer or employee from the air carrier in calendar year 2019.

(5) the term "eligible contractor" means a contractor that—

(A) received financial assistance pursuant to section 402(a)(2) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260);

(B) performs one or more of the functions described under paragraph (2) as of March 31, 2021;

(C) has not conducted involuntary furloughs or reduced pay rates or benefits between March 31, 2021, and the date on which the contractor

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makes a certification to the Secretary pursuant to subparagraph (D); and

(D) certifies to the Secretary that such contractor will—

(i) refrain from conducting involuntary furloughs or reducing pay rates or benefits until September 30, 2021, or the date on which assistance provided under this section is exhausted, whichever is later;

(ii) refrain from purchasing an equity security of the contractor or the parent company of the contractor that is listed on a national securities exchange through September 30, 2022;

(iii) refrain from paying dividends, or making other capital distributions, with respect to common stock (or equivalent interest) of the contractor through September 30, 2022;

(iv) during the 2-year period beginning April 1, 2021, and ending April 1, 2023, refrain from paying—

(I) any officer or employee of the contractor whose total compensation exceeded $425,000 in calendar year

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2019 (other than an employee whose compensation is determined through an existing collective bargaining agreement entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act)—

(aa) total compensation that exceeds, during any 12 consecutive months of such 2-year period, the total compensation received by the officer or employee from the contractor in calendar year 2019; or

(bb) severance pay or other benefits upon termination of employment with the contractor which exceeds twice the maximum total compensation received by the officer or employee from the contractor in calendar year 2019; and

(II) any officer or employee of the contractor whose total compensation exceeded $3,000,000 in calendar year 2019 during any 12 consecutive months of such period total compensation in excess of the sum of—

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(aa) $3,000,000; and

(bb) 50 percent of the excess over $3,000,000 of the total compensation received by the officer or employee from the contractor in calendar year 2019.

(6) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury.

(b) PAYROLL SUPPORT GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make available to eligible air carriers and eligible contractors, financial assistance exclusively for the continuation of payment of employee wages, salaries, and benefits to—

(A) eligible air carriers, in an aggregate amount of $14,000,000,000; and

(B) eligible contractors, in an aggregate amount of $1,000,000,000.

(2) APPORTIONMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall apportion funds to eligible air carriers and eligible contractors in accordance with the requirements of this section not later than April 15, 2021.

(B) ELIGIBLE AIR CARRIERS.—The Secretary shall apportion funds made available

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under paragraph (1)(A) to each eligible air carrier in the ratio that—

(i) the amount received by the air carrier pursuant to section 403(a) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) bears to

(ii) $15,000,000,000.

(C) ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS.—The Secretary shall apportion, to each eligible contractor, an amount equal to the total amount such contractor received pursuant to section 403(a) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260).

(3) IN GENERAL.—

(A) FORMS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall provide financial assistance to an eligible air carrier or eligible contractor under this section in the same form and on the same terms and conditions as determined by pursuant to section 403(b)(1)(A) of subtitle A of title IV of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116–260).

(B) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall publish streamlined and expedited procedures not later than 5 days after the date of enactment

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of this section for eligible air carriers and eligible contractors to submit requests for financial assistance under this section.

(C) DEADLINE FOR IMMEDIATE PAYROLL ASSISTANCE.—Not later than 10 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall make initial payments to air carriers and contractors that submit requests for financial assistance approved by the Secretary.

(4) TAXPAYER PROTECTION.—The Secretary shall receive financial instruments issued by recipients of financial assistance under this section in the same form and amount, and under the same terms and conditions, as determined by the Secretary under section 408 of subtitle A of title IV of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116–260).

(5) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the amounts made available under paragraph (1)(A), $10,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary for costs and administrative expenses associated with providing financial assistance under this section.

(c) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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$15,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section.

Subtitle D—Consumer Protection and Commerce Oversight

SEC. 7401. FUNDING FOR CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY FUND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS PRODUCTS RELATED TO COVID–19.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Consumer Product Safety Commission for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for the purposes described in subsection (b).

(b) PURPOSES.—The funds made available in subsection (a) shall only be used for purposes of the Consumer Product Safety Commission to—

(1) carry out the requirements in title XX of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260);

(2) enhance targeting, surveillance, and screening of consumer products, particularly COVID–19 products, entering the United States at ports of entry, including ports of entry for de minimis shipments;

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(3) enhance monitoring of internet websites for the offering for sale of new and used violative consumer products, particularly COVID–19 products, and coordination with retail and resale websites to improve identification and elimination of listings of such products;

(4) increase awareness and communication particularly of COVID–19 product related risks and other consumer product safety information; and

(5) improve the Commission's data collection and analysis system especially with a focus on consumer product safety risks resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic to socially disadvantaged individuals and other vulnerable populations.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Commission" means the Consumer Product Safety Commission;

(2) the term "violative consumer products" means consumer products in violation of an applicable consumer product safety standard under the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.) or any similar rule, regulation, standard, or ban under any other Act enforced by the Commission;

(3) the term "COVID–19 emergency period" means the period during which a public health emer-

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gency declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID–19), including under any renewal of such declaration, is in effect; and

(4) the term "COVID–19 products" means consumer products, as defined by section 3(a)(5) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)), whose risks have been significantly affected by COVID–19 or whose sales have materially increased during the COVID–19 emergency period as a result of the COVID–19 pandemic.

SEC. 7402. FUNDING FOR E-RATE SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND DEVICES.

(a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall promulgate regulations providing for the provision, from amounts made available from the Emergency Connectivity Fund, of support under paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) of section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) to an eligible school or library, for the purchase during a COVID–19 emergency period of eligible equipment or advanced telecommunications and information services (or both), for use by—

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(1) in the case of a school, students and staff of the school at locations that include locations other than the school; and

(2) in the case of a library, patrons of the library at locations that include locations other than the library.

(b) SUPPORT AMOUNT.—In providing support under the covered regulations, the Commission shall reimburse 100 percent of the costs associated with the eligible equipment, advanced telecommunications and information services, or eligible equipment and advanced telecommunications and information services, except that any reimbursement of a school or library for the costs associated with any eligible equipment may not exceed an amount that the Commission determines, with respect to the request by the school or library for the reimbursement, is reasonable.

(c) EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the "Emergency Connectivity Fund".

(2) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Emergency Connectivity Fund for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

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(A) $7,171,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, for—

(i) the provision of support under the covered regulations; and

(ii) the Commission to adopt, and the Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company to administer, the covered regulations; and

(B) $1,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, for the Inspector General of the Commission to conduct oversight of support provided under the covered regulations.

(3) LIMITATION.—Not more than 2 percent of the amount made available under paragraph (2)(A) may be used for the purposes described in clause (ii) of such paragraph.

(4) RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Support provided under the covered regulations shall be provided from amounts made available from the Emergency Connectivity Fund and not from contributions under section 254(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES.—The term "advanced tele-

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communications and information services" means advanced telecommunications and information services, as such term is used in section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)).

(2) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the Federal Communications Commission.

(3) CONNECTED DEVICE.—The term "connected device" means a laptop computer, tablet computer, or similar end-user device that is capable of connecting to advanced telecommunications and information services.

(4) COVERED REGULATIONS.—The term "covered regulations" means the regulations promulgated under subsection (a).

(5) COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term "COVID–19 emergency period" means a period that—

(A) begins on the date of a determination by the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) that a public health emergency exists as a result of COVID–19; and

(B) ends on the June 30 that first occurs after the date that is 1 year after the date on

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which such determination (including any renewal thereof) terminates.

(6) ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT.—The term "eligible equipment" means the following:

(A) Wi-Fi hotspots.

(B) Modems.

(C) Routers.

(D) Devices that combine a modem and router.

(E) Connected devices.

(7) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL OR LIBRARY.—The term "eligible school or library" means an elementary school, secondary school, or library (including a Tribal elementary school, Tribal secondary school, or Tribal library) eligible for support under paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) of section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)).

(8) EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND.—The term "Emergency Connectivity Fund" means the fund established under subsection (c)(1).

(9) LIBRARY.—The term "library" includes a library consortium.

(10) WI-FI.—The term "Wi-Fi" means a wireless networking protocol based on Institute of Electrical

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and Electronics Engineers standard 802.11 (or any successor standard).

(11) WI-FI HOTSPOT.—The term "Wi-Fi hotspot" means a device that is capable of—

(A) receiving advanced telecommunications and information services; and

(B) sharing such services with a connected device through the use of Wi-Fi.

SEC. 7403. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for oversight of activities supported with funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19.

SEC. 7404. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FUNDING FOR COVID–19 RELATED WORK.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Federal Trade Commission for fiscal year 2021, $30,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for the purposes described in subsection (b).

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(b) PURPOSES.—From the amount appropriated under subsection (a), the Federal Trade Commission shall use—

(1) $4,400,000 to process and monitor consumer complaints received into the Consumer Sentinel Network, including increased complaints received regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to COVID–19;

(2) $2,000,000 for consumer-related education, including in connection with unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to COVID–19; and

(3) $24,000,000 to fund full-time employees of the Federal Trade Commission to address unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including those related to COVID–19.

Subtitle E—Science and Technology

SEC. 7501. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to fund awards for research, development, and testbeds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. None of the funds

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provided by this section shall be subject to cost share requirements.

SEC. 7502. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated to the National Science Foundation for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to fund or extend new and existing research grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, and apprenticeships, and related administrative expenses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Subtitle F—Corporation for Public Broadcasting

SEC. 7601. SUPPORT FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $175,000,000, to remain available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including for fiscal stabilization grants to public telecommunications entities, as defined in section 397 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 397), with no deduction for administrative or other costs

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of the Corporation, to maintain programming and services and preserve small and rural stations threatened by declines in non-Federal revenues.

TITLE VIII—COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

SEC. 8001. FUNDING FOR CLAIMS AND APPEALS PROCESSING.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $272,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, pursuant to sections 308, 310, 7101 through 7113, 7701, and 7703 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 8002. FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH NEEDS.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $14,482,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for allocation under chapters 17, 20, 73, and 81 of title 38, United States Code, of which not more than $4,000,000,000 shall be available pursuant to section 1703 of title 38, United States Code for health care furnished through the Veterans Community Care program in sections 1703(c)(1) and 1703(c)(5) of such title.

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SEC. 8003. FUNDING FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MODERNIZATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for the supply chain modernization initiative under sections 308, 310, and 7301(b) of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 8004. FUNDING FOR STATE HOMES.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) $500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for allocation under sections 8131 through 8137 of title 38, United States Code: and

(2) $250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for a one-time only obligation and expenditure to existing State extended care facilities for veterans in proportion to each State's share of the total resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act where such capacity includes only veterans on whose behalf the Department pays a per diem payment pursuant to section 1741 or 1745 of title 38, United States Code.

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SEC. 8005. FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for audits, investigations, and other oversight of projects and activities carried out with funds made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 8006. COVID–19 VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall provide up to 12 months of retraining assistance to an eligible veteran for the pursuit of a covered program of education. Such retraining assistance shall be in addition to any other entitlement to educational assistance or benefits for which a veteran is, or has been, eligible.

(b) ELIGIBLE VETERANS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term "eligible veteran" means a veteran who—

(A) as of the date of the receipt by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an application for assistance under this section, is at least 22 years of age but not more than 66 years of age;

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(B) as of such date, is unemployed by reason of the covered public health emergency, as certified by the veteran;

(C) as of such date, is not eligible to receive educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code;

(D) is not enrolled in any Federal or State jobs program;

(E) is not in receipt of compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling by reason of unemployability; and

(F) will not be in receipt of unemployment compensation (as defined in section 85(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), including any cash benefit received pursuant to subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as of the first day on which the veteran would receive a housing stipend payment under this section.

(2) TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(C), a veteran who has transferred all of the veteran's entitlement to educational assistance under section 3319 of title 38, United States Code, shall be considered to

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be a veteran who is not eligible to receive educational assistance under chapter 33 of such title.

(3) FAILURE TO COMPLETE.—A veteran who receives retraining assistance under this section to pursue a program of education and who fails to complete the program of education shall not be eligible to receive additional assistance under this section.

(c) COVERED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, a covered program of education is a program of education (as such term is defined in section 3452(b) of title 38, United States Code) for training, pursued on a full-time or part-time basis—

(A) that—

(i) is approved under chapter 36 of such title;

(ii) does not lead to a bachelors or graduate degree; and

(iii) is designed to provide training for a high-demand occupation, as determined under paragraph (3); or

(B) that is a high technology program of education offered by a qualified provider, under the meaning given such terms in section 116 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational As-

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sistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–48; 38 U.S.C. 3001 note).

(2) ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—In the case of an accredited program of education, the program of education shall not be considered a covered program of education under this section if the program has received a show cause order from the accreditor of the program during the five-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) DETERMINATION OF HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall use the list of high-demand occupations compiled by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

(4) FULL-TIME DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "full-time" has the meaning given such term under section 3688 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—

(1) RETRAINING ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide to an eligible veteran pursuing a covered program of education under the retraining assistance program under this section an amount equal to the amount of educational assistance payable under section 3313(c)(1)(A) of title 38, United States Code, for each month the veteran pur-

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sues the covered program of education. Such amount shall be payable directly to the educational institution offering the covered program of education pursued by the veteran as follows:

(A) 50 percent of the total amount payable shall be paid when the eligible veteran begins the program of education.

(B) 25 percent of the total amount payable shall be paid when the eligible veteran completes the program of education.

(C) 25 percent of the total amount payable shall be paid when the eligible veteran finds employment in a field related to the program of education.

(2) FAILURE TO COMPLETE.—

(A) PRO-RATED PAYMENTS.—In the case of a veteran who pursues a covered program of education under the retraining assistance program under this section, but who does not complete the program of education, the Secretary shall pay to the educational institution offering such program of education a pro-rated amount based on the number of months the veteran pursued the program of education in accordance with this paragraph.

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(B) PAYMENT OTHERWISE DUE UPON COMPLETION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall pay to the educational institution a pro-rated amount under paragraph (1)(B) when the veteran provides notice to the educational institution that the veteran no longer intends to pursue the program of education.

(C) NONRECOVERY FROM VETERAN.—In the case of a veteran referred to in subparagraph (A), the educational institution may not seek payment from the veteran for any amount that would have been payable under paragraph (1)(B) had the veteran completed the program of education.

(D) PAYMENT DUE UPON EMPLOYMENT.—

(i) VETERANS WHO FIND EMPLOYMENT.—In the case of a veteran referred to in subparagraph (A) who finds employment in a field related to the program of education during the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the veteran withdraws from the program of education, the Secretary shall pay to the educational institution a pro-rated amount under paragraph

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(1)(C) when the veteran finds such employment.

(ii) VETERANS WHO DO NOT FIND EMPLOYMENT.—In the case of a veteran referred to in subparagraph (A) who does not find employment in a field related to the program of education during the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the veteran withdraws from the program of education—

(I) the Secretary shall not make a payment to the educational institution under paragraph (1)(C); and

(II) the educational institution may not seek payment from the veteran for any amount that would have been payable under paragraph (1)(C) had the veteran found employment during such 180-day period.

(3) HOUSING STIPEND.—For each month that an eligible veteran pursues a covered program of education under the retraining assistance program under this section, the Secretary shall pay to the veteran a monthly housing stipend in an amount equal to—

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(A) in the case of a covered program of education leading to a degree, or a covered program of education not leading to a degree, at an institution of higher learning (as that term is defined in section 3452(f) of title 38, United States Code) pursued on more than a half-time basis, the amount specified under subsection (c)(1)(B) of section 3313 of title 38, United States Code;

(B) in the case of a covered program of education other than a program of education leading to a degree at an institution other than an institution of higher learning pursued on more than a half-time basis, the amount specified under subsection (g)(3)(A)(ii) of such section; or

(C) in the case of a covered program of education pursued on less than a half-time basis, or a covered program of education pursued solely through distance learning on more than a half-time basis, the amount specified under subsection (c)(1)(B)(iii) of such section.

(4) FAILURE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretary shall not make a payment under paragraph (1)(C) with respect to an eligible veteran who completes or fails to complete a program of education under the retraining assistance program under this

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section if the veteran fails to find employment in a field related to the program of education within the 180-period beginning on the date on which the veteran withdraws from or completes the program.

(e) NO TRANSFERABILITY.—Retraining assistance provided under this section may not be transferred to another individual.

(f) LIMITATION.—Not more than 17,250 eligible veterans may receive retraining assistance under this section.

(g) TERMINATION.—No retraining assistance may be paid under this section after the date that is 21 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(h) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available there is appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $386,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section.

SEC. 8007. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST SHARING FOR VETERANS DURING EMERGENCY RELATING TO COVID–19.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

(1) shall provide for any copayment or other cost sharing with respect to health care under the laws administered by the Secretary received by a veteran during the period specified in subsection (b); and

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(2) shall reimburse any veteran who paid a co-payment or other cost sharing for health care under the laws administered by the Secretary received by a veteran during such period the amount paid by the veteran.

(b) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this subsection is the period beginning on April 6, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2021.

(c) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section, except for health care furnished pursuant to section 1703(c)(2)–(c)(4) of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 8008. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE LEAVE FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPROPRIATION.—There is established in the Treasury the Emergency Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Leave Fund (in this section referred to as the "Fund"), to be administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for the purposes set forth in subsection (b). In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $80,000,000,

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which shall be deposited into the Fund and remain available through September 20, 2022.

(b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available for payment to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the use of paid leave by any covered employee who is unable to work because the employee—

(1) is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID–19;

(2) has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID–19;

(3) is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order or has been so advised;

(4) is experiencing symptoms of COVID–19 and seeking a medical diagnosis;

(5) is caring for a son or daughter of such employee if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, if the school of such son or daughter requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model or requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or the child care provider of such son or daughter is unavailable, due to COVID–19 precautions;

(6) is experiencing any other substantially similar condition;

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(7) is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID–19; or

(8) is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or to recover from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Paid leave under this section may only be provided to and used by a covered employee during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2021.

(2) TOTAL HOURS; AMOUNT.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) shall be provided to a covered employee in an amount not to exceed 600 hours of paid leave for each full-time employee, and in the case of a part-time employee, employee on an uncommon tour of duty, or employee with a seasonal work schedule, in an amount not to exceed the proportional equivalent of 600 hours to the ex-

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tent amounts in the Fund remain available for reimbursement;

(B) shall be paid at the same hourly rate as other leave payments; and

(C) may not be provided to a covered employee if the leave would result in payments greater than $2,800 in aggregate for any biweekly pay period for a full-time employee, or a proportionally equivalent biweekly limit for a part-time employee.

(3) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LEAVE.—Paid leave under this section—

(A) is in addition to any other leave provided to a covered employee; and

(B) may not be used by a covered employee concurrently with any other paid leave.

(4) CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Any paid leave provided to a covered employee under this section shall reduce the total service used to calculate any Federal civilian retirement benefit.

(d) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered employee" means an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs appointed under chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code.

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TITLE IX—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Subtitle A—Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers

PART 1—EXTENSION OF CARES ACT UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

SEC. 9011. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking "paragraphs (2) and (3)" and inserting "paragraph (2)"; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021"; and

(2) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

(b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF WEEKS.—Section 2102(c)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9021(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking "50 weeks" and inserting "79 weeks"; and

(2) by striking "50-week period" and inserting "79-week period".

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(c) HOLD HARMLESS FOR PROPER ADMINISTRATION.—In the case of an individual who is eligible to receive pandemic unemployment assistance under section 2102 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act and on the date of enactment of this Act becomes eligible for pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under section 2107 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025) by reason of the amendments made by section 9016(b) of this title, any payment of pandemic unemployment assistance under such section 2102 made after the date of enactment of this Act to such individual during an appropriate period of time, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, that should have been made under such section 2107 shall not be considered to be an overpayment of assistance under such section 2102, except that an individual may not receive payment for assistance under section 2102 and a payment for assistance under section 2107 for the same week of unemployment.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), except that no amount shall be payable by virtue of such amendments with respect to any week of unemployment ending on or before March 14, 2021.

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SEC. 9012. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 903(i)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1103(i)(1)(D)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

(b) INCREASE IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE.—Section 903(i)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1103(i)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting "and except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph" after "as determined by the Secretary of Labor"; and

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following: "With respect to the amounts of such compensation paid for weeks of unemployment beginning after March 31, 2021, and ending on or before September 6, 2021, the preceding sentence shall be applied by substituting '75 percent' for 'one-half'.".

SEC. 9013. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(e)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(e)(2)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

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(b) AMOUNT.—Section 2104(b)(3)(A)(ii) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(b)(3)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

SEC. 9014. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE FIRST WEEK OF COMPENSABLE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT FOR STATES WITH NO WAITING WEEK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105(e)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9024(e)(2)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

(b) FULL REIMBURSEMENT.—Paragraph (3) of section 2105(c) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9024(c)) is repealed and such section shall be applied to weeks of unemployment to which an agreement under section 2105 of such Act applies as if such paragraph had not been enacted. In implementing the preceding sentence, a State may, if necessary, reenter the agreement with the Secretary under section 2105 of such Act, and retroactively pay for the first week of regular compensation without a waiting week consistent with State law (including a waiver of State law) and receive full reimbursement for weeks of unemployment that ended after December 31, 2020.

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SEC. 9015. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY STATE STAFFING FLEXIBILITY.

If a State modifies its unemployment compensation law and policies, subject to the succeeding sentence, with respect to personnel standards on a merit basis on an emergency temporary basis as needed to respond to the spread of COVID–19, such modifications shall be disregarded for the purposes of applying section 303 of the Social Security Act and section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to such State law. Such modifications shall only apply through September 6, 2021, and shall be limited to engaging of temporary staff, rehiring of retirees or former employees on a non-competitive basis, and other temporary actions to quickly process applications and claims.

SEC. 9016. EXTENSION OF PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2107(g) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(g)) is amended to read as follows:

"(g) APPLICABILITY.—An agreement entered into under this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

"(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

"(2) ending on or before September 6, 2021.".

(b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF WEEKS.—Section 2107(b)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(b)(2)) is amended by striking "24" and inserting "53".

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(c) COORDINATION OF PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION WITH EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—Section 2107(a)(5)(B) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(a)(5)(B)) is amended by inserting "or for the week that includes the date of enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (without regard to the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of section 9016 of such Act)" after "2020)".

(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—Section 2107(a)(8) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(a)(8)) is amended by striking "April 12, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), except that no amount shall be payable by virtue of such amendments with respect to any week of unemployment ending on or before March 14, 2021.

SEC. 9017. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PAYMENTS IN STATES WITH PROGRAMS IN LAW.

Section 2108(b)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9026(b)(2)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

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SEC. 9018. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FINANCING OF SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS FOR STATES WITHOUT PROGRAMS IN LAW.

Section 2109(d)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9027(d)(2)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

PART 2—EXTENSION OF FFCRA UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

SEC. 9021. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR STATES WITH ADVANCES.

Section 1202(b)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)(10)(A)) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" and inserting "September 6, 2021".

SEC. 9022. EXTENSION OF FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by striking "March 14, 2021" each place it appears and inserting "September 6, 2021".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

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PART 3—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDING FOR TIMELY, ACCURATE, AND EQUITABLE PAYMENT

SEC. 9031. FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $8,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to carry out Federal activities relating to the administration of unemployment compensation programs.

SEC. 9032. FUNDING FOR FRAUD PREVENTION, EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND TIMELY PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE WORKERS.

Subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 2118. FUNDING FOR FRAUD PREVENTION, EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND TIMELY PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE WORKERS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Labor for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to detect and prevent fraud, promote equitable access, and ensure the timely payment of benefits

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with respect to unemployment compensation programs, including programs extended under subtitle A of title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under subsection (a) may be used—

"(1) for Federal administrative costs related to the purposes described in subsection (a);

"(2) for systemwide infrastructure investment and development related to such purposes; and

"(3) to make grants to States or territories administering unemployment compensation programs described in subsection (a) (including territories administering the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program under section 2102) for such purposes, including the establishment of procedures or the building of infrastructure to verify or validate identity, implement Federal guidance regarding fraud detection and prevention, and accelerate claims processing or process claims backlogs due to the pandemic.

"(c) RESTRICTIONS ON GRANTS TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.—As a condition of receiving a grant under subsection (b)(3), the Secretary may require that a State or territory receiving such a grant shall—

"(1) use such program integrity tools as the Secretary may specify; and

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"(2) as directed by the Secretary, conduct user accessibility testing on any new system developed by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b)(2).".

PART 4—OTHER PROVISIONS

SEC. 9041. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON EXCESS BUSINESS LOSSES OF NONCORPORATE TAXPAYERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 461(l)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "January 1, 2026" each place it appears and inserting "January 1, 2027".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

SEC. 9042. SUSPENSION OF TAX ON PORTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 85 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2020.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2020, if the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for such taxable year is less than $150,000, the gross income of such taxpayer shall not include so much of the unemployment compensation

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received by such taxpayer (or, in the case of a joint return, received by each spouse) as does not exceed $10,200.

"(2) APPLICATION.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer shall be determined—

"(A) after application of sections 86, 135, 137, 219, 221, 222, and 469, and

"(B) without regard to this section.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 74(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting "85(c)," before "86".

(2) Section 86(b)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by inserting "85(c)," before "135".

(3) Section 135(c)(4)(A) of such Code is amended by inserting "85(c)," before "137".

(4) Section 137(b)(3)(A) of such Code is amended by inserting "85(c)" before "221".

(5) Section 219(g)(3)(A)(ii) of such Code is amended by inserting "85(c)," before "135".

(6) Section 221(b)(2)(C)(i) of such Code is amended by inserting "85(c)" before "911".

(7) Section 222(b)(2)(C)(i) of such Code, as in effect before date of enactment of the Taxpayer Cer-

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tainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020, is amended by inserting "85(c)" before "911".

(8) Section 469(i)(3)(E)(ii) of such Code is amended by striking "135 and 137" and inserting "85(c), 135, and 137".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

Subtitle B—Emergency Assistance to Families Through Home Visiting Programs

SEC. 9101. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

Effective 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act, title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701–713) is amended by inserting after section 511 the following:

"SEC. 511A. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

"(a) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary $150,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2022, to enable eligible entities to conduct programs in accordance with section 511 and subsection (c) of this section.

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"(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—To be eligible to receive funds made available by subsection (a) of this section, an entity shall—

"(1) as of the date of the enactment of this section, be conducting a program under section 511;

"(2) ensure the modification of grants, contracts, and other agreements, as applicable, executed under section 511 under which the program is conducted as are necessary to provide that, during the period that begins with the date of the enactment of this section and ends with the end of the 2nd succeeding fiscal year after the funds are awarded, the entity shall—

"(A) not reduce funding for, or staffing levels of, the program on account of reduced enrollment in the program; and

"(B) when using funds to provide emergency supplies to eligible families receiving grant services under section 511, ensure coordination with local diaper banks to the extent practicable; and

"(3) reaffirm that, in conducting the program, the entity will focus on priority populations (as defined in section 511(d)(4)).

"(c) USES OF FUNDS.—An entity to which funds are provided under this section shall use the funds—

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"(1) to serve families with home visits or with virtual visits, that may be conducted by the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies, in a service delivery model described in section 511(d)(3)(A);

"(2) to pay hazard pay or other additional staff costs associated with providing home visits or administration for programs funded under section 511;

"(3) to train home visitors employed by the entity in conducting a virtual home visit and in emergency preparedness and response planning for families served, and may include training on how to safely conduct intimate partner violence screenings, and training on safety and planning for families served to support the family outcome improvements listed in section 511(d)(2)(B);

"(4) for the acquisition by families served by programs under section 511 of such technological means as are needed to conduct and support a virtual home visit;

"(5) to provide emergency supplies (such as diapers and diapering supplies including diaper wipes and diaper cream, necessary to ensure that a child using a diaper is properly cleaned and protected from diaper rash, formula, food, water, hand soap and

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hand sanitizer) to an eligible family (as defined in section 511(k)(2));

"(6) to coordinate with and provide reimbursement for supplies to diaper banks when using such entities to provide emergency supplies specified in paragraph (5); or

"(7) to provide prepaid grocery cards to an eligible family (as defined in section 511(k)(2)) participating in the maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program under section 511 for the purpose of enabling the family to meet the emergency needs of the family.".

Subtitle C—Emergency Assistance to Children and Families

SEC. 9201. PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

Section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this subsection.

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"(2) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Of the amount specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall reserve $2,000,000 for administrative expenses and the provision of technical assistance to States and Indian tribes with respect to the use of funds provided under this subsection.

"(3) ALLOTMENTS.—

"(A) 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

"(i) TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE ALLOTTED.—The Secretary shall allot a total of 92.5 percent of the amount specified in paragraph (1) that is not reserved under paragraph (2) among the States that are not a territory and that are operating a program funded under this part, in accordance with clause (ii) of this subparagraph.

"(ii) ALLOTMENT FORMULA.—The Secretary shall allot to each such State the sum of the following percentages of the total amount described in clause (i):

"(I) 50 percent, multiplied by—

"(aa) the population of children in the State, determined on the basis of the most recent popu-

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lation estimates as determined by the Bureau of the Census; divided by

"(bb) the total population of children in the States that are not territories, as so determined; plus

"(II) 50 percent, multiplied by—

"(aa) the total amount expended by the State for basic assistance, non-recurrent short term benefits, and emergency assistance in fiscal year 2019, as reported by the State under section 411; divided by

"(bb) the total amount expended by the States that are not territories for basic assistance, non-recurrent short term benefits, and emergency assistance in fiscal year 2019, as so reported by the States.

"(B) TERRITORIES AND INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary shall allot among the territories and Indian tribes otherwise eligible for a grant under this part such portions of 7.5 percent of

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the amount specified in paragraph (1) that are not reserved under paragraph (2) as the Secretary deems appropriate based on the needs of the territory or Indian tribe involved.

"(C) EXPENDITURE COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.—To receive the full amount of funding payable under this subsection, a State or Indian tribe shall inform the Secretary as to whether it intends to use all of its allotment under this paragraph and provide that information—

"(i) in the case of a State that is not a territory, within 45 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection; or

"(ii) in the case of a territory or an Indian tribe, within 90 days after such date of enactment.

"(4) GRANTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide funds to each State and Indian tribe to which an amount is allotted under paragraph (3), from the amount so allotted.

"(B) TREATMENT OF UNUSED FUNDS.—

"(i) REALLOTMENT.—The Secretary shall reallot in accordance with paragraph (3) all funds provided to any State or In-

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dian tribe under this subsection that are unused, among the other States and Indian tribes eligible for funds under this subsection. For purposes of paragraph (3), the Secretary shall treat the funds as if included in the amount specified in paragraph (1).

"(ii) PROVISION.—The Secretary shall provide funds to each such other State or Indian tribe in an amount equal to the amount so reallotted.

"(5) RECIPIENT OF FUNDS PROVIDED FOR TERRITORIES.—In the case of a territory not operating a program funded under this part, the Secretary shall provide the funds required to be provided to the territory under this subsection, to the agency that administers the bulk of local human services programs in the territory.

"(6) USE OF FUNDS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or Indian tribe to which funds are provided under this subsection may use the funds only for non-recurrent short term benefits, whether in the form of cash or in other forms.

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"(B) LIMITATION ON USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A State to which funds are provided under this subsection shall not expend more than 15 percent of the funds for administrative purposes.

"(C) NONSUPPLANTATION.—Funds provided under this subsection shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, or tribal funds for services and activities that promote the purposes of this part.

"(D) EXPENDITURE DEADLINE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), a State or Indian tribe to which funds are provided under this subsection shall expend the funds not later than the end of fiscal year 2022.

"(ii) EXCEPTION FOR REALLOTTED FUNDS.—A State or Indian tribe to which funds are provided under paragraph (4)(B) shall expend the funds within 12 months after receipt.

"(7) SUSPENSION OF TERRITORY SPENDING CAP.—Section 1108 shall not apply with respect to any funds provided under this subsection.

"(8) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

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"(A) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—The term 'applicable period' means the period that begins with April 1, 2021, and ends with September 30, 2022.

"(B) NON-RECURRENT SHORT TERM BENEFITS.—The term 'non-recurrent short term benefits' has the meaning given the term in OMB approved Form ACF–196R, published on July 31, 2014.

"(C) STATE.—The term 'State' means the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the territories.

"(D) TERRITORY.—The term 'territory' means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.".

Subtitle D—Elder Justice and Support Guarantee

SEC. 9301. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS.

Subtitle A of title XX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397–1397h) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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"SEC. 2010. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $276,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the programs described in subtitle B.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available by subsection (a)—

"(1) $88,000,000 shall be made available to carry out the programs described in subtitle B in fiscal year 2021, of which not less than an amount equal to $100,0000,000 minus the amount previously provided in fiscal year 2021 to carry out section 2042(b) shall be made available to carry out such section; and

"(2) $188,000,000 shall be made available to carry out the programs described in subtitle B in fiscal year 2022, of which not less than $100,000,000 shall be for activities described in section 2042(b).".

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Subtitle E—Support to Skilled Nursing Facilities in Response to COVID–19

SEC. 9401. PROVIDING FOR INFECTION CONTROL SUPPORT TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 1862(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking "The Secretary" and inserting "(1) The Secretary"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) In addition to any funds otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise obligated, $200,000,000, to remain available until expended, for purposes of requiring multiple organizations described in paragraph (1) to provide to skilled nursing facilities (as defined in section 1819(a)), infection control and vaccination uptake support relating to the prevention or mitigation of COVID–19, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.".

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SEC. 9402. FUNDING FOR STRIKE TEAMS FOR RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.

Section 1819 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) FUNDING FOR STRIKE TEAMS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $250,000,000, to remain available until expended, for purposes of allocating such amount among the States (including the District of Columbia and each territory of the United States) for such a State to establish and implement a strike team that will be deployed to a skilled nursing facility in the State with diagnosed or suspected cases of COVID–19 among residents or staff for the purposes of assisting with clinical care, infection control, or staffing during the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) and the 1-year period immediately following the end of such emergency period.".

Subtitle F—Preserving Health Benefits for Workers

SEC. 9501. PRESERVING HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WORKERS.

(a) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.—

(1) PROVISION OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

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(A) REDUCTION OF PREMIUMS PAYABLE.—In the case of any premium for a period of coverage during the period beginning on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on September 30, 2021, for COBRA continuation coverage with respect to any assistance eligible individual described in paragraph (3), such individual shall be treated for purposes of any COBRA continuation provision as having paid in full the amount of such premium.

(B) PLAN ENROLLMENT OPTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Solely for purposes of this subsection, the COBRA continuation provisions shall be applied such that any assistance eligible individual who is enrolled in a group health plan offered by a plan sponsor may, not later than 90 days after the date of notice of the plan enrollment option described in this subparagraph, elect to enroll in coverage under a plan offered by such plan sponsor that is different than coverage under the plan in which such individual was enrolled at the time, in the case of any assistance eligible individual de-

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scribed in paragraph (3), the qualifying event specified in section 603(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 4980B(f)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or section 2203(2) of the Public Health Service Act, except for the voluntary termination of such individual's employment by such individual, occurred, and such coverage shall be treated as COBRA continuation coverage for purposes of the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision.

(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Any assistance eligible individual may elect to enroll in different coverage as described in clause (i) only if—

(I) the employer involved has made a determination that such employer will permit such assistance eligible individual to enroll in different coverage as provided under this subparagraph;

(II) the premium for such different coverage does not exceed the premium for coverage in which such indi-

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vidual was enrolled at the time such qualifying event occurred;

(III) the different coverage in which the individual elects to enroll is coverage that is also offered to similarly situated active employees of the employer at the time at which such election is made; and

(IV) the different coverage in which the individual elects to enroll is not—

(aa) coverage that provides only excepted benefits as defined in section 9832(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, section 733(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and section 2791(c) of the Public Health Service Act;

(bb) a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement (as defined in section 9831(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986); or

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(cc) a flexible spending arrangement (as defined in section 106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

(2) LIMITATION OF PERIOD OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(A) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not apply with respect to any assistance eligible individual described in paragraph (3) for months of coverage beginning on or after the earlier of—

(i) the first date that such individual is eligible for coverage under any other group health plan (other than coverage consisting of only excepted benefits (as defined in section 9832(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, section 733(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and section 2791(c) of the Public Health Service Act), coverage under a flexible spending arrangement (as defined in section 106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), coverage under a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement (as defined in section 9831(d)(2)

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of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)), or eligible for benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; or

(ii) the earlier of—

(I) the date following the expiration of the maximum period of continuation coverage required under the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision; or

(II) the date following the expiration of the period of continuation coverage allowed under paragraph (4)(B)(ii).

(B) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Any assistance eligible individual shall notify the group health plan with respect to which paragraph (1)(A) applies if such paragraph ceases to apply by reason of clause (i) of subparagraph (A) (as applicable). Such notice shall be provided to the group health plan in such time and manner as may be specified by the Secretary of Labor.

(3) ASSISTANCE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term "assistance eligible individual" means, with respect to a period of cov-

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erage during the period beginning on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on September 30, 2021, any individual that is a qualified beneficiary who—

(A) is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage by reason of a qualifying event specified in section 603(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 4980B(f)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or section 2203(2) of the Public Health Service Act, except for the voluntary termination of such individual's employment by such individual; and

(B) elects such coverage.

(4) EXTENSION OF ELECTION PERIOD AND EFFECT ON COVERAGE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of applying section 605(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 4980B(f)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and section 2205(a) of the Public Health Service Act, in the case of—

(i) an individual who does not have an election of COBRA continuation coverage in effect on the first day of the first month be-

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ginning after the date of the enactment of this Act but who would be an assistance eligible individual described in paragraph (3) if such election were so in effect; or

(ii) an individual who elected COBRA continuation coverage and discontinued from such coverage before the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act,

such individual may elect the COBRA continuation coverage under the COBRA continuation coverage provisions containing such provisions during the period beginning on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending 60 days after the date on which the notification required under paragraph (5)(C) is provided to such individual.

(B) COMMENCEMENT OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE.—Any COBRA continuation coverage elected by a qualified beneficiary during an extended election period under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall commence (including for purposes of applying the treatment of premium payments under paragraph (1)(A) and any

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cost-sharing requirements for items and services under a group health plan) with the first period of coverage beginning on or after the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(ii) shall not extend beyond the period of COBRA continuation coverage that would have been required under the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision if the coverage had been elected as required under such provision or had not been discontinued.

(5) NOTICES TO INDIVIDUALS.—

(A) GENERAL NOTICE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of notices provided under section 606(a)(4) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), section 4980B(f)(6)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or section 2206(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb–6(4)), with respect to individuals who, during the period described in paragraph (3), become entitled to elect COBRA continu-

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ation coverage, the requirements of such provisions shall not be treated as met unless such notices include an additional written notification to the recipient in clear and understandable language of—

(I) the availability of premium assistance with respect to such coverage under this subsection; and

(II) the option to enroll in different coverage if the employer permits assistance eligible individuals described in paragraph (3) to elect enrollment in different coverage (as described in paragraph (1)(B)).

(ii) ALTERNATIVE NOTICE.—In the case of COBRA continuation coverage to which the notice provision under such sections does not apply, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall, in consultation with administrators of the group health plans (or other entities) that provide or administer the COBRA continuation coverage

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involved, provide rules requiring the provision of such notice.

(iii) FORM.—The requirement of the additional notification under this subparagraph may be met by amendment of existing notice forms or by inclusion of a separate document with the notice otherwise required.

(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—Each additional notification under subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) the forms necessary for establishing eligibility for premium assistance under this subsection;

(ii) the name, address, and telephone number necessary to contact the plan administrator and any other person maintaining relevant information in connection with such premium assistance;

(iii) a description of the extended election period provided for in paragraph (4)(A);

(iv) a description of the obligation of the qualified beneficiary under paragraph (2)(B) and the penalty provided under sec-

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tion 6720C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for failure to carry out the obligation;

(v) a description, displayed in a prominent manner, of the qualified beneficiary's right to a subsidized premium and any conditions on entitlement to the subsidized premium; and

(vi) a description of the option of the qualified beneficiary to enroll in different coverage if the employer permits such beneficiary to elect to enroll in such different coverage under paragraph (1)(B).

(C) NOTICE IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENDED ELECTION PERIODS.—In the case of any assistance eligible individual described in paragraph (3) (or any individual described in paragraph (4)(A)) who became entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage before the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, the administrator of the applicable group health plan (or other entity) shall provide (within 60 days after such first day of such first month) for the additional notification required to be provided under subparagraph (A) and failure to provide such notice

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shall be treated as a failure to meet the notice requirements under the applicable COBRA continuation provision.

(D) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, with respect to any assistance eligible individual described in paragraph (3), the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall prescribe models for the additional notification required under this paragraph.

(6) NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF PERIOD OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any assistance eligible individual, subject to subparagraph (B), the requirements of section 606(a)(4) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), section 4980B(f)(6)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or section 2206(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb–6(4)), shall not be treated as met unless the plan administrator of the individual, during the period specified under subparagraph (C), provides to such individual a

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written notice in clear and understandable language—

(i) that the premium assistance for such individual will expire soon and the prominent identification of the date of such expiration; and

(ii) that such individual may be eligible for coverage without any premium assistance through—

(I) COBRA continuation coverage; or

(II) coverage under a group health plan.

(B) EXCEPTION.—The requirement for the group health plan administrator to provide the written notice under subparagraph (A) shall be waived if the premium assistance for such individual expires pursuant to clause (i) of paragraph (2)(A).

(C) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the period specified in this subparagraph is, with respect to the date of expiration of premium assistance for any assistance eligible individual pursuant to a limitation requiring a notice under this paragraph, the pe-

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riod beginning on the day that is 45 days before the date of such expiration and ending on the day that is 15 days before the date of such expiration.

(D) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, with respect to any assistance eligible individual, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall prescribe models for the notification required under this paragraph.

(7) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor may jointly prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this subsection, including the prevention of fraud and abuse under this subsection, except that the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services may prescribe such regulations (including interim final regulations) or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of paragraphs (5), (6), and (8).

(8) OUTREACH.—

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(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall provide outreach consisting of public education and enrollment assistance relating to premium assistance provided under this subsection. Such outreach shall target employers, group health plan administrators, public assistance programs, States, insurers, and other entities as determined appropriate by such Secretaries. Such outreach shall include an initial focus on those individuals electing continuation coverage who are referred to in paragraph (5)(C). Information on such premium assistance, including enrollment, shall also be made available on websites of the Departments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and Human Services.

(B) ENROLLMENT UNDER MEDICARE.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide outreach consisting of public education. Such outreach shall target individuals who lose health insurance coverage. Such outreach shall include information regarding enrollment for Medicare benefits for purposes of preventing mistaken delays of such enrollment by such individ-

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uals, including lifetime penalties for failure of timely enrollment.

(9) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(A) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "administrator" has the meaning given such term in section 3(16)(A) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and includes a COBRA administrator.

(B) COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE.—The term "COBRA continuation coverage" means continuation coverage provided pursuant to part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (other than under section 609), title XXII of the Public Health Service Act, or section 4980B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (other than subsection (f)(1) of such section insofar as it relates to pediatric vaccines), or under a State program that provides comparable continuation coverage. Such term does not include coverage under a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan within the meaning of section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(C) COBRA CONTINUATION PROVISION.—The term "COBRA continuation provision" means

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the provisions of law described in subparagraph (B).

(D) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term "covered employee" has the meaning given such term in section 607(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(E) QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY.—The term "qualified beneficiary" has the meaning given such term in section 607(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(F) GROUP HEALTH PLAN.—The term "group health plan" has the meaning given such term in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(G) STATE.—The term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(H) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—Any reference in this subsection to a period of coverage shall be treated as a reference to a monthly or shorter period of coverage with respect to which premiums are charged with respect to such coverage.

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(I) PLAN SPONSOR.—The term "plan sponsor" has the meaning given such term in section 3(16)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(J) PREMIUM.—The term "premium" includes, with respect to COBRA continuation coverage, any administrative fee.

(10) IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Labor for fiscal year 2021, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Employee Benefits Security Administration to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 6432. CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The person to whom premiums are payable for continuation coverage under section

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9501(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by section 3111(b), or so much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b), for each calendar quarter an amount equal to the premiums not paid by assistance eligible individuals for such coverage by reason of such section 9501(a)(1) with respect to such calendar quarter.

"(b) PERSON TO WHOM PREMIUMS ARE PAYABLE.—For purposes of subsection (a), except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, the person to whom premiums are payable under such continuation coverage shall be treated as being—

"(1) in the case of any group health plan which is a multiemployer plan (as defined in section 3(37) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), the plan,

"(2) in the case of any group health plan not described in paragraph (1)—

"(A) which is subject to the COBRA continuation provisions contained in—

"(i) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

"(ii) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or

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"(iii) the Public Health Service Act, or

"(B) under which some or all of the coverage is not provided by insurance,

the employer maintaining the plan, and

"(3) in the case of any group health plan not described in paragraph (1) or (2), the insurer providing the coverage under the group health plan.

"(c) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

"(1) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the tax imposed by section 3111(b), or so much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b), for such calendar quarter (reduced by any credits allowed against such taxes under sections 3131, 3132, and 3134) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all employees of the employer.

"(2) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

"(A) CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (1) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b).

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"(B) CREDIT MAY BE ADVANCED.—In anticipation of the credit, including the refundable portion under subparagraph (A), the credit may be advanced, according to forms and instructions provided by the Secretary, up to an amount calculated under subsection (a) through the end of the most recent payroll period in the quarter.

"(C) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall waive any penalty under section 6656 for any failure to make a deposit of the tax imposed by section 3111(b), or so much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b), if the Secretary determines that such failure was due to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

"(D) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any amounts due to an employer under this paragraph shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

"(3) OVERSTATEMENTS.—Any overstatement of the credit to which a person is entitled under this section (and any amount paid by the Secretary as a re-

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sult of such overstatement) shall be treated as an underpayment by such person of the taxes described in paragraph (1) and may be assessed and collected by the Secretary in the same manner as such taxes.

"(d) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'person' includes the government of any State or political subdivision thereof, any Indian tribal government (as defined in section 139E(c)(1)), any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and any agency or instrumentality of the Government of the United States that is described in section 501(c)(1) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a).

"(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1, the gross income of any person allowed a credit under this section shall be increased for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which such credit is allowed by the amount of such credit. No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any amount which is taken into account as qualified wages under section 2301 of the CARES Act or section 3134 of this title or as qualified health plan expenses under section 7001(d) or 7003(d) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act or section 3131 or 3132 of this title.

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"(f) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding section 6501, the limitation on the time period for the assessment of any amount attributable to a credit claimed under this section shall not expire before the date that is 5 years after the later of—

"(1) the date on which the original return which includes the calendar quarter with respect to which such credit is determined is filed, or

"(2) the date on which such return is treated as filed under section 6501(b)(2).

"(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue such regulations, or other guidance, forms, instructions, and publications, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section, including—

"(1) the requirement to report information or the establishment of other methods for verifying the correct amounts of reimbursements under this section,

"(2) the application of this section to group health plans that are multiemployer plans (as defined in section 3(37) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974),

"(3) to allow the advance payment of the credit determined under subsection (a), subject to the limitations provided in this section, based on such information as the Secretary shall require,

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"(4) to provide for the reconciliation of such advance payment with the amount of the credit at the time of filing the return of tax for the applicable quarter or taxable year, and

"(5) allowing the credit to third party payors (including professional employer organizations, certified professional employer organizations, or agents under section 3504).".

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 6432. Continuation coverage premium assistance.".

(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to premiums to which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies and wages paid on or after April 1, 2021.

(D) SPECIAL RULE IN CASE OF EMPLOYEE PAYMENT THAT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an assistance eligible individual who pays, with respect any period of coverage to which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies, any amount of the premium for such coverage that the individual would have (but for this Act) been

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required to pay, the person to whom such payment is payable shall reimburse such individual for the amount of such premium paid.

(ii) CREDIT OF REIMBURSEMENT.—A person to which clause (i) applies shall be allowed a credit in the manner provided under section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any payment made to the employee under such clause.

(iii) PAYMENT OF CREDITS.—Any person to which clause (i) applies shall make the payment required under such clause to the individual not later than 60 days after the date on which such individual made the premium payment.

(2) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY HEALTH PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

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"SEC. 6720C. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY HEALTH PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except in the case of a failure described in subsection (b) or (c), any person required to notify a group health plan under section 9501(a)(2)(B) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 who fails to make such a notification at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of Labor may require shall pay a penalty of $250 for each such failure.

"(b) INTENTIONAL FAILURE.—In the case of any such failure that is fraudulent, such person shall pay a penalty equal to the greater of—

"(1) $250, or

"(2) 110 percent of the premium assistance provided under section 9501(a)(1)(A) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 after termination of eligibility under such section.

"(c) REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION.—No penalty shall be imposed under this section with respect to any failure if it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.".

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections of part I of subchapter B of chapter 68

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of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 6720C. Penalty for failure to notify health plan of cessation of eligibility for continuation coverage premium assistance.".

(3) COORDINATION WITH HCTC.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 35(g)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(9) CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an assistance eligible individual who receives premium assistance for continuation coverage under section 9501(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for any month during the taxable year, such individual shall not be treated as an eligible individual, a certified individual, or a qualifying family member for purposes of this section or section 7527 with respect to such month.".

(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subparagraph (A) shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) EXCLUSION OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM GROSS INCOME.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

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1986 is amended by inserting after section 139H the following new section:

"SEC. 139I. CONTINUATION COVERAGE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

"In the case of an assistance eligible individual (as defined in subsection (a)(3) of section 9501 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021), gross income does not include any premium assistance provided under subsection (a)(1) of such section.".

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 139H the following new item:

"Sec. 139I. Continuation coverage premium assistance.".

(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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Subtitle G—Promoting Economic Security

PART 1—2021 RECOVERY REBATES TO INDIVIDUALS

SEC. 9601. 2021 RECOVERY REBATES TO INDIVIDUALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 6428A the following new section:

"SEC. 6428B. 2021 RECOVERY REBATES TO INDIVIDUALS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subtitle A for the first taxable year beginning in 2021 an amount equal to the 2021 rebate amount determined for such taxable year.

"(b) 2021 REBATE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section, the term '2021 rebate amount' means, with respect to any taxpayer for any taxable year, the sum of—

"(1) $1,400 ($2,800 in the case of a joint return), plus

"(2) $1,400 multiplied by the number of dependents of the taxpayer for such taxable year.

"(c) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term 'eligible individual' means any individual other than—

"(1) any nonresident alien individual,

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"(2) any individual who is a dependent of another taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the individual's taxable year begins, and

"(3) an estate or trust.

"(d) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed by subsection (a) (determined without regard to this subsection and subsection (f)) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount which bears the same ratio to such credit (as so determined) as—

"(A) the excess of—

"(i) the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for such taxable year, over

"(ii) $75,000, bears to

"(B) $5,000.

"(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

"(A) JOINT RETURN OR SURVIVING SPOUSE.—In the case of a joint return or a surviving spouse (as defined in section 2(a)), paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting '$150,000' for '$75,000' and '$10,000' for '$5,000'.

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"(B) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—In the case of a head of household (as defined in section 2(b)), paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting '$112,500' for '$75,000' and '$7,500' for '$5,000'.

"(e) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

"(1) DEPENDENT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term 'dependent' has the meaning given such term by section 152.

"(2) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a return other than a joint return, the $1,400 amount in subsection (b)(1) shall be treated as being zero unless the taxpayer includes the valid identification number of the taxpayer on the return of tax for the taxable year.

"(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint return, the $2,800 amount in subsection (b)(1) shall be treated as being—

"(i) $1,400 if the valid identification number of only 1 spouse is included on the return of tax for the taxable year, and

"(ii) zero if the valid identification number of neither spouse is so included.

"(C) DEPENDENTS.—A dependent shall not be taken into account under subsection (b)(2) un-

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less the valid identification number of such dependent is included on the return of tax for the taxable year.

"(D) VALID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'valid identification number' means a social security number issued to an individual by the Social Security Administration on or before the due date for filing the return for the taxable year.

"(ii) ADOPTION TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.—For purposes of subparagraph (C), in the case of a dependent who is adopted or placed for adoption, the term 'valid identification number' shall include the adoption taxpayer identification number of such dependent.

"(E) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Subparagraph (B) shall not apply in the case where at least 1 spouse was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during the taxable year and the valid identification number of at least 1 spouse

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is included on the return of tax for the taxable year.

"(F) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—In the case of any payment determined pursuant to subsection (g)(6), a valid identification number shall be treated for purposes of this paragraph as included on the taxpayer's return of tax if such valid identification number is available to the Secretary as described in such subsection.

"(G) MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR AUTHORITY.—Any omission of a correct valid identification number required under this paragraph shall be treated as a mathematical or clerical error for purposes of applying section 6213(g)(2) to such omission.

"(3) CREDIT TREATED AS REFUNDABLE.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated as allowed by subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1.

"(f) COORDINATION WITH ADVANCE REFUNDS OF CREDIT.—

"(1) REDUCTION OF REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—The amount of the credit which would (but for this paragraph) be allowable under subsection (a) shall be re-

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duced (but not below zero) by the aggregate refunds and credits made or allowed to the taxpayer (or, except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, any dependent of the taxpayer) under subsection (g). Any failure to so reduce the credit shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

"(2) JOINT RETURNS.—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, in the case of a refund or credit made or allowed under subsection (g) with respect to a joint return, half of such refund or credit shall be treated as having been made or allowed to each individual filing such return.

"(g) ADVANCE REFUNDS AND CREDITS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each individual who was an eligible individual for such individual's first taxable year beginning in 2019 shall be treated as having made a payment against the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such taxable year in an amount equal to the advance refund amount for such taxable year.

"(2) ADVANCE REFUND AMOUNT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the advance refund amount is the amount that would have been allowed as a credit

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under this section for such taxable year if this section (other than subsection (f) and this subsection) had applied to such taxable year.

"(B) TREATMENT OF DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of determining the advance refund amount with respect to such taxable year—

"(i) any individual who was deceased before January 1, 2021, shall be treated for purposes of applying subsection (e)(2) in the same manner as if the valid identification number of such person was not included on the return of tax for such taxable year (except that subparagraph (E) thereof shall not apply),

"(ii) notwithstanding clause (i), in the case of a joint return with respect to which only 1 spouse is deceased before January 1, 2021, such deceased spouse was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during the taxable year, and the valid identification number of such deceased spouse is included on the return of tax for the taxable year, the valid identification number of 1 (and only 1) spouse shall be

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treated as included on the return of tax for the taxable year for purposes of applying subsection (e)(2)(B) with respect to such joint return, and

"(iii) no amount shall be determined under subsection (e)(2) with respect to any dependent of the taxpayer if the taxpayer (both spouses in the case of a joint return) was deceased before January 1, 2021.

"(3) TIMING AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this title and consistent with rules similar to the rules of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 6428A(f)(3), refund or credit any overpayment attributable to this subsection as rapidly as possible, consistent with a rapid effort to make payments attributable to such overpayments electronically if appropriate. No refund or credit shall be made or allowed under this subsection after December 31, 2021.

"(4) NO INTEREST.—No interest shall be allowed on any overpayment attributable to this subsection.

"(5) APPLICATION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FILED A RETURN OF TAX FOR 2020.—

"(A) APPLICATION TO 2020 RETURNS FILED AT TIME OF INITIAL DETERMINATION.—If, at the

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time of any determination made pursuant to paragraph (3), the individual referred to in paragraph (1) has filed a return of tax for the individual's first taxable year beginning in 2020, paragraph (1) shall be applied with respect to such individual by substituting '2020' for '2019'.

"(B) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any individual who files, before the additional payment determination date, a return of tax for such individual's first taxable year beginning in 2020, the Secretary shall make a payment (in addition to any payment made under paragraph (1)) to such individual equal to the excess (if any) of—

"(I) the amount which would be determined under paragraph (1) (after the application of subparagraph (A)) by applying paragraph (1) as of the additional payment determination date, over

"(II) the amount of any payment made with respect to such individual under paragraph (1).

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"(ii) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT DETERMINATION DATE.—The term 'additional payment determination date' means the earlier of—

"(I) the date which is 90 days after the 2020 calendar year filing deadline, or

"(II) September 1, 2021.

"(iii) 2020 CALENDAR YEAR FILING DEADLINE.—The term '2020 calendar year filing deadline' means the date specified in section 6072(a) with respect to returns for calendar year 2020. Such date shall be determined after taking into account any period disregarded under section 7508A if such disregard applies to substantially all returns for calendar year 2020 to which section 6072(a) applies.

"(6) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT FILED A RETURN OF TAX FOR 2019 OR 2020 AT TIME OF DETERMINATION.—In the case of any individual who, at the time of any determination made pursuant to paragraph (3), has filed a tax return for neither the year described in paragraph (1) nor for the year described in paragraph (5)(A), the

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Secretary shall, consistent with rules similar to the rules of section 6428A(f)(5)(H)(i), apply paragraph (1) on the basis of information available to the Secretary and shall, on the basis of such information, determine the advance refund amount with respect to such individual without regard to subsection (d) unless the Secretary has reason to know that such amount would otherwise be reduced by reason of such subsection.

"(7) SPECIAL RULE RELATED TO TIME OF FILING RETURN.—Solely for purposes of this subsection, a return of tax shall not be treated as filed until such return has been processed by the Internal Revenue Service.

"(8) RESTRICTION ON USE OF CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PREPAID DEBIT CARDS.—Payments made by the Secretary to individuals under this section shall not be in the form of an increase in the balance of any previously issued prepaid debit card if, as of the time of the issuance of such card, such card was issued solely for purposes of making payments under section 6428 or 6428A.

"(h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or

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appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

"(1) regulations or other guidance providing taxpayers the opportunity to provide the Secretary information sufficient to allow the Secretary to make payments to such taxpayers under subsection (g) (including the determination of the amount of such payment) if such information is not otherwise available to the Secretary, and

"(2) regulations or other guidance to ensure to the maximum extent administratively practicable that, in determining the amount of any credit under subsection (a) and any credit or refund under subsection (g), an individual is not taken into account more than once, including by different taxpayers and including by reason of a change in joint return status or dependent status between the taxable year for which an advance refund amount is determined and the taxable year for which a credit under subsection (a) is determined.

"(i) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall carry out a robust and comprehensive outreach program to ensure that all taxpayers described in subsection (h)(1) learn of their eligibility for the advance refunds and credits under subsection (g); are advised of the opportunity to receive such

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advance refunds and credits as provided under subsection (h)(1); and are provided assistance in applying for such advance refunds and credits.".

(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the amendments made by this section. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the amendments made by this section if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary

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of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) INCLUSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States to which the Secretary makes a payment under paragraph (1) or (2) an amount equal to the lesser of—

(A) the increase (if any) of the administrative expenses of such possession—

(i) in the case of a possession described in paragraph (1), by reason of the amendments made by this section, and

(ii) in the case of a possession described in paragraph (2), by reason of carrying out the plan described in such paragraph, or

(B) $500,000 ($10,000,000 in the case of Puerto Rico).

The amount described in subparagraph (A) shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(4) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—No credit shall be allowed against United States income taxes

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under section 6428B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section), nor shall any credit or refund be made or allowed under subsection (g) of such section, to any person—

(A) to whom a credit is allowed against taxes imposed by the possession by reason of the amendments made by this section, or

(B) who is eligible for a payment under a plan described in paragraph (2).

(5) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "mirror code tax system" means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(6) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF DEFICIENCY.—Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

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is amended by striking "6428, and 6428A" and inserting "6428, 6428A, and 6428B".

(2) EXCEPTION FROM REDUCTION OR OFFSET.—Any refund payable by reason of section 6428B(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section), or any such refund payable by reason of subsection (b) of this section, shall not be—

(A) subject to reduction or offset pursuant to subsection (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 6402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any similar authority permitting offset, or

(B) reduced or offset by other assessed Federal taxes that would otherwise be subject to levy or collection.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting "6428B," after "6428A,".

(B) The table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 6428A the following new item:

"Sec. 6428B. 2021 recovery rebates to individuals.".

(d) APPROPRIATIONS.—Immediately upon the enactment of this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-

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able, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated:

(1) $1,464,500,000 to remain available until September 30, 2023 for necessary expenses for the Internal Revenue Service for the administration of the advance payments, the provision of taxpayer assistance, and the furtherance of integrated, modernized, and secure Internal Revenue Service systems, of which up to $20,000,000 is available for premium pay for services related to the development of information technology as determined by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue occurring between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022, and all of which shall supplement and not supplant any other appropriations that may be available for this purpose.

(2) $7,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2022, for necessary expenses for the Bureau of the Fiscal Service to carry out this section (and the amendments made by this section), which shall supplement and not supplant any other appropriations that may be available for this purpose, and

(3) $8,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2023, for the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the purposes of overseeing activities related to the administration of this section

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(and the amendments made by this section), which shall supplement and not supplant any other appropriations that may be available for this purpose.

PART 2—CHILD TAX CREDIT

SEC. 9611. CHILD TAX CREDIT IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2021.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(i) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2021.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022—

"(1) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—If the taxpayer (in the case of a joint return, either spouse) has a principal place of abode in the United States (determined as provided in section 32) for more than one-half of the taxable year or is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico (within the meaning of section 937(a)) for such taxable year—

"(A) subsection (d) shall not apply, and

"(B) so much of the credit determined under subsection (a) (after application of subparagraph (A)) as does not exceed the amount of such credit which would be so determined without regard to subsection (h)(4) shall be allowed under subpart C (and not allowed under this subpart).

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"(2) 17-YEAR-OLDS ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT AS QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—This section shall be applied—

"(A) by substituting 'age 18' for 'age 17' in subsection (c)(1), and

"(B) by substituting 'described in subsection (c) (determined after the application of subsection (i)(2)(A))' for 'described in subsection (c)' in subsection (h)(4)(A).

"(3) CREDIT AMOUNT.—Subsection (h)(2) shall not apply and subsection (a) shall be applied by substituting '$3,000 ($3,600 in the case of a qualifying child who has not attained age 6 as of the close of the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins)' for '$1,000'.

"(4) REDUCTION OF INCREASED CREDIT AMOUNT BASED ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowable under subsection (a) (determined without regard to subsection (b)) shall be reduced by $50 for each $1,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income (as defined in subsection (b)) exceeds the applicable threshold amount.

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"(B) APPLICABLE THRESHOLD AMOUNT.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'applicable threshold amount' means—

"(i) $150,000, in the case of a joint return or surviving spouse (as defined in section 2(a)) ,

"(ii) $112,500, in the case of a head of household (as defined in section 2(b)), and

"(iii) $75,000, in any other case.

"(C) LIMITATION ON REDUCTION.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the reduction under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed the lesser of—

"(I) the applicable credit increase amount, or

"(II) 5 percent of the applicable phaseout threshold range.

"(ii) APPLICABLE CREDIT INCREASE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'applicable credit increase amount' means the excess (if any) of—

"(I) the amount of the credit allowable under this section for the taxable year determined without regard to this paragraph and subsection (b), over

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"(II) the amount of such credit as so determined and without regard to paragraph (3).

"(iii) APPLICABLE PHASEOUT THRESHOLD RANGE.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'applicable phaseout threshold range' means the excess of—

"(I) the threshold amount applicable to the taxpayer under subsection (b) (determined after the application of subsection (h)(3)), over

"(II) the applicable threshold amount applicable to the taxpayer under this paragraph.

"(D) COORDINATION WITH LIMITATION ON OVERALL CREDIT.—Subsection (b) shall be applied by substituting 'the credit allowable under subsection (a) (determined after the application of subsection (i)(4)(A)' for 'the credit allowable under subsection (a)'.".

(b) ADVANCE PAYMENT OF CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of such Code is amended by inserting after section 7527 the following new section:

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"SEC. 7527A. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF CHILD TAX CREDIT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program for making periodic payments to taxpayers which, in the aggregate during any calendar year, equal the annual advance amount determined with respect to such taxpayer for such calendar year. Except as provided in subsection (b)(3)(B), the periodic payments made to any taxpayer for any calendar year shall be in equal amounts.

"(b) ANNUAL ADVANCE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term 'annual advance amount' means, with respect to any taxpayer for any calendar year, the amount (if any) which is estimated by the Secretary as being equal to 50 percent of the amount which would be treated as allowed under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 by reason of section 24(i)(1) for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in such calendar year if—

"(A) the status of the taxpayer as a taxpayer described in section 24(i)(1) is determined with respect to the reference taxable year,

"(B) the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income for such taxable year is equal to the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income for the reference taxable year,

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"(C) the only children of such taxpayer for such taxable year are qualifying children properly claimed on the taxpayer's return of tax for the reference taxable year, and

"(D) the ages of such children (and the status of such children as qualifying children) are determined for such taxable year by taking into account the passage of time since the reference taxable year.

"(2) REFERENCE TAXABLE YEAR.—Except as provided in paragraph (3)(A), the term 'reference taxable year' means, with respect to any taxpayer for any calendar year, the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in the preceding calendar year or, in the case of taxpayer who did not file a return of tax for such taxable year, the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in the second preceding calendar year.

"(3) MODIFICATIONS DURING CALENDAR YEAR.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may modify, during any calendar year, the annual advance amount with respect to any taxpayer for such calendar year to take into account—

"(i) a return of tax filed by such taxpayer during such calendar year (and the taxable year to which such return relates

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may be taken into account as the reference taxable year), and

"(ii) any other information provided by the taxpayer to the Secretary which allows the Secretary to determine payments under subsection (a) which, in the aggregate during any taxable year of the taxpayer, more closely total the Secretary's estimate of the amount treated as allowed under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 by reason of section 24(i)(1) for such taxable year of such taxpayer.

"(B) ADJUSTMENT TO REFLECT EXCESS OR DEFICIT IN PRIOR PAYMENTS.—In the case of any modification of the annual advance amount under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may adjust the amount of any periodic payment made after the date of such modification to properly take into account the amount by which any periodic payment made before such date was greater than or less than the amount that such payment would have been on the basis of the annual advance amount as so modified.

"(4) DETERMINATION OF STATUS.—If information contained in the taxpayer's return of tax for the

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reference taxable year does not establish the status of the taxpayer as being described in section 24(i)(1), the Secretary shall, for purposes of paragraph (1)(A), determine such status based on information known to the Secretary.

"(5) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DEATHS.—A child shall not be taken into account in determining the annual advance amount under paragraph (1) if the death of such child is known to the Secretary as of the beginning of the calendar year for which the estimate under such paragraph is made.

"(c) ON-LINE INFORMATION PORTAL.—The Secretary shall establish an on-line portal which allows taxpayers to—

"(1) elect not to receive payments under this section, and

"(2) provide information to the Secretary which would be relevant to a modification under subsection (b)(3)(B) of the annual advance amount, including information regarding—

"(A) a change in the number of the taxpayer's qualifying children, including by reason of the birth of a child,

"(B) a change in the taxpayer's marital status,

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"(C) a significant change in the taxpayer's income, and

"(D) any other factor which the Secretary may provide.

"(d) NOTICE OF PAYMENTS.—Not later than January 31 of the calendar year following any calendar year during which the Secretary makes one or more payments to any taxpayer under this section, the Secretary shall provide such taxpayer with a written notice which includes the taxpayer's taxpayer identity (as defined in section 6103(b)(6)), the aggregate amount of such payments made to such taxpayer during such calendar year, and such other information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

"(e) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

"(1) APPLICATION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS PAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—The payments made by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be made by electronic funds transfer to the same extent and in the same manner as if such payments were Federal payments not made under this title.

"(2) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 6428A(f)(3) shall apply for purposes of this section.

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"(3) EXCEPTION FROM REDUCTION OR OFFSET.—Any payment made to any individual under this section shall not be—

"(A) subject to reduction or offset pursuant to subsection (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 6402 or any similar authority permitting offset, or

"(B) reduced or offset by other assessed Federal taxes that would otherwise be subject to levy or collection.

"(4) APPLICATION OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS IN THE POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The advance payment amount determined under this section shall be determined—

"(i) by applying section 24(i)(1) without regard to the phrase 'or is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico (within the meaning of section 937(a))', and

"(ii) without regard to section 24(k)(3)(C)(ii)(I).

"(B) MIRROR CODE POSSESSIONS.—In the case of any possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system (as defined in section 24(k)), this section shall not be treated as part of the income tax laws of the United States for

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purposes of determining the income tax law of such possession unless such possession elects to have this section be so treated.

"(C) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—

"(i) MIRROR CODE POSSESSIONS.—In the case of any possession described in subparagraph (B) which makes the election described in such subparagraph, the amount otherwise paid by the Secretary to such possession under section 24(k)(1)(A) with respect to taxable years beginning in 2021 shall be increased by $300,000 if such possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary, for making advance payments consistent with such election.

"(ii) AMERICAN SAMOA.—The amount otherwise paid by the Secretary to American Samoa under subparagraph (A) of section 24(k)(3) with respect to taxable years beginning in 2021 shall be increased by $300,000 if the plan described in subparagraph (B) of such section includes a program, which has been approved by the Sec-

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retary, for making advance payments under rules similar to the rules of this section.

"(iii) TIMING OF PAYMENT.—The Secretary may pay, upon the request of the possession of the United States to which the payment is to be made, the amount of the increase determined under clause (i) or (ii) immediately upon approval of the plan referred to in such clause, respectively.

"(f) APPLICATION.—No payments shall be made under the program established under subsection (a) with respect to—

"(1) any period before July 1, 2021, or

"(2) any period after December 31, 2021.

"(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue such regulations or other guidance as the Secretary determines necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section and subsections (i)(1) and (j) of section 24, including regulations or other guidance which provides for the application of such provisions where the filing status of the taxpayer for a taxable year is different from the status used for determining the annual advance amount.".

(2) RECONCILIATION OF CREDIT AND ADVANCE CREDIT.—Section 24 of such Code, as amended by the

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preceding provision of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(j) RECONCILIATION OF CREDIT AND ADVANCE CREDIT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed under this section to any taxpayer for any taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the aggregate amount of payments made under section 7527A to such taxpayer during such taxable year. Any failure to so reduce the credit shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

"(2) EXCESS ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—If the aggregate amount of payments under section 7527A to the taxpayer during the taxable year exceeds the amount of the credit allowed under this section to such taxpayer for such taxable year (determined without regard to paragraph (1)), the tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable year shall be increased by the amount of such excess. Any failure to so increase the tax shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

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"(B) SAFE HARBOR BASED ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxpayer whose modified adjusted gross income (as defined in subsection (b)) for the taxable year does not exceed 200 percent of the applicable income threshold, the amount of the increase determined under subparagraph (A) with respect to such taxpayer for such taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the safe harbor amount.

"(ii) PHASE OUT OF SAFE HARBOR AMOUNT.—In the case of a taxpayer whose modified adjusted gross income (as defined in subsection (b)) for the taxable year exceeds the applicable income threshold, the safe harbor amount otherwise in effect under clause (i) shall be reduced by the amount which bears the same ratio to such amount as such excess bears to the applicable income threshold.

"(iii) APPLICABLE INCOME THRESHOLD.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'applicable income threshold' means—

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"(I) $60,000 in the case of a joint return or surviving spouse (as defined in section 2(a)),

"(II) $50,000 in the case of a head of household, and

"(III) $40,000 in any other case.

"(iv) SAFE HARBOR AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'safe harbor amount' means, with respect to any taxable year, the product of—

"(I) $2,000, multiplied by

"(II) the excess (if any) of the number of qualified children taken into account in determining the annual advance amount with respect to the taxpayer under section 7527A with respect to months beginning in such taxable year, over the number of qualified children taken into account in determining the credit allowed under this section for such taxable year.".

(3) COORDINATION WITH WAGE WITHHOLDING.—Section 3402(f)(1)(C) of such Code is amended by striking "section 24(a)" and inserting "section 24

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(determined after application of subsection (j) thereof)".

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (X), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (Y) and inserting ", and", and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(Z) section 24(j)(2) (relating to excess advance payments).".

(B) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code, as amended by the preceding provisions of this subtitle, is amended—

(i) by striking "24(d)" and inserting "24 by reason of subsections (d) and (i)(1) thereof", and

(ii) by striking "and 6428B" and inserting "6428B, and 7527A".

(C) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(i) by inserting "24," before "25A", and

(ii) by striking " or 6431" and inserting "6431, or 7527A".

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(D) The table of sections for chapter 77 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 7527 the following new item:

"Sec. 7527A. Advance payment of child tax credit.".

(5) APPROPRIATIONS TO CARRY OUT ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—Immediately upon the enactment of this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated:

(A) $397,200,000 to remain available until September 30, 2022, for necessary expenses for the Internal Revenue Service to carry out this section (and the amendments made by this section), which shall supplement and not supplant any other appropriations that may be available for this purpose, and

(B) $16,200,000 to remain available until September 30, 2022, for necessary expenses for the Bureau of the Fiscal Service to carry out this section (and the amendments made by this section), which shall supplement and not supplant any other appropriations that may be available for this purpose.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's designee) shall establish the program described in section 7527A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that the Secretary shall ensure that the timing of the establishment of such program does not interfere with carrying out section 6428B(g) as rapidly as possible.

SEC. 9612. APPLICATION OF CHILD TAX CREDIT IN POSSESSIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN POSSESSIONS.—

"(1) MIRROR CODE POSSESSIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of this section (determined without regard

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to this subsection) with respect to taxable years beginning after 2020. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

"(B) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—No credit shall be allowed under this section for any taxable year to any individual to whom a credit is allowable against taxes imposed by a possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system by reason of the application of this section in such possession for such taxable year.

"(C) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'mirror code tax system' means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

"(2) PUERTO RICO.—

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"(A) APPLICATION TO TAXABLE YEARS IN 2021.—

"(i) For application of refundable credit to residents of Puerto Rico, see subsection (i)(1).

"(ii) For nonapplication of advance payment to residents of Puerto Rico, see section 7527A(e)(4)(A).

"(B) APPLICATION TO TAXABLE YEARS AFTER 2021.—In the case of any bona fide resident of Puerto Rico (within the meaning of section 937(a)) for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2021—

"(i) the credit determined under this section shall be allowable to such resident, and

"(ii) subsection (d)(1)(B)(ii) shall be applied without regard to the phrase 'in the case of a taxpayer with 3 or more qualifying children'.

"(3) AMERICAN SAMOA.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay to American Samoa amounts estimated by the Secretary as being equal to the aggregate benefits that would have been provided to residents of

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American Samoa by reason of the application of this section for taxable years beginning after 2020 if the provisions of this section had been in effect in American Samoa (applied as if American Samoa were the United States and without regard to the application of this section to bona fide residents of Puerto Rico under subsection (i)(1)).

"(B) DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply unless American Samoa has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary, under which American Samoa will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

"(C) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxable year with respect to which a plan is approved under subparagraph (B), this section (other than this subsection) shall not apply to any individual eligible for a distribution under such plan.

"(ii) APPLICATION OF SECTION IN EVENT OF ABSENCE OF APPROVED PLAN.—

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In the case of a taxable year with respect to which a plan is not approved under subparagraph (B)—

"(I) if such taxable year begins in 2021, subsection (i)(1) shall be applied by substituting 'bona fide resident of Puerto Rico or American Samoa' for 'bona fide resident of Puerto Rico', and

"(II) if such taxable year begins after December 31, 2021, rules similar to the rules of paragraph (2)(B) shall apply with respect to bona fide residents of American Samoa (within the meaning of section 937(a)).

"(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

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PART 3—EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

SEC. 9621. STRENGTHENING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.

(a) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2021.—Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(n) SPECIAL RULES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022—

"(1) DECREASE IN MINIMUM AGE FOR CREDIT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) shall be applied by substituting 'the applicable minimum age' for 'age 25'.

"(B) APPLICABLE MINIMUM AGE.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'applicable minimum age' means—

"(i) except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, age 19,

"(ii) in the case of a specified student (other than a qualified former foster youth or a qualified homeless youth), age 24, and

"(iii) in the case of a qualified former foster youth or a qualified homeless youth, age 18.

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"(C) SPECIFIED STUDENT.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'specified student' means, with respect to any taxable year, an individual who is an eligible student (as defined in section 25A(b)(3)) during at least 5 calendar months during the taxable year.

"(D) QUALIFIED FORMER FOSTER YOUTH.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified former foster youth' means an individual who—

"(i) on or after the date that such individual attained age 14, was in foster care provided under the supervision or administration of an entity administering (or eligible to administer) a plan under part B or part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (without regard to whether Federal assistance was provided with respect to such child under such part E), and

"(ii) provides (in such manner as the Secretary may provide) consent for entities which administer a plan under part B or part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to disclose to the Secretary information re-

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lated to the status of such individual as a qualified former foster youth.

"(E) QUALIFIED HOMELESS YOUTH.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified homeless youth' means, with respect to any taxable year, an individual who certifies, in a manner as provided by the Secretary, that such individual is either an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth, or is unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.

"(2) ELIMINATION OF MAXIMUM AGE FOR CREDIT.—Subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) shall be applied without regard to the phrase 'but not attained age 65'.

"(3) INCREASE IN CREDIT AND PHASEOUT PERCENTAGES.—The table contained in subsection (b)(1) shall be applied by substituting '15.3' for '7.65' each place it appears therein.

"(4) INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME AND PHASEOUT AMOUNTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in subsection (b)(2)(A) shall be applied—

"(i) by substituting '$9,820' for '$4,220', and

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"(ii) by substituting '$11,610' for '$5,280'.

"(B) COORDINATION WITH INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (j) shall not apply to any dollar amount specified in this paragraph.".

(b) INFORMATION RETURN MATCHING.—As soon as practicable, the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall develop and implement procedures to use information returns under section 6050S (relating to returns relating to higher education tuition and related expenses) to check the status of individuals as specified students for purposes of section 32(n)(1)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9622. TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CHILDLESS EARNED INCOME CREDIT IN CASE OF QUALIFYING CHILDREN WHO FAIL TO MEET CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subparagraph (F).

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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9623. CREDIT ALLOWED IN CASE OF CERTAIN SEPARATED SPOUSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking "MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of" and inserting the following: "MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of", and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) DETERMINATION OF MARITAL STATUS.—For purposes of this section—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), marital status shall be determined under section 7703(a).

"(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR SEPARATED SPOUSE.—An individual shall not be treated as married if such individual—

"(i) is married (as determined under section 7703(a)) and does not file a joint return for the taxable year,

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"(ii) resides with a qualifying child of the individual for more than one-half of such taxable year, and

"(iii)(I) during the last 6 months of such taxable year, does not have the same principal place of abode as the individual's spouse, or

"(II) has a decree, instrument, or agreement (other than a decree of divorce) described in section 121(d)(3)(C) with respect to the individual's spouse and is not a member of the same household with the individual's spouse by the end of the taxable year.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 32(c)(1)(A) of such Code is amended by striking the last sentence.

(2) Section 32(c)(1)(E)(ii) of such Code is amended by striking "(within the meaning of section 7703)".

(3) Section 32(d)(1) of such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by striking "(within the meaning of section 7703)".

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(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9624. MODIFICATION OF DISQUALIFIED INVESTMENT INCOME TEST.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "$2,200" and inserting "$10,000".

(b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 32(j)(1) of such Code is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "(2021 in the case of the dollar amount in subsection (i)(1))" after "2015",

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking "subsections (b)(2)(A) and (i)(1)" and inserting "subsection (b)(2)(A)", and

(B) by striking "and" at the end,

(3) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B)(ii) and inserting ", and", and

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (B)(ii) the following new clause:

"(iii) in the case of the $10,000 amount in subsection (i)(1), 'calendar year 2020' for 'calendar year 2016'.".

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(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9625. APPLICATION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT IN POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 7530. APPLICATION OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT TO POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.

"(a) PUERTO RICO.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar year 2021 and each calendar year thereafter, the Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, make payments to Puerto Rico equal to—

"(A) the specified matching amount for such calendar year, plus

"(B) in the case of calendar years 2021 through 2025, the lesser of—

"(i) the expenditures made by Puerto Rico during such calendar year for education efforts with respect to individual taxpayers and tax return preparers relating to the earned income tax credit, or

"(ii) $1,000,000.

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"(2) REQUIREMENT TO REFORM EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—The Secretary shall not make any payments under paragraph (1) with respect to any calendar year unless Puerto Rico has in effect an earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with such calendar year which (relative to the earned income tax credit which was in effect for taxable years beginning in or with calendar year 2019) increases the percentage of earned income which is allowed as a credit for each group of individuals with respect to which such percentage is separately stated or determined in a manner designed to substantially increase workforce participation.

"(3) SPECIFIED MATCHING AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'specified matching amount' means, with respect to any calendar year, the lesser of—

"(i) the excess (if any) of—

"(I) the cost to Puerto Rico of the earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with such calendar year, over

"(II) the base amount for such calendar year, or

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"(ii) the product of 3, multiplied by the base amount for such calendar year.

"(B) BASE AMOUNT.—

"(i) BASE AMOUNT FOR 2021.—In the case of calendar year 2021, the term 'base amount' means the greater of—

"(I) the cost to Puerto Rico of the earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with calendar year 2019 (rounded to the nearest multiple of $1,000,000), or

"(II) $200,000,000.

"(ii) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of any calendar year after 2021, the term 'base amount' means the dollar amount determined under clause (i) increased by an amount equal to—

"(I) such dollar amount, multiplied by—

"(II) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year, determined by substituting 'calendar year 2020' for 'calendar year 2016' in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.

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Any amount determined under this clause shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $1,000,000.

"(4) RULES RELATED TO PAYMENTS.—

"(A) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall make payments under paragraph (1) for any calendar year—

"(i) after receipt of such information as the Secretary may require to determine such payments, and

"(ii) except as provided in clause (i), within a reasonable period of time before the due date for individual income tax returns (as determined under the laws of Puerto Rico) for taxable years which began on the first day of such calendar year.

"(B) INFORMATION.—The Secretary may require the reporting of such information as the Secretary may require to carry out this subsection.

"(C) DETERMINATION OF COST OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—For purposes of this subsection, the cost to Puerto Rico of the earned income tax credit shall be determined by the Secretary on the basis of the laws of Puerto Rico

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and shall include reductions in revenues received by Puerto Rico by reason of such credit and refunds attributable to such credit, but shall not include any administrative costs with respect to such credit.

"(b) POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar year 2021 and each calendar year thereafter, the Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, make payments to the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands equal to—

"(A) the cost to such possession of the earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with such calendar year, plus

"(B) in the case of calendar years 2021 through 2025, the lesser of—

"(i) the expenditures made by such possession during such calendar year for education efforts with respect to individual taxpayers and tax return preparers relating to such earned income tax credit, or

"(ii) $50,000.

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"(2) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (a)(4) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

"(c) AMERICAN SAMOA.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to calendar year 2021 and each calendar year thereafter, the Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, make payments to American Samoa equal to—

"(A) the lesser of—

"(i) the cost to American Samoa of the earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with such calendar year, or

"(ii) $16,000,000, plus

"(B) in the case of calendar years 2021 through 2025, the lesser of—

"(i) the expenditures made by American Samoa during such calendar year for education efforts with respect to individual taxpayers and tax return preparers relating to such earned income tax credit, or

"(ii) $50,000.

"(2) REQUIREMENT TO ENACT AND MAINTAIN AN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—The Secretary shall

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not make any payments under paragraph (1) with respect to any calendar year unless American Samoa has in effect an earned income tax credit for taxable years beginning in or with such calendar year which allows a refundable tax credit to individuals on the basis of the taxpayer's earned income which is designed to substantially increase workforce participation.

"(3) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of any calendar year after 2021, the $16,000,000 amount in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

"(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by—

"(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year, determined by substituting 'calendar year 2020' for 'calendar year 2016' in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.

Any increase determined under this clause shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $100,000.

"(4) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (a)(4) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

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"(d) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 77 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 7530. Application of earned income tax credit to possessions of the United States.".

SEC. 9626. TEMPORARY SPECIAL RULE FOR DETERMINING EARNED INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If the earned income of the taxpayer for the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning in 2021 is less than the earned income of the taxpayer for the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning in 2019, the credit allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may, at the election of the taxpayer, be determined by substituting—

(1) such earned income for the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning in 2019, for

(2) such earned income for the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning in 2021.

(b) EARNED INCOME.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term "earned income" has the meaning given such term under section 32(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) APPLICATION TO JOINT RETURNS.—For purposes of subsection (a), in the case of a joint return, the earned income of the taxpayer for the first taxable year beginning in 2019 shall be the sum of the earned income of each spouse for such taxable year.

(c) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) ERRORS TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL ERRORS.—For purposes of section 6213 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, an incorrect use on a return of earned income pursuant to subsection (a) shall be treated as a mathematical or clerical error.

(2) NO EFFECT ON DETERMINATION OF GROSS INCOME, ETC.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be applied without regard to any substitution under subsection (a).

(d) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to

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the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of the provisions of this section (other than this subsection) with respect to section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the provisions of this section (other than this subsection) with respect to section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the term "mirror code tax system" means, with respect to any possession of the United

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States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

PART 4—DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE

SEC. 9631. REFUNDABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT OF CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2021.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022—

"(1) CREDIT MADE REFUNDABLE.—If the taxpayer (in the case of a joint return, either spouse) has a principal place of abode in the United States (determined as provided in section 32) for more than one-half of the taxable year, the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be treated as a credit allowed

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under subpart C (and not allowed under this subpart).

"(2) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMIT ON AMOUNT CREDITABLE.—Subsection (c) shall be applied—

"(A) by substituting '$8,000' for '$3,000' in paragraph (1) thereof, and

"(B) by substituting '$16,000' for '$6,000' in paragraph (2) thereof.

"(3) INCREASE IN APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—Subsection (a)(2) shall be applied—

"(A) by substituting '50 percent' for '35 percent ', and

"(B) by substituting '$125,000' for '$15,000'.

"(4) APPLICATION OF PHASEOUT TO HIGH INCOME INDIVIDUALS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(2) shall be applied by substituting 'the phaseout percentage' for '20 percent'.

"(B) PHASEOUT PERCENTAGE.—The term 'phaseout percentage' means 20 percent reduced (but not below zero) by 1 percentage point for each $2,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds $400,000.".

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(b) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN POSSESSIONS.—Section 21 of such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN POSSESSIONS.—

"(1) PAYMENT TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of this section (determined without regard to this subsection) with respect to taxable years beginning in or with 2021. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

"(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary as being equal to the aggregate benefits that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of this section with respect to taxable years beginning in or with 2021 if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary, under

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which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

"(3) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in or with 2021, no credit shall be allowed under this section to any individual—

"(A) to whom a credit is allowable against taxes imposed by a possession with a mirror code tax system by reason of this section, or

"(B) who is eligible for a payment under a plan described in paragraph (2).

"(4) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'mirror code tax system' means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

"(5) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.".

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(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by inserting "21 by reason of subsection (g) thereof," before "24".

(2) Section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code (as amended by the preceding provisions of this title), is amended by inserting "21," before "24".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9632. INCREASE IN EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2021.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022, subparagraph (A) shall be applied be substituting '$10,500 (half such dollar amount' for '$5,000 ($2,500'.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

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(c) RETROACTIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS.—A plan that otherwise satisfies all applicable requirements of sections 125 and 129 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (including any rules or regulations thereunder) shall not fail to be treated as a cafeteria plan or dependent care assistance program merely because such plan is amended pursuant to a provision under this section and such amendment is retroactive, if—

(1) such amendment is adopted no later than the last day of the plan year in which the amendment is effective, and

(2) the plan is operated consistent with the terms of such amendment during the period beginning on the effective date of the amendment and ending on the date the amendment is adopted.

PART 5—CREDITS FOR PAID SICK AND FAMILY LEAVE

SEC. 9641. PAYROLL CREDITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

"Subchapter D—Credits

"Sec. 3131. Credit for paid sick leave.
"Sec. 3132. Payroll credit for paid family leave.
"Sec. 3133. Special rule related to tax on employers.

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"SEC. 3131. CREDIT FOR PAID SICK LEAVE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against applicable employment taxes for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified sick leave wages paid by such employer with respect to such calendar quarter.

"(b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

"(1) WAGES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of qualified sick leave wages taken into account under subsection (a), plus any increases under subsection (e), with respect to any individual shall not exceed $200 ($511 in the case of any day any portion of which is paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, applied with the modification described in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i)) for any day (or portion thereof) for which the individual is paid qualified sick leave wages.

"(2) OVERALL LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DAYS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The aggregate number of days taken into account under paragraph (1) for any calendar quarter shall not exceed the excess (if any) of—

"(A) 10, over

"(B) the aggregate number of days so taken into account during preceding calendar quarters

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in such calendar year (other than the first quarter of calendar year 2021).

"(3) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the applicable employment taxes for such calendar quarter on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all employees of the employer.

"(4) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

"(A) CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (3) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b).

"(B) ADVANCING CREDIT.—In anticipation of the credit, including the refundable portion under subparagraph (A), the credit shall be advanced, according to forms and instructions provided by the Secretary, up to an amount calculated under subsection (a), subject to the limits under paragraph (1) and (2), all calculated through the end of the most recent payroll period in the quarter.

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"(c) QUALIFIED SICK LEAVE WAGES.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified sick leave wages' means wages paid by an employer which would be required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act as if such Act applied after March 31, 2021.

"(2) RULES OF APPLICATION.—For purposes of determining whether wages are qualified sick leave wages under paragraph (1)—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act shall be applied—

"(i) by inserting ', the employee is seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, COVID–19 and such employee has been exposed to COVID–19 or the employee's employer has requested such test or diagnosis, or the employee is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization' after 'medical diagnosis' in section 5102(a)(3) thereof, and

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"(ii) by applying section 5102(b)(1) of such Act separately with respect to each calendar year after 2020 (and, in the case of calendar year 2021, without regard to the first quarter thereof).

"(B) LEAVE MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS.—If an employer fails to comply with any requirement of such Act (determined without regard to section 5109 thereof) with respect to paid sick time (as defined in section 5110 of such Act), amounts paid by such employer with respect to such paid sick time shall not be taken into account as qualified sick leave wages. For purposes of the preceding sentence, an employer which takes an action described in section 5104 of such Act shall be treated as failing to meet a requirement of such Act.

"(d) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR CERTAIN HEALTH PLAN EXPENSES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be increased by so much of the employer's qualified health plan expenses as are properly allocable to the qualified sick leave wages for which such credit is so allowed.

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"(2) QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN EXPENSES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified health plan expenses' means amounts paid or incurred by the employer to provide and maintain a group health plan (as defined in section 5000(b)(1)), but only to the extent that such amounts are excluded from the gross income of employees by reason of section 106(a).

"(3) ALLOCATION RULES.—For purposes of this section, qualified health plan expenses shall be allocated to qualified sick leave wages in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, such allocation shall be treated as properly made if made on the basis of being pro rata among covered employees and pro rata on the basis of periods of coverage (relative to the time periods of leave to which such wages relate).

"(e) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR AMOUNTS PAID UNDER CERTAIN COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED AGREEMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be increased by the sum of—

"(A) so much of the employer's collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions as are properly allocable to the qualified

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sick leave wages for which such credit is so allowed, plus

"(B) so much of the employer's collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions as are properly allocable to the qualified sick leave wages for which such credit is so allowed.

"(2) COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions' means, with respect to any calendar quarter, contributions which—

"(i) are paid or incurred by an employer during the calendar quarter on behalf of its employees to a defined benefit plan (as defined in section 414(j)), which meets the requirements of section 401(a),

"(ii) are made based on a pension contribution rate, and

"(iii) are required to be made pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect with respect to such calendar quarter.

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"(B) PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE.—The term 'pension contribution rate' means the contribution rate that the employer is obligated to pay on behalf of its employees under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement for benefits under a defined benefit plan under such agreement, as such rate is applied to contribution base units (as defined by section 4001(a)(11) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1301(a)(11)).

"(C) ALLOCATION RULES.—The amount of collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions allocated to qualified sick leave wages for any calendar quarter shall be the product of—

"(i) the pension contribution rate (expressed as an hourly rate), and

"(ii) the number of hours for which qualified sick leave wages were provided to employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement described in subparagraph (A)(iii) during the calendar quarter.

"(3) COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of this section—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions' means, with respect to any calendar quarter, contributions which—

"(i) are paid or incurred by an employer on behalf of its employees with respect to the calendar quarter to a registered apprenticeship program,

"(ii) are made based on an apprenticeship program contribution rate, and

"(iii) are required to be made pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect with respect to such calendar quarter.

"(B) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term 'registered apprenticeship program' means an apprenticeship registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the 'National Apprenticeship Act'; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) that meets the standards of subpart A of part 29 and part 30 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations.

"(C) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION RATE.—The term 'apprenticeship program contribution rate' means the contribution rate

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that the employer is obligated to pay on behalf of its employees under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement for benefits under a registered apprenticeship program under such agreement, as such rate is applied to contribution base units (as defined by section 4001(a)(11) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1301(a)(11)).

"(D) ALLOCATION RULES.—The amount of collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions allocated to qualified sick leave wages for any calendar quarter shall be the product of—

"(i) the apprenticeship program contribution rate (expressed as an hourly rate), and

"(ii) the number of hours for which qualified sick leave wages were provided to employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement described in subparagraph (A)(iii) during the calendar quarter.

"(f) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

"(1) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'applicable employment taxes' means the following:

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"(A) The taxes imposed under section 3111(b).

"(B) So much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b).

"(2) WAGES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'wages' means wages (as defined in section 3121(a), determined without regard to paragraphs (1) through (22) of section 3121(b)) and compensation (as defined in section 3231(e), determined without regard to the sentence in paragraph (1) thereof which begins 'Such term does not include remuneration').

"(3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1, the gross income of the employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be increased by the amount of such credit. Any wages taken into account in determining the credit allowed under this section shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining the credit allowed under sections 45A, 45P, 45S, 51, 3132, and 3134. In the case of any credit allowed under section 2301 of the CARES Act or section 41 with respect to wages taken into account under this section, the credit allowed under this sec-

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tion shall be reduced by the portion of the credit allowed under such section 2301 or section 41 which is attributable to such wages.

"(4) ELECTION TO NOT TAKE CERTAIN WAGES INTO ACCOUNT.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified sick leave wages paid by an eligible employer as such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe) to not take into account for purposes of this section.

"(5) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—No credit shall be allowed under this section to the Government of the United States or to any agency or instrumentality thereof. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any organization described in section 501(c)(1) and exempt from tax under section 501(a).

"(6) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding section 6501, the limitation on the time period for the assessment of any amount attributable to a credit claimed under this section shall not expire before the date that is 5 years after the later of—

"(A) the date on which the original return which includes the calendar quarter with respect to which such credit is determined is filed, or

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"(B) the date on which such return is treated as filed under section 6501(b)(2).

"(7) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified sick leave wages paid by an eligible employer as are taken into account as payroll costs in connection with—

"(i) a covered loan under section 7(a)(37) or 7A of the Small Business Act,

"(ii) a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act, or

"(iii) a restaurant revitalization grant under section 5003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

"(B) APPLICATION WHERE PPP LOANS NOT FORGIVEN.—The Secretary shall issue guidance providing that payroll costs paid during the covered period shall not fail to be treated as qualified sick leave wages under this section by reason of subparagraph (A)(i) to the extent that—

"(i) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7(a)(37) of the Small Busi-

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ness Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7(a)(37)(J) of such Act, or

"(ii) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7A of the Small Business Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7A(g) of such Act.

Terms used in the preceding sentence which are also used in section 7A(g) or 7(a)(37)(J) of the Small Business Act shall, when applied in connection with either such section, have the same meaning as when used in such section, respectively.

"(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

"(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of the limitations under this section,

"(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section,

"(3) regulations or other guidance providing for waiver of penalties for failure to deposit amounts in

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anticipation of the allowance of the credit allowed under this section,

"(4) regulations or other guidance for recapturing the benefit of credits determined under this section in cases where there is a subsequent adjustment to the credit determined under subsection (a),

"(5) regulations or other guidance to ensure that the wages taken into account under this section conform with the paid sick time required to be provided under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act,

"(6) regulations or other guidance to permit the advancement of the credit determined under subsection (a), and

"(7) regulations or other guidance with respect to the allocation, reporting, and substantiation of collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions and collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions.

"(h) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021.

"(i) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall waive any penalty under section 6656 for any failure to make a deposit of applicable employment taxes if the Sec-

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retary determines that such failure was due to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

"(j) NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—No credit shall be allowed under this section to any employer for any calendar quarter if such employer, with respect to the availability of the provision of qualified sick leave wages to which this section otherwise applies for such calendar quarter, discriminates in favor of highly compensated employees (within the meaning of section 414(q)), full-time employees, or employees on the basis of employment tenure with such employer.

"SEC. 3132. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR PAID FAMILY LEAVE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against applicable employment taxes for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified family leave wages paid by such employer with respect to such calendar quarter.

"(b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

"(1) WAGES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of qualified family leave wages taken into account under subsection (a), plus any increases under subsection (e), with respect to any individual shall not exceed—

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"(A) for any day (or portion thereof) for which the individual is paid qualified family leave wages, $200, and

"(B) in the aggregate with respect to all calendar quarters, $12,000.

"(2) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the applicable employment taxes for such calendar quarter (reduced by any credits allowed under section 3131) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all employees of the employer.

"(3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

"(A) CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b).

"(B) ADVANCING CREDIT.—In anticipation of the credit, including the refundable portion under subparagraph (A), the credit shall be advanced, according to forms and instructions provided by the Secretary, up to an amount calculated under subsection (a), subject to the limits

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under paragraph (1) and (2), all calculated through the end of the most recent payroll period in the quarter.

"(c) QUALIFIED FAMILY LEAVE WAGES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualified family leave wages' means wages paid by an employer which would be required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (including the amendments made by such Act) as if such Act (and amendments made by such Act) applied after March 31, 2021.

"(2) RULES OF APPLICATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of determining whether wages are qualified family leave wages under paragraph (1)—

"(i) section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 shall be applied by inserting 'or any reason for leave described in section 5102(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, or the employee is seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, COVID–19 and such employee has been exposed to COVID–19 or the employee's employer has requested such test or diagnosis,

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or the employee is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization' after 'public health emergency', and

"(ii) section 110(b) of such Act shall be applied—

"(I) without regard to paragraph (1) thereof,

"(II) by striking 'after taking leave after such section for 10 days' in paragraph (2)(A) thereof, and

"(III) by substituting '$12,000' for '$10,000' in paragraph (2)(B)(ii) thereof.

"(B) LEAVE MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of determining whether wages would be required to be paid under paragraph (1), if an employer fails to comply with any requirement of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 or the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (determined without regard to any time limitation under section 102(a)(1)(F) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1994) with respect to any leave provided

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for a qualifying need related to a public health emergency (as defined in section 110 of such Act, applied as described in subparagraph (A)(i)), amounts paid by such employer with respect to such leave shall not be taken into account as qualified family leave wages. For purposes of the preceding sentence, an employer which takes an action described in section 105 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 shall be treated as failing to meet a requirement of such Act.

"(d) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR CERTAIN HEALTH PLAN EXPENSES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be increased by so much of the employer's qualified health plan expenses as are properly allocable to the qualified family leave wages for which such credit is so allowed.

"(2) QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN EXPENSES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified health plan expenses' means amounts paid or incurred by the employer to provide and maintain a group health plan (as defined in section 5000(b)(1)), but only to the extent that such amounts are excluded from the gross income of employees by reason of section 106(a).

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"(3) ALLOCATION RULES.—For purposes of this section, qualified health plan expenses shall be allocated to qualified family leave wages in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, such allocation shall be treated as properly made if made on the basis of being pro rata among covered employees and pro rata on the basis of periods of coverage (relative to the time periods of leave to which such wages relate).

"(e) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR AMOUNTS PAID UNDER CERTAIN COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED AGREEMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be increased by so much of the sum of—

"(A) so much of the employer's collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions as are properly allocable to the qualified family leave wages for which such credit is so allowed, plus

"(B) so much of the employer's collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions as are properly allocable to the qualified family leave wages for which such credit is so allowed.

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"(2) COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions' has the meaning given such term under section 3131(e)(2).

"(B) ALLOCATION RULES.—The amount of collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions allocated to qualified family leave wages for any calendar quarter shall be the product of—

"(i) the pension contribution rate (as defined in section 3131(e)(2)), expressed as an hourly rate, and

"(ii) the number of hours for which qualified family leave wages were provided to employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement described in section 3131(e)(2)(A)(iii) during the calendar quarter.

"(3) COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of this section—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions' has the meaning given such term under section 3131(e)(3).

"(B) ALLOCATION RULES.—For purposes of this section, the amount of collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions allocated to qualified family leave wages for any calendar quarter shall be the product of—

"(i) the apprenticeship contribution rate (as defined in section 3131(e)(3)), expressed as an hourly rate, and

"(ii) the number of hours for which qualified family leave wages were provided to employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement described in section 3131(e)(3)(A)(iii) during the calendar quarter.

"(f) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

"(1) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'applicable employment taxes' means the following:

"(A) The taxes imposed under section 3111(b).

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"(B) So much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b).

"(2) WAGES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'wages' means wages (as defined in section 3121(a), determined without regard to paragraphs (1) through (22) of section 3121(b)) and compensation (as defined in section 3231(e), determined without regard to the sentence in paragraph (1) thereof which begins 'Such term does not include remuneration').

"(3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1, the gross income of the employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be increased by the amount of such credit. Any wages taken into account in determining the credit allowed under this section shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining the credit allowed under sections 45A, 45P, 45S, 51, 3131, and 3134. In the case of any credit allowed under section 2301 of the CARES Act or section 41 with respect to wages taken into account under this section, the credit allowed under this section shall be reduced by the portion of the credit al-

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lowed under such section 2301 or section 41 which is attributable to such wages.

"(4) ELECTION TO NOT TAKE CERTAIN WAGES INTO ACCOUNT.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified family leave wages paid by an eligible employer as such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe) to not take into account for purposes of this section.

"(5) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—No credit shall be allowed under this section to the Government of the United States or to any agency or instrumentality thereof. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any organization described in section 501(c)(1) and exempt from tax under section 501(a).

"(6) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding section 6501, the limitation on the time period for the assessment of any amount attributable to a credit claimed under this section shall not expire before the date that is 5 years after the later of—

"(A) the date on which the original return which includes the calendar quarter with respect to which such credit is determined is filed, or

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"(B) the date on which such return is treated as filed under section 6501(b)(2).

"(7) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified family leave wages paid by an eligible employer as are taken into account as payroll costs in connection with—

"(i) a covered loan under section 7(a)(37) or 7A of the Small Business Act,

"(ii) a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act, or

"(iii) a restaurant revitalization grant under section 5003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

"(B) APPLICATION WHERE PPP LOANS NOT FORGIVEN.—The Secretary shall issue guidance providing that payroll costs paid during the covered period shall not fail to be treated as qualified family leave wages under this section by reason of subparagraph (A)(i) to the extent that—

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"(i) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7(a)(37) of the Small Business Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7(a)(37)(J) of such Act, or

"(ii) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7A of the Small Business Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7A(g) of such Act.

Terms used in the preceding sentence which are also used in section 7A(g) or 7(a)(37)(J) of the Small Business Act shall, when applied in connection with either such section, have the same meaning as when used in such section, respectively.

"(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

"(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of the limitations under this section,

"(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section,

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"(3) regulations or other guidance providing for waiver of penalties for failure to deposit amounts in anticipation of the allowance of the credit allowed under this section,

"(4) regulations or other guidance for recapturing the benefit of credits determined under this section in cases where there is a subsequent adjustment to the credit determined under subsection (a),

"(5) regulations or other guidance to ensure that the wages taken into account under this section conform with the paid leave required to be provided under the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (including the amendments made by such Act),

"(6) regulations or other guidance to permit the advancement of the credit determined under subsection (a), and

"(7) regulations or other guidance with respect to the allocation, reporting, and substantiation of collectively bargained defined benefit pension plan contributions and collectively bargained apprenticeship program contributions.

"(h) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021.

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"(i) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall waive any penalty under section 6656 for any failure to make a deposit of applicable employment taxes if the Secretary determines that such failure was due to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

"(j) NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT.—No credit shall be allowed under this section to any employer for any calendar quarter if such employer, with respect to the availability of the provision of qualified family leave wages to which this section otherwise applies for such calendar quarter, discriminates in favor of highly compensated employees (within the meaning of section 414(q)), full-time employees, or employees on the basis of employment tenure with such employer.

"SEC. 3133. SPECIAL RULE RELATED TO TAX ON EMPLOYERS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The credit allowed by section 3131 and the credit allowed by section 3132 shall each be increased by the amount of the taxes imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of section 3111 and section 3221(a) on qualified sick leave wages, or qualified family leave wages, for which credit is allowed under such section 3131 or 3132 (respectively).

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"(b) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For denial of double benefit with respect to the credit increase under subsection (a), see sections 3131(f)(3) and 3132(f)(3).".

(b) REFUNDS.—Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting "3131, 3132," before "6428".

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of subchapters for chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"SUBCHAPTER D—CREDITS".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to amounts paid with respect to calendar quarters beginning after March 31, 2021.

SEC. 9642. CREDIT FOR SICK LEAVE FOR CERTAIN SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible self-employed individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any taxable year an amount equal to the qualified sick leave equivalent amount with respect to the individual.

(b) ELIGIBLE SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible self-employed individual" means an individual who—

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(A) regularly carries on any trade or business within the meaning of section 1402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) would be entitled to receive paid leave during the taxable year pursuant to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act if—

(i) the individual were an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself), and

(ii) such Act applied after March 31, 2021.

(2) RULES OF APPLICATION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), in determining whether an individual would be entitled to receive paid leave under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, such Act shall be applied—

(A) by inserting ", the employee is seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, COVID–19 and such employee has been exposed to COVID–19 or is unable to work pending the results of such test or diagnosis, or the employee is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition re-

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lated to such immunization" after "medical diagnosis" in section 5102(a)(3) of such Act, and

(B) by applying section 5102(b)(1) of such Act separately with respect to each taxable year.

(c) QUALIFIED SICK LEAVE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term "qualified sick leave equivalent amount" means, with respect to any eligible self-employed individual, an amount equal to—

(A) the number of days during the taxable year (but not more than 10) that the individual is unable to perform services in any trade or business referred to in section 1402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for a reason with respect to which such individual would be entitled to receive sick leave as described in subsection (b), multiplied by

(B) the lesser of—

(i) $200 ($511 in the case of any day of paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, applied with the modification described in subsection (b)(2)(A)) of this section, or

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(ii) 67 percent (100 percent in the case of any day of paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act) of the average daily self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year.

(2) AVERAGE DAILY SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "average daily self-employment income" means an amount equal to—

(A) the net earnings from self-employment of the individual for the taxable year, divided by

(B) 260.

(3) ELECTION TO USE PRIOR YEAR NET EARNINGS FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of an individual who elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may provide) the application of this paragraph, paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by substituting "the prior taxable year" for "the taxable year".

(4) ELECTION TO NOT TAKE DAYS INTO ACCOUNT.—Any day shall not be taken into account under paragraph (1)(A) if the eligible self-employed individual elects (at such time and in such manner

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as the Secretary may prescribe) to not take such day into account for purposes of such paragraph.

(d) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit determined under this section shall be treated as a credit allowed to the taxpayer under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code.

(2) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any refund due from the credit determined under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(e) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) DOCUMENTATION.—No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the individual maintains such documentation as the Secretary may prescribe to establish such individual as an eligible self-employed individual.

(2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—In the case of an individual who receives wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or compensation (as defined in section 3231(e) of such Code) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave

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Act, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount otherwise determined under subsection (c) of this section shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the extent that the sum of the amount described in such subsection and in section 3131(b)(1) of such Code exceeds $2,000 ($5,110 in the case of any day any portion of which is paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act).

(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—Only days occurring during the period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021, may be taken into account under subsection (c)(1)(A).

(g) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of the provisions of this section. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United

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States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the provisions of this section if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the term "mirror code tax system" means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

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(h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

(1) regulations or other guidance to effectuate the purposes of this section, and

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section.

SEC. 9643. CREDIT FOR FAMILY LEAVE FOR CERTAIN SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible self-employed individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any taxable year an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified family leave equivalent amount with respect to the individual.

(b) ELIGIBLE SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible self-employed individual" means an individual who—

(A) regularly carries on any trade or business within the meaning of section 1402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) would be entitled to receive paid leave during the taxable year pursuant to the Emer-

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gency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act if—

(i) the individual were an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself),

(ii) section 102(a)(1)(F) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 applied after March 31, 2021.

(2) RULES OF APPLICATION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), in determining whether an individual would be entitled to receive paid leave under the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Act—

(A) section 110(a)(2)(A) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 shall be applied by inserting "or any reason for leave described in section 5102(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, or the employee is seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, COVID–19 and such employee has been exposed to COVID–19 or is unable to work pending the results of such test or diagnosis, or the employee is obtaining immunization related to COVID–19 or recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization" after "public health emergency", and

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(B) section 110(b) of such Act shall be applied—

(i) without regard to paragraph (1) thereof, and

(ii) by striking "after taking leave after such section for 10 days" in paragraph (2)(A) thereof.

(c) QUALIFIED FAMILY LEAVE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term "qualified family leave equivalent amount" means, with respect to any eligible self-employed individual, an amount equal to the product of—

(A) the number of days (not to exceed 60) during the taxable year that the individual is unable to perform services in any trade or business referred to in section 1402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for a reason with respect to which such individual would be entitled to receive paid leave as described in subsection (b) of this section, multiplied by

(B) the lesser of—

(i) 67 percent of the average daily self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year, or

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(ii) $200.

(2) AVERAGE DAILY SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "average daily self-employment income" means an amount equal to—

(A) the net earnings from self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year, divided by

(B) 260.

(3) ELECTION TO USE PRIOR YEAR NET EARNINGS FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of an individual who elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may provide) the application of this paragraph, paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by substituting "the prior taxable year" for "the taxable year".

(4) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT FOR SICK LEAVE.—Any day taken into account in determining the qualified sick leave equivalent amount with respect to any eligible-self employed individual under section 9642 shall not be take into account in determining the qualified family leave equivalent amount with respect to such individual under this section.

(d) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit determined under this section shall be treated as a credit allowed to the taxpayer under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code.

(2) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any refund due from the credit determined under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(e) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) DOCUMENTATION.—No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the individual maintains such documentation as the Secretary may prescribe to establish such individual as an eligible self-employed individual.

(2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—In the case of an individual who receives wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or compensation (as defined in section 3231(e) of such Code) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, the qualified family leave equivalent amount otherwise described in subsection (c) of this section shall be reduced (but not below zero)

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to the extent that the sum of the amount described in such subsection and in section 3132(b)(1) of such Code exceeds $12,000.

(3) REFERENCES TO EMERGENCY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE EXPANSION ACT.—Any reference in this section to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act shall be treated as including a reference to the amendments made by such Act.

(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—Only days occurring during the period beginning on April 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2021, may be taken into account under subsection (c)(1)(A).

(g) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of the provisions of this section. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system

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amounts estimated by the Secretary as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the provisions of this section if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the term "mirror code tax system" means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

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(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of this section, and

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section.

PART 6—EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

SEC. 9651. EXTENSION OF EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter D of chapter 21 of subtitle C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 9641, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 3134. EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO CLOSURE DUE TO COVID–19.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against applicable employment taxes for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 70 percent of the qualified wages with respect to each employee of such employer for such calendar quarter.

"(b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—

"(A) WAGES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of qualified wages with respect to any employee which may be taken into account under subsection (a) by the eligible employer for any calendar quarter shall not exceed $10,000.

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"(B) RECOVERY STARTUP BUSINESSES.—In the case of an eligible employer which is a recovery startup business (as defined in subsection (c)(5)), the amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) (after application of subparagraph (A)) for any calendar quarter shall not exceed $50,000.

"(2) CREDIT LIMITED TO EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the applicable employment taxes (reduced by any credits allowed under sections 3131 and 3132) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all the employees of the eligible employer for such calendar quarter.

"(3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b).

"(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The term 'applicable employment taxes' means the following:

"(A) The taxes imposed under section 3111(b).

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"(B) So much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b).

"(2) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible employer' means any employer—

"(i) which was carrying on a trade or business during the calendar quarter for which the credit is determined under subsection (a), and

"(ii) with respect to any calendar quarter, for which—

"(I) the operation of the trade or business described in clause (i) is fully or partially suspended during the calendar quarter due to orders from an appropriate governmental authority limiting commerce, travel, or group meetings (for commercial, social, religious, or other purposes) due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19),

"(II) the gross receipts (within the meaning of section 448(c)) of such employer for such calendar quarter are less than 80 percent of the gross re-

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ceipts of such employer for the same calendar quarter in calendar year 2019, or

"(III) the employer is a recovery startup business (as defined in paragraph (5)).

With respect to any employer for any calendar quarter, if such employer was not in existence as of the beginning of the same calendar quarter in calendar year 2019, clause (ii)(II) shall be applied by substituting '2020' for '2019'.

"(B) ELECTION TO USE ALTERNATIVE QUARTER.—At the election of the employer—

"(i) subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) shall be applied—

"(I) by substituting 'for the immediately preceding calendar quarter' for 'for such calendar quarter', and

"(II) by substituting 'the corresponding calendar quarter in calendar year 2019' for 'the same calendar quarter in calendar year 2019', and

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"(ii) the last sentence of subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting 'the corresponding calendar quarter in calendar year 2019' for 'the same calendar quarter in calendar year 2019'.

An election under this subparagraph shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

"(C) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.—In the case of an organization which is described in section 501(c) and exempt from tax under section 501(a)—

"(i) clauses (i) and (ii)(I) of subparagraph (A) shall apply to all operations of such organization, and

"(ii) any reference in this section to gross receipts shall be treated as a reference to gross receipts within the meaning of section 6033.

"(3) QUALIFIED WAGES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified wages' means—

"(i) in the case of an eligible employer for which the average number of full-time employees (within the meaning of section

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4980H) employed by such eligible employer during 2019 was greater than 500, wages paid by such eligible employer with respect to which an employee is not providing services due to circumstances described in subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (2)(A)(ii), or

"(ii) in the case of an eligible employer for which the average number of full-time employees (within the meaning of section 4980H) employed by such eligible employer during 2019 was not greater than 500—

"(I) with respect to an eligible employer described in subclause (I) of paragraph (2)(A)(ii), wages paid by such eligible employer with respect to an employee during any period described in such clause, or

"(II) with respect to an eligible employer described in subclause (II) of such paragraph, wages paid by such eligible employer with respect to an employee during such quarter.

"(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR EMPLOYERS NOT IN EXISTENCE IN 2019.—In the case of any employer that was not in existence in 2019, sub-

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paragraph (A) shall be applied by substituting '2020' for '2019' each place it appears.

"(C) SEVERELY FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED EMPLOYERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A)(i), in the case of a severely financially distressed employer, the term 'qualified wages' means wages paid by such employer with respect to an employee during any calendar quarter.

"(ii) DEFINITION.—The term 'severely financially distressed employer' means an eligible employer as defined in paragraph (2), determined by substituting 'less than 10 percent' for 'less than 80 percent' in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) thereof.

"(D) EXCEPTION.—The term 'qualified wages' shall not include any wages taken into account under sections 41, 45A, 45P, 45S, 51, 1396, 3131, and 3132.

"(4) WAGES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'wages' means wages (as defined in section 3121(a)) and compensation (as defined in section 3231(e)). For purposes of the preceding sentence, in the case of

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any organization or entity described in subsection (f)(2), wages as defined in section 3121(a) shall be determined without regard to paragraphs (5), (6), (7), (10), and (13) of section 3121(b) (except with respect to services performed in a penal institution by an inmate thereof).

"(B) ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN HEALTH PLAN EXPENSES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Such term shall include amounts paid by the eligible employer to provide and maintain a group health plan (as defined in section 5000(b)(1)), but only to the extent that such amounts are excluded from the gross income of employees by reason of section 106(a).

"(ii) ALLOCATION RULES.—For purposes of this section, amounts treated as wages under clause (i) shall be treated as paid with respect to any employee (and with respect to any period) to the extent that such amounts are properly allocable to such employee (and to such period) in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary,

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such allocation shall be treated as properly made if made on the basis of being pro rata among periods of coverage.

"(5) RECOVERY STARTUP BUSINESS.—The term 'recovery startup business' means any employer—

"(A) which began carrying on any trade or business after February 15, 2020,

"(B) for which the average annual gross receipts of such employer (as determined under rules similar to the rules under section 448(c)(3)) for the 3-taxable-year period ending with the taxable year which precedes the calendar quarter for which the credit is determined under subsection (a) does not exceed $1,000,000, and

"(C) which, with respect to such calendar quarter, is not described in subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (2)(A)(ii).

"(6) OTHER TERMS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in this chapter or chapter 22 shall have the same meaning as when used in such chapter.

"(d) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons treated as a single employer under subsection (a) or (b) of section 52,

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or subsection (m) or (o) of section 414, shall be treated as one employer for purposes of this section.

"(e) CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.—For purposes of this section, rules similar to the rules of sections 51(i)(1) and 280C(a) shall apply.

"(f) CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—This credit shall not apply to the Government of the United States, the government of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

"(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

"(A) any organization described in section 501(c)(1) and exempt from tax under section 501(a), or

"(B) any entity described in paragraph (1) if—

"(i) such entity is a college or university, or

"(ii) the principal purpose or function of such entity is providing medical or hospital care.

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In the case of any entity described in subparagraph (B), such entity shall be treated as satisfying the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(A)(i).

"(g) ELECTION TO NOT TAKE CERTAIN WAGES INTO ACCOUNT.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified wages paid by an eligible employer as such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe) to not take into account for purposes of this section.

"(h) COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply to so much of the qualified wages paid by an eligible employer as are taken into account as payroll costs in connection with—

"(A) a covered loan under section 7(a)(37) or 7A of the Small Business Act,

"(B) a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act, or

"(C) a restaurant revitalization grant under section 5003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

"(2) APPLICATION WHERE PPP LOANS NOT FORGIVEN.—The Secretary shall issue guidance providing that payroll costs paid during the covered period shall

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not fail to be treated as qualified wages under this section by reason of paragraph (1) to the extent that—

"(A) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7(a)(37) of the Small Business Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7(a)(37)(J) of such Act, or

"(B) a covered loan of the taxpayer under section 7A of the Small Business Act is not forgiven by reason of a decision under section 7A(g) of such Act.

Terms used in the preceding sentence which are also used in section 7A(g) or 7(a)(37)(J) of the Small Business Act shall, when applied in connection with either such section, have the same meaning as when used in such section, respectively.

"(i) THIRD PARTY PAYORS.—Any credit allowed under this section shall be treated as a credit described in section 3511(d)(2).

"(j) ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), no advance payment of the credit under subsection (a) shall be allowed.

"(2) ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO SMALL EMPLOYERS.—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—Under rules provided by the Secretary, an eligible employer for which the average number of full-time employees (within the meaning of section 4980H) employed by such eligible employer during 2019 was not greater than 500 may elect for any calendar quarter to receive an advance payment of the credit under subsection (a) for such quarter in an amount not to exceed 70 percent of the average quarterly wages paid by the employer in calendar year 2019.

"(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYERS.—In the case of any employer who employs seasonal workers (as defined in section 45R(d)(5)(B)), the employer may elect to apply subparagraph (A) by substituting 'the wages for the calendar quarter in 2019 which corresponds to the calendar quarter to which the election relates' for 'the average quarterly wages paid by the employer in calendar year 2019'.

"(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR EMPLOYERS NOT IN EXISTENCE IN 2019.—In the case of any employer that was not in existence in 2019, subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall each be applied by

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substituting '2020' for '2019' each place it appears.

"(3) RECONCILIATION OF CREDIT WITH ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of credit which would (but for this subsection) be allowed under this section shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the aggregate payment allowed to the taxpayer under paragraph (2). Any failure to so reduce the credit shall be treated as arising out of a mathematical or clerical error and assessed according to section 6213(b)(1).

"(B) EXCESS ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—If the advance payments to a taxpayer under paragraph (2) for a calendar quarter exceed the credit allowed by this section (determined without regard to subparagraph (A)), the tax imposed under section 3111(b) or so much of the tax imposed under section 3221(a) as is attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(b) (whichever is applicable) for the calendar quarter shall be increased by the amount of such excess.

"(k) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall waive any penalty under section 6656 for any failure to make a deposit of any applicable employment taxes if the

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Secretary determines that such failure was due to the reasonable anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

"(l) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding section 6501, the limitation on the time period for the assessment of any amount attributable to a credit claimed under this section shall not expire before the date that is 5 years after the later of—

"(1) the date on which the original return which includes the calendar quarter with respect to which such credit is determined is filed, or

"(2) the date on which such return is treated as filed under section 6501(b)(2).

"(m) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall issue such forms, instructions, regulations, and other guidance as are necessary—

"(1) to allow the advance payment of the credit under subsection (a) as provided in subsection (j)(2), subject to the limitations provided in this section, based on such information as the Secretary shall require,

"(2) with respect to the application of the credit under subsection (a) to third party payors (including professional employer organizations, certified professional employer organizations, or agents under section 3504), including regulations or guidance allow-

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ing such payors to submit documentation necessary to substantiate the eligible employer status of employers that use such payors, and

"(3) to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of the limitations under this section, including through the leaseback of employees.

Any forms, instructions, regulations, or other guidance described in paragraph (2) shall require the customer to be responsible for the accounting of the credit and for any liability for improperly claimed credits and shall require the certified professional employer organization or other third party payor to accurately report such tax credits based on the information provided by the customer.

"(n) APPLICATION.—This section shall only apply to wages paid after June 30, 2021, and before January 1, 2022.".

(b) REFUNDS.—Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting "3134," before "6428".

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter D of chapter 21 of subtitle C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Sec. 3134. Employee retention credit for employers subject to closure due to COVID–19.".

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(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to calendar quarters beginning after June 30, 2021.

PART 7—PREMIUM TAX CREDIT

SEC. 9661. IMPROVING AFFORDABILITY BY EXPANDING PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR CONSUMERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) TEMPORARY PERCENTAGES FOR 2021 AND 2022.—In the case of a taxable year beginning in 2021 or 2022—

"(I) clause (ii) shall not apply for purposes of adjusting premium percentages under this subparagraph, and

"(II) the following table shall be applied in lieu of the table contained in clause (i):

"In the case of household income (expressed as a percent of poverty line) within the following income tier:	*The initial premium percentage is—*	*The final premium percentage is—*
Up to 150.0 percent	*0.0*	*0.0*
150.0 percent up to 200.0 percent	*0.0*	*2.0*
200.0 percent up to 250.0 percent	*2.0*	*4.0*
250.0 percent up to 300.0 percent	*4.0*	*6.0*
300.0 percent up to 400.0 percent	*6.0*	*8.5*
400.0 percent and higher	*8.5*	*8.5".*

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(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 36B(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(E) TEMPORARY RULE FOR 2021 AND 2022.—In the case of a taxable year beginning in 2021 or 2022, subparagraph (A) shall be applied without regard to 'but does not exceed 400 percent'.".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9662. TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF LIMITATIONS ON RECONCILIATION OF TAX CREDITS FOR COVERAGE UNDER A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN WITH ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF SUCH CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(f)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON INCREASE.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2020, for any taxpayer who files for such taxable year an income tax return reconciling any advance payment of the credit under this sec-

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tion, the Secretary shall treat subparagraph (A) as not applying.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

SEC. 9663. APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX CREDIT IN CASE OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DURING 2021.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:

"(g) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DURING 2021.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, in the case of a taxpayer who has received, or has been approved to receive, unemployment compensation for any week beginning during 2021, for the taxable year in which such week begins—

"(A) such taxpayer shall be treated as an applicable taxpayer, and

"(B) there shall not be taken into account any household income of the taxpayer in excess of 133 percent of the poverty line for a family of the size involved.

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"(2) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'unemployment compensation' has the meaning given such term in section 85(b).

"(3) EVIDENCE OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—For purposes of this subsection, a taxpayer shall not be treated as having received (or been approved to receive) unemployment compensation for any week unless such taxpayer provides self-attestation of, and such documentation as the Secretary shall prescribe which demonstrates, such receipt or approval.

"(4) CLARIFICATION OF RULES REMAINING APPLICABLE.—

"(A) JOINT RETURN REQUIREMENT.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not affect the application of subsection (c)(1)(C).

"(B) HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND AFFORDABILLITY.—Paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to any determination of household income for purposes of paragraph (2)(C)(i)(II) or (4)(C)(ii) of subsection (c)".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

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PART 8—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 9671. REPEAL OF ELECTION TO ALLOCATE INTEREST, ETC. ON WORLDWIDE BASIS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 864 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (f).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 9672. TAX TREATMENT OF TARGETED EIDL ADVANCES.

For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

(1) amounts received from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration in the form of a targeted EIDL advance under section 331 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (title III of division N of Public Law 116–260) shall not be included in the gross income of the person that receives such amounts,

(2) no deduction shall be denied, no tax attribute shall be reduced, and no basis increase shall be denied, by reason of the exclusion from gross income provided by paragraph (1), and

(3) in the case of a partnership or S corporation that receives such amounts—

(A) any amount excluded from income by reason of paragraph (1) shall be treated as tax

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exempt income for purposes of sections 705 and 1366 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall prescribe rules for determining a partner's distributive share of any amount described in subparagraph (A) for purposes of section 705 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SEC. 9673. TAX TREATMENT OF RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION GRANTS.

For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

(1) amounts received from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration in the form of a restaurant revitalization grant under section 5003 shall not be included in the gross income of the person that receives such amounts,

(2) no deduction shall be denied, no tax attribute shall be reduced, and no basis increase shall be denied, by reason of the exclusion from gross income provided by paragraph (1), and

(3) in the case of a partnership or S corporation that receives such amounts—

(A) except as otherwise provided by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate), any amount excluded from income by rea-

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son of paragraph (1) shall be treated as tax exempt income for purposes of sections 705 and 1366 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall prescribe rules for determining a partner's distributive share of any amount described in subparagraph (A) for purposes of section 705 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SEC. 9674. MODIFICATION OF EXCEPTIONS FOR REPORTING OF THIRD PARTY NETWORK TRANSACTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6050W(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(e) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION FOR THIRD PARTY SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.—A third party settlement organization shall not be required to report any information under subsection (a) with respect to third party network transactions of any participating payee if the amount which would otherwise be reported under subsection (a)(2) with respect to such transactions does not exceed $600.".

(b) CLARIFICATION THAT REPORTING IS NOT REQUIRED ON TRANSACTIONS WHICH ARE NOT FOR GOODS OR SERVICES.—Section 6050W(c)(3) of such Code is amended by inserting "described in subsection (d)(3)(A)(iii)" after "any transaction".

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(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to returns for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2021.

(2) CLARIFICATION.—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to transactions after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 9675. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

"(5) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISCHARGES IN 2021 THROUGH 2025.—Gross income does not include any amount which (but for this subsection) would be includible in gross income by reason of the discharge (in whole or in part) after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2026, of—

"(A) any loan provided expressly for post-secondary educational expenses, regardless of whether provided through the educational institution or directly to the borrower, if such loan was made, insured, or guaranteed by—

"(i) the United States, or an instrumentality or agency thereof,

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"(ii) a State, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or any political subdivision thereof, or

"(iii) an eligible educational institution (as defined in section 25A),

"(B) any private education loan (as defined in section 140(a)(7) of the Truth in Lending Act),

"(C) any loan made by any educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) if such loan is made—

"(i) pursuant to an agreement with any entity described in subparagraph (A) or any private education lender (as defined in section 140(a) of the Truth in Lending Act) under which the funds from which the loan was made were provided to such educational organization, or

"(ii) pursuant to a program of such educational organization which is designed to encourage its students to serve in occupations with unmet needs or in areas with unmet needs and under which the services provided by the students (or former students) are for or under the direction of a

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governmental unit or an organization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax under section 501(a), or

"(D) any loan made by an educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) or by an organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) to refinance a loan to an individual to assist the individual in attending any such educational organization but only if the refinancing loan is pursuant to a program of the refinancing organization which is designed as described in subparagraph (C)(ii).

The preceding sentence shall not apply to the discharge of a loan made by an organization described in subparagraph (C) or made by a private education lender (as defined in section 140(a)(7) of the Truth in Lending Act) if the discharge is on account of services performed for either such organization or for such private education lender.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to discharges of loans after December 31, 2020.

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Subtitle H—Pensions

SEC. 9701. TEMPORARY DELAY OF DESIGNATION OF MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS AS IN ENDANGERED, CRITICAL, OR CRITICAL AND DECLINING STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the actuarial certification under section 305(b)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if a plan sponsor of a multiemployer plan elects the application of this section, then, for purposes of section 305 of such Act and section 432 of such Code—

(1) the status of the plan for its first plan year beginning during the period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending on February 28, 2021, or the next succeeding plan year (as designated by the plan sponsor in such election), shall be the same as the status of such plan under such sections for the plan year preceding such designated plan year, and

(2) in the case of a plan which was in endangered or critical status for the plan year preceding the designated plan year described in paragraph (1), the plan shall not be required to update its plan or schedules under section 305(c)(6) of such Act and section 432(c)(6) of such Code, or section 305(e)(3)(B) of such Act and section 432(e)(3)(B) of such Code, whichever

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is applicable, until the plan year following the designated plan year described in paragraph (1).

(b) EXCEPTION FOR PLANS BECOMING CRITICAL DURING ELECTION.—If—

(1) an election was made under subsection (a) with respect to a multiemployer plan, and

(2) such plan has, without regard to such election, been certified by the plan actuary under section 305(b)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be in critical status for the designated plan year described in subsection (a)(1), then such plan shall be treated as a plan in critical status for such plan year for purposes of applying section 4971(g)(1)(A) of such Code, section 302(b)(3) of such Act (without regard to the second sentence thereof), and section 412(b)(3) of such Code (without regard to the second sentence thereof).

(c) ELECTION AND NOTICE.—

(1) ELECTION.—An election under subsection (a)—

(A) shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate may prescribe and, once

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made, may be revoked only with the consent of the Secretary, and

(B) if made—

(i) before the date the annual certification is submitted to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate under section 305(b)(3) of such Act and section 432(b)(3) of such Code, shall be included with such annual certification, and

(ii) after such date, shall be submitted to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate not later than 30 days after the date of the election.

(2) NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 305(b)(3)(D) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432(b)(3)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if, by reason of an election made under subsection (a), the plan is in neither endangered nor critical status—

(i) the plan sponsor of a multiemployer plan shall not be required to provide notice under such sections, and

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(ii) the plan sponsor shall provide to the participants and beneficiaries, the bargaining parties, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and the Secretary of Labor a notice of the election under subsection (a) and such other information as the Secretary of the Treasury (in consultation with the Secretary of Labor) may require—

(I) if the election is made before the date the annual certification is submitted to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate under section 305(b)(3) of such Act and section 432(b)(3) of such Code, not later than 30 days after the date of the certification, and

(II) if the election is made after such date, not later than 30 days after the date of the election.

(B) NOTICE OF ENDANGERED STATUS.—Notwithstanding section 305(b)(3)(D) of such Act and section 432(b)(3)(D) of such Code, if the plan is certified to be in critical status for any plan year but is in endangered status by reason

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of an election made under subsection (a), the notice provided under such sections shall be the notice which would have been provided if the plan had been certified to be in endangered status.

SEC. 9702. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE FUNDING IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION PERIODS FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS IN CRITICAL AND ENDANGERED STATUS FOR 2020 OR 2021.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If the plan sponsor of a multiemployer plan which is in endangered or critical status for a plan year beginning in 2020 or 2021 (determined after application of section 9701) elects the application of this section, then, for purposes of section 305 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the plan's funding improvement period or rehabilitation period, whichever is applicable, shall be extended by 5 years.

(b) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this section—

(1) ELECTION.—An election under this section shall be made at such time, and in such manner and form, as (in consultation with the Secretary of Labor) the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate may prescribe.

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(2) DEFINITIONS.—Any term which is used in this section which is also used in section 305 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used in such sections.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

SEC. 9703. ADJUSTMENTS TO FUNDING STANDARD ACCOUNT RULES.

(a) ADJUSTMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 304(b)(8) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1084(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) RELIEF FOR 2020 AND 2021.—A multiemployer plan with respect to which the solvency test under subparagraph (C) is met as of February 29, 2020, may elect to apply this paragraph (without regard to whether such plan previously elected the application of this paragraph)—

"(i) by substituting 'February 29, 2020' for 'August 31, 2008' each place it

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appears in subparagraphs (A)(i), (B)(i)(I), and (B)(i)(II),

"(ii) by inserting 'and other losses related to the virus SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) (including experience losses related to reductions in contributions, reductions in employment, and deviations from anticipated retirement rates, as determined by the plan sponsor)' after 'net investment losses' in subparagraph (A)(i), and

"(iii) by substituting 'this subparagraph or subparagraph (A)' for 'this subparagraph and subparagraph (A) both' in subparagraph (B)(iii).

The preceding sentence shall not apply to a plan to which special financial assistance is granted under section 4262. For purposes of the application of this subparagraph, the Secretary of the Treasury shall rely on the plan sponsor's calculations of plan losses unless such calculations are clearly erroneous.".

(2) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 431(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue

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Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) RELIEF FOR 2020 AND 2021.—A multiemployer plan with respect to which the solvency test under subparagraph (C) is met as of February 29, 2020, may elect to apply this paragraph (without regard to whether such plan previously elected the application of this paragraph)—

"(i) by substituting 'February 29, 2020' for 'August 31, 2008' each place it appears in subparagraphs (A)(i), (B)(i)(I), and (B)(i)(II),

"(ii) by inserting 'and other losses related to the virus SARS–CoV–2 or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) (including experience losses related to reductions in contributions, reductions in employment, and deviations from anticipated retirement rates, as determined by the plan sponsor)' after 'net investment losses' in subparagraph (A)(i), and

"(iii) by substituting 'this subparagraph or subparagraph (A)' for 'this sub-

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paragraph and subparagraph (A) both' in subparagraph (B)(iii).

The preceding sentence shall not apply to a plan to which special financial assistance is granted under section 4262 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. For purposes of the application of this subparagraph, the Secretary shall rely on the plan sponsor's calculations of plan losses unless such calculations are clearly erroneous.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as of the first day of the first plan year ending on or after February 29, 2020, except that any election a plan makes pursuant to this section that affects the plan's funding standard account for the first plan year beginning after February 29, 2020, shall be disregarded for purposes of applying the provisions of section 305 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to such plan year.

(2) RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFIT INCREASES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the restrictions on plan amendments increasing benefits in sections

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304(b)(8)(D) of such Act and 431(b)(8)(D) of such Code, as applied by the amendments made by this section, shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 9704. SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FINANCIALLY TROUBLED MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—Section 4005 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1305) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i)(1) An eighth fund shall be established for special financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans, as provided under section 4262, and to pay for necessary administrative and operating expenses of the corporation relating to such assistance.

"(2) There is appropriated from the general fund such amounts as are necessary for the costs of providing financial assistance under section 4262 and necessary administrative and operating expenses of the corporation. The eighth fund established under this subsection shall be credited with amounts from time to time as the Secretary of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, determines appropriate, from the general fund of the Treasury, but in no case shall such transfers occur after September 30, 2030.".

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(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY.—The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after section 4261 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1431) the following:

"SEC. 4262. SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE CORPORATION.

"(a) SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The corporation shall provide special financial assistance to an eligible multiemployer plan under this section, upon the application of a plan sponsor of such a plan for such assistance.

"(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REPAYMENT OBLIGATION.—A plan receiving special financial assistance pursuant to this section shall not be subject to repayment obligations with respect to such special financial assistance.

"(b) ELIGIBLE MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, a multiemployer plan is an eligible multiemployer plan if—

"(A) the plan is in critical and declining status (within the meaning of section 305(b)(6)) in any plan year beginning in 2020 through 2022;

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"(B) a suspension of benefits has been approved with respect to the plan under section 305(e)(9) as of the date of the enactment of this section;

"(C) in any plan year beginning in 2020 through 2022, the plan is certified by the plan actuary to be in critical status (within the meaning of section 305(b)(2)), has a modified funded percentage of less than 40 percent, and has a ratio of active to inactive participants which is less than 2 to 3; or

"(D) the plan became insolvent for purposes of section 418E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after December 16, 2014, and has remained so insolvent and has not been terminated as of the date of enactment of this section.

"(2) MODIFIED FUNDED PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(C), the term 'modified funded percentage' means the percentage equal to a fraction the numerator of which is current value of plan assets (as defined in section 3(26) of such Act) and the denominator of which is current liabilities (as defined in section 431(c)(6)(D) of such Code and section 304(c)(6)(D) of such Act).

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"(c) APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Within 120 days of the date of enactment of this section, the corporation shall issue regulations or guidance setting forth requirements for special financial assistance applications under this section. In such regulations or guidance, the corporation shall—

"(1) limit the materials required for a special financial assistance application to the minimum necessary to make a determination on the application;

"(2) specify effective dates for transfers of special financial assistance following approval of an application, based on the effective date of the supporting actuarial analysis and the date on which the application is submitted; and

"(3) provide for an alternate application for special financial assistance under this section, which may be used by a plan that has been approved for a partition under section 4233 before the date of enactment of this section.

"(d) TEMPORARY PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The corporation may specify in regulations or guidance under subsection (c) that, during a period no longer than the first 2 years following the date of enactment of this section, applica-

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tions may not be filed by an eligible multiemployer plan unless—

"(A) the eligible multiemployer plan is insolvent or is likely to become insolvent within 5 years of the date of enactment of this section;

"(B) the corporation projects the eligible multiemployer plan to have a present value of financial assistance payments under section 4261 that exceeds $1,000,000,000 if the special financial assistance is not ordered;

"(C) the eligible multiemployer plan has implemented benefit suspensions under section 305(e)(9) as of the date of the enactment of this section; or

"(D) the corporation determines it appropriate based on other similar circumstances.

"(e) ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.—

"(1) ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes of determining eligibility for special financial assistance, the corporation shall accept assumptions incorporated in a multiemployer plan's determination that it is in critical status or critical and declining status (within the meaning of section 305(b)) for certifications of plan status completed before January 1, 2021, unless such assumptions are clearly erroneous. For certifications

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of plan status completed after December 31, 2020, a plan shall determine whether it is in critical or critical and declining status for purposes of eligibility for special financial assistance by using the assumptions that the plan used in its most recently completed certification of plan status before January 1, 2021, unless such assumptions (excluding the plan's interest rate) are unreasonable.

"(2) AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In determining the amount of special financial assistance in its application, an eligible multiemployer plan shall—

"(A) use the interest rate used by the plan in its most recently completed certification of plan status before January 1, 2021, provided that such interest rate may not exceed the interest rate limit; and

"(B) for other assumptions, use the assumptions that the plan used in its most recently completed certification of plan status before January 1, 2021, unless such assumptions are unreasonable.

"(3) INTEREST RATE LIMIT.—The interest rate limit for purposes of this subsection is the rate specified in section 303(h)(2)(C)(iii) (disregarding modi-

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fications made under clause (iv) of such section) for the month in which the application for special financial assistance is filed by the eligible multiemployer plan or the 3 preceding months, with such specified rate increased by 200 basis points.

"(4) CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS.—If a plan determines that use of one or more prior assumptions is unreasonable, the plan may propose in its application to change such assumptions, provided that the plan discloses such changes in its application and describes why such assumptions are no longer reasonable. The corporation shall accept such changed assumptions unless it determines the changes are unreasonable, individually or in the aggregate. The plan may not propose a change to the interest rate otherwise required under this subsection for eligibility or financial assistance amount.

"(f) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—Any application by a plan for special financial assistance under this section shall be submitted to the corporation (and, in the case of a plan to which section 432(k)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applies, to the Secretary of the Treasury) no later than December 31, 2025, and any revised application for special financial assistance shall be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

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"(g) DETERMINATIONS ON APPLICATIONS.—A plan's application for special financial assistance under this section that is timely filed in accordance with the regulations or guidance issued under subsection (c) shall be deemed approved unless the corporation notifies the plan within 120 days of the filing of the application that the application is incomplete, any proposed change or assumption is unreasonable, or the plan is not eligible under this section. Such notice shall specify the reasons the plan is ineligible for special financial assistance, any proposed change or assumption is unreasonable, or information is needed to complete the application. If a plan is denied assistance under this subsection, the plan may submit a revised application under this section. Any revised application for special financial assistance submitted by a plan shall be deemed approved unless the corporation notifies the plan within 120 days of the filing of the revised application that the application is incomplete, any proposed change or assumption is unreasonable, or the plan is not eligible under this section. Special financial assistance issued by the corporation shall be effective on a date determined by the corporation, but no later than 1 year after a plan's special financial assistance application is approved by the corporation or deemed approved. The corporation shall not pay any special financial assistance after September 30, 2030.

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"(h) MANNER OF PAYMENT.—The payment made by the corporation to an eligible multiemployer plan under this section shall be made as a single, lump sum payment.

"(i) AMOUNT AND MANNER OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Special financial assistance under this section shall be a transfer of funds in the amount necessary as demonstrated by the plan sponsor on the application for such special financial assistance, in accordance with the requirements described in subsection (j). Special financial assistance shall be paid to such plan as soon as practicable upon approval of the application by the corporation.

"(2) NO CAP.—Special financial assistance granted by the corporation under this section shall not be capped by the guarantee under 4022A.

"(j) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of financial assistance provided to a multiemployer plan eligible for financial assistance under this section shall be such amount required for the plan to pay all benefits due during the period beginning on the date of payment of the special financial assistance payment under this section and ending on the last day of the plan year

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ending in 2051, with no reduction in a participant's or beneficiary's accrued benefit as of the date of enactment of this section, except to the extent of a reduction in accordance with section 305(e)(8) adopted prior to the plan's application for special financial assistance under this section, and taking into account the reinstatement of benefits required under subsection (k).

"(2) PROJECTIONS.—The funding projections for purposes of this section shall be performed on a deterministic basis.

"(k) REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED BENEFITS.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall ensure that an eligible multiemployer plan that receives special financial assistance under this section—

"(1) reinstates any benefits that were suspended under section 305(e)(9) or section 4245(a) in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section 432(k)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, effective as of the first month in which the effective date for the special financial assistance occurs, for participants and beneficiaries as of such month; and

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"(2) provides payments equal to the amount of benefits previously suspended under section 305(e)(9) or 4245(a) to any participants or beneficiaries in pay status as of the effective date of the special financial assistance, payable, as determined by the eligible multiemployer plan—

"(A) as a lump sum within 3 months of such effective date; or

"(B) in equal monthly installments over a period of 5 years, commencing within 3 months of such effective date, with no adjustment for interest.

"(l) RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Special financial assistance received under this section and any earnings thereon may be used by an eligible multiemployer plan to make benefit payments and pay plan expenses. Special financial assistance and any earnings on such assistance shall be segregated from other plan assets. Special financial assistance shall be invested by plans in investment-grade bonds or other investments as permitted by the corporation.

"(m) CONDITIONS ON PLANS RECEIVING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, may im-

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pose, by regulation or other guidance, reasonable conditions on an eligible multiemployer plan that receives special financial assistance relating to increases in future accrual rates and any retroactive benefit improvements, allocation of plan assets, reductions in employer contribution rates, diversion of contributions to, and allocation of expenses to, other benefit plans, and withdrawal liability.

"(2) LIMITATION.—The corporation shall not impose conditions on an eligible multiemployer plan as a condition of, or following receipt of, special financial assistance under this section relating to—

"(A) any prospective reduction in plan benefits (including benefits that may be adjusted pursuant to section 305(e)(8));

"(B) plan governance, including selection of, removal of, and terms of contracts with, trustees, actuaries, investment managers, and other service providers; or

"(C) any funding rules relating to the plan receiving special financial assistance under this section.

"(3) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.—An eligible multiemployer plan receiving special financial assistance under this section shall continue to pay all premiums

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due under section 4007 for participants and beneficiaries in the plan.

"(4) ASSISTANCE NOT CONSIDERED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—An eligible multiemployer plan that receives special financial assistance shall be deemed to be in critical status within the meaning of section 305(b)(2) until the last plan year ending in 2051.

"(5) INSOLVENT PLANS.—An eligible multiemployer plan receiving special financial assistance under this section that subsequently becomes insolvent will be subject to the current rules and guarantee for insolvent plans.

"(6) INELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER ASSISTANCE.—An eligible multiemployer plan that receives special financial assistance under this section is not eligible to apply for a new suspension of benefits under section 305(e)(9)(G).

"(n) COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—In prescribing the application process for eligible multiemployer plans to receive special financial assistance under this section and reviewing applications of such plans, the corporation shall coordinate with the Secretary of the Treasury in the following manner:

"(1) In the case of a plan which has suspended benefits under section 305(e)(9)—

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"(A) in determining whether to approve the application, the corporation shall consult with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the plan's proposed method of reinstating benefits, as described in the plan's application and in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, and

"(B) the corporation shall consult with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the amount of special financial assistance needed based on the projected funded status of the plan as of the last day of the plan year ending in 2051, whether the plan proposes to repay benefits over 5 years or as a lump sum, as required by subsection (k)(2), and any other relevant factors, as determined by the corporation in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to ensure the amount of assistance is sufficient to meet such requirement and is sufficient to pay benefits as required in subsection (j)(1).

"(2) In the case of any plan which proposes in its application to change the assumptions used, as provided in subsection (e)(4), the corporation shall consult with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding such proposed change in assumptions.

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"(3) If the corporation specifies in regulations or guidance that temporary priority consideration is available for plans which are insolvent within the meaning of section 418E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or likely to become so insolvent or for plans which have suspended benefits under section 305(e)(9), or that availability is otherwise based on the funded status of the plan under section 305, as permitted by subsection (d), the corporation shall consult with the Secretary of the Treasury regarding any granting of priority consideration to such plans.".

(c) PREMIUM RATE INCREASE.—Section 4006(a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) in clause (vi)—

(i) by inserting ", and before January 1, 2031" after "December 31, 2014,"; and

(ii) by striking "or" at the end;

(B) in clause (vii)—

(i) by moving the margin 2 ems to the left; and

(ii) in subclause (II), by striking the period and inserting ", or"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

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"(viii) in the case of a multiemployer plan, for plan years beginning after December 31, 2030, $52 for each individual who is a participant in such plan during the applicable plan year."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(N) For each plan year beginning in a calendar year after 2031, there shall be substituted for the dollar amount specified in clause (viii) of subparagraph (A) an amount equal to the greater of—

"(i) the product derived by multiplying such dollar amount by the ratio of—

"(I) the national average wage index (as defined in section 209(k)(1) of the Social Security Act) for the first of the 2 calendar years preceding the calendar year in which such plan year begins, to

"(II) the national average wage index (as so defined) for 2029; and

"(ii) such dollar amount for plan years beginning in the preceding calendar year.

If the amount determined under this subparagraph is not a multiple of $1, such product shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $1.".

(d) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 432(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (2)(B),

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3)(B) and inserting ", and", and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) if the plan is an eligible multiemployer plan which is applying for or receiving special financial assistance under section 4262 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the requirements of subsection (k) shall apply to the plan.".

(2) PLANS RECEIVING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE IN CRITICAL STATUS.—Section 432(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(7) PLANS RECEIVING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—If an eligible multiemployer plan receiving special financial assistance under section 4262 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 meets the requirements of subsection (k)(2), notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, the plan shall be deemed to be in critical sta-

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tus for plan years beginning with the plan year in which the effective date for such assistance occurs and ending with the last plan year ending in 2051.".

(3) RULES RELATING TO ELIGIBLE MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—Section 432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) RULES RELATING TO ELIGIBLE MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—

"(1) PLANS APPLYING FOR SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an eligible multiemployer plan which applies for special financial assistance under section 4262 of such Act—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Such application shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of such section, including any guidance issued thereunder by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"(B) REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED BENEFITS.—In the case of a plan for which a suspension of benefits has been approved under subsection (e)(9), the application shall describe the manner in which suspended benefits will be reinstated in accordance with paragraph (2)(A) and

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guidance issued by the Secretary if the plan receives special financial assistance.

"(C) AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining the amount of special financial assistance to be specified in its application, an eligible multiemployer plan shall—

"(I) use the interest rate used by the plan in its most recently completed certification of plan status before January 1, 2021, provided that such interest rate does not exceed the interest rate limit, and

"(II) for other assumptions, use the assumptions that the plan used in its most recently completed certification of plan status before January 1, 2021, unless such assumptions are unreasonable.

"(ii) INTEREST RATE LIMIT.—For purposes of clause (i), the interest rate limit is the rate specified in section 430(h)(2)(C)(iii) (disregarding modifications made under clause (iv) of such section) for the month in which the applica-

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tion for special financial assistance is filed by the eligible multiemployer plan or the 3 preceding months, with such specified rate increased by 200 basis points.

"(iii) CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS.—If a plan determines that use of one or more prior assumptions is unreasonable, the plan may propose in its application to change such assumptions, provided that the plan discloses such changes in its application and describes why such assumptions are no longer reasonable. The plan may not propose a change to the interest rate otherwise required under this subsection for eligibility or financial assistance amount.

"(D) PLANS APPLYING FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In the case of a plan applying for special financial assistance under rules providing for temporary priority consideration, as provided in paragraph (4)(C), such plan's application shall be submitted to the Secretary in addition to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"(2) PLANS RECEIVING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an eligible multiemployer

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plan receiving special financial assistance under section 4262 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974—

"(A) REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED BENEFITS.—The plan shall—

"(i) reinstate any benefits that were suspended under subsection (e)(9) or section 4245(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, effective as of the first month in which the effective date for the special financial assistance occurs, for participants and beneficiaries as of such month, and

"(ii) provide payments equal to the amount of benefits previously suspended to any participants or beneficiaries in pay status as of the effective date of the special financial assistance, payable, as determined by the plan—

"(I) as a lump sum within 3 months of such effective date; or

"(II) in equal monthly installments over a period of 5 years, commencing within 3 months of such effec-

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tive date, with no adjustment for interest.

"(B) RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Special financial assistance received by the plan may be used to make benefit payments and pay plan expenses. Such assistance shall be segregated from other plan assets, and shall be invested by the plan in investment-grade bonds or other investments as permitted by regulations or other guidance issued by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"(C) CONDITIONS ON PLANS RECEIVING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary, may impose, by regulation or other guidance, reasonable conditions on an eligible multiemployer plan receiving special financial assistance relating to increases in future accrual rates and any retroactive benefit improvements, allocation of plan assets, reductions in employer contribution rates, diversion of contributions

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and allocation of expenses to other benefit plans, and withdrawal liability.

"(ii) LIMITATION.—The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation shall not impose conditions on an eligible multiemployer plan as a condition of, or following receipt of, special financial assistance relating to—

"(I) any prospective reduction in plan benefits (including benefits that may be adjusted pursuant to subsection (e)(8)),

"(II) plan governance, including selection of, removal of, and terms of contracts with, trustees, actuaries, investment managers, and other service providers, or

"(III) any funding rules relating to the plan.

"(D) ASSISTANCE DISREGARDED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—

"(i) FUNDING STANDARDS.—Special financial assistance received by the plan shall not be taken into account for determining contributions required under section 431.

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"(ii) INSOLVENT PLANS.—If the plan becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 418E after receiving special financial assistance, the plan shall be subject to all rules applicable to insolvent plans.

"(E) INELIGIBILITY FOR SUSPENSION OF BENEFITS.—The plan shall not be eligible to apply for a new suspension of benefits under subsection (e)(9)(G).

"(3) ELIGIBLE MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, a multiemployer plan is an eligible multiemployer plan if—

"(i) the plan is in critical and declining status in any plan year beginning in 2020 through 2022,

"(ii) a suspension of benefits has been approved with respect to the plan under subsection (e)(9) as of the date of the enactment of this subsection;

"(iii) in any plan year beginning in 2020 through 2022, the plan is certified by the plan actuary to be in critical status, has a modified funded percentage of less than 40 percent, and has a ratio of active to inac-

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tive participants which is less than 2 to 3, or

"(iv) the plan became insolvent within the meaning of section 418E after December 16, 2014, and has remained so insolvent and has not been terminated as of the date of enactment of this subsection.

"(B) MODIFIED FUNDED PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), the term 'modified funded percentage' means the percentage equal to a fraction the numerator of which is current value of plan assets (as defined in section 3(26) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) and the denominator of which is current liabilities (as defined in section 431(c)(6)(D)).

"(4) COORDINATION WITH PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION.—In prescribing the application process for eligible multiemployer plans to receive special financial assistance under section 4262 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and reviewing applications of such plans, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation shall coordinate with the Secretary in the following manner:

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"(A) In the case of a plan which has suspended benefits under subsection (e)(9)—

"(i) in determining whether to approve the application, such corporation shall consult with the Secretary regarding the plan's proposed method of reinstating benefits, as described in the plan's application and in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary, and

"(ii) such corporation shall consult with the Secretary regarding the amount of special financial assistance needed based on the projected funded status of the plan as of the last day of the plan year ending in 2051, whether the plan proposes to repay benefits over 5 years or as a lump sum, as required by paragraph (2)(A)(ii), and any other relevant factors, as determined by such corporation in consultation with the Secretary, to ensure the amount of assistance is sufficient to meet such requirement and is sufficient to pay benefits as required in section 4262(j)(1) of such Act.

"(B) In the case of any plan which proposes in its application to change the assumptions

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used, as provided in paragraph (1)(C)(iii), such corporation shall consult with the Secretary regarding such proposed change in assumptions.

"(C) If such corporation specifies in regulations or guidance that temporary priority consideration is available for plans which are insolvent within the meaning of section 418E or likely to become so insolvent or for plans which have suspended benefits under subsection (e)(9), or that availability is otherwise based on the funded status of the plan under this section, as permitted by section 4262(d) of such Act, such corporation shall consult with the Secretary regarding any granting of priority consideration to such plans.".

SEC. 9705. EXTENDED AMORTIZATION FOR SINGLE EMPLOYER PLANS.

(a) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 430(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(8) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION.—With respect to plan years beginning after December 31, 2021 (or, at the election of the plan sponsor, plan years beginning

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after December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019, or December 31, 2020)—

"(A) the shortfall amortization bases for all plan years preceding the first plan year beginning after December 31, 2021 (or after whichever earlier date is elected pursuant to this paragraph), and all shortfall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases, shall be reduced to zero, and

"(B) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) shall each be applied by substituting '15-plan-year period' for '7-plan-year period'.".

(b) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Section 303(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(8) 15-YEAR AMORTIZATION.—With respect to plan years beginning after December 31, 2021 (or, at the election of the plan sponsor, plan years beginning after December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019, or December 31, 2020)—

"(A) the shortfall amortization bases for all plan years preceding the first plan year beginning after December 31, 2021 (or after whichever

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earlier date is elected pursuant to this paragraph), and all shortfall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases, shall be reduced to zero, and

"(B) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) shall each be applied by substituting '15-plan-year period' for '7-plan-year period'.".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2018.

SEC. 9706. EXTENSION OF PENSION FUNDING STABILIZATION PERCENTAGES FOR SINGLE EMPLOYER PLANS.

(a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in subclause (II) of section 430(h)(2)(C)(iv) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"If the calendar year is:	*The applicable minimum percentage is:*	*The applicable maximum percentage is:*
Any year in the period starting in 2012 and ending in 2019	*90%*	*110%*
Any year in the period starting in 2020 and ending in 2025	*95%*	*105%*
2026	*90%*	*110%*
2027	*85%*	*115%*
2028	*80%*	*120%*
2029	*75%*	*125%*
After 2029	*70%*	*130%.".*

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(2) FLOOR ON 25-YEAR AVERAGES.—Subclause (I) of section 430(h)(2)(C)(iv) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following: "Notwithstanding anything in this subclause, if the average of the first, second, or third segment rate for any 25-year period is less than 5 percent, such average shall be deemed to be 5 percent.".

(b) AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The table contained in subclause (II) of section 303(h)(2)(C)(iv) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II)) is amended to read as follows:

"If the calendar year is:	*The applicable minimum percentage is:*	*The applicable maximum percentage is:*
Any year in the period starting in 2012 and ending in 2019	*90%*	*110%*
Any year in the period starting in 2020 and ending in 2025	*95%*	*105%*
2026	*90%*	*110%*
2027	*85%*	*115%*
2028	*80%*	*120%*
2029	*75%*	*125%*
After 2029	*70%*	*130%.".*

(2) FLOOR ON 25-YEAR AVERAGES.—Subclause (I) of section 303(h)(2)(C)(iv) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1083(h)(2)(C)(iv)(I)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Notwithstanding anything in this subclause, if the average of the first, second, or third

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segment rate for any 25-year period is less than 5 percent, such average shall be deemed to be 5 percent.".

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(f)(2)(D) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1021(f)(2)(D)) is amended—

(i) in clause (i) by striking "and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" both places it appears and inserting ", the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021", and

(ii) in clause (ii) by striking "2023" and inserting "2029".

(B) STATEMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor shall modify the statements required under subclauses (I) and (II) of section 101(f)(2)(D)(i) of such Act to conform to the amendments made by this section.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

(2) ELECTION NOT TO APPLY.—A plan sponsor may elect not to have the amendments made by this

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section apply to any plan year beginning before January 1, 2022, either (as specified in the election)—

(A) for all purposes for which such amendments apply, or

(B) solely for purposes of determining the adjusted funding target attainment percentage under sections 436 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and 206(g) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for such plan year.

A plan shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of sections 204(g) of such Act and 411(d)(6) of such Code solely by reason of an election under this paragraph.

SEC. 9707. MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.

(a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Subsection (m) of section 430 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible newspaper plan sponsor of a plan under which no participant has had the participant's accrued benefit increased (whether because of service or compensation) after

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April 2, 2019, may elect to have the alternative standards described in paragraph (4) apply to such plan.

"(2) ELIGIBLE NEWSPAPER PLAN SPONSOR.—The term 'eligible newspaper plan sponsor' means the plan sponsor of—

"(A) any community newspaper plan, or

"(B) any other plan sponsored, as of April 2, 2019, by a member of the same controlled group of a plan sponsor of a community newspaper plan if such member is in the trade or business of publishing 1 or more newspapers.

"(3) ELECTION.—An election under paragraph (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary. Such election, once made with respect to a plan year, shall apply to all subsequent plan years unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary.

"(4) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS.—The alternative standards described in this paragraph are the following:

"(A) INTEREST RATES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as provided in clause (ii), the first, second, and third

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segment rates in effect for any month for purposes of this section shall be 8 percent.

"(ii) NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2), for purposes of determining the funding target and normal cost of a plan for any plan year, the present value of any benefits accrued or earned under the plan for a plan year with respect to which an election under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be determined on the basis of the United States Treasury obligation yield curve for the day that is the valuation date of such plan for such plan year.

"(iii) UNITED STATES TREASURY OBLIGATION YIELD CURVE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'United States Treasury obligation yield curve' means, with respect to any day, a yield curve which shall be prescribed by the Secretary for such day on interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

"(B) SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—

"(i) PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASES.—The shortfall amortization

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bases determined under subsection (c)(3) for all plan years preceding the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies (and all shortfall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to zero under rules similar to the rules of subsection (c)(6).

"(ii) NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3), the shortfall amortization base for the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies shall be the funding shortfall of such plan for such plan year (determined using the interest rates as modified under subparagraph (A)).

"(C) DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.—

"(i) 30-YEAR PERIOD.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2) shall be applied by substituting '30-plan-year' for '7-plan-year' each place it appears.

"(ii) NO SPECIAL ELECTION.—The election under subparagraph (D) of subsection (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan

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year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies.

"(D) EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREATMENT.—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

"(5) COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'community newspaper plan' means any plan to which this section applies maintained as of December 31, 2018, by an employer which—

"(i) maintains the plan on behalf of participants and beneficiaries with respect to employment in the trade or business of publishing 1 or more newspapers which were published by the employer at any time during the 11-year period ending on December 20, 2019,

"(ii)(I) is not a company the stock of which is publicly traded (on a stock exchange or in an over-the-counter market), and is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by such a company, or

"(II) is controlled, directly or indirectly, during the entire 30-year period ending on December 20, 2019, by individuals

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who are members of the same family, and does not publish or distribute a daily newspaper that is carrier-distributed in printed form in more than 5 States, and

"(iii) is controlled, directly or indirectly—

"(I) by 1 or more persons residing primarily in a State in which the community newspaper has been published on newsprint or carrier-distributed,

"(II) during the entire 30-year period ending on December 20, 2019, by individuals who are members of the same family,

"(III) by 1 or more trusts, the sole trustees of which are persons described in subclause (I) or (II), or

"(IV) by a combination of persons described in subclause (I), (II), or (III).

"(B) NEWSPAPER.—The term 'newspaper' does not include any newspaper (determined without regard to this subparagraph) to which any of the following apply:

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"(i) Is not in general circulation.

"(ii) Is published (on newsprint or electronically) less frequently than 3 times per week.

"(iii) Has not ever been regularly published on newsprint.

"(iv) Does not have a bona fide list of paid subscribers.

"(C) CONTROL.—A person shall be treated as controlled by another person if such other person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction and management of such person (including the power to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of such person) through the ownership of voting securities.

"(6) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'controlled group' means all persons treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 as of December 20, 2019.".

(b) AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—Subsection (m) of section 303 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083(m)) is amended to read as follows:

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"(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible newspaper plan sponsor of a plan under which no participant has had the participant's accrued benefit increased (whether because of service or compensation) after April 2, 2019, may elect to have the alternative standards described in paragraph (4) apply to such plan.

"(2) ELIGIBLE NEWSPAPER PLAN SPONSOR.—The term 'eligible newspaper plan sponsor' means the plan sponsor of—

"(A) any community newspaper plan, or

"(B) any other plan sponsored, as of April 2, 2019, by a member of the same controlled group of a plan sponsor of a community newspaper plan if such member is in the trade or business of publishing 1 or more newspapers.

"(3) ELECTION.—An election under paragraph (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such election, once made with respect to a plan year, shall apply to all subsequent plan years unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury.

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"(4) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS.—The alternative standards described in this paragraph are the following:

"(A) INTEREST RATES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as provided in clause (ii), the first, second, and third segment rates in effect for any month for purposes of this section shall be 8 percent.

"(ii) NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2), for purposes of determining the funding target and normal cost of a plan for any plan year, the present value of any benefits accrued or earned under the plan for a plan year with respect to which an election under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be determined on the basis of the United States Treasury obligation yield curve for the day that is the valuation date of such plan for such plan year.

"(iii) UNITED STATES TREASURY OBLIGATION YIELD CURVE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'United States Treasury obligation yield curve' means, with re-

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spect to any day, a yield curve which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury for such day on interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

"(B) SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—

"(i) PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASES.—The shortfall amortization bases determined under subsection (c)(3) for all plan years preceding the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies (and all shortfall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to zero under rules similar to the rules of subsection (c)(6).

"(ii) NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3), the shortfall amortization base for the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies shall be the funding shortfall of such plan for such plan year (determined using the interest rates as modified under subparagraph (A)).

"(C) DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.—

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"(i) 30-YEAR PERIOD.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2) shall be applied by substituting '30-plan-year' for '7-plan-year' each place it appears.

"(ii) NO SPECIAL ELECTION.—The election under subparagraph (D) of subsection (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies.

"(D) EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREATMENT.—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

"(5) COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'community newspaper plan' means a plan to which this section applies maintained as of December 31, 2018, by an employer which—

"(i) maintains the plan on behalf of participants and beneficiaries with respect to employment in the trade or business of publishing 1 or more newspapers which were published by the employer at any time during the 11-year period ending on December 20, 2019,

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"(ii)(I) is not a company the stock of which is publicly traded (on a stock exchange or in an over-the-counter market), and is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by such a company, or

"(II) is controlled, directly, or indirectly, during the entire 30-year period ending on December 20, 2019, by individuals who are members of the same family, and does not publish or distribute a daily newspaper that is carrier-distributed in printed form in more than 5 States, and

"(iii) is controlled, directly, or indirectly—

"(I) by 1 or more persons residing primarily in a State in which the community newspaper has been published on newsprint or carrier-distributed,

"(II) during the entire 30-year period ending on December 20, 2019, by individuals who are members of the same family,

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"(III) by 1 or more trusts, the sole trustees of which are persons described in subclause (I) or (II), or

"(IV) by a combination of persons described in subclause (I), (II), or (III).

"(B) NEWSPAPER.—The term 'newspaper' does not include any newspaper (determined without regard to this subparagraph) to which any of the following apply:

"(i) Is not in general circulation.

"(ii) Is published (on newsprint or electronically) less frequently than 3 times per week.

"(iii) Has not ever been regularly published on newsprint.

"(iv) Does not have a bona fide list of paid subscribers.

"(C) CONTROL.—A person shall be treated as controlled by another person if such other person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction and management of such person (including the power to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of

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such person) through the ownership of voting securities.

"(6) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'controlled group' means all persons treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as of December 20, 2019.

"(7) EFFECT ON PREMIUM RATE CALCULATION.—In the case of a plan for which an election is made to apply the alternative standards described in paragraph (3), the additional premium under section 4006(a)(3)(E) shall be determined as if such election had not been made.".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years ending after December 31, 2017.

SEC. 9708. EXPANSION OF LIMITATION ON EXCESSIVE EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION.

Paragraph (3) of section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D),

(2) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (B),

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(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

"(C) in the case of taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026, such employee is among the 5 highest compensated employees for the taxable year other than any individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B), or", and

(4) by striking "employee" in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated, and inserting "employee described in subparagraph (A) or (B)".

Subtitle I—Child Care for Workers

SEC. 9801. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 418(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) APPROPRIATION.—For grants under this section, there are appropriated $3,550,000,000 for each fiscal year, of which—

"(A) $3,375,000,000 shall be available for grants to States;

"(B) $100,000,000 shall be available for grants to Indian tribes and tribal organizations; and

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"(C) $75,000,000 shall be available for grants to territories.".

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 418(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "paragraph (3), and remaining after the reservation described in paragraph (4) and" and inserting "paragraph (3)(A),".

(b) MODIFICATION OF STATE MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR FUNDING INCREASES IN FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022.—With respect to the amounts made available by section 418(a)(3) of the Social Security Act for each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022, section 418(a)(2)(C) of such Act shall be applied and administered with respect to any State that is entitled to receive the entire amount that would be allotted to the State under section 418(a)(2)(B) of such Act for the fiscal year in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2020, as if the Federal medical assistance percentage for the State for the fiscal year were 100 percent.

(c) FUNDING FOR THE TERRITORIES.—Section 418(a)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

"(4) TERRITORIES.—

"(A) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall use the amounts made available by paragraph (3)(C) to

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make grants to the territories under this paragraph.

"(B) ALLOTMENTS.—The amount described in subparagraph (A) shall be allotted among the territories in proportion to their respective needs.

"(C) REDISTRIBUTION.—The 1st sentence of clause (i) and clause (ii) of paragraph (2)(D) shall apply with respect to the amounts allotted to the territories under this paragraph, except that the 2nd sentence of paragraph (2)(D) shall not apply and the amounts allotted to the territories that are available for redistribution for a fiscal year shall be redistributed to each territory that applies for the additional amounts, to the extent that the Secretary determines that the territory will be able to use the additional amounts to provide child care assistance, in an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount so available for redistribution as the amount allotted to the territory for the fiscal year bears to the total amount allotted to all the territories receiving redistributed funds under this paragraph for the fiscal year.

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"(D) INAPPLICABILITY OF PAYMENT LIMITATION.— Section 1108(a) shall not apply with respect to any amount paid under this paragraph.

"(E) TERRITORY.—In this paragraph, the term 'territory' means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.".

Subtitle J—Medicaid

SEC. 9811. MANDATORY COVERAGE OF COVID–19 VACCINES AND ADMINISTRATION AND TREATMENT UNDER MEDICAID.

(a) COVERAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(4)) is amended by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting "; and (E) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), a COVID–19 vaccine and administration of the vaccine; and (F) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar

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quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), testing and treatments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, without regard to the requirements of section 1902(a)(10)(B) (relating to comparability), in the case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State plan (or waiver of such plan);".

(2) MAKING COVID–19 VACCINE AVAILABLE TO ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY GROUPS AND TREATMENT AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN UNINSURED.—Section 1902(a)(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)) is amended in the matter following subparagraph (G)—

(A) by striking "and to other conditions which may complicate pregnancy, (VIII)" and inserting ", medical assistance for services related to other conditions which may complicate pregnancy, and medical assistance for vaccines described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) and the ad-

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ministration of such vaccines during the period described in such section, (VIII)";

(B) by inserting "and medical assistance for vaccines described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) and the administration of such vaccines during the period described in such section" after "(described in subsection (z)(2))";

(C) by inserting "and medical assistance for vaccines described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) and the administration of such vaccines during the period described in such section" after "described in subsection (k)(1)";

(D) by inserting "and medical assistance for vaccines described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) and the administration of such vaccines during the period described in such section" after "family planning setting";

(E) by striking "and any visit described in section 1916(a)(2)(G) that is furnished during any such portion" and inserting ", any service described in section 1916(a)(2)(G) that is furnished during any such portion, any vaccine described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) (and the administration of such vaccine) that is furnished during any such portion, and testing and treat-

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ments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, in the case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State plan (or waiver of such plan)"; and

(F) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting ", and (XIX) medical assistance shall be made available during the period described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) for vaccines described in such section and the administration of such vaccines, for any individual who is eligible for and receiving medical assistance under the State plan or under a waiver of such plan (other than an individual who is eligible for medical assistance consisting only of payment of premiums pursuant to subparagraph (E) or (F) or section 1933), notwithstanding any provision of this title or waiver under section 1115 impacting such individual's eligibility for medical assistance under such plan or waiver to coverage for

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a limited type of benefits and services that would not otherwise include coverage of a COVID–19 vaccine and its administration;".

(3) PROHIBITION OF COST SHARING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2) of section 1916 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) are each amended—

(i) in subparagraph (F), by striking "or" at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (G), by striking "; and"; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following subparagraphs:

"(H) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subparagraph and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), a COVID–19 vaccine and the administration of such vaccine (for any individual eligible for medical assistance for such vaccine (and administration)); or

"(I) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subparagraph and ending on the last day of the first calendar quar-

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ter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), testing and treatments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, in the case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period during which such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State plan (or waiver of such plan); and".

(B) APPLICATION TO ALTERNATIVE COST SHARING.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o–1(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(i) in clause (xi), by striking "any visit" and inserting "any service"; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following clauses:

"(xii) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this clause and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last

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day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), a COVID–19 vaccine and the administration of such vaccine (for any individual eligible for medical assistance for such vaccine (and administration)).

"(xiii) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this clause and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), testing and treatments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, in the case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period during which such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State plan (or waiver of such plan).".

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(4) INCLUSION IN THE MEDICAID DRUG REBATE PROGRAM OF COVERED OUTPATIENT DRUGS USED FOR COVID–19 TREATMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of section 1927 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8) shall apply to any drug or biological product to which subparagraph (F) of section 1905(a)(4) of such Act, as added by paragraph (1), applies or to which the subclause (XVIII) in the matter following subparagraph (G) of section 1902(a)(10) of such Act, as added by paragraph (2), applies that is—

(i) furnished as medical assistance in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A) of such Act and such subparagraph (F) or subclause (XVIII) and section 1902(a)(10)(A) of such Act, as applicable, for the treatment, or prevention, of COVID–19, as described in such subparagraph or subclause, respectively; and

(ii) a covered outpatient drug (as defined in section 1927(k) of such Act, except that, in applying paragraph (2)(A) of such section to a drug to which such subparagraph (F) or such subclause (XVIII) ap-

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plies, such drug shall be deemed a prescribed drug for purposes of section 1905(a)(12) of such Act).

(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1927(d)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8(d)(7)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(E) Drugs and biological products to which section 1905(a)(4)(F) and subclause (XVIII) in the matter following subparagraph (G) of section 1902(a)(10) apply that are furnished as medical assistance in accordance with such section or clause, respectively, for the treatment or prevention, of COVID–19, as described in such subparagraph or subclause, respectively, and section 1902(a)(10)(A).".

(5) ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLANS.—Section 1937(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–7(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(8) COVID–19 VACCINES, TESTING, AND TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this section, a State may not provide for medical assistance through enrollment of an individual with benchmark coverage or benchmark-equivalent coverage

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under this section unless, during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), such coverage includes (and does not impose any deduction, cost sharing, or similar charge for)—

"(A) COVID–19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines; and

"(B) testing and treatments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, in the case of such an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State plan (or waiver of such plan).".

(b) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL PAYMENTS FOR COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF COVID–19 VACCINES.—Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

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(1) in subsection (b), by striking "and (ff)" and inserting "(ff), and (hh)";

(2) in subsection (ff), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ", subject to subsection (hh)" after "or (z)(2)" and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(hh) TEMPORARY INCREASED FMAP FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF COVID–19 VACCINES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, during the period described in paragraph (2), the Federal medical assistance percentage for a State, with respect to amounts expended by the State for medical assistance for a vaccine described in subsection (a)(4)(E) (and the administration of such a vaccine), shall be equal to 100 percent.

"(2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in this paragraph is the period that—

"(A) begins on the first day of the first quarter beginning after the date of the enactment of this subsection; and

"(B) ends on the last day of the first quarter that begins one year after the last day of the

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emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B).

"(3) EXCLUSION OF EXPENDITURES FROM TERRITORIAL CAPS.—Any payment made to a territory for expenditures for medical assistance under subsection (a)(4)(E) that are subject to the Federal medical assistance percentage specified under paragraph (1) shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying payment limits under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108.".

SEC. 9812. MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN COVERAGE UNDER MEDICAID FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.

(a) STATE OPTION.—Section 1902(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(16) EXTENDING CERTAIN COVERAGE FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—At the option of the State, the State plan (or waiver of such State plan) may provide, that an individual who, while pregnant, is eligible for and has received medical assistance under the State plan approved under this title (or a waiver of such plan) (including during a period of retroactive eligi-

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bility under subsection (a)(34)) shall, in addition to remaining eligible under paragraph (5) for all pregnancy-related and postpartum medical assistance available under the State plan (or waiver) through the last day of the month in which the 60-day period (beginning on the last day of her pregnancy) ends, remain eligible under the State plan (or waiver) for medical assistance for the period beginning on the first day occurring after the end of such 60-day period and ending on the last day of the month in which the 12-month period (beginning on the last day of her pregnancy) ends.

"(B) FULL BENEFITS DURING PREGNANCY AND THROUGHOUT THE 12-MONTH POSTPARTUM PERIOD.—The medical assistance provided for a pregnant or postpartum individual by a State making an election under this paragraph, without regard to the basis on which the individual is eligible for medical assistance under the State plan (or waiver), shall—

"(i) include all items and services covered under the State plan (or waiver) that are not less in amount, duration, or scope, or are determined by the Secretary to be

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substantially equivalent, to the medical assistance available for an individual described in subsection (a)(10)(A)(i); and

"(ii) be provided for the individual while pregnant and during the 12-month period that begins on the last day of the individual's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which such 12-month period ends.

"(C) COVERAGE UNDER CHIP.—A State making an election under this paragraph that covers under title XXI child health assistance for targeted low-income children who are pregnant or targeted low-income pregnant women, as applicable, shall also make the election under section 2107(e)(1)(J) of such title.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to State elections made under paragraph (16) of section 1902(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)), as added by subsection (a), during the 5-year period beginning on the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year quarter that begins one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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SEC. 9813. STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE QUALIFYING COMMUNITY-BASED MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.

Title XIX of the Social Security Act is amended by adding after section 1946 (42 U.S.C. 1396w–5) the following new section:

"SEC. 1947. STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE QUALIFYING COMMUNITY-BASED MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1902(a)(1) (relating to Statewideness), section 1902(a)(10)(B) (relating to comparability), section 1902(a)(23)(A) (relating to freedom of choice of providers), or section 1902(a)(27) (relating to provider agreements), a State may, during the 5-year period beginning on the first day of the first fiscal year quarter that begins on or after the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, provide medical assistance for qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services.

"(b) QUALIFYING COMMUNITY-BASED MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services' means, with respect to a State, items and services for which medical assistance is available under the State plan under this title or a waiver of such plan, that are—

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"(1) furnished to an individual otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the State plan (or waiver of such plan) who is—

"(A) outside of a hospital or other facility setting; and

"(B) experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis;

"(2) furnished by a multidisciplinary mobile crisis team—

"(A) that includes at least 1 behavioral health care professional who is capable of conducting an assessment of the individual, in accordance with the professional's permitted scope of practice under State law, and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health or mental health crisis response, including nurses, social workers, peer support specialists, and others, as designated by the State through a State plan amendment (or waiver of such plan);

"(B) whose members are trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction;

"(C) that is able to respond in a timely manner and, where appropriate, provide—

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"(i) screening and assessment;

"(ii) stabilization and de-escalation; and

"(iii) coordination with, and referrals to, health, social, and other services and supports as needed, and health services as needed;

"(D) that maintains relationships with relevant community partners, including medical and behavioral health providers, primary care providers, community health centers, crisis respite centers, and managed care organizations (if applicable); and

"(E) that maintains the privacy and confidentiality of patient information consistent with Federal and State requirements; and

"(3) available 24 hours per day, every day of the year.

"(c) PAYMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 1905(b) or 1905(ff) and subject to subsections (y) and (z) of section 1905, during each of the first 12 fiscal quarters occurring during the period described in subsection (a) that a State meets the requirements described in subsection (d), the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to amounts expended by the State for medical assistance for qualifying

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community-based mobile crisis intervention services furnished during such quarter shall be equal to 85 percent. In no case shall the application of the previous sentence result in the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to amounts expended by a State for medical assistance for such qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services furnished during a quarter being less than the Federal medical assistance percentage that would apply to such amounts expended by the State for such services furnished during such quarter without application of the previous sentence.

"(d) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements described in this subsection are the following:

"(1) The State demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Secretary that it will be able to support the provision of qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services that meet the conditions specified in subsection (b).

"(2) The State provides assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that—

"(A) any additional Federal funds received by the State for qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services provided under this section that are attributable to the increased Federal medical assistance percentage under

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subection (c) will be used to supplement, and not supplant, the level of State funds expended for such services for the fiscal year preceding the first fiscal quarter occurring during the period described in subsection (a);

"(B) if the State made qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services available in a region of the State in such fiscal year, the State will continue to make such services available in such region under this section during each month occurring during the period described in subsection (a) for which the Federal medical assistance percentage under subsection (c) is applicable with respect to the State.

"(e) FUNDING FOR STATE PLANNING GRANTS.—There is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $15,000,000 to the Secretary for purposes of implementing, administering, and making planning grants to States as soon as practicable for purposes of developing a State plan amendment or section 1115, 1915(b), or 1915(c) waiver request (or an amendment to such a waiver) to provide qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services under this section, to remain available until expended.".

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SEC. 9814. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FMAP FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER STATE MEDICAID PLANS WHICH BEGIN TO EXPEND AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN MANDATORY INDIVIDUALS.

Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d), as amended by section 9811 of this subtitle, is further amended—

(1) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by striking "and (hh)" and inserting "(hh), and (ii)";

(2) in subsection (ff), by striking "subject to subsection (hh)" and inserting "subject to subsections (hh) and (ii)"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(ii) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FMAP FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER STATE MEDICAID PLANS WHICH BEGIN TO EXPEND AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN MANDATORY INDIVIDUALS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For each quarter occurring during the 8-quarter period beginning with the first calendar quarter during which a qualifying State (as defined in paragraph (3)) expends amounts for all individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) under the State plan (or waiver of such plan), the Federal medical assistance percentage determined under subsection (b) for such State shall, after appli-

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cation of any increase, if applicable, under section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, be increased by 5 percentage points, except for any quarter (and each subsequent quarter) during such period during which the State ceases to provide medical assistance to any such individual under the State plan (or waiver of such plan).

"(2) SPECIAL APPLICATION RULES.—Any increase described in paragraph (1) (or payment made for expenditures on medical assistance that are subject to such increase)—

"(A) shall not apply with respect to disproportionate share hospital payments described in section 1923;

"(B) shall not be taken into account in calculating the enhanced FMAP of a State under section 2105;

"(C) shall not be taken into account for purposes of part A, D, or E of title IV; and

"(D) shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying payment limits under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108.

"(3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualifying State' means a State which has not expended amounts for all individuals

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described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) before the date of the enactment of this subsection.".

SEC. 9815. EXTENSION OF 100 PERCENT FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE TO URBAN INDIAN HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.

Section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) is amended by inserting after "(as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act)" the following: "; for the 8 fiscal year quarters beginning with the first fiscal year quarter beginning after the date of the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal medical assistance percentage shall also be 100 per centum with respect to amounts expended as medical assistance for services which are received through an Urban Indian organization (as defined in paragraph (29) of section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act) that has a grant or contract with the Indian Health Service under title V of such Act; and, for such 8 fiscal year quarters, the Federal medical assistance percentage shall also be 100 per centum with respect to amounts expended as medical assistance for services which are received through a Native Hawaiian Health Center (as defined in section 12(4) of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act) or a qualified entity (as defined in section 6(b) of such Act) that

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has a grant or contract with the Papa Ola Lokahi under section 8 of such Act".

SEC. 9816. SUNSET OF LIMIT ON MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT FOR SINGLE SOURCE DRUGS AND INNOVATOR MULTIPLE SOURCE DRUGS.

Section 1927(c)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8(c)(2)(D)) is amended by inserting after "December 31, 2009," the following: "and before January 1, 2024,".

SEC. 9817. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES DURING THE COVID–19 EMERGENCY.

(a) INCREASED FMAP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) or section 1905(ff), in the case of a State that meets the HCBS program requirements under subsection (b), the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for the State under section 1905(b) of such Act (or, if applicable, under section 1905(ff)) and, if applicable, increased under subsection (y), (z), (aa), or (ii) of section 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d), section 1915(k) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(k)), or section 6008(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127),

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shall be increased by 10 percentage points with respect to expenditures of the State under the State Medicaid program for home and community-based services (as defined in paragraph (2)(B)) that are provided during the HCBS program improvement period (as defined in paragraph (2)(A)). In no case may the application of the previous sentence result in the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for a State being more than 95 percent with respect to such expenditures. Any payment made to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or American Samoa for expenditures on medical assistance that are subject to the Federal medical assistance percentage increase specified under the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying payment limits under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308).

(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(A) HCBS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PERIOD.—The term "HCBS program improvement period" means, with respect to a State, the period—

(i) beginning on April 1, 2021; and

(ii) ending on March 31, 2022.

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(B) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.—The term "home and community-based services" means any of the following:

(i) Home health care services authorized under paragraph (7) of section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)).

(ii) Personal care services authorized under paragraph (24) of such section.

(iii) PACE services authorized under paragraph (26) of such section.

(iv) Home and community-based services authorized under subsections (b), (c), (i), (j), and (k) of section 1915 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n), such services authorized under a waiver under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315), and such services through coverage authorized under section 1937 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–7).

(v) Case management services authorized under section 1905(a)(19) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(19)) and section 1915(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(g)).

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(vi) Rehabilitative services, including those related to behavioral health, described in section 1905(a)(13) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(13)).

(vii) Such other services specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(C) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term "eligible individual" means an individual who is eligible for and enrolled for medical assistance under a State Medicaid program and includes an individual who becomes eligible for medical assistance under a State Medicaid program when removed from a waiting list.

(D) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—The term "Medicaid program" means, with respect to a State, the State program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (including any waiver or demonstration under such title or under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) relating to such title).

(E) STATE.—The term "State" has the meaning given such term for purposes of title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

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(b) STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR FMAP INCREASE.—As conditions for receipt of the increase under subsection (a) to the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for a State, the State shall meet each of the following requirements (referred to in subsection (a) as the HCBS program requirements):

(1) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The State shall use the Federal funds attributable to the increase under subsection (a) to supplement, and not supplant, the level of State funds expended for home and community-based services for eligible individuals through programs in effect as of April 1, 2021.

(2) REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—The State shall implement, or supplement the implementation of, one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen home and community-based services under the State Medicaid program.

SEC. 9818. FUNDING FOR STATE STRIKE TEAMS FOR RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY IN NURSING FACILITIES.

Section 1919 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) FUNDING FOR STATE STRIKE TEAMS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated

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to the Secretary, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $250,000,000, to remain available until expended, for purposes of allocating such amount among the States (including the District of Columbia and each territory of the United States) for such a State to establish and implement a strike team that will be deployed to a nursing facility in the State with diagnosed or suspected cases of COVID–19 among residents or staff for the purposes of assisting with clinical care, infection control, or staffing during the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) and the 1-year period immediately following the end of such emergency period.".

SEC. 9819. SPECIAL RULE FOR THE PERIOD OF A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1923(f)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "subparagraph (E)" and inserting "subparagraphs (E) and (F)" ; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) ALLOTMENTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS TEMPORARY MEDICAID FMAP INCREASE.—

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"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, for any fiscal year for which the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to expenditures under this section is increased pursuant to section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the Secretary shall recalculate the annual DSH allotment, including the DSH allotment specified under paragraph (6)(A)(vi), to ensure that the total DSH payments (including both Federal and State shares) that a State may make related to a fiscal year is equal to the total DSH payments that the State could have made for such fiscal year without such increase to the Federal medical assistance percentage.

"(ii) NO APPLICATION TO ALLOTMENTS BEGINNING AFTER COVID–19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The DSH allotment for any State for the first fiscal year beginning after the end of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) or any succeeding fiscal year shall be determined under this

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paragraph without regard to the DSH allotments determined under clause (i).".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect and apply as if included in the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116–127).

Subtitle K—Children's Health Insurance Program

SEC. 9821. MANDATORY COVERAGE OF COVID–19 VACCINES AND ADMINISTRATION AND TREATMENT UNDER CHIP.

(a) COVERAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2103(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

"(11) REQUIRED COVERAGE OF COVID–19 VACCINES AND TREATMENT.—Regardless of the type of coverage elected by a State under subsection (a), the child health assistance provided for a targeted low-income child, and, in the case of a State that elects to provide pregnancy-related assistance pursuant to section 2112, the pregnancy-related assistance provided for a targeted low-income pregnant woman (as such terms are defined for purposes of such section), shall include coverage, during the period beginning on the

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date of the enactment of this paragraph and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), of—

"(A) a COVID–19 vaccine (and the administration of the vaccine); and

"(B) testing and treatments for COVID–19, including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies), and, in the case of an individual who is diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID–19, during the period during which such individual has (or is presumed to have) COVID–19, the treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID–19, if otherwise covered under the State child health plan (or waiver of such plan).".

(2) PROHIBITION OF COST SHARING.—Section 2103(e)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(e)(2)), as amended by section 6004(b)(3) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, is amended—

(A) in the paragraph header, by inserting "A COVID–19 VACCINE, COVID–19 TREATMENT,"

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before "OR PREGNANCY-RELATED ASSISTANCE"; and

(B) by striking "visits described in section 1916(a)(2)(G), or" and inserting "services described in section 1916(a)(2)(G), vaccines described in section 1916(a)(2)(H) administered during the period described in such section (and the administration of such vaccines), testing or treatments described in section 1916(a)(2)(I) furnished during the period described in such section, or".

(b) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL PAYMENTS FOR COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF COVID–19 VACCINES.—Section 2105(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(12) TEMPORARY ENHANCED PAYMENT FOR COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF COVID–19 VACCINES.—During the period described in section 1905(hh)(2), notwithstanding subsection (b), the enhanced FMAP for a State, with respect to payments under subsection (a) for expenditures under the State child health plan (or a waiver of such plan) for a vaccine described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) (and the

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administration of such a vaccine), shall be equal to 100 percent.".

(c) ADJUSTMENT OF CHIP ALLOTMENTS.—Section 2104(m) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(m)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(B), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "paragraphs (5) and (7)" and inserting "paragraphs (5), (7), and (12)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(12) ADJUSTING ALLOTMENTS TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED FEDERAL PAYMENTS FOR COVERAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF COVID–19 VACCINES.—If a State, commonwealth, or territory receives payment for a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2021) under subsection (a) of section 2105 for expenditures that are subject to the enhanced FMAP specified under subsection (c)(12) of such section, the amount of the allotment determined for the State, commonwealth, or territory under this subsection—

"(A) for such fiscal year shall be increased by the projected expenditures for such year by the State, commonwealth, or territory under the State child health plan (or a waiver of such plan) for vaccines described in section

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1905(a)(4)(E) (and the administration of such vaccines); and

"(B) once actual expenditures are available in the subsequent fiscal year, the fiscal year allotment that was adjusted by the amount described in subparagraph (A) shall be adjusted on the basis of the difference between—

"(i) such projected amount of expenditures described in subparagraph (A) for such fiscal year described in such subparagraph by the State, commonwealth, or territory; and

"(ii) the actual amount of expenditures for such fiscal year described in subparagraph (A) by the State, commonwealth, or territory under the State child health plan (or waiver of such plan) for vaccines described in section 1905(a)(4)(E) (and the administration of such vaccines).".

SEC. 9822. MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN COVERAGE UNDER CHIP FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.

(a) MODIFICATIONS TO COVERAGE.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (J) through (S) as subparagraphs (K) through (T), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the following new subparagraph:

"(J) Paragraphs (5) and (16) of section 1902(e) (relating to the State option to provide medical assistance consisting of full benefits during pregnancy and throughout the 12-month postpartum period under title XIX), if the State provides child health assistance for targeted low-income children who are pregnant or to targeted low-income pregnant women and the State has elected to apply such paragraph (16) with respect to pregnant women under title XIX, the provision of assistance under the State child health plan or waiver for targeted low-income children or targeted low-income pregnant women during pregnancy and the 12-month postpartum period shall be required and not at the option of the State and shall include coverage of all items or services provided to a targeted low-income

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child or targeted low-income pregnant woman (as applicable) under the State child health plan or waiver).".

(2) OPTIONAL COVERAGE OF TARGETED LOW-INCOME PREGNANT WOMEN.—Section 2112(d)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ll(d)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after "60-day period" the following: ", or, in the case that subparagraph (A) of section 1902(e)(16) applies to the State child health plan (or waiver of such plan), pursuant to section 2107(e)(1), the 12-month period,".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to State elections made under paragraph (16) of section 1902(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)), as added by section 9812(a) of subtitle J of this title, during the 5-year period beginning on the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year quarter that begins one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle L—Medicare

SEC. 9831. FLOOR ON THE MEDICARE AREA WAGE INDEX FOR HOSPITALS IN ALL-URBAN STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), in the first sentence, by striking "or (iii)" and inserting ", (iii), or (iv)"; and

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(2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iv) FLOOR ON AREA WAGE INDEX FOR HOSPITALS IN ALL-URBAN STATES.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—For discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2021, the area wage index applicable under this subparagraph to any hospital in an all-urban State (as defined in subclause (IV)) may not be less than the minimum area wage index for the fiscal year for hospitals in that State, as established under subclause (II).

"(II) MINIMUM AREA WAGE INDEX.—For purposes of subclause (I), the Secretary shall establish a minimum area wage index for a fiscal year for hospitals in each all-urban State using the methodology described in section 412.64(h)(4)(vi) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect for fiscal year 2018.

"(III) WAIVING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—Pursuant to the fifth sen-

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tence of clause (i), this clause shall not be applied in a budget neutral manner.

"(IV) ALL-URBAN STATE DEFINED.—In this clause, the term 'all-urban State' means a State in which there are no rural areas (as defined in paragraph (2)(D)) or a State in which there are no hospitals classified as rural under this section.".

(b) WAIVING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)(i)) is amended, in the fifth sentence—

(1) by striking "and the amendments" and inserting ", the amendments"; and

(2) by inserting ", and the amendments made by section 9831(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" after "Care Act".

SEC. 9832. SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE OR MODIFY APPLICATION OF CERTAIN MEDICARE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO AMBULANCE SERVICES FURNISHED DURING CERTAIN EMERGENCY PERIODS.

(a) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Section 1135(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(b)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

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(A) in paragraph (7), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph:

"(9) any requirement under section 1861(s)(7) or section 1834(l) that an ambulance service include the transport of an individual to the extent necessary to allow payment for ground ambulance services furnished in response to a 911 call (or the equivalent in areas without a 911 call system) in cases in which an individual would have been transported to a destination permitted under Medicare regulations (as described in section 410.40 to title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)) but such transport did not occur as a result of community-wide emergency medical service (EMS) protocols due to the public health emergency described in subsection (g)(1)(B)."; and

(2) in the flush matter at the end, by adding at the end the following: "Ground ambulance services for which payment is made pursuant to paragraph (9) shall be paid at the base rate that would have been paid under the fee schedule established under 1834(l)

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(excluding any mileage payment) if the individual had been so transported and, with respect to ambulance services furnished by a critical access hospital or an entity described in paragraph (8) of such section, at the amount that otherwise would be paid under such paragraph.".

(b) EMERGENCY PERIOD EXCEPTION.—Section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)) is amended, in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "subsection (b)(8)" and inserting "paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (b)".

SEC. 9833. FUNDING FOR OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended, for oversight of activities supported with funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus 2019 or COVID–19, domestically or internationally.

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Subtitle M—Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

SEC. 9901. CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 602. CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

"(1) $219,800,000,000, to remain available through December 31, 2024, for making payments under this section to States, territories, and Tribal governments to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19); and

"(2) $50,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the costs of the Secretary for administration of the funds established under this title.

"(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—

"(1) PAYMENTS TO TERRITORIES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reserve $4,500,000,000 of the amount appropriated

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under subsection (a)(1) to make payments to the territories.

"(B) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount reserved under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) 50 percent of such amount shall be allocated by the Secretary equally to each territory; and

"(ii) 50 percent of such amount shall be allocated by the Secretary as an additional amount to each territory in an amount which bears the same proportion to ½ of the total amount reserved under subparagraph (A) as the population of the territory bears to the total population of all such territories.

"(C) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall pay each territory the total of the amounts allocated for the territory under subparagraph (B) in accordance with paragraph (6).

"(2) PAYMENTS TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reserve $20,000,000,000 of the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) to make payments to Tribal governments.

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"(B) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount reserved under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) $1,000,000,000 shall be allocated by the Secretary equally among each of the Tribal governments; and

"(ii) $19,000,000,000 shall be allocated by the Secretary to the Tribal governments in a manner determined by the Secretary.

"(C) PAYMENT.— The Secretary shall pay each Tribal government the total of the amounts allocated for the Tribal government under subparagraph (B) in accordance with paragraph (6).

"(3) PAYMENTS TO EACH OF THE 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reserve $195,300,000,000 of the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) to make payments to each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

"(B) ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amount reserved under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) $25,500,000,000 of such amount shall be allocated by the Secretary equally

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among each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia;

"(ii) an amount equal to $1,250,000,000 less the amount allocated for the District of Columbia pursuant to section 601(c)(6) shall be allocated by the Secretary as an additional amount to the District of Columbia; and

"(iii) an amount equal to the remainder of the amount reserved under subparagraph (A) after the application of clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph shall be allocated by the Secretary as an additional amount to each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia in an amount which bears the same proportion to such remainder as the average estimated number of seasonally-adjusted unemployed individuals (as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics program) in the State or District of Columbia over the 3-month period ending with December 2020 bears to the average estimated number of seasonally-adjusted unemployed individuals in all of the 50 States

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and the District of Columbia over the same period.

"(C) PAYMENT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the Secretary shall pay each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia, from the amount reserved under subparagraph (A), the total of the amounts allocated for the State and District of Columbia under subparagraph (B) in accordance with paragraph (6).

"(ii) MINIMUM PAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The sum of—

"(aa) the total amounts allocated for 1 of the 50 States or the District of Columbia under subparagraph (B) (as determined without regard to this clause); and

"(bb) the amounts allocated under section 603 to the State (for distribution by the State to nonentitlement units of local government in the State) and to metro-

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politan cities and counties in the State;

shall not be less than the amount allocated to the State or District of Columbia for fiscal year 2020 under section 601, including any amount paid directly to a unit of local government in the State under such section.

"(II) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary shall adjust on a pro rata basis the amount of the allocations for each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia determined under subparagraph (B)(iii) (without regard to this clause) to the extent necessary to comply with the requirement of subclause (I).

"(4) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY.—The amounts otherwise determined for allocation and payment under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) may be adjusted by the Secretary on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary to ensure that all available funds are allocated to States, territories, and Tribal governments in accordance with the requirements specified in each such paragraph (as applicable).

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"(5) POPULATION DATA.—For purposes of determining allocations for a territory under this section, the population of the territory shall be determined based on the most recent data available from the Bureau of the Census.

"(6) TIMING.—

"(A) STATES AND TERRITORIES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable, subject to clause (ii), with respect to each State and territory allocated a payment under this subsection, the Secretary shall make the payment required for the State or territory not later than 60 days after the date on which the certification required under subsection (d)(1) is provided to the Secretary.

"(ii) AUTHORITY TO SPLIT PAYMENT.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall have the authority to withhold payment of up to 50 percent of the amount allocated to each State and territory (other than payment of the amount allocated under paragraph (3)(B)(ii) to the District of Columbia)

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for a period of up to 12 months from the date on which the State or territory provides the certification required under subsection (d)(1). The Secretary shall exercise such authority with respect to a State or territory based on the unemployment rate in the State or territory as of such date.

"(II) PAYMENT OF WITHHELD AMOUNT.—Before paying to a State or territory the remainder of an amount allocated to the State or territory (subject to subclause (III)) that has been withheld by the Secretary under subclause (I), the Secretary shall require the State or territory to submit a second certification under subsection (d)(1), in addition to such other information as the Secretary may require.

"(III) RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS SUBJECT TO RECOUPMENT.—If a State or territory is required under subsection (e) to repay funds for failing to comply with subsection (c), the Secretary may reduce the amount other-

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wise payable to the State or territory under subclause (II) by the amount that the State or territory would otherwise be required to repay under such subsection (e).

"(B) TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—To the extent practicable, with respect to each Tribal government for which an amount is allocated under this subsection, the Secretary shall make the payment required for the Tribal government not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section.

"(C) INITIAL PAYMENT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Secretary shall pay the amount allocated under paragraph (3)(B)(ii) to the District of Columbia not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this section.

"(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraph (3), a State, territory, or Tribal government shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section, or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4), to cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—

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"(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

"(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

"(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency; or

"(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

"(2) FURTHER RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—A State or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in a rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.

"(B) PENSION FUNDS.—No State or territory may use funds made available under this section for deposit into any pension fund.

"(3) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—A State, territory, or Tribal government receiving a payment from funds made available under this section may transfer funds to a private nonprofit organization (as that term is defined in paragraph (17) of section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(17)), a Tribal organization (as that term is defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), a public benefit corporation involved in the transpor-

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tation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of State or local government.

"(d) CERTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State or territory to receive a payment under this section, or a transfer of funds under section 603(c)(4), the State or territory shall provide the Secretary with a certification, signed by an authorized officer of such State or territory, that such State or territory requires the payment or transfer to carry out the activities specified in subsection (c) of this section and will use any payment under this section, or transfer of funds under section 603(c)(4), in compliance with subsection (c) of this section.

"(2) REPORTING.—Any State, territory, or Tribal government receiving a payment under this section shall provide to the Secretary periodic reports providing a detailed accounting of—

"(A) the uses of funds by such State, territory, or Tribal government, including, in the case of a State or a territory, all modifications to the State's or territory's tax revenue sources during the covered period; and

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"(B) such other information as the Secretary may require for the administration of this section.

"(e) RECOUPMENT.—Any State, territory, or Tribal government that has failed to comply with subsection (c) shall be required to repay to the Secretary an amount equal to the amount of funds used in violation of such subsection, provided that, in the case of a violation of subsection (c)(2)(A), the amount the State or territory shall be required to repay shall be lesser of—

"(1) the amount of the applicable reduction to net tax revenue attributable to such violation; and

"(2) the amount of funds received by such State or territory pursuant to a payment made under this section or a transfer made under section 603(c)(4).

"(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall have the authority to issue such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section.

"(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) COVERED PERIOD.—The term 'covered period' means, with respect to a State, territory, or Tribal government, the period that—

"(A) begins on March 3, 2021; and

"(B) ends on the last day of the fiscal year of such State, territory, or Tribal government in

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which all funds received by the State, territory, or Tribal government from a payment made under this section or a transfer made under section 603(c)(4) have been expended or returned to, or recovered by, the Secretary.

"(2) ELIGIBLE WORKERS.—The term 'eligible workers' means those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each Governor of a State or territory, or each Tribal government, may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of their State, territory, or Tribal government.

"(3) PREMIUM PAY.—The term 'premium pay' means an amount of up to $13 per hour that is paid to an eligible worker, in addition to wages or remuneration the eligible worker otherwise receives, for all work performed by the eligible worker during the COVID–19 public health emergency. Such amount may not exceed $25,000 with respect to any single eligible worker.

"(4) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.

"(5) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

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"(6) TERRITORY.—The term 'territory' means the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

"(7) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'Tribal Government' means the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of enactment of this Act pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

"SEC. 603. CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $130,200,000,000, to remain available through December 31, 2024, for making payments under this section to metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19).

"(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—

"(1) METROPOLITAN CITIES.—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve $45,570,000,000 to make payments to metropolitan cities.

"(B) ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT.—From the amount reserved under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall allocate and, in accordance with paragraph (7), pay to each metropolitan city an amount determined for the metropolitan city consistent with the formula under section 106(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(b)), except that, in applying such formula, the Secretary shall substitute 'all metropolitan cities' for 'all metropolitan areas' each place it appears.

"(2) NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve $19,530,000,000 to make payments to States for distribution by the State to nonentitlement units of local government in the State.

"(B) ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT.—From the amount reserved under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall allocate and, in accordance

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with paragraph (7), pay to each State an amount which bears the same proportion to such reserved amount as the total population of all areas that are non-metropolitan cities in the State bears to the total population of all areas that are non-metropolitan cities in all such States.

"(C) DISTRIBUTION TO NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after a State receives a payment under subparagraph (B), the State shall distribute to each nonentitlement unit of local government in the State an amount that bears the same proportion to the amount of such payment as the population of the nonentitlement unit of local government bears to the total population of all the nonentitlement units of local government in the State, subject to clause (iii).

"(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

"(I) EXTENSION FOR DISTRIBUTION.—If an authorized officer of a State required to make distributions under clause (i) certifies in writing to

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the Secretary before the end of the 30-day distribution period described in such clause that it would constitute an excessive administrative burden for the State to meet the terms of such clause with respect to 1 or more such distributions, the authorized officer may request, and the Secretary shall grant, an extension of such period of not more than 30 days to allow the State to make such distributions in accordance with clause (i).

"(II) ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS.—

"(aa) IN GENERAL.—If a State has been granted an extension to the distribution period under subclause (I) but is unable to make all the distributions required under clause (i) before the end of such period as extended, an authorized officer of the State may request an additional extension of the distribution period of not more than 30 days. The Secretary may grant a request for an

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additional extension of such period only if—

"(AA) the authorized officer making such request provides a written plan to the Secretary specifying, for each distribution for which an additional extension is requested, when the State expects to make such distribution and the actions the State has taken and will take in order to make all such distributions before the end of the distribution period (as extended under subclause (I) and this subclause); and

"(BB) the Secretary determines that such plan is reasonably designed to distribute all such funds to non-entitlement units of local government by the end of the distribution period (as so extended).

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"(bb) FURTHER ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS.—If a State granted an additional extension of the distribution period under item (aa) requires any further additional extensions of such period, the request only may be made and granted subject to the requirements specified in item (aa).

"(iii) CAPPED AMOUNT.—The total amount distributed to a nonentitlement unit of local government under this paragraph may not exceed the amount equal to 75 percent of the most recent budget for the nonentitlement unit of local government as of January 27, 2020.

"(iv) RETURN OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.—Any amounts not distributed to a nonentitlement unit of local government as a result of the application of clause (iii) shall be returned to the Secretary.

"(D) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—If, by the end of the 120-day period that begins on the date a State receives a payment from the amount allocated under subparagraph (B) or, if

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later, the last day of the distribution period for the State (as extended with respect to the State under subparagraph (C)(ii)), such State has failed to make all the distributions from such payment in accordance with the terms of subparagraph (C) (including any extensions of the distribution period granted in accordance with such subparagraph), an amount equal to the amount of such payment that remains undistributed as of such date shall be booked as a debt of such State owed to the Federal Government, shall be paid back from the State's allocation provided under section 602(b)(3)(B)(iii), and shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

"(3) COUNTIES.—

"(A) AMOUNT.—From the amount appropriated under subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve and allocate $65,100,000,000 of such amount to make payments directly to counties in an amount which bears the same proportion to the total amount reserved under this paragraph as the population of each such county bears to the total population of all such entities and shall pay such allocated amounts to such counties in accordance with paragraph (7).

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"(B) SPECIAL RULES.—

"(i) URBAN COUNTIES.—No county that is an 'urban county' (as defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) shall receive less than the amount the county would otherwise receive if the amount paid under this paragraph were allocated to metropolitan cities and urban counties under section 106(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(b)).

"(ii) COUNTIES THAT ARE NOT UNITS OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—In the case of an amount to be paid to a county that is not a unit of general local government, the amount shall instead be paid to the State in which such county is located, and such State shall distribute such amount to each unit of general local government within such county in an amount that bears the same proportion to the amount to be paid to such county as the population of such units of general local government bears to the total population of such county.

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"(iii) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—For purposes of this paragraph, the District of Columbia shall be considered to consist of a single county that is a unit of general local government.

"(4) CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS.—A unit of general local government that has formed a consolidated government, or that is geographically contained (in full or in part) within the boundaries of another unit of general local government may receive a distribution under each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), as applicable, based on the respective formulas specified in such paragraphs.

"(5) PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY.—The amounts otherwise determined for allocation and payment under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) may be adjusted by the Secretary on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary to ensure that all available funds are distributed to metropolitan cities, counties, and States in accordance with the requirements specified in each paragraph (as applicable) and the certification requirement specified in subsection (d).

"(6) POPULATION.—For purposes of determining allocations under this section, the population of an entity shall be determined based on the most recent

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data are available from the Bureau of the Census or, if not available, from such other data as a State determines appropriate.

"(7) TIMING.—

"(A) FIRST TRANCHE AMOUNT.—To the extent practicable, with respect to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (1), each State for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government, and each county for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall pay from such allocation the First Tranche Amount for such city, State, or county not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section.

"(B) SECOND TRANCHE AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall pay to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (1), each State for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government, and each county for which an amount is allocated under paragraph (3), the Second Tranche Amount for such city, State, or county not earlier than 12

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months after the date on which the First Tranche Amount is paid to the city, State, or county.

"(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024—

"(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

"(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing

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grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

"(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

"(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

"(2) PENSION FUNDS.—No metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county may use funds made available under this section for deposit into any pension fund.

"(3) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—A metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county receiving a payment from funds made available under this section may transfer funds to a private nonprofit organization (as that term is defined in paragraph (17) of section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(17)), a public benefit corporation involved in the transpor-

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tation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of State or local government.

"(4) TRANSFERS TO STATES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county receiving a payment from funds made available under this section may transfer such funds to the State in which such entity is located.

"(d) REPORTING.—Any metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county receiving funds provided under a payment made under this section shall provide to the Secretary periodic reports providing a detailed accounting of the uses of such funds by such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county and including such other information as the Secretary may require for the administration of this section.

"(e) RECOUPMENT.—Any metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that has failed to comply with subsection (c) shall be required to repay to the Secretary an amount equal to the amount of funds used in violation of such subsection.

"(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall have the authority to issue such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section.

"(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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"(1) COUNTY.—The term 'county' means a county, parish, or other equivalent county division (as defined by the Bureau of the Census).

"(2) ELIGIBLE WORKERS.—The term 'eligible workers' means those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each chief executive officer of a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of their metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county.

"(3) FIRST TRANCHE AMOUNT.—The term 'First Tranche Amount' means, with respect to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(1), each State for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government, and each county for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(3), 50 percent of the amount so allocated to such metropolitan city, State, or county (as applicable).

"(4) METROPOLITAN CITY.—The term 'metropolitan city' has the meaning given that term in section 102(a)(4) of the Housing and Community Develop-

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ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(4)) and includes cities that relinquish or defer their status as a metropolitan city for purposes of receiving allocations under section 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306) for fiscal year 2021.

"(5) NONENTITLEMENT UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'nonentitlement unit of local government' means a 'city', as that term is defined in section 102(a)(5) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(5))), that is not a metropolitan city.

"(6) PREMIUM PAY.—The term 'premium pay' has the meaning given such term in section 602(g).

"(7) SECOND TRANCHE AMOUNT.—The term 'Second Tranche Amount' means, with respect to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(1), each State for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government, and each county for which an amount is allocated under subsection (b)(3), an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the amount so allocated to such metropolitan city, State, or county (as applicable).

"(8) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.

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"(9) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

"(10) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'unit of general local government' has the meaning given that term in section 102(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(1)).

"SEC. 604. CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $10,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for making payments to States, territories, and Tribal governments to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19).

"(b) PAYMENTS.—

"(1) MINIMUM AMOUNTS.—From the amount appropriated under subsection (a)—

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"(A) the Secretary shall pay $100,000,000 to each State;

"(B) the Secretary shall pay $100,000,000 of such amount in equal shares to the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau; and

"(C) the Secretary shall pay $100,000,000 of such amount in equal shares to Tribal governments and the State of Hawaii (in addition to the amount paid to the State of Hawaii under subparagraph (A)), of which—

"(i) not less than $50,000 shall be paid to each Tribal government; and

"(ii) not less than $50,000, and not more than $200,000, shall be paid to the State of Hawaii for the exclusive use of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Native Hawaiian Education Programs to assist Native Hawaiians in accordance with this section.

"(2) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—

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"(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount of the appropriation under subsection (a) that remains after the application of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make payments to States based on population such that—

"(i) 50 percent of such amount shall be allocated among the States based on the proportion that the population of each State bears to the population of all States;

"(ii) 25 percent of such amount shall be allocated among the States based on the proportion that the number of individuals living in rural areas in each State bears to the number of individuals living in rural areas in all States; and

"(iii) 25 percent of such amount shall be allocated among the States based on the proportion that the number of individuals with a household income that is below 150 percent of the poverty line applicable to a family of the size involved in each State bears to the number of such individuals in all States.

"(B) DATA.—In determining the allocations to be made to each State under subparagraph

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(A), the Secretary of the Treasury shall use the most recent data available from the Bureau of the Census.

"(c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall establish a process of applying for grants to access funding made available under section (b) not later than 60 days after enactment of this section.

"(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.

"(2) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

"(3) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'Tribal government' has the meaning given such term in section 602(g).

"SEC. 605. LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,000,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2023, with amounts to be obligated for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in accordance with subsection (b), for making payments under this section to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments.

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"(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—

"(1) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE REVENUE SHARING COUNTIES.—For each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the Secretary shall reserve $750,000,000 of the total amount appropriated under subsection (a) to allocate and pay to each eligible revenue sharing county in amounts that are determined by the Secretary taking into account economic conditions of each eligible revenue sharing county, using measurements of poverty rates, household income, land values, and unemployment rates as well as other economic indicators, over the 20-year period ending with September 30, 2021.

"(2) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—For each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the Secretary shall reserve $250,000,000 of the total amount appropriated under subsection (a) to allocate and pay to eligible Tribal governments in amounts that are determined by the Secretary taking into account economic conditions of each eligible Tribe.

"(c) USE OF PAYMENTS.—An eligible revenue sharing county or an eligible Tribal government may use funds provided under a payment made under this section for any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity.

"(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Any eligible revenue sharing county receiving a payment under this section

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shall provide to the Secretary periodic reports providing a detailed accounting of the uses of fund by such eligible revenue sharing county and such other information as the Secretary may require for the administration of this section.

"(e) RECOUPMENT.—Any eligible revenue sharing county that has failed to submit a report required under subsection (d) or failed to comply with subsection (c), shall be required to repay to the Secretary an amount equal to—

"(1) in the case of a failure to comply with subsection (c), the amount of funds used in violation of such subsection; and

"(2) in the case of a failure to submit a report required under subsection (d), such amount as the Secretary determines appropriate, but not to exceed 5 percent of the amount paid to the eligible revenue sharing county under this section for all fiscal years.

"(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) ELIGIBLE REVENUE SHARING COUNTY.—The term 'eligible revenue sharing county' means—

"(A) a county, parish, or borough—

"(i) that is independent of any other unit of local government; and

"(ii) that, as determined by the Secretary, is the principal provider of govern-

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ment services for the area within its jurisdiction; and

"(iii) for which, as determined by the Secretary, there is a negative revenue impact due to implementation of a Federal program or changes to such program; and

"(B) the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands.

"(2) ELIGIBLE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term 'eligible Tribal government' means the recognized governing body of an eligible Tribe.

"(3) ELIGIBLE TRIBE.—The term 'eligible Tribe' means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of enactment of this section pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

"(4) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.".

*(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended by striking "**FUND**" and inserting "**, FISCAL***

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RECOVERY, AND CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS".

Subtitle N—Other Provisions

SEC. 9911. FUNDING FOR PROVIDERS RELATING TO COVID–19.

Part A of title XI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 1150C. FUNDING FOR PROVIDERS RELATING TO COVID–19.

"(a) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, for fiscal year 2021, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $8,500,000,000 for purposes of making payments to eligible health care providers for health care related expenses and lost revenues that are attributable to COVID–19. Amounts appropriated under the preceding sentence shall remain available until expended.

"(b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible for a payment under this section, an eligible health care provider shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form and manner as the Secretary shall prescribe. Such application shall contain the following:

"(1) A statement justifying the need of the provider for the payment, including documentation of the

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health care related expenses attributable to COVID–19 and lost revenues attributable to COVID–19.

"(2) The tax identification number of the provider.

"(3) Such assurances as the Secretary determines appropriate that the eligible health care provider will maintain and make available such documentation and submit such reports (at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Secretary shall prescribe) as the Secretary determines is necessary to ensure compliance with any conditions imposed by the Secretary under this section.

"(4) Any other information determined appropriate by the Secretary.

"(c) LIMITATION.—Payments made to an eligible health care provider under this section may not be used to reimburse any expense or loss that—

"(1) has been reimbursed from another source; or

"(2) another source is obligated to reimburse.

"(d) APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS, RULES, AND PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall apply any requirements, rules, or procedures as the Secretary deems appropriate for the efficient execution of this section.

"(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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"(1) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term 'eligible health care provider' means—

"(A) a provider of services (as defined in section 1861(u)) or a supplier (as defined in section 1861(d)) that—

"(i) is enrolled in the Medicare program under title XVIII under section 1866(j) (including temporarily enrolled during the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) for such period);

"(ii) provides diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID–19; and

"(iii) is a rural provider or supplier; or

"(B) a provider or supplier that—

"(i) is enrolled with a State Medicaid plan under title XIX (or a waiver of such plan) in accordance with subsections (a)(77) and (kk) of section 1902 (including enrolled pursuant to section 1902(a)(78) or section 1932(d)(6)) or enrolled with a State child health plan under title XXI (or a waiver of such plan) in accordance with subparagraph (G) of section 2107(e)(1) (in-

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cluding enrolled pursuant to subparagraph (D) or (Q) of such section);

"(ii) provides diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID–19; and

"(iii) is a rural provider or supplier.

"(2) HEALTH CARE RELATED EXPENSES ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID–19.—The term 'health care related expenses attributable to COVID–19' means health care related expenses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, including the building or construction of a temporary structure, the leasing of a property, the purchase of medical supplies and equipment, including personal protective equipment and testing supplies, providing for increased workforce and training (including maintaining staff, obtaining additional staff, or both), the operation of an emergency operation center, retrofitting a facility, providing for surge capacity, and other expenses determined appropriate by the Secretary.

"(3) LOST REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID–19.—The term 'lost revenue attributable to COVID–19' has the meaning given that term in the Frequently Asked Questions guidance released by the Department of Health and Human Services in June

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2020, including the difference between such provider's budgeted and actual revenue if such budget had been established and approved prior to March 27, 2020.

"(4) PAYMENT.— The term 'payment' includes, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, a prepayment, a prospective payment, a retrospective payment, or a payment through a grant or other mechanism.

"(5) RURAL PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER.—The term 'rural provider or supplier' means—

"(A) a—

"(i) provider or supplier located in a rural area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

"(ii) provider treated as located in a rural area pursuant to section 1886(d)(8)(E);

"(B) a provider or supplier located in any other area that serves rural patients (as defined by the Secretary), which may include, but is not required to include, a metropolitan statistical area with a population of less than 500,000 (determined based on the most recently available data);

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"(C) a rural health clinic (as defined in section 1861(aa)(2));

"(D) a provider or supplier that furnishes home health, hospice, or long-term services and supports in an individual's home located in a rural area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

"(E) any other rural provider or supplier (as defined by the Secretary).".

SEC. 9912. EXTENSION OF CUSTOMS USER FEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "October 21, 2029" and inserting "September 30, 2030"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking "October 21, 2029" and inserting "September 30, 2030".

(b) RATE FOR MERCHANDISE PROCESSING FEES.—Section 503 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 112–41; 19 U.S.C. 3805 note) is amended by striking "October 21, 2029" and inserting "September 30, 2030".

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TITLE X—COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

SEC. 10001. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OPERATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized and appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $204,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for necessary expenses of the Department of State to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus domestically or internationally, which shall include maintaining Department of State operations.

SEC. 10002. UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized and appropriated to the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $41,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to carry out the provisions of section 667 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2427) for necessary expenses of the United States Agency for International Development to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus domestically or internationally, and for

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other operations and maintenance requirements related to coronavirus.

SEC. 10003. GLOBAL RESPONSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized and appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $8,675,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 531 of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346) as health programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, which shall include recovery from the impacts of such virus and shall be allocated as follows—

(1) $905,000,000 to be made available to the United States Agency for International Development for global health activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, which shall include a contribution to a multilateral vaccine development partnership to support epidemic preparedness;

(2) $3,750,000,000 to be made available to the Department of State to support programs for the prevention, treatment, and control of HIV/AIDS in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to mitigate the impact on such programs

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from coronavirus and support recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus, of which not less than $3,500,000,000 shall be for a United States contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

(3) $3,090,000,000 to be made available to the United States Agency for International Development to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, which shall include support for international disaster relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction, for health activities, and to meet emergency food security needs; and

(4) $930,000,000 to be made available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, which shall include activities to address economic and stabilization requirements resulting from such virus.

(b) WAIVER OF LIMITATION.—Any contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria made pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall be made available notwithstanding section 202(d)(4)(A)(i) of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7622(d)(4)(A)(i)), and such contribution shall not be considered a contribution for the purpose of applying such section 202(d)(4)(A)(i).

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SEC. 10004. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized and appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to carry out the provisions of section 2(a) and (b) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601(a) and (b)) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall not be made available for the costs of resettling refugees in the United States.

SEC. 10005. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized and appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $580,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to carry out the provisions of section 301(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2221(a)) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, which shall include support for the priorities and objectives of the United Nations Global Humanitarian Response Plan COVID–19 through voluntary contributions to international organizations and programs administered by such organizations.

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TITLE XI—COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

SEC. 11001. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.

(a) In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $6,094,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which—

(1) $5,484,000,000 shall be for carrying out the Act of August 5, 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the Transfer Act), the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and titles II and III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq. and 241 et seq.) with respect to the Indian Health Service, of which—

(A) $2,000,000,000 shall be for lost reimbursements, in accordance with section 207 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1621f);

(B) $500,000,000 shall be for the provision of additional health care services, services pro-

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vided through the Purchased/Referred Care program, and other related activities;

(C) $140,000,000 shall be for information technology, telehealth infrastructure, and the Indian Health Service electronic health records system;

(D) $84,000,000 shall be for maintaining operations of the Urban Indian health program, which shall be in addition to other amounts made available under this subsection for Urban Indian organizations (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603));

(E) $600,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID–19 vaccines, for the purposes described in subparagraphs (F) and (G), and for other vaccine-related activities;

(F) $1,500,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor COVID–19 infections, activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID–19, supplies necessary for such activities, for the purposes described in subparagraphs (E) and (G), and for other related activities;

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(G) $240,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, other public health workforce-related activities, for the purposes described in subparagraphs (E) and (F), and for other related activities; and

(H) $420,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses related to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services, for the purposes described in subparagraph (C) and paragraph (2) as related to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services, and for other related activities;

(2) $600,000,000 shall be for the lease, purchase, construction, alteration, renovation, or equipping of health facilities to respond to COVID–19, and for maintenance and improvement projects necessary to respond to COVID–19 under section 7 of the Act of August 5, 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2004a), the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and titles II and III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

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202 et seq.) with respect to the Indian Health Service; and

(3) $10,000,000 shall be for carrying out section 7 of the Act of August 5, 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2004a) for expenses relating to potable water delivery.

(b) Funds appropriated by subsection (a) shall be made available to restore amounts, either directly or through reimbursement, for obligations for the purposes specified in this section that were incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID–19 during the period beginning on the date on which the public health emergency was declared by the Secretary on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to COVID–19 and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) Funds made available under subsection (a) to Tribes and Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) shall be available on a one-time basis. Such nonrecurring funds shall not be part of the amount required by section 106 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5325), and such funds shall only be used for the purposes identified in this section.

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SEC. 11002. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $900,000,000 to remain available until expended, pursuant to the Snyder Act (25 U.S.C. 13), of which—

(1) $100,000,000 shall be for Tribal housing improvement;

(2) $772,500,000 shall be for Tribal government services, public safety and justice, social services, child welfare assistance, and for other related expenses;

(3) $7,500,000 shall be for related Federal administrative costs and oversight; and

(4) $20,000,000 shall be to provide and deliver potable water.

(b) EXCLUSIONS FROM CALCULATION.—Funds appropriated under subsection (a) shall be excluded from the calculation of funds received by those Tribal governments that participate in the "Small and Needy'" program.

(c) ONE-TIME BASIS FUNDS.—Funds made available under subsection (a) to Tribes and Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) shall be available on a one-time basis. Such non-recurring funds shall not be part of the amount required by section 106 of the Indian Self-

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Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5325), and such funds shall only be used for the purposes identified in this section.

SEC. 11003. HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $750,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, for activities and assistance authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), under title VIII of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), and under section 106(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 with respect to Indian tribes (42 U.S.C. 5306(a)(1)), which shall be made available as follows:

(1) HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS.—$455,000,000 shall be available for the Native American Housing Block Grants and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant programs, as authorized under titles I and

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VIII of NAHASDA, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) FORMULA.—Of the amounts made available under this paragraph, $450,000,000 shall be for grants under title I of NAHASDA and shall be distributed according to the same funding formula used in fiscal year 2021.

(B) NATIVE HAWAIIANS.—Of the amounts made available under this paragraph, $5,000,000 shall be for grants under title VIII of NAHASDA.

(C) USE.—Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be used by recipients to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to maintain normal operations and fund eligible affordable housing activities under NAHASDA during the period that the program is impacted by coronavirus. In addition, amounts made available under subparagraph (B) may be used to provide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families both on and off the Hawaiian Home Lands.

(D) TIMING OF OBLIGATIONS.—Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be used, as necessary, to cover or reimburse allow-

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able costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus that are incurred by a recipient, including for costs incurred after January 21, 2020.

(E) WAIVERS OR ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) or regulation applicable to the Native American Housing Block Grants or Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of amounts made available under this paragraph.

(F) UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.—Amounts made available under this paragraph which are not accepted, are voluntarily returned, or otherwise recaptured for any reason shall be used to fund grants under paragraph (2).

(2) INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.—$280,000,000 shall be available for grants under title I of the Housing and Community Develop-

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ment Act of 1974, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) USE.—Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety and are designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(B) PLANNING.—Not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds made available under this paragraph shall be expended for planning and management development and administration.

(C) TIMING OF OBLIGATIONS.—Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be used, as necessary, to cover or reimburse allowable costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus incurred by a recipient, including for costs incurred after January 21, 2020.

(D) INAPPLICABILITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES CAP.—Indian tribes may use up to 100 percent of any grant from amounts made available under this paragraph for public services activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

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(E) WAIVERS OR ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) or regulation applicable to the Indian Community Development Block Grant program other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of amounts made available under this paragraph.

(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—$10,000,000 shall be used to make new awards or increase prior awards to existing technical assistance providers to provide an immediate increase in training and technical assistance to Indian tribes, Indian housing authorities, tribally designated housing entities, and recipients under title VIII of NAHASDA for activities under this section.

(4) OTHER COSTS.—$5,000,000 shall be used for the administrative costs to oversee and administer the implementation of this section, and pay for associated

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information technology, financial reporting, and other costs.

SEC. 11004. COVID–19 RESPONSE RESOURCES FOR THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES.

(a) Section 816 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2992d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $20,000,000 to remain available until expended, to carry out section 803C(g) of this Act.".

(b) Section 803C of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 2991b–3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this subsection, the Secretary shall award grants to entities eligible to receive assistance under subsection (a)(1) to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages during and after the public health emergency declared by the Secretary pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health

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Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to the COVID–19 pandemic.".

SEC. 11005. BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Bureau of Indian Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $850,000,000, to remain available until expended, to be allocated by the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education not more than 45 calendar days after the date of enactment of this Act, for programs or activities operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education, for Bureau-funded schools (as defined in section 1141(3) of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021(3)), and for Tribal Colleges or Universities (as defined in section 316(b)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)(3))).

SEC. 11006. AMERICAN INDIAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $190,000,000, to remain available until expended, for awards, which shall be determined by the Secretary of Education not more than 180 calendar days after the date of enactment of this Act, of which—

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(1) $20,000,000 shall be for awards for Tribal education agencies for activities authorized under section 6121(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7441(c));

(2) $85,000,000 shall be for awards to entities eligible to receive grants under section 6205(a)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7515(a)(1)) for activities authorized under section 6205(a)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7515(a)(3)); and

(3) $85,000,000 shall be for awards to entities eligible to receive grants under section 6304(a)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7544(a)(1)) for activities authorized under section 6304(a)(2–3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7544(a)(2–3)) and other related activities.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Protecting the Vulnerable

- A cornerstone of the Governor's mission in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has been the protection of our most vulnerable residents.

- Took swift action by putting measures in place to prevent and limit the spread of the virus in our nursing homes, long-term care facilities and other assisted living facilities:
    - Issued an Emergency Order requiring comprehensive screenings of both staff and visitors at long-term care facilities and restricted visitation.
    - Deployed Florida National Guard Strike Teams to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to assist in testing of staff and residents. Staff members were required to submit to testing every two weeks.
    - Required hospitals to test all individuals discharged to a long-term care facility and requiring long-term care facilities to transfer COVID-19 positive residents if the facility is not equipped for appropriate care.
    - Established COVID-19-dedicated nursing facilities to serve patients in need of long-term care services who have contracted COVID-19 in an effort to contain and halt the spread in long-term care facilities.
    - Expanded telemedicine capabilities for certain services such as behavioral analysis, early intervention, therapy, and medical services to ensure continuity of care for our residents.
    - Created a Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long –Term Care Facilities to develop a re-opening plan that prioritized resident and staff safety while reuniting loved ones.
        - Based on the Task Force recommendations, safely lifted visitation restrictions in long-term care facilities and provided PPE to these facilities to assist with a safe re-opening.

- Provided services and resources to those seniors not in long-term care facilities, but whose lives were disrupted and still needed necessary services and help in dealing with the effects of social isolation:
    - Used federal CARES Act funding to:
        - Provide meals to seniors in their homes to ensure all individuals who usually received meals in a congregate setting, such as a local Senior Center, prior to the pandemic were provided meals via home delivery during the pandemic. Nearly 15.5 million meals have been distributed to seniors statewide through the Area Agencies for Aging and community partnerships. This is an increase of more than 200% in meal services compared to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic.
        - Provide supportive outreach services to the elderly, as a way to telephonically check in on their well-being throughout the pandemic.
    - Partnered with local communities and businesses to launch initiatives to combat the impact of social isolation, including:

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        - Providing Therapeutic Robotic Pets to serve as companion pets to help address issues related to socially isolated seniors and caregivers of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.
        - Utilizing virtual technology like tablets through the Project VITAL initiative to relieve the difficult symptoms of social isolation for residents in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. This has allowed residents to stay connected with loved ones, remain mentally stimulated and combat loneliness.
        - Providing MP3 Players to socially isolated seniors and adults living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia as studies suggest that listening to music can have numerous positive effects on health during social isolation.
        - Distributing Scent Kits to caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia or and may have an increased tendency to wander and become lost. These kits provide an effective response system to locate missing individuals and return them to safety using K-9 responders.

- Released an online survey to allow residents, especially older adults, to make important self-assessments on their COVID-19 behaviors through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
    - The survey asks Floridians to review their decisions with respect to COVID-19 situations, to see how different actions affect their own health, and the health of others. The Florida Safe Survey allows individuals to have a tool at their disposal that fully engages them in the outcomes of their actions

Regional, Data-Driven and Methodical Approach to Fighting the Pandemic

- Set up and supported statewide community-based testing sites and operations. These include walk-up and drive-thru testing sites (both state and county managed), pop-up testing sites at Home Depot, Publix, and town center or mall locations, airport screening, mobile testing via the Mobile Testing Lab, testing at long-term care facilities, and statewide Incident Management Team operations.
    - (As of 12/20) 112 Testing Sites have been operational, testing a total of 3,532,237 individuals. Note, not all sites are still operational.
    - (As of 12/20) With all testing partners, including testing site, long-term care, and private sector, over 13,100,000 tests have been conducted in Florida.

- Spearheaded Florida's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan and worked with the federal government to secure therapeutic treatments for those most vulnerable to the virus:
    - As of 12/20, 43,716 residents have received first doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

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- Supplied personal protective equipment, testing materials, sanitization materials, and other support to all 67 Florida counties.

- The Florida Department of Health (DOH) received $450 million to expand laboratory testing and response activities related to COVID-19.
    - DOH invested more than $251 million to expand epidemiological investigations and contact tracing statewide and hired 3,792 OPS employees and utilized an additional 4,656 full-time employees who were redirected to assist in response activities.

- Launched an advertising campaign to inform the public on social distancing, handwashing, wearing masks, and avoiding the 3 C's (Closed spaces, Crowded places, and Close-Contact settings).

- Implemented the COVID-19 Youth Campaign to communicate important information regarding COVID-19 to youth and young adults in Florida, particularly the importance of following guidelines that support Florida's safe reopening. Since the launch of the campaign, ads have run across all platforms (Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and Snapchat). The ads have received a total of 2,115,957 video views.

- Created *One Goal One Florida*, an initiative to unite Floridians and urge them to work together in the fight against COVID-19.

- Led the charge on a safe and methodical approach to re-opening Florida's economy with the Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step phased approach for the safe and methodical re-opening of Florida's economy.
    - The Governor convened more than 20 hours of conference call meetings with members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force, representing small business, healthcare, education and industry leaders from across our great state.

- Signed Executive Order 20-244 (and subsequent extension), which moved Florida into Phase 3 of re-opening and preserved the right for every Floridian to work or operate a business.
    - This order pre-empted local regulations that would prevent individuals from operating a business.

Protecting the Right to Work / Economic Relief

- Activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

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    - The bridge loan program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), provided short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19. Allocated $50 million to the program.

- Utilized funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide economic relief to Floridians:
    - Reserved $1.27 billion for counties with populations less than 500K to respond to their local pandemic response needs.
        - Counties have received and obligated more than $1.249 billion.
        - Counties are on track to draw down the remaining $25.6 million.
    - Committed $250 million for rental and mortgage assistance to ensure housing stability.
        - $70 million has been committed for assistance to 12,263 affordable housing tenant households.
        - $141.5 million provided for low-income tenants has been disbursed to sub-recipients.
        - $2 million has been committed for 32 permanent supportive housing developments serving 2,101 households.

Safely Re-opening Schools

- Successfully re-opened K-12 schools for the 2020-2021 school year, while also offering parents the choice to utilize virtual education and distance learning.

- Allocated important resources to facilitate broader use of virtual education:
    - Provided a webpage to teachers and parents to ensure they have a one-stop shop for educational needs for distance learning. This site has free resources for educators, students and parents; best practices for distance learning; frequently asked questions; and guidance on topics, including assessments, IEPs, instructional hours and many more.
    - Distributed 32,614 laptop computers to 34 mostly small, rural school districts throughout Florida.

- Ensured all school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten, public K-12, private scholarship programs, career and technical centers, and state college programs would be fully funded as though there was no disruption through 2019-2020.

- The Florida Department of Education's Office of Early Learning, in coordination with local early learning coalitions, prioritized and increased access to child care services for first responders and health care professionals and provided $66.5 million in funding.

- Funded early learning coalitions on enrollment, instead of attendance, and provided them with $55 million in relief grants to child care providers that stayed

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open; $33.8 million in reopening grants to high quality child care providers; and $19.8 million in assistance grants to help child care providers remain open.

- Waived fees for teacher certification examinations.
    - Approximately 50,000 individuals registered to take the Florida Teacher Certification Examination using the fee waiver. This represents nearly 100,000 actual exam registrations for a savings value of nearly $17 million for Florida educators.

Expediting Transportation Construction Projects

- Accelerated 57 critical infrastructure projects during the reduction of traffic statewide, including significant portions of the I-4 Ultimate Project in Orlando.

- Assisted with maintenance of traffic in coordination with state, local and law enforcement agencies at COVID-19 testing sites, hospitals, and Florida Department of Health facilities.

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Laws Mandating Coprescription of Naloxone and Their Impact on Naloxone Prescription in Five US States, 2014-2018.pdf
Treatment for opioid use disorder in the Florida medicaid population Using a cascade of care model to evaluate quality.pdf

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FYI – let's discuss.

From: "Dunn, Nathan P" <Nathan.Dunn@flhealth.gov>
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 3:47 PM
Subject: DPAC - (Reminder) Request for Executive Summary Content for 2021 Annual Report

Dear Council Members and Designees,
This is a reminder regarding the below request for Executive Summary content for the 2021 DPAC Annual Report. Please provide any updates or new information for the Executive Summary section by **Friday, February 26, 2021.** Also, the next virtual meeting of DPAC will take place on April 20, 2021 from 8:30AM to 12:30 PM. Thank you.
Nathan

From: Dunn, Nathan P <Nathan.Dunn@flhealth.gov>
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Dear Council Members and Designees,

In preparation for the 2021 Annual Report for the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council, please prepare any updated or new information for the Executive Summary area of the report. You can review the Executive Summary area of the 2020 Annual Report beginning on page 12 of the attached document. Please provide any updates or new information for the Executive Summary section by **Friday, February 26, 2021**.

In addition, please note the below email and the attached reports from Jeff Cece with the Florida Department of Children and Families (January 26, 2021):

> Nathan,
>
> I believe at some point in the past several years, DPAC recommended that naloxone be prescribed to patients at-risk of overdose, specifically those with a prescription for an opioid pain medication. The attached study from the *American Journal of Public Health* examines the impact of Florida's co-prescription mandate effectuated in 2018, in comparison with four other states.
>
> In addition, please see the attached study from the *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol*

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Abuse, which examines the use of medications (buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone), retention in treatment, and mortality among over 25,866 Florida Medicaid enrollees with opioid use disorders, using 2017 and 2018 data.

- Jeff

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Thank you very much.
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To the Governor,

the President of the Senate,

and the Speaker of the
House of Representatives

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Acronyms Used in this Report

ACE	Adverse Childhood Experience
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
AHCA	Agency for Health Care Administration
AMA	American Medical Association
API	Application Programming Interface
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
BCOR	Building Communities of Recovery
CAT	Community Action Team
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDP	Community Driven Product
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CHD	County Health Department
CHIP	Community Health Improvement Plan
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CMS	Case Management System
CNPPA	Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act
COPS	Community Oriented Policy Services
DATA 2000	Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000
DCF	Florida Department of Children and Families
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DEN	Drug Epidemiology Network
DOE	Florida Department of Education
DOH	Florida Department of Health
ED	Emergency Department
EDR	Electronic Death Registration
EIS	Epidemic Intelligence Service
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMSTARS	EMS Tracking and Reporting System

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FAC	Florida Administrative Code
FADAA	Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FD&C Act	Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
FDC	Florida Department of Corrections
FDLE	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FHA	Florida Hospital Association
FIT	Family Intensive Treatment
FL-DOSE	Florida's Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology
FLHealthCHARTS	Florida Health Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set
FPQC	Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FYSAS	Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey
HEROS	Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
IDEA	Infectious Disease Elimination Act
LTC	Long-Term Care
MAT	Medication Assisted Therapy
ME	Medical Examiner
MHPAEA	Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
MMA	Managed Medical Assistance
MORE	Maternal Opioid Recovery Effort
MTF	Monitoring the Future
NAS	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
NASTAD	National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NSDUH	National Survey on Drug Use and Health
OD2A	Overdose Data to Action Grant
ODMAP	Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program

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OMNI	Opioid, Maternal Health, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy
OUD	Opioid Use Disorder
PDMP	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
POSC	Plans of Safe Care
RCO	Recovery Community Organization
ROSC	Recovery Oriented System of Care
RDSTF	Regional Domestic Security Task Force
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAPT	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
SBIRT	Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
SEOW	State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup
SEP	Syringe-Exchange Program
SMMC	Statewide Medicaid Managed Care
SOR	State Opioid Response
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STR	State Targeted Response
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

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Message from the State Surgeon General Scott A. Rivkees, MD

The 2020 Annual Report of the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council (Council) has been made available for policymakers and statewide leadership. This report is provided during a year in which Florida has faced the additional challenges of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. While our resources addressed the pandemic, we continued to focus on the opioid epidemic and other substance abuse issues in Florida. Section 397.333, Florida Statutes, directs the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to serve as the coordinating entity for the Council, and the content of this report reflects the updates and information from the Council members.

Early in 2020, the work of the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse was completed. Led by Attorney General Ashley Moody, this Task Force comprised expertise in law enforcement, mental health, policy, addiction and education. The Task Force produced a report which outlined several positive steps the state may take to move toward eliminating the opioid epidemic. The Council members have reviewed the Task Force report, and they have included helpful supporting items in this 2020 Annual Report. The Task Force report can be accessed at this location: https://doseofrealityfl.com/pdfs/opioid-task-force-findings-recommendations-opioid-abuse.pdf

Throughout Florida's response efforts to COVID-19, we have seen indications of increased substance abuse. The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) indicates that nationally, compared to last year, drug overdoses increased 18 percent in March 2020, 29 percent in April 2020, and 42 percent in May 2020.[1]

Despite these troubling trends, DOH continues to partner with local and state agencies and strategic organizations to increase prevention initiatives and help save the lives of those who struggle with substance abuse. In September 2019, DOH's state health office and the Broward, Duval and Palm Beach county health departments (CHDs) were awarded funding through the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This three-year funding provides $58.8 million for surveillance strategies that will improve the collection and timely dissemination of actionable overdose data. The funding will also be used for prevention strategies implemented at the local level.

During the first year of the OD2A grant, the state health office allocated $2.2 million in mini-grants to fourteen counties to assist local communities experiencing high impacts from the overdose epidemic. All fourteen counties received funding toward accomplishing core surveillance and prevention activities of the OD2A objectives. Five counties also received additional funding to implement evidence-based curriculums in public schools, and two counties received additional funding to pilot community paramedicine projects focused on improving patient follow-up among individuals most at risk of overdosing. The state also allocated funding to support five Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) opioid fellows assigned to CHDs.

DOH continues to operate the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) program through funding provided by the Governor and the Legislature. Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020, DOH provided approximately 305,095 doses of naloxone to approximately 291 agencies that employ licensed emergency responders in 58 of Florida's 67 counties. In order to accelerate the process of shipping naloxone to emergency responder agencies, the HEROS program established a monthly rounds system. The program will review applications

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during each round, determine successful applicants and place orders for naloxone to help keep our communities safe.

DOH's Opioid Use Dashboard was recently updated with 2019 data for opioid-related non-fatal overdose emergency department visits and hospitalizations, as well as all drug-related non-fatal overdose emergency department visits and hospitalizations. DOH also released 2018 data in the Opioid Use Dashboard for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Birth Defect. The information can be accessed at this location: http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.OpioidUseDashboard.

The Council has proposed several significant recommendations for our policy makers and state agencies to consider. Information regarding prevention steps will continue to guide agencies in addressing core messages to help youth avoid drug use and promote treatment options. There is important information about the need to expand the use of naloxone in our communities. The 2020 Annual Report also addresses the need to ensure an adequate workforce composed of physicians with a specialty in addiction medicine, individuals with lived experience and peers attempting to enter the workforce to assist those with substance abuse issues. There are also critical recommendations to enhance and expand the use of data.

I would like to emphasize how grateful we are for the members of the Council. These experts are giving their professional time to serve the people of Florida in addressing drug policy. DOH remains committed to supporting this critical Council and the important work that is being done.

Scott A. Rivkees, MD
State Surgeon General

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Summary of 2020 Meetings
Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council

As required by section 397.333(4)(b), Florida Statutes, Florida's Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council's (Council) 2020 Annual Report analyzes the problem of substance abuse in the state and provides updates on recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for consideration.

On January 28, 2020 the Council heard a presentation regarding the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant. In September 2019, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) state health office and the Broward, Duval, and Palm Beach County Health Departments (CHDs) were awarded funding through the OD2A grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This three-year grant provides $58.8 million for surveillance strategies to improve the collection and timely dissemination of actionable overdose data, and prevention strategies implemented at the local level that are informed by more timely data streams. The state also allocated funding to support five Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) opioid fellows assigned to CHDs. There was also a presentation from Duval CHD, one of the three counties that received OD2A funding. Duval County had more than 550 opioid deaths in 2017. The Council also received a legislative update on relevant bills. Some of the bills discussed included Senate Bill (SB) 298 Prior Authorization for Opioid Alternatives, House Bill (HB) 743 Nonopioid Alternatives, and HB 339 Drug Trafficking Offenses. Council members provided individual updates.

On April 21, 2020 the Council was scheduled to meet. However, due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), this meeting was postponed.

On July 21, 2020 the Council heard a presentation on "Community Partnerships to Reduce Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome & Improve Maternal Recovery from Opioid Use Disorder." This focused on the work of the Maternal Opioid Recovery Efforts (MORE) initiative and the "Urgent Maternal Mortality Message." This work is important because drug-related deaths are now the leading cause of death to mothers during pregnancy or within one year afterwards in Florida. Twenty-three hospitals participate in the MORE initiative, which represents 35 percent of births in the state. The goal is to link these hospitals with community partners, as they all touch substance-affected mothers, infants, and families. There was a presentation on "Addressing Behavioral Health through Community Health Improvement Planning" which focused on the community health improvement plan (CHIP) process, reviewing behavioral health activities addressed in CHIPs, and recognizing the impact of COVID-19 on community health improvement planning. As of March 2020, 88 percent of Florida counties address behavioral health within their CHIPs. Common behavioral health themes in CHIPs include: education/awareness (substance use, opioid prescribing practices, trauma), trainings (mental health first aid, Naloxone administration), access to behavioral health services (transportation, telehealth), and screening/care coordination. There was also a presentation on "Florida Medicaid Coverage of Telemedicine & Telehealth" was presented as well. Florida Medicaid serves approximately 4 million of Florida's most vulnerable citizens, including children, pregnant women, older adults, and persons with disabilities. The Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program was implemented in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and updated in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The three components of the SMMC program are: Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) – acute care like doctor visits, etc., Long-Term Care (LTC) – care given in a nursing home or assisted living facility, and Dental. With Medicaid covering telemedicine, there are many benefits of telemedicine for patients. These include expanded access and after-hours care, remote monitoring, and management for chronic conditions, reduced hospital readmissions, reduced waiting times to see a practitioner, reduced travel time and cost, and better access to specialists. Additional benefits for those with behavioral health disorders, including substance use disorder (SUD) includes more expedient access to specialists or other

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providers not otherwise available, for example crisis intervention, evaluation to determine diagnosis or treatment recommendation, and medication management. There was also a presentation on the OD2A grant. The grant supports awareness and education provided through media campaigns and community and school-based collaborations for prevention. In addition, the grant includes Florida's Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology (FL-DOSE) and it supports increased Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and community paramedicine for patient follow-up. The Council members shared individual updates and discussed the status of the 2020 Annual Report.

Council members requested a meeting to focus fully on the 2020 Annual Report. On September 8, 2020, the Council met and reviewed the recommendations from the 2019 DPAC Annual Report. Members discussed which recommendations needed to be revised or deleted. There was also a discussion about new recommendations that may be added to the report. Several Council members were asked to make revisions and provide that information to DOH. The draft 2020 DPAC Annual Report will be edited and a revised version will be provided to the Council members before the next meeting.

On October 20, 2020 the Council held the fourth meeting of the year. There were four presentations. Mary Mayhew, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Florida Hospital Association, spoke about preventing overdose deaths in hospitals and opportunities to further partner with the Council. Dr. Yuri Maricich, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Pear Therapeutics, gave a presentation about prescription digital therapies which are intended to increase the retention of patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) in outpatient treatment by providing cognitive behavioral therapy. Annie White, Assistant Special Agent in Charge with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Office of Statewide Intelligence did a presentation on the Overdose Mapping and Application Program (ODMAP). In addition, Dr. Jared Jashinsky, Epidemiologist & Project Manager with DOH presented "Recent Trends in Fatal and Non-fatal Overdoses." This presentation focused on preliminary data regarding drug overdoses in early 2020. The Council also reviewed the recommendations for the 2020 Annual Report and voted to approve the report.

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2020 Recommendations
Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council

1. Establish the Florida Office of Drug Control.

2. State agencies and commercial health plans provided service delivery flexibilities to respond to the challenges related to the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder care during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is recommended that the state agencies, commercial health plans, and other private payors permanently adopt these flexibilities, specifically:
   - Waiving prior authorization requirements and services limits (frequency, duration, and scope) for all behavioral health services (including targeted case management).
   - Maintaining payment parity for telehealth services by reimbursing services provided via telemedicine at the same rate as face-to-face encounters.
   - Expanding coverage of telehealth services to include telephone communications, only when rendered by licensed psychiatrists and other physicians, physician extenders, and licensed behavioral health practitioners.
   - Requiring managed care plans to waive limits on medically necessary services when additional services will maintain the health and safety of an enrollee diagnosed with COVID-19 or when it is necessary to maintain an enrollee safely in their home.
   - Using audio-only services when video capability is not available, and services can only be provided telephonically, which should be thoroughly documented.

3. Develop and implement a substance-use prevention strategy designed to reduce drug use among youth (ages 12-17). The strategy should focus on (1) the deployment of a unified anti-drug messaging campaign, (2) increase/maintain substance use prevention efforts by securing/sustaining front-end prevention funding, and (3) by expanding state partnerships with anti-drug coalitions, educational institutions, law enforcement, and other members of the 12 Community Sectors. Collectively, these efforts will enhance substance use prevention efforts, allow for the unified employment of limited resources towards a common goal, and reduce the impact of substance use among youth by 10 percent and marijuana use among youth by 3 percent.

4. Deploy an evidence-based substance use prevention program designed to reduce drug use among youth (ages 12-17). The curriculum should focus on evidence-based and/or evidence-informed prevention strategies proven to reduce substance use, while also increasing youth resiliency, coping strategies, positive mental health, and responsible decision-making. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) should lead, in collaboration with DOH and the Florida Department of Education (DOE), a statewide initiative designed to increase and coordinate prevention efforts across Florida through a partnership with coalitions, community SUD providers, school districts, faith-based groups, and business entities. The end goal is to better link existing prevention education programs with Florida's educators, and reduce substance use and abuse among Florida's youth.

5. Develop and implement a comprehensive e-cigarette/e-liquid prevention strategy designed to reduce vaping among youth (ages 11-17) and limit the negative health effects associated with e-cigarettes, e-liquids, and/or other vaping materials.

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6. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with SUDs, as well as those at-risk of developing those disorders.[2] To evaluate what evidence-based practices are presently in use in Florida to identify problematic alcohol or drug behavior in the primary care setting and to promote the implementation of SBIRT in our state, the following is recommended:
    - DOH should lead an initiative to review the extent SBIRT and/or other evidence-based practices are utilized in primary care settings across Florida to identify and intervene with patients showing symptoms of problematic alcohol and/or drug use.
    - Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) should report to the Legislature on the availability of Medicaid coverage for SBIRT, and if not available, what changes to the state's Medicaid plan, billing, and coding practices would need to be made to implement SBIRT.
7. When filling prescriptions for controlled substances, strongly encourage pharmacies to educate consumers on safe medication storage and disposal procedures. Establish a media campaign to educate consumers on reason for safe use, safe storage, and safe disposal and the location of safe disposal boxes in each community.
8. Expanding naloxone availability among people who use drugs and their peers through hospital emergency departments (ED) and floor units (with little to no paperwork, and no separate trip to the pharmacy), Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/fire rescue naloxone leave-behind programs, CHDs, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
9. Encourage county commissions to establish Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP).
10. Encourage the continued establishment of warm handoff programs from hospital EDs to community OUD treatment providers to address opioid overdoses; issue naloxone to overdose patients before they leave the ED; and have AHCA report on the extent warm handoff protocols have been implemented in EDs across the state.
11. Expand additional fellowship and residency programs for physicians to obtain a specialty in addiction medicine with a goal of increasing physicians with an addiction medicine specialty.
12. Pass model legislation that will align Florida law with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and require all state health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurance to report annually on the implementation of the parity act in Florida. These reports should be transparent and available to inform the public.
13. State health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurers should remove prior authorization requirements for evidence-based MAT to allow for use of medications such as buprenorphine, naltrexone, naloxone, and methadone.
14. Promote legislation that adds the Secretary of AHCA and the Commissioner of the Office of Insurance Regulation as members to the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.
15. Continue the statewide Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) initiative designed to promote and enhance recovery efforts in Florida and support the continued development of recovery community organizations (RCOs) and a statewide RCO that helps link community initiatives.
16. Develop and implement a stigma reduction campaign designed to reduce the shame associated with SUD and other mental illness/injuries. Messaging should increase the awareness of MAT options, reduce the stigma associated with addiction, and inform the public of the many benefits that come with obtaining psychological and/or counseling services from a licensed professional.

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17. Evaluate the impact of SB 1120 (2020): Substance Abuse Services on agency background screening requirements related to the eligibility of individuals with lived experience/peers attempting to enter the workforce; continue efforts to reduce the administrative burden of the background screening and exemption process; promote consistency among state agencies related to the background screening exemption process; ensure an individual with lived experience is part of the exemption review panel; and have AHCA, DCF, and the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) provide an annual report on the number of individuals that applied for an exemption, actual timeframes for the process, and number approved/disapproved with reasons why.
18. Create a statewide dashboard of substance abuse data measures that are readily available to policy makers and the public and can be used to monitor trends and identify emerging threats.
19. Encourage all counties and municipalities to implement the ODMAP system in locations and agencies that do not participate in real-time overdose tracking. Through wider utilization, law enforcement and non-EMSTARS (EMS Tracking and Reporting System) fire departments can track suspected overdose activity throughout all 67 counties. Agencies can utilize information obtained through ODMAP to identify high risk areas, equip personnel for increased overdose activity, and to warn neighboring agencies of sudden overdose activity within their counties and/or suspected transit routes.
20. The Council recommends the modernization, improvement, and appropriate funding for the Baker and Marchman Acts to increase effectiveness of the Baker and Marchman Acts to serve the people of Florida.

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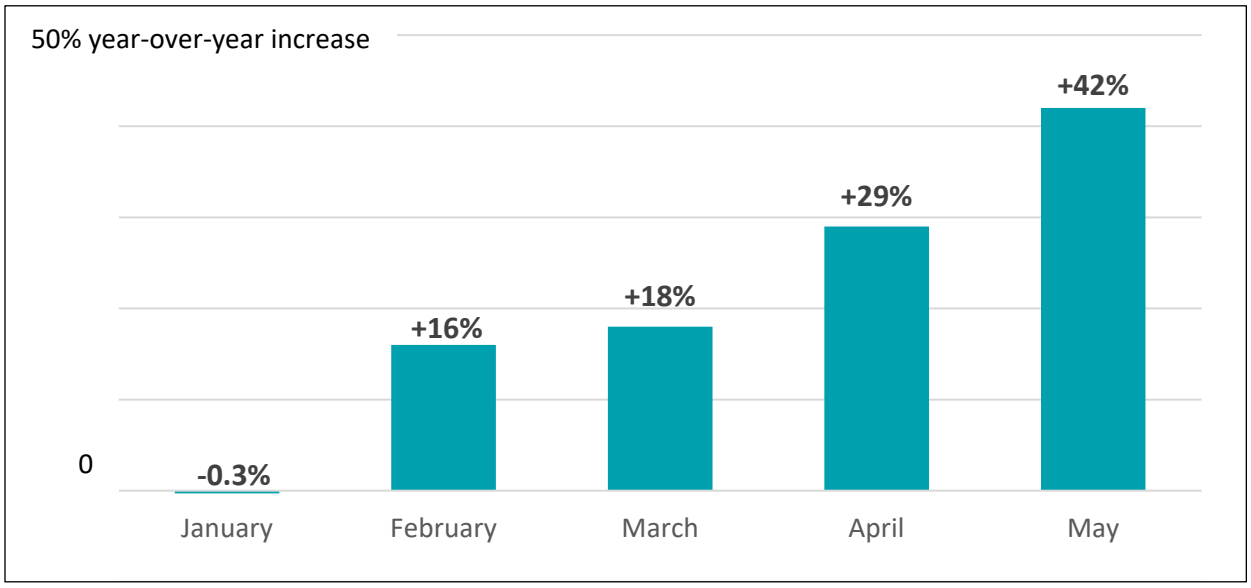
Executive Summary

Introduction

Florida and the entire nation face ongoing drug-related threats like the opioid epidemic while dealing with the new challenge of COVID-19 infections. Initial data is indicating that our communities are experiencing an increase in drug abuse during this time of COVID-19. Data from the ODMAP indicated that nationally, compared to last year, drug overdoses increased 18 percent in March 2020, 29 percent in April 2020, and 42 percent in May 2020.[3]

Figure A. Percent increase in overdoses per month in 2020, compared to same months in 2019



Note: Percent growth reference the 1,201 agencies reporting to ODMAP by January 2019.[4]

Preliminary data from DOH indicate that there was a spike in fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses in Florida starting in March 2020. Monthly fatal overdoses were 571 in March 2020, 606 in April 2020, and 707 in May 2020, compared with a monthly average of 501 cases from previous months. The preliminary data also indicate that monthly fatal overdoses for women of child bearing was 103 in March 2020, 107 in April 2020, and 126 in May 2020, compared with a monthly average of 75 overdoses from previous months. The data also indicate that the non-fatal drug overdose rate increased in all seven of Florida's Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) regions between March 2020 and May 2020.[5]

Regarding the percentage of surveyed Florida youth who vaped nicotine (e-cigarettes, vape pens, JUUL), in their lifetime and past 30 days, there has been a decrease among high school students among lifetime use from 17.4% (2019) to 15.6% (2020).[6] These continuing risks provide the need for ongoing collaboration at the local, state, and national level.

Need for Services and Receipt of Services among the General Population

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) provides important estimates of substance use, SUDs, and other mental illnesses at the national, state, and sub-state levels. The NSDUH is an annual survey of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population ages 12 and older, using face-to-face, computer-assisted interviews. The NSDUH collects information from

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residents of households, persons in noninstitutionalized group quarters (e.g., shelters, rooming/boarding houses, college dormitories, migratory worker camps, and halfway houses), and civilians living on military bases. Persons excluded from the survey include persons with no fixed household address (e.g., homeless and/or transient persons not in shelters), active-duty military personnel, and residents of institutional group quarters, such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, mental health institutions, and long-term hospitals. State- and sub-state level estimates are usually based on two-year or three-year averages to enhance precision. There is usually at least a two-year lag between the date when the data are collected, and the state-level estimates are published.

According to the most recently published, Florida-specific estimates from the 2017-2018 NSDUH, approximately 4.3 percent of children ages 12-17 and 6.6 percent of adults ages 18 and older experienced a SUD in the past year.[7] The majority of individuals with substance use disorders do not receive treatment, including approximately 92 percent of individuals with alcohol use disorders and 87 percent of individuals with an illicit drug use disorder.[8] It is important to note, the vast majority (96%) of individuals classified by the NSDUH as needing, but not receiving, substance use treatment also report that they did not feel they needed it. Only about 1 percent felt they needed treatment and made an effort to get it.[9]

The State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)

Florida's SEOW plays several roles in state, regional, and community drug-related morbidity and mortality surveillance. Membership (n = 18) consists of epidemiologists and individuals who are knowledgeable about substance use issues including prevention, intervention, and treatment. Participating entities include DCF, FDLE–Medical Examiners (ME) Commission, DOH, AHCA, and the DOE. In addition, the SEOW's composition includes a representative from each of the Drug Epidemiology Networks (DENs) that operate across the state of Florida. Through the Partnerships for Success grant, eight counties were selected for DEN development and implementation including Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Manatee, Palm Beach, Taylor, Walton and Washington. Both the SEOW and individual DENs produce annual reports that are reviewed by DCF and incorporated into appropriate strategic initiatives. These reports indicate that fentanyl and fentanyl-analogs continue to drive overdoses, including deaths involving cocaine. Polydrug toxicity is still the most common pattern observed among deaths caused by drugs. Rural counties reported an increase in heroin use and the emergence of fentanyl. An updated SEOW Report will be available at the end of November 2020 at the following location: https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/.

Primary Prevention of Substance Use: Trends from the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS)

Substance use among youth in Florida continues to trend downward. Among middle and high school students in Florida, between 2008 and 2020, the prevalence of lifetime alcohol use decreased from 53 percent to 35 percent and the past 30-day prevalence of alcohol use decreased from 30 percent to 15 percent. Regarding binge drinking by students (in the past two weeks), the prevalence decreased from 15 percent to 7 percent. High school students are asked if they ever woke up after a night of drinking and did not remember the things they did or the places they went. Between 2014 and 2020, the lifetime prevalence of "blacking out" among high school students decreased from 19 percent to 14 percent.

Regarding marijuana use, the prevalence of lifetime and past 30-day marijuana use among middle and high school students between 2008 and 2020 is essentially flat. Lifetime prevalence decreased from 21 percent to 20 percent, and past 30-day prevalence was approximately 11 percent in both 2008 and 2020. Looking more specifically at vaping marijuana, approximately 16 percent of middle and high school students reported vaping marijuana at least once in their

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lifetime in 2020, and approximately 7 percent done so in the past 30-days. Regarding the use of any illicit drug other than marijuana, the lifetime prevalence decreased from 21 percent to 14 percent between 2008 and 2020. The prevalence of the current (past 30-day) use of any illicit drugs other than marijuana decreased from 9 percent to 6 percent.[10]

In the area of prevention, the Florida National Guard Counterdrug Program provided the "Night Vision Anti-Drug" presentation to 17,339 elementary, middle, and high school students during the 2020 calendar year.

Opioid Epidemic

The Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners 2019 Annual Report indicated that there were 6,128 opioid-related deaths reported (which averages more than 16 deaths per day). This is 552 more than the previous year, which represents slightly under a 10 percent increase. Overall, 7,142 individuals died with one or more prescription drugs in their system, which is a 7 percent increase. The drugs were identified as either the cause of death or merely present in the decedent. These drugs may have also been mixed with illicit drugs and/or alcohol. The drugs that caused the most deaths were fentanyl (3,244), cocaine (1,843), benzodiazepines (1,074, including 614 alprazolam deaths), morphine (984), fentanyl analogs (922), ethyl alcohol (989) and heroin (809).[11]

Evidence-Based Responses to the State of Emergency Due to the Epidemic of Opioid-Related Deaths

DCF has taken the lead regarding the deployment of evidence-based resources to prevent opioid-related deaths. State and federal funds, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Targeted Response (STR) grant, State Opioid Response (SOR), and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant, are directed at the most effective interventions. According to a model published in the *American Journal of Public Health* in 2018, the interventions that will reduce the greatest number of opioid overdose deaths over 5 to 10 years in the U.S. are identified in the table below.[12] All of these interventions were recommended by the Council in previous Annual Reports. An update on each of them follows.

Figure B. Evidence-Based Interventions to Reduce Opioid Deaths Nationwide Over 5 to 10 Years[13]

Intervention	Estimated Number of Opioid Deaths Prevented Over 5 Years	Estimated Number of Opioid Deaths Prevented Over 10 Years
Expansion of Naloxone Availability	10,200	21,200
Expanded Access to MAT	4,900	12,500
Expansion of Syringe Exchange Programs	2,700	5,900
Reduced Prescribing for Acute Pain	1,900	8,000
Expansion of Prescription Drug Disposal Programs	300	2,400

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Expansion of Naloxone Availability

Research indicates that naloxone distribution can reduce opioid overdose rates by as much as 11 percent to 46 percent.[14] It is conservatively estimated that one heroin-related overdose death is prevented for every 164 naloxone kits distributed.[15] In addition, studies suggest that increasing health awareness through training programs that accompany naloxone distribution may reduce the use of opioids and increases users' desire to seek addiction treatment.[16] DCF initiated an Overdose Prevention Program in August 2016. The program has been funded through a variety of sources, including State General Revenue, the SAPT block grant, the STR grant, and the SOR grant. Organizations enrolled in the program distribute free, take-home naloxone kits directly to people who use drugs or are otherwise at risk of experiencing an overdose and to their loved ones who may witness an overdose. There are currently 149 organizations participating in the program, including substance use and mental health treatment facilities, hospital EDs, harm reduction programs, peer recovery organizations, homeless service providers, FQHCs, and other community-based organizations. Since the start of the program, over 104,000 naloxone kits have been distributed from participating providers and over 5,000 overdose reversals have been reported. In order to take the fight against opioid deaths to the next level, DCF and the Council endeavor to increase the number of hospital ED sites participating in the naloxone distribution program and the number of EMS/fire rescue naloxone leave-behind programs in operation. In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, there were 10 ED sites participating in the program. In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 15 additional EDs were enrolled, bringing the current total to 25 EDs. In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, there were only five EMS/Fire naloxone leave-behind programs in operation. In FY 2019-2020, an additional five programs were enrolled, bringing the current total up to 10 leave-behind programs.

In response to the nationwide opioid epidemic, funding has been made available through DOH for emergency opioid antagonists. DOH has established the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) program for the purpose of acquiring emergency opioid antagonists for agencies that employ emergency responders. Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020 HEROS provided approximately 305,095 doses of naloxone to approximately 291 agencies that employ licensed emergency responders. DOH has spent $9.7 million or 97 percent of the $10 million ($5 million allocation each Fiscal Year) allocation. In addition, DOH has provided naloxone to agencies that employ licensed emergency responders in 58 of Florida's 67 counties. Since July 1, 2020, DOH has accelerated the process to ship naloxone to emergency responder agencies by establishing monthly rounds. The goal is to review applications during each round, determine successful applicants, and place orders for naloxone based on available funding and applicants meeting HEROS program requirements the first week of the next month. The HEROS program will complete six application rounds between July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Expanded Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Methadone and buprenorphine maintenance are effective ways to decrease the illicit use of opioids and reduce the risk of overdose. Research shows the risk of fatal overdoses is at least cut in half when individuals are enrolled in agonist (methadone or buprenorphine) maintenance treatment for opioid dependence.[17] Expansion of access to MAT continues through DCF's SOR grant, funded by SAMHSA through 2022 as described in the table below:

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Figure C. DCF – SOR grant

Grant	Project Period	Annual Award Amounts
State Opioid Response (SOR) 1	9/30/2018 through 9/29/2020 No Cost Extension Approved	$76,186,527 (Year 1) $50,056,851 (Year 2)
State Opioid Response (SOR) 2	9/30/2020 through 9/29/2022	$100,170,437 (Year 1) $100,170,437 (Year 2)

Additionally, in 2017 there were only 65 authorized buprenorphine prescribers in DCF's network of publicly-funded treatment providers. There are now 108 prescribers. For clients who have already completed opioid detoxification, long-acting injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol) is another U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medication that helps prevent relapse. The number of Vivitrol prescribers in DCF's network quadrupled, increasing from only 11 prescribers in early 2017 up to 45 prescribers in 2020. Under SOR 1, nearly 12,000 individuals received MAT (including 3,722 served with methadone, 5,523 served with buprenorphine, and 770 served with Vivitrol).

Expansion of Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs)

SEPs are front line public health interventions that effectively reduce the spread of HIV and hepatitis C by reducing the sharing, reuse, and circulation of syringes and injecting equipment.[18] Research shows that every dollar spent on SEPs saves at least three dollars in averted treatment costs.[19] SEPs provide a range of comprehensive healthcare services including testing and counseling for various infectious diseases, overdose prevention, and vaccinations. SEPs also facilitate recovery by linking people with SUDs to treatment services.[20] Florida's first legal SEP –called the Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange–opened in Miami-Dade County on December 1, 2016. The program provides compassionate and nonjudgmental services and empowers people who use drugs to make healthier and safer choices regardless of whether they are ready to stop using drugs. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, 710 participants were served. During this time, 302 participants were tested for HIV and 264 participants were tested for hepatitis C. In addition, 71 participants entered drug counseling or treatment.[21]

Senate Bill 366, the Infectious Disease Elimination Programs, passed in 2019, permits county commissions to authorize the establishment of additional SEPs through county ordinances.[22] The law requires county commissioners to take several steps including enlisting the help of CHDs to provide ongoing advice and recommendations regarding program operation. Additional information can be found at this location: http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/idea/exchange.html.

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Grant

In September 2019, the DOH state health office and the Broward, Duval, and Palm Beach CHDs were awarded grant funding through the OD2A grant from the CDC. This three-year grant provides $58.8 million for (A) surveillance strategies to improve the collection and timely dissemination of actionable overdose data, and (B) prevention strategies implemented at the local level that are informed by more timely data streams. During year 1 of the grant, the state health office allocated $2.2 million in mini-grants to 14 counties to assist local communities experiencing high impacts from the overdose epidemic. All 14 counties received funding to accomplish core surveillance and prevention activities of OD2A, including support for awareness campaigns to highlight the risks of OUD and enhancements to surveillance systems

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and data collection efforts to assist with monitoring overdose trends, understanding which populations are most at risk to prioritize resources, and evaluating ways to distribute resources. Five counties also received additional funding to implement evidence-based curriculums in public schools (Brevard, Manatee, Nassau, Pasco, and Sarasota) and two counties received additional funding to pilot community paramedicine projects to improve patient follow-up among individuals most at risk of overdosing (Clay and Marion). The state also allocated funding to support five Florida EIS opioid fellows assigned to CHDs.

Opioid, Maternal Health, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative (OMNI)

Florida was one of five states to be selected by the CDC and Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) for a site placement of a Maternal & Neonatal Opioid Prevention Coordinator to support the OMNI. The coordinator's role was specifically designed to support the MORE project by identifying and drawing together stakeholders in communities with high rates of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) to help connect resources, identify system barriers, and share insights, gaps, and lessons learned with the broader Florida NAS stakeholder group.

In response to the growing opioid crisis and the resulting increase in NAS, the DOH partnered with the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC) at the University of South Florida, to implement the MORE Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to increase the number of pregnant women with OUD who receive treatment during pregnancy and maintain treatment after delivery. Florida's Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review committee released an Urgent Maternal Mortality Message this year, emphasizing that drug-related deaths were the leading cause of death to mothers during pregnancy or within one year afterwards in 2017, accounting for one in four of these deaths in Florida.

Hospitals face significant challenges addressing issues contributing to these high rates of maternal death, and there are several opportunities for improving interventions, including reducing the risk of overdose, reducing the impact/severity of NAS by getting women into treatment as early as possible, and addressing other system barriers, such as the availability of universal SBIRT at each point of interaction with women with OUD. To be successful in each of these areas, it is essential to help hospitals connect with the system of care in their community to develop a cohesive approach to identification, referral, and treatment.

A shortage of MAT providers still presents barriers to care for women in communities throughout Florida. In community visits, the shortage of MAT, behavioral health, and inpatient bed services for pregnant and postpartum women was the single biggest challenge reported, with 15 out of 18 communities citing this as a barrier. Most counties also identified fragmented care, poor systems for referral, and outdated data systems as a barrier to care.

Although AHCA successfully removed the pre-authorization requirement for MAT, some communities are still facing barriers with this as the policy change is not fully understood by payers or pharmacists. DOH will work with AHCA to continue to educate pharmacists and payers about changes regarding MAT prescribing.

Finally, the majority of counties had concerns about the acceptability of treatment. Even when women were identified as needing treatment for OUD, they often refused treatment due to fear of repercussions, stigmas, and the overarching fear of losing custody of their infant. The initiative worked with women in recovery to develop a short video that can be used to encourage women to seek needed care. DOH is working with the DCF and Healthy Start to develop a framework and messaging for Plans of Safe Care (POSC) that will help improve POSCs across the state, improve reporting, and train providers on how to use motivational interviewing to engage women and encourage them to start the treatment and recovery process.[23]

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Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

The PDMP provides data related to controlled substance prescriptions in the state. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, there were 30,355,360 controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to Florida patients, a 2.6 percent decline from the previous year. In addition, 4.9 million people in Florida were prescribed one or more controlled substances, a decrease of 8.4 percent. Alprazolam, oxycodone SA, and hydrocodone SA were ranked the top three most commonly dispensed controlled substances for the fifth year in a row, together representing 35.6 percent of the total controlled substances dispensed from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Drugs with the largest year-to-year decreases in dispensing were hydrocodone SA (-7.9%), temazepam (-6.1%), and tramadol SA (-3.8%). [24]

Behavioral Health Workforce

Florida is experiencing a shortage of health care professionals to meet the growing needs of our state. For behavioral health professionals, the shortage is reaching near critical levels. Supply and demand for behavioral health practitioners are affected by factors including: population growth, aging of Florida's population, expansion of insurance coverage, changes in health care reimbursement, retirement, attrition, reduction in stigma to seek care, the opioid epidemic, low reimbursement rates, and geographic location of the health care workforce. While need grows, the workforce remains static at best. Meanwhile, Florida's aging population (age 65 and older) is expected to exceed any other age group by 2030 causing a dynamic shift in future behavioral health care needs. A recent addition to the behavioral health workforce has been the utilization of peers with lived experience, however, many of these individuals are unable to work due to background screening requirements and the bureaucratic burden of seeking an exemption. In addition, the size of the medical workforce with a specialty in addiction medicine is inadequate to meet the state's growing needs.[25]

Florida Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse

The Council wishes to thank the Florida Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse for the recommendations contained in their 2020 report. The Task Force report was extensive and multifaceted, and it identified a variety of promising interventions. The Task Force also highlighted a set of priority recommendations, and the Council would like to echo and amplify the Task Force's call to increase access to MAT and associated psychosocial support services, including peer-based recovery support services and naloxone distribution. Research reviewed and summarized by this Council shows that this approach is the most effective way to reduce opioid-related deaths. The Task Force is also commended for highlighting the importance of screening and brief interventions, warm handoffs, mobile medication teams, telehealth, inmate reentry planning, improved data sharing, and school-based prevention programs and many other worthy suggestions which complement the conclusions of this Council. Additional information is available at this location: https://DoseofRealityFL.com.

Law Enforcement Perspective

Florida law enforcement remains engaged in the current effort to reduce the availability of heroin, fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, and other substances contributing to opioid involved overdose and overdose deaths. Efforts to reduce deaths involving specific opioids (heroin and fentanyl analogs) appear to be trending slowly in a positive direction, based on indicators used to gauge illicit drug activities and the drug abuse environment.

According to the Drugs Identified in Deceased Persons by Florida Medical Examiners (2019 Interim Report), opioid involved deaths increased by 2 percent over the same period (January through June) in 2018; opioid-caused deaths also increased (6%). Deaths involving heroin, fentanyl, and fentanyl analogs also increased. The most significant increase were deaths

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involving fentanyl which increased 26 percent; and deaths caused by fentanyl increased 28 percent. Decreases were seen within the prescription opioid category; deaths caused by hydrocodone decreased 1 percent and deaths caused by oxycodone decreased by 16 percent.

A comparison of FDLE laboratory submissions between 2018 and 2019 revealed increases in heroin, fentanyl, morphine, and buprenorphine. Prescription opioids, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and oxycodone decreased. Consistent with the trend noted in last year's data, were increased laboratory submissions of methamphetamine. Increases, in both the occurrence of methamphetamine in the deceased, and in the cause of death in the deceased were also noted in the interim report of the Florida MEs.

In September 2019, Florida was one of eight states named among the recipients of grant funding from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant proposal outlined an initiative to expand the use of naloxone (Narcan) by law enforcement responders who are first on the scene of a suspected opioid overdose. The proposal also outlined a plan to share overdose data from law enforcement and EMS in Florida with community health and mental health services in an effort to mitigate opioid overdose deaths in Florida through overdose follow-up activities. As a result of the collaborative project, suspected overdose surveillance data is available in near real-time, supporting public safety and public health efforts to mobilize an immediate response to a sudden increase, or spike in overdose events. In July 2020, FDLE was awarded approximately $2.2 million in federal grant funds through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to augment investigations related to the distribution of illicit opioids including heroin, fentanyl, Carfentanil, and other fentanyl derivatives; as well as the illegal distribution of diverted prescription opioids. Both of these grant funded opportunities will assist law enforcement in creating inroads for collaboration with the public health sector (prevention/treatment) as well as curbing the availability of opioids (supply reduction).

While the opioid crisis continues, the availability of other illicit drugs also impacts Florida to varying degrees across regions. In particular, methamphetamine is gaining a foothold in many areas of the state. This is not the home-brew methamphetamine that has long been an issue in certain regions. The availability of a manufactured methamphetamine from super labs south of the U.S./Mexico border has increased substantially over the past few years. This availability has become more widespread across the state and is not merely a regional problem. The geographical size and diverse population of Florida has resulted in diverse drug problems across the state.

There are two important national issues in 2019 and 2020 relative to the impact that the supply and demand has on the price of some illicit drugs. First, are the conditions at the border. With increased security and scrutiny, the volume of drugs successfully making it across the border may be reduced, at least until cartels make adaptations to counter actions by border security agents. A reduced supply can often result in higher drug prices for the consumer. Second, the COVID-19 lockdown may also impact the ability to move contraband (drugs/drug proceeds) in either direction across the border. Both issues may provide opportunities for enhanced interdiction. While progress continues in combatting illegal drug activities throughout Florida, and tackling the opioid crisis continues to be a priority, impacts of widespread use of many other dangerous drugs will require vigilance from the law enforcement community, in partnership with other stakeholder groups.

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1. Modernize medical examiner data systems to reduce the wait time to obtain and produce invaluable drug-related death information.

The DOH Bureau of Vital Statistics is seeking to improve the timeliness and the quality of drug overdose information regarding death records and the transfer of this information between systems. Florida will develop a pilot between two ME districts for the collection and the transfer of relevant drug information from the toxicology lab (University of Florida), to the MEs Case Management Systems (CMS) and then transfer data to DOH Bureau of Vital Statistics Electronic Death Registration (EDR) system. Data will then go to the ME Commission and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The goal of this effort is to concentrate on improving the time it takes for the data to get back to the CMS and have the data uploaded electronically through an Application Programming Interface (API), thereby saving considerable time from using paper/fax/pdf reports and the ME's re-keying data into the CMS.

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2020 Recommendations

1. Establish the Florida Office of Drug Control.

The Council supports Governor Ron DeSantis' decision to re-establish the Florida Office of Drug Control. The legislature should reestablish the office in statute and provide the required resources to employ a director and support staff to implement the work of the Florida Office of Drug Control.

Due to the fact that addiction tears at the fabric of communities across the state, it is imperative that various levels of government at the federal, state, county, and local level work together with non-governmental entities and stakeholders to address this problem. A multidisciplinary approach is necessary to address this priority and to ensure the correct balance between awareness, prevention, treatment, law enforcement, legislative priorities, and policy.

Creation of a statewide Office of Drug Control is a proven strategy that results in a coordinated effort across all state entities to promote drug control strategies, support interdiction efforts, and provide leadership in ensuring prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts are appropriately coordinated and funded. The Director and staff serve at the pleasure of the Governor and are responsible for all matters related to the research, coordination, and execution of programs related to alcohol and drug control. Typical duties of such an office include:

- Development and implementation of a statewide strategic plan to reduce the prevalence of alcohol and substance use and abuse in Florida.
- Annually submit to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives a report on the effectiveness of state policies and coordinated state efforts to address alcohol and substance abuse and addiction; the effectiveness of illegal drug interdiction efforts; the promotion of healthy, drug free communities; and the progress of executive agencies in implementing initiatives outlined in the strategic plan.
- Review existing research on effective intervention, prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies and use this information to promote substantive policy.
- Monitor data trends related to use, abuse, supply, drug crimes, overdoses, prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- Manage a statewide dashboard of alcohol and substance use data that is readily available to policy makers and the public and can be used to forecast trends and threats.
- Issue policy recommendations to executive branch agencies that will result in greater coordination and collaboration related to resource utilization and service linkage.
- Coordinate media and other public information campaigns to: inform on the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse; promote healthy, drug free living; respond to emergencies such as the opioid/overdose epidemic; promote prevention; and highlight the benefits of treatment and recovery support services

The U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a model for this type of initiative. By congressional authorization, the office will annually set forth a comprehensive plan for the year to reduce illicit drug use and the consequences of such use by promoting prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support for individuals with SUDs.

The 1999 Florida Drug Control Strategy stated "it is the express intent of the law establishing the Office of Drug Control to establish and institutionalize a rational process for long-range planning, information gathering, strategic decision making, and funding for the purpose of

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limiting substance abuse in Florida." [26] The Florida Drug Control Strategy 1999-2005 produced by the former Florida Office of Drug Control documented how agencies were working together on an initiative to revise administrative rules governing substance abuse programs. These agencies included the DCF, the FDC, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and other partners. The Florida Drug Control Strategy 1999-2005 indicates opportunities for better coordination among agencies and law enforcement to reduce substance abuse. [27]

2. State agencies and commercial health plans provided service delivery flexibilities to respond to the challenges related to the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder care during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is recommended that the state agencies, commercial health plans, and other private payors permanently adopt these flexibilities, specifically:

- **Waiving prior authorization requirements and services limits (frequency, duration, and scope) for all behavioral health services (including targeted case management).**
- **Maintaining payment parity for telehealth services by reimbursing services provided via telemedicine at the same rate as face-to-face encounters.**
- **Expanding coverage of telehealth services to include telephone communications, only when rendered by licensed psychiatrists and other physicians, physician extenders, and licensed behavioral health practitioners.**
- **Requiring managed care plans to waive limits on medically necessary services when additional services will maintain the health and safety of an enrollee diagnosed with COVID-19 or when it is necessary to maintain an enrollee safely in their home.**
- **Using audio-only services when video capability is not available, and services can only be provided telephonically, which should be thoroughly documented.**

These flexibilities resulted in continued care, addressed transportation concerns, and allowed access to care that was not previously available. The pandemic has been traumatic and has impacted our collective sense of well-being.[28] This trauma will be long lasting for children, adults, and families and medical providers are also experiencing a significant increase in individuals seeking care and a higher acuity in patients presenting for treatment that will continue well beyond the emergency period. These individuals require their managed care plans to waive limits on medically necessary services when these treatments/services will be needed to maintain the health and safety of an enrollee diagnosed with COVID-19, or when it will be necessary to maintain an enrollee safely in their home.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the delivery of mental health and SUD prevention, as well as treatment and recovery services across Florida and the country, challenging traditional delivery systems. Assisting this effort was the innovation and waiver of rules authorized by federal and state agencies and commercial health plans to allow flexibilities related to telehealth and audio-only telephonic services. Without these flexibilities, access to services would have been significantly diminished due to social distancing restraints, availability of transportation, stay in place orders, and quarantine requirements. Community mental health and SUD service providers report that the flexibilities allowed providers to continue serving clients during a period of increased anxiety, depression, psychosis, and substance abuse directly related to the isolation and economic uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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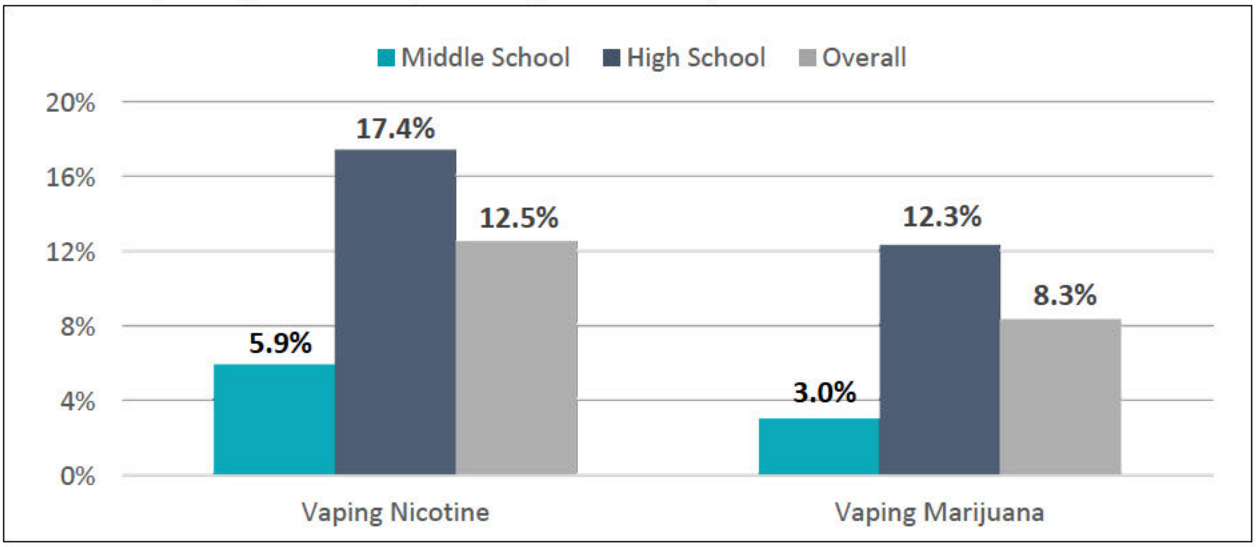
Prevention

3. Develop and implement a substance-use prevention strategy designed to reduce drug use among youth (ages 12-17). The strategy should focus on (1) the deployment of a unified anti-drug messaging campaign, (2) increase/maintain substance use prevention efforts by securing/sustaining front-end prevention funding, and (3) by expanding state partnerships with anti-drug coalitions, educational institutions, law enforcement, and other members of the 12 Community Sectors. Collectively, these efforts will enhance substance use prevention efforts, allow for the unified employment of limited resources towards a common goal, and reduce the impact of substance use among youth by 10 percent and marijuana use among youth by 3 percent.

In many ways, Florida has made significant gains in preventing substance use among youth. According to the 2019 FYSAS high school students reported a 22.2 percent reduction in their past 30-day alcohol use, 12.9 percent reduction in tobacco use, and 1 percent reduction in marijuana use as compared to 2004.[29] Despite these gains, new trends demonstrate the need for concern. According to the 2019 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey, 25.4 percent of 12th graders have used some form of e-cigarette to consume liquid nicotine within the past 30 days. The MTF survey further outlined a 4.2 percent increase in the vaping of marijuana and a 5.6 percent increase in the vaping of nicotine.[30] The 2019 FYSAS also noted that 17.4 percent of Florida's high school students vape nicotine and another 12.3 percent vape marijuana.[31]

Figure D
Past 30-Day E-Cigarette/E-Liquid Use (2019 FYSAS)



Recognizing vaping as an enduring and significant problem, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded their anti-vaping/e-cigarette prevention campaign. The campaign, entitled "The Real Cost," is part of the FDA's ongoing effort to protect youth from the dangers associated with e-cigarettes. The FDA uses a science-based approach to educate young people on the dangers of e-cigarettes and it hopes to reach 10 million students nationally. To deploy their message, the FDA employs television ads, online videos, websites, social media, and printed materials distributed throughout the U.S. at no cost to the end user.[32] With the use of a multifaceted drug

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prevention campaign, Florida can reduce and/or delay the use of alcohol, e-cigarettes, tobacco, and/or other recreational drugs by youth ages 12-17. To maximize impact, community partners such as the DCF, DOE, Florida National Guard Counterdrug Program, and other anti-drug organizations should be engaged in the process.

Preventing drug use before it starts is a fundamental tenet of a comprehensive approach to drug control. The science of prevention has evolved and significantly improved. Decades of research shows that prevention is most effective when carried out over the long-term with repeated evidence-based interventions.[33] Additional prevention strategies which have proved successful include the deployment of anti-drug awareness campaigns, expansion of drug take-back events, and the strengthening of anti-drug coalitions across Florida. To succeed in prevention efforts, Florida should continue to support its anti-drug coalitions by maintaining or expanding grant opportunities similar to DCF's Prevention Partnership grants, SAMHSA grants, and the ONDCP grants.[34, 35, 36] Funds obtained through these sources are used to implement evidence-based prevention programs, fund local prevention messaging campaigns, and expand prescription drug take-back events.

These intervention initiatives conducted in conjunction with a large-scale, multi-agency prevention campaign would potentially have a significant impact to the community. Partner organizations and community stakeholders would utilize their already existing social media platforms, websites, and other media outlets to dispatch substance use prevention messages. As a result, these messages would be more widely available throughout the state and at minimal cost to the taxpayer. Statistical analysis continues to demonstrate that combining multiple evidence-based approaches in a comprehensive prevention program is more effective than a single activity alone. Moreover, these early investments yield large dividends in substantially reduced treatment and criminal justice costs, saving taxpayer dollars while reducing the number of young people whose lives are tragically affected by early substance abuse.[37] By ensuring prevention funding is continually available, local communities will consistently provide substance use prevention efforts throughout Florida. These funds will allow for the better integration of the 12 Community Sectors, which in turn, will improve a greater understanding of addiction, reduce the impact of stigma, and allow for the unified deployment of limited resources towards a healthier community.

4. Deploy an evidence-based substance use prevention program designed to reduce drug use among youth (ages 12-17). The curriculum should focus on evidence-based and/or evidence-informed prevention strategies proven to reduce substance use, while also increasing youth resiliency, coping strategies, positive mental health, and responsible decision-making. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) should lead, in collaboration with DOH and the Florida Department of Education (DOE), a statewide initiative designed to increase and coordinate prevention efforts across Florida through a partnership with coalitions, community SUD providers, school districts, faith-based groups, and business entities. The end goal is to better link existing prevention education programs with Florida's educators, and reduce substance use and abuse among Florida's youth.

In Florida, over 660,000 adults and 181,000 children live with a serious mental illness.[38] The initial onset of many mental health and/or SUDs typically occurs during childhood or adolescence. This information provides state and local leadership with an opportunity to address these issues prior to an individual reaching a crisis state. Communities can do this by implementing evidence-based practices designed to treat mental health issues early and prevent substance use among youth.

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Florida's communities are geographically and culturally unique. Therefore, all evidence-based practices must be flexible and adaptable to the needs of specific populations. These practices must contain a core prevention foundation that remains uniform across the state and provides guidance to administrators on acceptable changes or adaptations in methods of delivery. This process would ensure fidelity and provide measurable, repeatable, and effective outcomes. Collaboration between evidence-based administrators, researchers, and developers would be mandatory. To facilitate this process, SAMHSA has established an evidence-based practice online resource center. The SAMHSA resource center contains a collection of evidence-based resources for a broad range of audiences. These resources include substance use prevention plans, treatment improvement protocols, toolkits, resource guides, clinical practice guidelines, and science-based resources.[39]

Governor DeSantis identified quality mental and emotional health and substance use and abuse education as high priorities for Florida's Legislature. For decades, Comprehensive Health Education has included mental and emotional health and substance use and abuse as part of required instruction through section 1003.42(2)(n), Florida Statutes, but it did not include an instructional time requirement or the assurance mechanisms to support and verify instruction.

In an effort to ensure Florida students receive this critical education requirement, the DOE established Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 6A-1.094121 (Mental and Emotional Health Education) and FAC 6A-1.094122 (Substance Use and Abuse Health Education).[40, 41] FAC 6A-1.094121 was approved by the State Board of Education on July 17, 2019 and requires that all students (grades 6-12) receive a minimum of five hours of mental and emotional health education. The State Board of Education also approved FAC 6A-1.094122 on August 21, 2019, requiring all Florida school districts to provide annual substance use and abuse education to students (grades K-12). The selected course content must advance with each grade level through developmentally appropriate instruction and skill building. Decisions about which course(s) to use are determined at the school district level. These rules are in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.

With the deployment of an evidence-based and/or evidence-informed prevention strategy, Florida has the opportunity to reduce substance use among youth. Prevention programs such as these have been proven to reduce drug use, while also increasing youth resiliency, enhancing their mental health, and providing students with sound protective factors that will aid them in making critical decisions.

Many adult issues, including chronic diseases, substance dependency, depression, and other mental health conditions, are now understood to be negative outcomes to experiencing trauma and toxic stress in childhood. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study discovered a direct relationship between these "adverse childhood experiences" and lifelong physical and mental health conditions.[42] The ACEs considered for the study included:

- Emotional, physical, or sexual abuse
- Emotional and physical neglect
- Parental separation or divorce
- Incarceration of a family member or a mother who is treated violently
- Household member with substance dependency or mental illness

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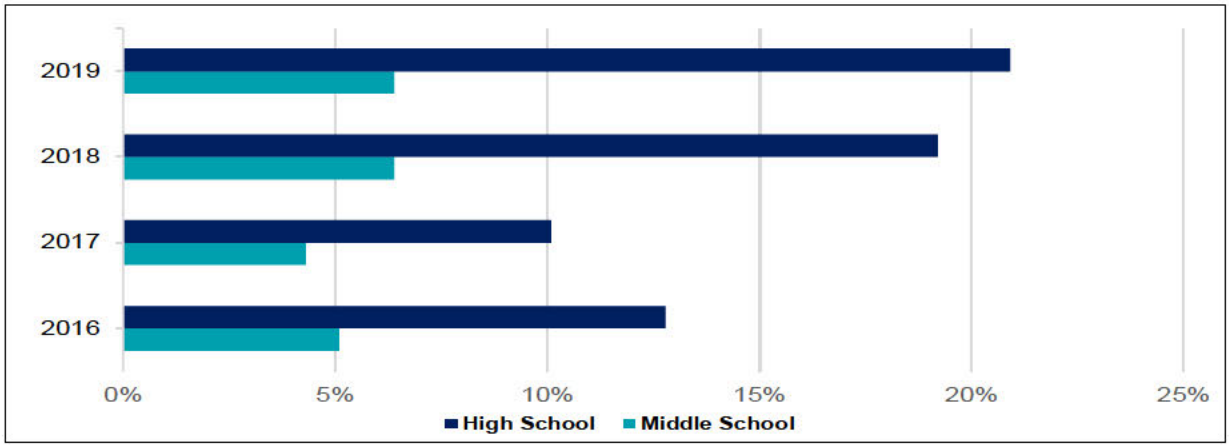
The study linked the number of ACEs with health records and found that the cumulative effect of four or more adversities were predictive of a cascade of health and psychosocial complications in adulthood including substance use.[43] SUDs are more common in persons with ACEs, especially with cumulative adverse experiences as detailed below:

- Compared with persons with no scores on the ACE screening instrument, the risk of heavy drinking, self-reported alcoholism, and marrying an alcoholic were two to four times higher for the persons with multiple ACE scores even when the person's parent did not have alcoholism.[44]
- Research shows a 500 percent increase of risk of alcoholism with four or more ACEs and attribute ACEs to account for one half to two third of serious problems with drug use.[45, 46]
- Higher ACE scores had a strong relationship to initiation of drug use as well as to having drug use problems, drug addiction, and intravenous drug use. When compared with people with no ACEs, people with five or more ACEs were 7 to 10 times more likely to report illicit drug use and addiction.[47]
- At the extremes of ACE scores, the figures for injected drug use are even more powerful. For instance, a male child with an ACE score of six, when compared to a male child with an ACE score of zero, has a 46-fold (4,600%) increase in the likelihood of becoming an injection drug user sometime later in life.[48]

5. Develop and implement a comprehensive e-cigarette/e-liquid prevention strategy designed to reduce vaping among youth (ages 11-17) and limit the negative health effects associated with e-cigarettes, e-liquids, and/or other vaping materials.

There has been a 52.3 percent increase in the use of e-cigarettes/e-liquids by Florida's youth (ages 11-17) since 2015.[49] According to the CDC, this health emergency is a national epidemic. The CDC's research confirms that in 2019 more than one in four (27.5%) high school students and 1 in 10 (10.5%) middle school students reported they had used e-cigarettes/e-liquids within the past 30 days.[50] The continued rise in e-cigarette use is likely due to unregulated advertising methods, a wide range of flavored vaping products, and extremely high nicotine content. Many of these devises come in shapes designed to mimic the look of markers, highlighters, USB flash drives, etc., making them very easy to conceal.

Figure E. FYSAS Past 30 Day Vaping Trend



Source: https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/prevention/fysas/2019/docs/FYSAS%202019%20(Final).pdf

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Additionally, 8,269 children (ages 6 and under) were accidentally poisoned by consuming e-liquids during the period of 2012-2017.[51] Most, 92.5 percent of these children were exposed by ingesting e-liquids.[52] The FDA believes these children consumed liquid nicotine because of the child-friendly packaging, cartoon placement, and diverse flavoring options.[53] The Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act (CNPPA) of 2015 requires that all e-liquids sold, manufactured, and/or distributed to be packaged in child resistant containers.[54] The CNPPA has helped reduce e-liquid exposures; however, the poisoning rate remains high as compared to 2012. In fact, new trends suggest that some youth populations are now deliberately drinking e-liquids and/or eating/chewing e-liquid pods/cartridges to gain access to the nicotine.[55]

In 2016, the FDA published a rule that extends its regulatory authority to all tobacco products. This regulation includes e-cigarettes, e-liquids, hookahs, cigars, and pipe tobacco. Prior to this regulation, these products were sold without any review of their ingredients, manufacturing processes, or their potential dangers.[56] Additionally, the ruling ensures e-cigarettes/e-liquids are not sold to minors and not available for purchase in vending machines that are accessible by youth. Since 2016, the FDA has sent 735 warning letters and issued 159 fines to Florida businesses for violating FDA's 2016 e-cigarette/e-liquid regulation.[57] Given FDA's limited time and resources, it should be assumed that additional violations would have been identified if other agencies were given the authority to conduct compliancy inspections. On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), and raising the federal minimum age for sale of tobacco products from age 18 to age 21. This legislation (known as "Tobacco 21" or "T21") took effect immediately, and it is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product—including cigarettes, cigars, and e-cigarettes—to anyone under age 21. The new federal minimum age of sale applies to all retail establishments and persons with no exceptions. The Federal FD&C Act does not require that states pass laws to raise their sales age to 21, but it does require states to demonstrate that their retailers are complying with the law. If not, the state eventually risks losing some portion of their federal substance abuse grant funding. [58, 59] Florida has not established e-cigarette/e-liquid advertising laws that prohibit youth targeting or ban the sale of flavored vaping products popular among Florida's youth. Tobacco companies, prior to the 1998 *Master Settlement Agreement*, commonly used marketing practices designed to target youth, encouraging them to experiment with cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and other items containing nicotine. These practices included the use of cartoon advertisements, brand name endorsements, outdoor signage, billboards, public transit ads, and free tobacco company merchandise/samples. Many of these same advertising methods have been retooled by vaping companies and are now being employed to target youth.[60] Electronic cigarette retailers in the state of Florida are not required to obtain a Tobacco Retail License to sell or manufacture e-cigarettes and/or e-liquids.[61] This precludes Florida's ability to inspect and/or regulate e-cigarette/e-liquid manufacturing processes and retail establishments where these products are sold. On January 2, 2020, the President of the U.S. announced a nationwide ban of flavored pod-based vape cartridges, excluding tobacco and menthol flavors. Since the President's announcement, the FDA expanded the restriction to include disposable flavored e-cigarettes like Puff Bar and Mojo. The FDA clearly states they will prioritize enforcement efforts against businesses that violate the guidance outlined within the policy.[62] The FDA expects this policy to reduce the use of e-cigarettes/e-liquids by youth, limit accidental poisoning, and/or prevent its use entirely. The policy does not include flavored e-liquid used in open vape systems or menthol-flavored pod products, allowing more than 15,000 flavors to still be on the market. Additionally, the restrictions exempt sleek, open pod systems like Suorin and Smok, popular brands youth use to refill with flavored e-liquid. With the development and deployment of a comprehensive e-cigarette/e-liquid

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prevention strategy, Florida can better protect its youth and limit the negative health effects associated with vaping. This strategy may include:

- Comprehensive flavor ban without product, flavor or retailer exemptions reduces youth initiation and promote cessation among adults.
- Strong youth access laws accompanied with enforcement programs, including retailer education, that focus on retailer compliance instead of youth possession penalties.
- State and local licensure requirements for businesses that manufacture and/or sale any tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, that is consistently implemented across all product types. [63]

6. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with SUDs, as well as those at-risk of developing those disorders.[64] To evaluate what evidence-based practices are presently in use in Florida to identify problematic alcohol or drug behavior in the primary care setting and to promote the implementation of SBIRT in our state, the following is recommended:

- **DOH should lead an initiative to review the extent SBIRT and/or other evidence-based practices are utilized in primary care settings across Florida to identify and intervene with patients showing symptoms of problematic alcohol and/or drug use.**
- **Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) should report to the Legislature on the availability of Medicaid coverage for SBIRT, and if not available, what changes to the state's Medicaid plan, billing, and coding practices would need to be made to implement SBIRT.**

Early identification and early intervention are the keys to addressing unhealthy alcohol and drug use and the likelihood of an individual developing a SUD. SBIRT is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent risky use that can have short and long-term health impacts and social, legal, and financial consequences [65].

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for unhealthy alcohol use in primary care settings in adults 18 years and older, including pregnant women, and providing persons engaged in risky or hazardous drinking with brief behavioral counseling interventions to reduce unhealthy alcohol use.[66] Additionally, an analysis of USPSTF recommendations included providing screening and brief intervention for alcohol misuse in adults as one of the highest priority prevention services in terms of cost-effectiveness and clinically preventable burden of disease.[67]

The USPSTF also recommends screening for unhealthy drug use in adults 18 years and older. Screening should be implemented when services for accurate diagnosis, effective treatment, and appropriate care can be offered or referred.[68]

Typically, this practice is conducted in medical settings including community health centers, and has proved to be successful in hospitals, specialty medical practices such as HIV/STD clinics, EDs, and workforce wellness programs. SBIRT can be effectively streamlined in primary care workflows and enables health care teams to systematically screen and assist people who may not be seeking help for their substance use, but whose drinking or drug use may cause or complicate their ability to handle health, work, and family issues. SBIRT aims to prevent

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unhealthy consequences of alcohol and drug use among those whose use may not have reached the diagnostic level of a SUD.[69]

Research validates that the SBIRT model reduces health care costs,[70] decreases the severity of both drug and alcohol use, and reduces the risk of physical trauma and the percentage of patients who go without specialized substance abuse treatment.[71]

SBIRT's use across health care settings is dependent on the state's coding and billing policies. States are working to "activate" Medicaid codes for SBIRT in their respective Medicaid plans.

7. When filling prescriptions for controlled substances, strongly encourage pharmacies to educate consumers on safe medication storage and disposal procedures. Establish a media campaign to educate consumers on reason for safe use, safe storage, and safe disposal and the location of safe disposal boxes in each community.

Several resources are available to help people in Florida understand the proper steps to dispose of unused medication:

- The Florida Office of Attorney General's drug abuse prevention site, https://doseofrealityfl.com/drug-take-back.html, offers a link to an interactive map to locate drug take back locations.
- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) offers information online regarding pharmaceutical waste management for homeowners. In addition to addressing frequently asked questions, DEP's web page includes information about drug drop off locations and steps to take at home to properly dispose of old unused medication. DEP's web page is located here: https://floridadep.gov/waste/permitting-compliance-assistance/content/pharmaceutical-waste-management.
- The CVS Health locations with drop boxes may be found here: https://www.cvs.com/content/safer-communities-locate.
- The Walgreens locations with drop boxes may be found here: https://www.walgreens.com/topic/pharmacy/safe-medication-disposal.jsp.
- The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Control Unit hosts National Take Back Days (https://takebackday.dea.gov/). There were 1,040 pounds collected in Florida during 2020.
- Publix Pharmacy continues to partner with Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership to feature the Lock Your Meds campaign. In-store signage was distributed to and displayed in 694 Publix stores at the pharmacy counter. Additionally, Publix "Carepoints" documents, featuring the Lock Your Meds message and an appeal to take the pledge to prevent prescription drug abuse, were printed and distributed with all prescription purchases. The month-long campaign reaches more than 1 million Floridians, or about 50 customers per store, per day. Those who took the pledge also received a home medicine inventory card download. These customers also had the opportunity to opt in to receive additional prevention education information throughout the year. Through their partnership with Publix, Informed Families also developed a web page focusing on safe disposal locations in Florida, which is consistently updated: https://www.informedfamilies.org/lym/safedisposal.
- Through the SOR grant, DCF is funding a safe use, safe storage, and safe disposal campaign based on the Use Only as Directed initiative from Utah. Over 1 million people have seen or heard a campaign message to date.

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Treatment and Recovery

8. Expanding naloxone availability among people who use drugs and their peers through hospital emergency departments (ED) and floor units (with little to no paperwork, and no separate trip to the pharmacy), Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/fire rescue naloxone leave-behind programs, CHDs, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Research shows that overdose mortality can be reduced by distributing naloxone to individuals at risk of experiencing an overdose and to their peers and family who may witness an overdose, through SEPs, drug treatment programs, community meetings, support groups for family members of people who use opioids, re-entry programs, mobile outreach programs, homeless service providers, and other community-based distribution programs that provide continuous, low-barrier access to naloxone.[72] It is conservatively estimated that one heroin overdose death is prevented for every 164 naloxone kits distributed.[73]

According to a recent statement from the FDA supporting the expansion of naloxone access, "naloxone is a critical tool for individuals, families, first responders, and communities to help reduce opioid overdose deaths, but access to naloxone continues to be limited in some communities." The FDA reiterated that "all three forms of naloxone are FDA-approved and may be considered as options for community distribution and use by individuals with or without medical training to stop or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose." The FDA is also continuing the agency's efforts to make naloxone available over-the-counter.[74]

Bystanders are present in approximately 40 percent of opioid overdose deaths and approximately 65 percent of nonfatal overdoses.[75] Tragically however, when someone overdoses in the U.S. a 911 call is made less than 50 percent of the time.[76] Fear of police involvement is the most commonly cited reason for delaying or deterring a call for help for an overdose victim.[77]

Fortunately, people who use opioids and their friends and family members can reverse opioid overdoses and revive individuals using naloxone. Naloxone is remarkably safe and has no potential for abuse. When given to individuals who are not under the influence of opioids, it produces no harmful effects. It is relatively quick and easy to train people who use opioids and their loved ones on the use of naloxone. Research confirms that bystander/layperson naloxone administration is a safe and effective community-based method for preventing overdose deaths and that the associated education effectively improves overdose recognition and response.[78] Thus, it is critical that naloxone is provided to people who use drugs and their peers, as they are commonly the first responders at the scene of an overdose and are able to immediately administer naloxone to someone who is not breathing and save their life.

DCF initiated an Overdose Prevention Program in August 2016. The program has been funded through a variety of sources, including State General Revenue, the SAPT block grant, the STR grant, and the SOR grant. Organizations enrolled in the program distribute free, take-home naloxone kits directly to people who use drugs, people with a history of drug use, and to their peers and loved ones who may witness an overdose. There are currently 110 organizations participating in the program, including substance use and mental health treatment facilities, hospital EDs, harm reduction programs, peer recovery organizations, homeless service providers, FQHCs, and other community-based organizations. Since the start of the program, over 79,000 naloxone kits have been distributed among participating providers and 3,184

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overdose reversals have been reported. In Palm Beach County, Rebel Recovery distributed 5,481 naloxone kits and documented 478 reported reversals.[79] Unsurprisingly, and much like the experience in other states, the most effective naloxone distribution programs enrolled in DCF's program are operated by organizations that serve people who use drugs with a peer-oriented, harm-reduction framework.

Between 2006 and 2009, Massachusetts provided overdose education and naloxone kits to thousands of people who use opioids and their families, friends and social service providers. An interrupted time series analysis compared communities that did not implement the program to low implementation communities (enrolling ≤ 100 participants per 100,000 population) and high implementation communities (enrolling > 100 participants per 100,000 population). Low implementation communities experienced a 27 percent decrease in opioid overdose death rates, and high implementation communities experienced a 46 percent decrease in opioid overdose death rates.[80]

In 2013, North Carolina began prioritizing naloxone distribution to populations at high risk for overdose, namely people who inject drugs, individuals receiving medication-assisted treatment, people with a history of opioid use who were formerly incarcerated, and individuals engaged in sex work. A recently published evaluation of this program found that high distribution counties experienced a 14% decrease in opioid overdose death rates, and low distribution counties experienced an 11% decrease in opioid overdose death rates, relative to counties with no naloxone distribution.[81] Several other studies conducted in the U.S. have also documented reductions in opioid overdose mortality associated with naloxone distribution programs, all of which were evaluations of naloxone distribution programs that *prioritized people who use drugs and those around them*, most commonly through Syringe Exchange Programs and drug treatment programs, but also through mobile vans, HIV education drop-in centers, pain management clinics, and single room occupancy hotels, for example.[82]

Researchers recently simulated the impact of 13 different naloxone distribution models on overdose deaths and found that expanding naloxone distribution through a single SEP can reduce a community's overdose deaths by 65%. Results showed that, "optimal [naloxone] distribution methods may include secondary distribution so that the person who picks up naloxone kits can enable others in the community to administer naloxone, as well as targeting naloxone distribution to sites where individuals at high risk for opioid overdose death are likely to visit, such as syringe exchange programs." [83]

Additional research demonstrates that distributing naloxone to laypeople, particularly those likely to experience or witness an overdose, is the most cost-effective way to prevent overdose deaths. Researchers analyzed the cost-effectiveness of eight different naloxone distribution strategies among three target groups (laypeople, police and fire personnel, and EMS personnel). The top four most cost-effective strategies all involved high naloxone distribution to laypersons. Strategies that did not distribute a significant amount of naloxone kits to laypeople always ranked last. Thus, when facing resource constraints, naloxone distribution to laypeople should be prioritized.[84] Other research shows that people who use drugs deploy take-home naloxone to save a life at a rate nearly 10 times that of laypeople who do not use drugs, emphasizing the need to prioritize naloxone distribution efforts and resources among people who are actively using drugs.[85]

There is no evidence indicating that access to naloxone encourages or increases the use of heroin or other opioids. Rather, studies suggest that increasing health awareness through naloxone training and distribution actually reduces the use of opioids.[86] DCF's Overdose Prevention Coordinator and Harm Reduction Coordinator is available to help with training and technical assistance to organizations interested in establishing targeted naloxone distribution programs.

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People who have experienced an overdose are treated in Florida EDs every day, making these important settings for expanding naloxone distribution. Nonfatal opioid overdose remains the most significant risk factor for subsequent fatal overdose and provides an identifiable opportunity for overdose education and naloxone distribution. Research confirms that EDs are an effective way to provide take-home naloxone kits to high-risk individuals who have not previously received overdose education and naloxone.[87]

Hospital EDs and floor units should be offering take-home naloxone kits prior to/upon discharge to patients at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose. Hospitals should operate under non-patient specific naloxone standing orders in order to allow for broader distribution of naloxone, reduce the burden on prescribers and dispensers by removing the need to write individual prescriptions, reduce bureaucratic and system-wide barriers to receiving naloxone, and allow for ED and floor unit staff to hand naloxone directly to the patient (as opposed to sending the patient to a pharmacy where the medication may never be obtained due to cost, stigma, and other barriers). It is also important to allow for patients to receive more than one naloxone kit as they may know people at risk of overdose and they can provide additional kits to them directly as well as to friends and family that may witness an overdose.

Hospital EDs and floor units should offer naloxone kits upon discharge to:

- Patients who received treatment for an overdose.
- Patients being treated for other drug-related issues, such as endocarditis, cellulitis, abscesses, and vein/wound care related to injection-drug use.
- Patients identified as having an OUD.

The Florida Hospital Association issued the following guidelines to help increase access to naloxone in EDs:

“Emergency department providers and hospital-based pharmacies should operate under non-patient specific naloxone standing orders to ensure that take-home naloxone kits are offered and provided to anyone in the emergency department at risk of opioid overdose, and to the friends and family of those patients at risk of opioid overdose. Any patient in the emergency department due to opioid overdose should be provided with a take-home naloxone kit upon discharge. Friends and family members of the patient should also be provided with take-home naloxone kits upon the patient’s discharge. Hospitals are encouraged to coordinate a follow-up process for individuals who need additional naloxone kits.” [88]

Florida hospitals can have a role in helping to save lives by making sure opioid overdose survivors and those around them are easily and readily equipped with the antidote before they are discharged from EDs.

In 2018, the Legislature appropriated $5 million in recurring State General Revenue funds to the DOH “for the purchase of emergency opioid antagonists to be made available to emergency responders.” [89] The naloxone distribution program established with these funds is called the HEROS Program. DOH can help expand these life-saving efforts by encouraging EMS/fire rescue to establish naloxone leave-behind programs. Some EMS/fire rescue programs leave naloxone kits behind at the scene of an overdose, with overdose survivors, friends, family members, and bystanders who may be at high risk for witnessing or experiencing an overdose. The HEROS program has the resources available to do evidence-based, targeted distribution through leave-behind programs.

It should also be noted that entities receiving naloxone through DOH’s HEROS program are required to enter data into EMSTARS or ODMAPS. Both of these surveillance and overdose hotspot mapping initiatives should be used to help guide the targeted deployment of evidence-

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based resources that prevent overdose deaths, such as distributing naloxone directly to individuals who use drugs or who are likely to witness an overdose.

Consider the following directive, which comes directly from the *Overdose Spike Response Framework* guide for ODMAP stakeholders: "Developing a plan for messaging and engaging families and friends of individuals at risk is one key component to reducing injury and death from overdose. Family and friends of individuals at risk for an overdose will approach and manage their loved one's risk, based on their own stage of readiness for change, as well as the stage of readiness of their loved one. Therefore, family and friends require information on a variety of topics including: where to get naloxone, how to administer naloxone, and/or how to encourage their loved one(s) to seek treatment." [90] Rather than having emergency responders advise individuals at the scene of an overdose on where to obtain naloxone, they should just distribute naloxone at the scene. Currently, there are only six EMS/fire rescue naloxone leave behind programs in operation in Florida. The DOH may need to review and revise (as needed) any track-and-trace rules, and any other rules, that may constitute barriers to establishing naloxone leave-behind programs.

CHDs and FQHCs can also help distribute naloxone kits to targeted at-risk populations. These entities can use EMSTARS to identify opioid overdose hotspots and develop outreach and distribution strategies to saturate at-risk individuals in those communities with naloxone. In response to public health emergencies, DOH is capable of mobilizing outreach teams through CHDs to engage individuals who use drugs in order to provide them with hepatitis A vaccines, for example.

9. Encourage county commissions to establish Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP).

In order to make a larger impact in reducing overdose deaths, Florida can improve naloxone distribution by targeting people most likely to experience an opioid overdose. While SEPs are the most effective organizations at saving lives by distributing naloxone directly to people who use drugs, there is currently only one SEP operating in Florida - the IDEA Exchange in Miami-Dade County. The IDEA Exchange has distributed 3,443 boxes of Narcan and documented 1,807 overdose reversals.[91] During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Legislature voted to expand SEPs statewide through the passage of SB 366 (2019) Infectious Disease Elimination Programs, which allows county commissions to pass ordinances to authorize local SEPs. County commissions are encouraged to pass ordinances establishing new SEPs throughout the state. The following county commissions have approved an SEP ordinance: Alachua, Broward, Hillsborough, Leon, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange, and Palm Beach. Two counties have executed the Letter of Agreement with the DOH: Manatee and Palm Beach. DOH is finalizing the data screens that will be used to capture the required SEP data elements. DOH is collaborating with the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) to deliver virtual capacity building trainings for community-based organizations around the state who are interested in becoming an SEP.

10. Encourage the continued establishment of warm handoff programs from hospital EDs to community OUD treatment providers to address opioid overdoses; issue naloxone to overdose patients before they leave the ED; and have AHCA report on the extent warm handoff protocols have been implemented in EDs across the state.

The CDC has cited EDs as important centers for OUD interventions and care transitions, including the induction of buprenorphine as part of the overdose protocol. This practice has been shown to be superior to motivational interviewing and referral alone. A 2015 study by researchers at the Yale School of Medicine tested three interventions for opioid-dependent patients who were treated in a hospital ED. The first group was given a handout with contact

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information for addiction services. The second group received an interview on information about treatment options such as assistance in connecting with treatment. The third group received an interview, plus the first dose of buprenorphine, with take home doses and a scheduled appointment with a primary care provider within 72 hours. The study found that 78 percent of patients in the third group (buprenorphine) were still in treatment 30 days later, compared with 45 percent in the group that only got the interview and 37 percent who only got the handout. [https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/08/22/545115225/hospitals-could-do-more-for-survivors-of-opioid-overdoses-study-suggests]

Direct linkage from the ED to a community OUD provider, known as "warm handoffs", are proving to be a better option to serve this population, however, these interventions are infrequently utilized. According to the Florida Hospital Association, there are 209 EDs in Florida. To date, only a limited number have been identified as having, or in the process of implementing, a warm handoff protocol.

As the opioid epidemic continues, EDs will play an integral part in mitigating the human toll on many levels through screening and identification of patients at risk for OUD, managing acute opioid withdrawal, initiating MAT, and coordinating linkage to outpatient treatment. However, much work remains to be done to create, validate, disseminate, and implement effective evidence-based strategies to accomplish these challenging tasks within the unique care environment of the ED.

DCF's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office, when allocating federal SOR grant funds, has prioritized the development of ED warm handoff programs for individuals experiencing an opioid overdose. Utilizing the resources of the Aetna All in for Florida: An ER intervention Project grant program managed by the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA), multiple issues related to the establishment of ED warm handoff programs have surfaced including providing health care with non-recurring funding, available funding for community providers to accept ED referrals, issues related to peers working in the ED, a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) training for physicians, training for peers and providers, hospital pharmacy rules, legal considerations, and hospital administration support.

11. Expand additional fellowship and residency programs for physicians to obtain a specialty in addiction medicine with a goal of increasing physicians with an addiction medicine specialty.

There is an opportunity to expand the subspecialty of addiction medicine to help ensure patients with a SUD are being properly treated by medical professionals. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has accredited Florida institutions to sponsor addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry fellowships, which are one-year training programs. For addiction medicine fellowships, the University of Florida has been approved for six positions and six are filled, the University of South Florida is approved for 2 new positions and both are filled, and Larkin Community Hospital is approved for two new positions and both are filled. For addiction psychiatry fellowships, the University of South Florida has been approved for two positions and both are filled and Jackson Memorial has been approved for three positions and none are filled, due to funding issues.[92]

The opioid epidemic in Florida is changing the dynamic on the delivery of SUD treatment and care. The standard for care for an OUD is MAT combined with behavioral counseling. SUD treatment programs across the state have had to add and/or increase medical professionals on treatment teams in order to evaluate, prescribe, and medically monitor MAT medications. In

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order to prescribe buprenorphine, medical personnel must complete a training course and pursue a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine under the DATA 2000. There is a growing need for physicians certified in addiction medicine.[93]

Figure F. Addiction Medicine Specialties among Florida Physicians [94]

Specialty	Count
Addiction Medicine – Anesthesiology	51
Addiction Medicine – Family Medicine	40
Addiction Medicine – Internal Medicine	10
Addiction Medicine – Neurology	2
Addiction Medicine – Psychiatry	32
Total	**135 (N = 52,684)**

12. Pass model legislation that will align Florida law with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and require all state health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurance to report annually on the implementation of the parity act in Florida. These reports should be transparent and available to inform the public.

In 2008, the U.S. Congress unanimously approved the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici MHPAEA known as the federal parity law. Many state legislatures have passed similar laws to ensure parity enforcement. The federal law seeks to eliminate discriminatory access to mental health and SUD benefits in health insurance coverage. The federal parity law prohibits plans from applying financial requirements or treatment limitations to mental health and SUD benefits that are more restrictive than those applied to medical/surgical benefits. Treatment limitations and financial requirements to be evaluated include co-pays, deductions, co-insurance, day or visit limits, pre-authorization policies, frequency of treatment limits, fail first policies, and non-qualitative treatment limitations.

Many states have passed model legislation to facilitate implementation and enforcement of the MHPAEA and to strengthen parity provisions within state law. Examples include: explicit oversight requirements for state regulators (RI); requirements for an annual report on claim denials, complaints and appeals (VA); requirement for plans to submit parity compliance information to the state insurance regulator and/or Medicaid agency (CA, MA, CT); requirement for state agency to develop performance quality indicators to evaluate plan compliance (VT); state laws requiring coverage for prescription drugs for SUDs (IL); length of stay protections (MD); and requirements for peer-reviewed clinical review criteria related to medical necessity determinations (NY).[95] During the 2019 Legislative Session, three bills (SB 700: Insurance Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders, SB 102: Recovery Residences, SB 360: Insurance Coverage Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders) were introduced that would have better aligned Florida law with the federal parity legislation. None of these bills passed.

The Parity Tracking Project highlights significant barriers to front-line state enforcement of the MHPAEA. The report concluded that regulators cannot conduct a complete assessment of parity compliance through a review of the form with even a comprehensive data-gathering template because the required information is often not available in these documents. To

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address the barriers in parity compliance and consumer information, the report offered recommendations for consideration:

- Regulatory agencies should require carriers to submit their internal analyses for ensuring that plans are parity compliant.
- Regulatory agencies should use a parity compliance template.
- Regulatory agencies should develop model contracts that fully describe mental health and SUD benefits.
- Regulatory agencies should inform consumers of their rights under the law, including how to take action.
- Regulatory agencies should enhance the provider community's capacity to identify potential parity act violations.[96]

In Florida, the majority of Medicaid recipients receive their services through a managed care plan contracted with the AHCA under the SMMC program. The current SMMC contract contains a requirement that the health plan must comply with the MHPAEA:

- The managed care plan shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.
- The managed care plan shall conduct an annual review of its administrative, clinical, and utilization management practices to assess its compliance with the MHPAEA under this contract.
- The managed care plan shall submit to AHCA an attestation of the managed care plan's compliance with the MHPAEA no later than November 1 of each year, in a manner and format to be specified by AHCA.[97]

The health plan must develop distinct policies and procedures for monitoring and demonstrating compliance with the MHPAEA, including procedures to monitor for and assure parity in the application of quantitative treatment limits and non-quantitative treatment limits for medical and behavioral health services.[98] Each plan is required to submit an annual attestation to AHCA detailing compliance with the MHPAEA.

AHCA has several other avenues for monitoring health plan compliance with parity. These include but are not limited to: review of health plan policies and procedures (including utilization management); monitoring of provider and recipient complaints; and monthly submission of complaint, grievance, and appeals reporting. Reports required by AHCA include quantitative treatment limits and non-quantitative treatment limits, in addition to the following:

Denial, Reduction, Termination, or Suspension of Service Report

- Medical necessity
- Service authorization
- Service amounts and frequency

Enrollee Complaints, Grievances, and Appeals Report

- Access to care
- Medical necessity
- Service authorization
- Enrollment/disenrollment
- Pharmacy benefits
- Excluded benefits

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Additionally, AHCA conducted its own internal analysis of how the state plan benefits for mental health meet the MHPAEA requirements. The state plan benefit categories of services reviewed for both mental health/substance abuse benefits and medical/surgical benefits included:

- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- Emergency care
- Prescription drugs

AHCA determined from its analysis that the Florida Medicaid program makes available a package of services under the behavioral health benefits, which is not more restrictive than what it offers under medical/surgical benefits. Additionally, AHCA determined that the behavioral health service limits were more expansive for adults than what is provided through the medical/surgical benefit. It is recommended that the AHCA parity review be published to better inform the public. It is also recommended that AHCA and health plans inform consumers on what services are available to them and how they fulfill the requirements of the MHPAEA.

13. State health agencies, health plans, and commercial insurers should remove prior authorization requirements for evidence-based MAT to allow for use of medications such as buprenorphine, naltrexone, naloxone, and methadone.

Currently, Florida's Medicaid State Plan covers behavioral health medication management services as part of a continuum of care for individuals diagnosed with a SUD. MAT is covered in conjunction with psychiatric evaluations, counseling, and behavioral therapies to ensure comprehensive treatment. For example, covered treatment may include monitoring current medication dosage and side-effects as well as ensuring concerns or changes in health status are addressed properly. Behavioral health-related medical services such as screenings, verbal interactions, and specimen collection are also covered to assist in drug management and treatment of SUD. MAT services can also include methadone-based treatment. Florida Medicaid covers medication management services in addition to a bundled weekly reimbursement for MAT.

Additionally, several health plans provide expanded benefits for substance abuse such as additional behavioral health medical services, substance abuse treatment, and outpatient detoxification services. Expanded benefits are extra benefits above and beyond the minimum required benefits detailed in the State Plan. Health plans offer these benefits to their enrollees without a capitation payment from AHCA. A comprehensive listing of expanded benefits by health plan can be located on the website at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide_mc/outreach_presentations.shtml.

Florida Medicaid enforces prior authorization standards for medication management services with all health plans. Additionally, Florida Medicaid requires continuity of care when a recipient is receiving MAT and changes plans. The new plan is required to cover the existing course of authorized treatment.

Specific to MAT, AHCA covers buprenorphine, naltrexone, and methadone patients with SUD. AHCA allows Medicaid patients to receive up to a 30-day supply of buprenorphine, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, Suboxone film, or Zubsolv tablets for initiation of therapy for OUD without the prior authorization through the pharmacy benefit. This allows the prescriber to immediately start the patient on MAT. The prescriber can then submit a prior authorization to Medicaid to continue treatment. Prior authorization requests are reviewed within 24 hours of

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receipt. The buprenorphine prior authorization form and criteria can be found at: http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/drug_criteria.shtml. The buprenorphine prior authorization allows up to a three-month authorization for a buprenorphine containing medication for an initial request and up to a six month authorization for continuation of therapy.

MAT with buprenorphine is also available through the automated prior authorization process for pregnant women. The pharmacy system will look for diagnosis of OUD and diagnosis of pregnancy. If both are found in the system, the claim will pay at the pharmacy immediately. Health plans are required to implement all these edits.

Medicaid patients can also receive the following medications for treatment. These medications are available with no co-pay.

- Naltrexone tablets which are covered without prior authorization through the pharmacy benefit.
- Vivitrol (naltrexone) injectable can be received at the pharmacy through an automated prior authorization. The pharmacy computer system verifies that the recipient is 18 years of age or older and has a diagnosis of alcohol and/or OUD on file. If both are confirmed, the claim will pay. This automation eliminates the need for prior authorization paperwork submission through the pharmacy benefit. Vivitrol is also available through the medical benefit under J2315 if administered in a medical office setting.
- Sublocade (buprenorphine) injectable can be received at the pharmacy through an automated prior authorization. When the claim information is entered, the pharmacy computer system verifies that the recipient has received a minimum of seven days of treatment with a buprenorphine-containing oral product. If confirmed, the claim will pay for Sublocade through the pharmacy. Sublocade is also available through the medical benefit under Q9992 if administered in a medical office setting.
- Methadone tablets are available through methadone clinics.
- Narcan (naloxone) nasal spray and naloxone vials are covered to treat overdose through the pharmacy benefit and under the medical setting under J2310. Medicaid allows a maximum of one Narcan kit (two nasal sprays) per year. Additional kits within the same year require prior authorization.

The Medicaid preferred drug list is located at: http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/preferred_drug.shtml. MAT not listed on the preferred drug list do require prior authorizations, which are reviewed within 24 hours of receipt. Medications on the preferred drug list are reviewed at least annually by the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee which is composed of physicians and pharmacists.

Medicaid has a single preferred drug list that the Medicaid health plans follow. The Medicaid health plans cannot be more restrictive than fee-for-service Medicaid. Under the medical benefit, plans can use step therapy or prior authorized medications.

When prior authorizations are required for treatment services, this may take up to several days to process with insurance providers. This processing time creates an immediate barrier to a patient's initiation onto MAT for SUDs. This delay forces patients to leave their provider's office without receiving potentially life-saving medication and requires them to return to receive it days later. During that time, treatment can be derailed. A patient may lose interest, lose access to their doctor, lose transportation, suffer an injury, or even die from an overdose. Self-treatment

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with diverted (i.e. misused) opioid medications is common among individuals with OUD who have recently experienced barriers to or delays in starting buprenorphine-based MAT.[99, 100, 101]

Prior authorization limitations to MAT for SUD disproportionately affects pregnant and post-partum women and their children due to their vulnerability especially for low-income populations who have severely limited alternative resources. In 2014, prior authorization for prescription buprenorphine was still required for 35 percent of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), 36 percent of Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), and more than half of Consumer Driven Products (CDPs).[102]

During pregnancy, universal screening efforts and enhanced substance abuse services—including accessible MAT for all women who need it—are important goals. At birth, the systematic approach to screening infants, monitoring for withdrawal signs using a scoring tool, and managing care for the mother and infant offer numerous opportunities for improving outcomes including the measured use of MAT.[103]

MAT is considered the standard of care for opioid-dependent pregnant women. Service delivery and treatment capacity should be streamlined to ensure women have access to needed services in a timely manner, whether they are staying in their community or in a medical home whenever possible. Compared to medication-assisted withdrawal, MAT is associated with better relapse prevention, decreased exposure to illicit drugs, and other high-risk behaviors, improved adherence to prenatal care, and improved neonatal outcomes. The goal of MAT is to prevent withdrawal during pregnancy and minimize fetal exposure to illicit substances.[104, 105]

MAT is not the only solution, it is also important to consider the implications of identifying prenatal substance abuse in efforts to increase access to care and improve clinical outcomes, but it is a centerpiece of managing opioid dependency in pregnancy, and is best applied as part of a comprehensive treatment program that includes obstetric care, counseling, and wrap-around services.[106] However, there is a treatment gap in pregnant women's receipt of substance abuse services overall. Barriers to care included lack of transportation, lack of child care services, intensive time requirements, additional costs and co-pays, stigma, and regulatory roadblocks such as prior authorization.[107, 108]

The removal of prior authorization requirements allows a patient to be initiated into treatment the same day they see their doctor. This immediate initiation reduces the patient's risk of overdose in the subsequent days and increases the likelihood that they will successfully engage in and remain connected to treatment. Due to regulations governing the provision of methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone are the only FDA-approved medications for OUD potentially subject to prior authorization requirements. There is a lower risk of overdose with buprenorphine because there is a ceiling effect on respiratory suppression.[109]

If prior authorization requirements were removed, health insurance providers would then cover the full cost of MAT as a standard benefit and all requirements that a physician contact the insurance provider for approval prior to writing the prescription (a process called "prior authorization") are removed. Without these prior authorization requirements, prescriptions for MAT medications to treat OUD can be written and filled as soon as a physician deems this treatment necessary, free from artificial delays. Policy makers and health care providers should work collaboratively with health insurance companies and state Medicaid programs to design and implement this policy.

Reducing and eliminating barriers to prescribing buprenorphine to treat OUD is critical to ensure greater access to care and reduce opioid overdose deaths. As noted earlier, prior authorization requirements for buprenorphine represent a common barrier cited by prescribers that can delay or interrupt patient care. In a September 2019 report titled *National Spotlight on State-Level Efforts to End the Opioid Epidemic*, the American Medical Association (AMA) Opioid Task Force

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recommended removing prior authorization and other barriers to MAT for OUD – and ensure MAT is affordable.[110] A 2019 survey of physicians conducted by the AMA found that 64 percent of physicians reported waiting at least one business day for a prior authorization decision from health plans, and 29 percent reported waiting at least three business days. For those patients whose treatment requires a prior authorization, the physicians reported that the process results in delays in access to care 91 percent of the time. Additionally, 24 percent of physicians reported that prior authorizations have led to a serious adverse event for a patient in their care, and 16 percent reported that a prior authorization has led to a patient's hospitalization. When asked how often issues related to the prior authorization process lead to patients abandoning their recommended course of treatment, 74 percent of physicians reported that a prior authorization can lead to treatment abandonment. While only 2 percent of physicians reported that the prior authorization process has a somewhat or significant positive impact on patient clinical outcomes, 90 percent reported the process to result in a somewhat or significant negative impact on patient care and health outcomes.[111] A study conducted in 2016 among a sample of New York City public sector buprenorphine prescribers found that medication prior authorization requirements were the highest rated barriers to practice.[112]

14. Promote legislation that adds the Secretary of AHCA and the Commissioner of the Office of Insurance Regulation as members to the Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council.

AHCA is a health policy and planning entity for the state of Florida. AHCA serves as the single state agency responsible for the administration of the Florida Medicaid program, authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The Florida Medicaid program serves approximately 3.9 million Medicaid recipients at a cost of over $28 billion annually and has over 100,000 actively enrolled service providers. During State Fiscal Year 2017-2018, AHCA spent over $3 billion dollars on prescribed drugs through the Florida Medicaid program. AHCA shares similar goals with the Council and would be a valuable addition to its membership.

Office of Insurance Regulation is responsible for all activities concerning insurers and other risk bearing entities, including licensing, rates, policy forms, market conduct, claims, issuance of certificates of authority, solvency, viatical settlements, premium financing, and administrative supervision, as provided under the insurance code or Chapter 636, Florida Statutes. For more information, visit https://www.floir.com/Office/AgencyOrganizationOperation.aspx. The Commissioner of Insurance Regulation who heads the Office of Insurance Regulation would be a valuable member of the Council since health insurance companies decide upon coverage and formularies affecting all of the residents of Florida. The Office of Insurance Regulation also plays a significant role to ensure that Florida meets the requirements of the federal MHPAEA.

15. Continue the statewide Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) initiative designed to promote and enhance recovery efforts in Florida and support the continued development of recovery community organizations (RCOs) and a statewide RCO that helps link community initiatives.

Over the past several years, DCF has led an initiative to transform Florida's substance use and mental health system into a ROSC which serves as a framework for coordinating multiple systems, services, and supports that are person-centered, self-directed, and designed to readily adjust to meet the needs of persons served as well as their chosen pathway to recovery.

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A ROSC is a network of clinical and nonclinical services and supports that sustain long-term, community-based recovery. As local organic entities, ROSCs reflect variations in each community's vision, institutions, resources, and priorities. Behavioral health systems and communities form ROSCs to:

- Promote good quality of life, community health, and wellness for all.
- Prevent the development of behavioral health conditions.
- Intervene earlier in the progression of illnesses.
- Reduce the harm caused by SUDs and mental health conditions on individuals, families, and communities.
- Provide resources to assist people with behavioral health conditions to achieve and sustain their wellness and to build meaningful lives for themselves in their communities.

Across the country, independent, nonprofit organizations that are peer-led and governed by persons in recovery, family members, and recovery allies mobilize resources within the community to make it possible for the over 23 million Americans still struggling with SUD to find long-term recovery. Each organization has a mission that reflects the issues and concerns within their community. These community groups, known as RCOs, share three core principles – recovery vision; authenticity of voice; and accountability to the recovery community.

RCOs use three primary strategies to achieve their mission:

- Public education and awareness – putting a face and a voice on recovery to reduce stigma and educate the public, policy makers, service providers, and media that recovery from SUD is possible.
- Policy advocacy – building recovery-oriented supportive communities, address public policy that eliminates discrimination against people in or seeking recovery and reduce barriers that keep persons seeking recovery from sustaining long-term recovery.
- Peer-based and other recovery support services and activities – innovating and delivering a variety of peer recovery support services and places to deliver those services while building a lasting physical presence in communities.[113]

There has been a focus on the development of RCOs in Florida over the past several years. As a result of an Aetna Foundation grant to FADAA, RCO development activities have taken place in 10 communities across Florida. Six of these organizations have completed the RCO development process and four are continuing to move through the development steps. Two additional communities have expressed a desire to begin the RCO development process. In addition, Floridians for Recovery, the statewide RCO, is working with key stakeholders in Putnam County to develop an RCO. These new and developing RCOs across Florida join the seven already existing RCOs bringing the total number of RCOs in Florida fully developed or under development to 20. In addition, Floridians for Recovery continues to build its capacity as the statewide RCO for Florida. Over the past year Floridians for Recovery received a Building Communities of Recovery grant from SAMHSA and Floridians for Recovery has established a Recovery Leadership Council engaging the leaders from all the RCOs in the state. A map displaying all the RCOs across Florida and a RCO locator with information on each RCO can be found on the Floridians for Recovery website at: https://floridiansforrecovery.org/tst-locator/.[114]

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16. Develop and implement a stigma reduction campaign designed to reduce the shame associated with SUD and other mental illness/injuries. Messaging should increase the awareness of MAT options, reduce the stigma associated with addiction, and inform the public of the many benefits that come with obtaining psychological and/or counseling services from a licensed professional.

Individuals with a substance use or mental health disorder often experience three forms of stigma. These include structural, public, and self-stigma. Societal norms and attitudes drive the first two types, while the third occurs when individuals internalize these negative opinions.[4, 5] Self-stigma causes lowered self-esteem, decreased self-efficacy, and amplified feelings of embarrassment and shame. As a result, stigma can impede an individual's willingness to pursue treatment, thus placing them at a higher risk for crisis and/or fatal overdose.

Through this process, Florida can (1) reduce the negative perceptions of addiction within the community and (2) increase the likelihood of an individual to seek out and engage in needed treatment.

With the development and deployment of a stigma reduction campaign, individuals suffering from a SUD and the communities around them will gain a better understanding of addiction and the benefits of treatment.

17. Evaluate the impact of SB 1120 (2020): Substance Abuse Services on agency background screening requirements related to the eligibility of individuals with lived experience/peers attempting to enter the workforce; continue efforts to reduce the administrative burden of the background screening and exemption process; promote consistency among state agencies related to the background screening exemption process; ensure an individual with lived experience is part of the exemption review panel; and have AHCA, DCF, and the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) provide an annual report on the number of individuals that applied for an exemption, actual timeframes for the process, and number approved/disapproved with reasons why.

The use of peers, individuals with lived experience, has grown significantly in Florida over the past five years. Research has shown that recovery from a SUD or mental illness is facilitated by the use of social support provided by peers.[115] These individuals serve multiple roles which include recovery support navigator by assisting in transition from institutional setting (jail/prison) to the community; crisis support; peer wellness coach; employment support coach; housing support specialist; and recovery coach.[116] Peers are essential team members of Community Action Teams, Family Intensive Treatment Teams, and Forensic Assertive Community Treatment teams. In addressing the opioid epidemic, peers serve a key role in emergency warm handoff programs encouraging, and at times transporting, individuals who have overdosed to pursue a treatment intervention. In 2019, the Legislature recognized the role of peers by codifying the definition of peer specialist in section 397.311, Florida Statutes.

Currently, there is a shortage of peers working in behavioral health services. One barrier to the use of peer services is the fact that peer specialist candidates often cannot pass background screening requirements in sections 435.04 and 408.809, Florida Statutes. Persons who have recovered from a SUD or mental illness often have a criminal history. Common offenses would include using and selling illegal substances, prostitution, and financial fraud. Section 435.04, Florida Statutes, allows persons with certain disqualifying offenses identified through background screening to apply to the respective state agency head (DCF, FDC, and AHCA

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Secretary) for an exemption if it has been three or more years since their conviction. The applicant must provide all court records regarding their convictions (irrespective of how much time has passed since the offense occurred), letters of recommendation, evidence of their rehabilitation, education documents, evidence of employment, and a completed questionnaire. The requirements of this exemption often deter persons from becoming peer specialists.[117]

Recent legislation, SB 1120 (2020): Substance Abuse Services, addresses individuals who have been disqualified from employment with a SUD treatment provider or recovery residence due to a disqualifying offense. The legislation requires DCF to exempt individuals disqualified during background screening for having committed certain offenses. As a result, more individuals with convictions in their past may be able to obtain certification as peer specialists and find employment in prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. Also, private insurers and Medicaid managed care plans may see additional use of peer specialists.

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Data Collection and Surveillance

18. Create a statewide dashboard of substance abuse data measures that are readily available to policy makers and the public and can be used to monitor trends and identify emerging threats.

A statewide dashboard of substance abuse data should be created in Florida Health Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set (CHARTS) similar to the Opioid Use Dashboard: http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.OpioidUseDashboard. Agencies should continue efforts to develop a more systematic and sustainable approach to linking data and developing indicators from existing datasets. This process will shift to the Behavioral Health Priority Area Workgroup established under Florida's State Health Improvement Plan. This cross-agency workgroup covers mental illness and substance abuse issues and includes members from DOH, DCF, and community organizations.

19. Encourage all counties and municipalities to implement the ODMAP system in locations and agencies that do not participate in real-time overdose tracking. Through wider utilization, law enforcement and non-EMSTARS (EMS Tracking and Reporting System) fire departments can track suspected overdose activity throughout all 67 counties. Agencies can utilize information obtained through ODMAP to identify high risk areas, equip personnel for increased overdose activity, and to warn neighboring agencies of sudden overdose activity within their counties and/or suspected transit routes.

The ODMAP has expanded to approximately 293 agencies located within 95 percent of Florida's counties. This is a significant increase as compared to early 2019, before the Seminole County Sheriff's Office received the ODMAP Statewide Expansion and Response Grant on behalf of Florida. The grant provides $750 thousand to five sub-awardees, and it is executed over a 24-month period for further expansion of ODMAP. The five sub-awardees are Bay County Sheriff's Office, Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, City of Jupiter Police Department, and the Orange County government. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office will ensure the remaining funds are used to enroll new agencies into the ODMAP system. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has hired a grant coordinator to assist in facilitating ODMAP training and implementation within new agencies. There is still a large percent of Florida counties/municipalities that do not participate, nor benefit from the information obtained through ODMAP. Therefore, many overdoses go unnoticed and the true expanse of Florida's opioid epidemic remains undetected.

20. The Council recommends the modernization, improvement, and appropriate funding for the Baker and Marchman Acts to increase effectiveness of the Baker and Marchman Acts to serve the people of Florida.

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Laws Mandating Coprescription of Naloxone and Their Impact on Naloxone Prescription in Five US States, 2014–2018

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Objectives. To examine early impacts of laws that require naloxone to be prescribed to patients at increased overdose risk.

Methods. Using data from 2014 to 2018 from a large pharmacy chain, CVS Pharmacy, we examined the effects of naloxone-prescribing mandates 90 days before and after they took effect in Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. We compared the number of naloxone doses initiated directly by prescribers and by pharmacy standing order, prescriber specialty, pharmacies dispensing, and payor type by applying linear models and the χ^2 test.

Results. Naloxone-prescribing mandates increased pharmacy naloxone provision 255% from 90 days before to after implementation. This approach appeared to engage more prescribers (1028 before to 4285 after), complement ongoing naloxone provision under pharmacy standing orders, expand geographic reach (from 40% to 80% of pharmacies dispensing), and broaden the naloxone payor mix in 4 ($P < .05$) of 5 states.

Conclusions. Mandating the prescribing of naloxone quickly expands access to this life-saving medication for more people in more places. Other states should consider mandating the coprescription of naloxone to individuals at increased risk of overdose. (*Am J Public Health.* 2020;110:881–887. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2020.305620)

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A recent study[1] estimated that broader community uptake of naloxone could prevent 21 000 deaths over a 10 year period—more than restrictions on prescription opioids or expanding medications for addiction treatment. Naloxone has long been the first line medication for treating respiratory depression brought on by opioids, which can progress to life threatening overdose if untreated.[2] Since the 1990s, communities have trained laypersons to effectively respond to opioid overdose with naloxone[3,4] and since the early 2010s have equipped uniformed first responders with the medication[5,6] to more quickly restore breathing and prevent overdose related morbidity and mortality.

After decades of advocacy, concerted community action, and the unprecedented toll of overdose deaths driven primarily now by fentanyl and its analogs,[7–9] the Food and Drug Administration has recently taken steps to increase naloxone access, including creating and testing a model drug facts label appropriate for an over the counter product to encourage over the counter applicants.[10] Until an over the counter product advances to market, however, the coprescribing of naloxone to people who are at increased risk of opioid overdose can serve as a mechanism for expanding pharmacy access to naloxone to those at risk for future overdose and their social networks. In recognition of this fact, the US Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance in December 2018 encouraging the coprescription of naloxone to people at risk for overdose.[11]

Research and several scientific consensus guidance documents support the prescription of the rescue medication to people who might be at risk for experiencing opioid overdose.[12–17] These include patients prescribed opioid medications at high doses (i.e., > 50 daily morphine milligram equivalent [MME]),[18] people taking opioids and sedating medications such as benzodiazepines concurrently,[19] people with substance use disorders[20] and recent opioid overdose survivors,[21] among others.[22] Despite efforts to train and encourage prescribers[23] to prescribe naloxone to these patients at increased risk of overdose, stigma as well as a range of provider specific[24,25] and structural challenges such as naloxone stocking[26] have limited uptake of naloxone coprescribing. A recent study showed that only 1.5% of commercially insured patients at high risk of overdose from 2005 to 2016 received prescription naloxone, suggesting that regulatory efforts might be needed to bring pharmacy naloxone distribution in line with expert consensus and official guidelines.[27]

Over the past 5 years, every state has passed at least 1 law designed to increase access to naloxone.[28] A key innovation of earlier versions of these laws is the ability for prescribers to issue a standing order for naloxone,

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which permits the medication to be dispensed to any person who meets criteria specified in the standing order instead of to a specific, named patient of the prescriber.[29] All 5 states in this study have passed laws containing this provision.

The newest form of naloxone access law goes a step further, by requiring that naloxone be coprescribed to individuals that meet criteria, specified in the law, for being at increased risk for overdose. We examined the effect of these legal mandates on the pharmacy dispensing of naloxone.

METHODS

We used data from a large community pharmacy chain, CVS Pharmacy, to examine the effect of mandatory coprescription laws in the first 5 states that adopted mandatory coprescribing laws in the United States (Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia). Specifically, we explored the impact of coprescribing mandates on the number of naloxone doses dispensed at pharmacy locations, the number and specialties of naloxone prescribers, the number and proportion of doses dispensed under a standing order, the number and proportion of CVS pharmacies dispensing naloxone, and the payment type, both public and private.

Each measure examined reflects important aspects of the coprescribing mandate's impact on naloxone availability to individuals at increased risk of overdose. The change in number of doses dispensed indicates the broad impact of the mandate on naloxone availability to those individuals. Examining changes in the medical specialty of providers prescribing naloxone suggests the differential impact of coprescribing mandates on different types of providers, as well as on the types of patients at risk for overdose who can obtain naloxone from a pharmacy. Changes in the number of standing order–dispensed naloxone doses indicate the accessibility of naloxone through nonprescriber pathways critical to friends and family of patients at risk, which may complement the mandate's effect. Measuring changes in the number and proportion of pharmacies dispensing naloxone within the chain reflects the geographic reach of the mandate. Finally, examining how payment types for naloxone prescriptions shift suggests the economic impact and patient burden of the mandate.

To determine the presence and characteristics of naloxone mandates, a trained legal researcher (C. D.) systematically searched the Westlaw legal database for all laws containing the terms "opioid antagonist" or "naloxone" and "prescri!" that went into effect on or before September 31, 2018. We examined all resulting laws to determine whether they met study criteria, which we set a priori to include all and only laws that require that naloxone be prescribed in at least some circumstances. We downloaded all laws that met study criteria for review and recorded their characteristics (enactment date, effective date, and circumstances in which coprescription is required).

Records of each naloxone prescription dispensed contained the unique national provider identifier, and we matched publicly available data elements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Plan and Provider Enumeration System[30] to indicate the provider's practice specialty. We calculated doses per capita by dividing the number of naloxone doses dispensed from October 2017 to September 2018 by the estimated 2018 state population.[31] We also descriptively analyzed payment type for every prescription. We grouped payment types into cash, Medicaid, Medicare, workers' compensation, and commercial insurance. For each state, we identified naloxone prescriptions dispensed under standing orders by identifying and differentiating the national provider identifier associated with standing orders issued both by state officials and by prescribers affiliated with the pharmacy chain. All states had similar naloxone access laws in place during the study period.[28] Summary data characterizing standing order trends included naloxone prescriptions filled between 2014 and 2018.

To examine the short term impacts of coprescribing mandates, we compared the number of naloxone doses dispensed, unique prescribers, pharmacies dispensing, and naloxone doses dispensed via standing order 90 days before compared with 90 days (i.e., in three 30 day increments) after the coprescription mandates went into effect. We used linear models and indicators of mandate implementation, controlling for state fixed effects. Data for the primary outcome analyses of the coprescription mandate pertained to naloxone doses dispensed from 2017 to 2018 (i.e., 90 days before the first enacted mandate in 2017). We also conducted a sensitivity analysis using Poisson regression on the count of naloxone doses. We used the χ^2 test to calculate differences in the distribution of payor mix and medical specialty provider type before compared with after the coprescription mandate. We conducted all statistical tests in SAS version 9.3 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC) at a P level of less than .05.

RESULTS

By September 2018, 5 states had implemented laws mandating that a prescription for naloxone be issued to certain patients (Table 1). The patient characteristics that trigger such a prescription vary by state. For example, the mandates in Arizona and Florida apply only to patients who are prescribed a schedule II opioid, whereas in other states the mandate applies regardless of the schedule of opioid prescribed. Arizona law[32] requires that naloxone be coprescribed to a patient receiving greater than 90 MME, whereas in Florida coprescribing is required for those for whom the opioid was prescribed for pain related to a traumatic injury with an Injury Severity Score of 9 or greater, regardless of the MME prescribed.[33] Vermont requires the coprescribing of naloxone to any patient receiving greater than 90 MME per day and patients receiving both opioids and benzodiazepines,[34] whereas Virginia mandates that naloxone be prescribed to patients who are receiving greater than 120 MME per day, those receiving both benzodiazepines and opioids, and those with a history of overdose or substance misuse.[35] Finally, Rhode Island requires that naloxone be prescribed to any patient who is receiving 50 MME or higher, to any patient who has been prescribed both opioids and benzodiazepines in the past 30 days, and to patients with a history of opioid use disorder or overdose when they are prescribed an opioid.[36]

Across the 5 states with mandated naloxone prescription laws, the total number of naloxone doses dispensed in the 90 days after implementation of the coprescription mandate grew 255%, from 6208 to 22 067 ($F = 29.45$; $P < .001$) compared with the 90 days before adoption of the mandate (Table 2). A sensitivity analysis using Poisson

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TABLE 1—US States With Coprescription Mandates as of September 30, 2018

State	No. Study Pharmacies	Year Pharmacy Standing Order for Naloxone Implemented at Pharmacy Chain	When Naloxone Must Be Prescribed	Coprescription Mandate Effective Date
Arizona	199	2016	New Rx for schedule II opioid for > 90 MME per d	April 25, 2018
Florida	861	2016	Rx for a schedule II opioid for pain related to a traumatic injury with an Injury Severity Score ≥ 9	July 1, 2018
Rhode Island	64	2014	When any of the following exist: Rx opioid to patient receiving ≥ 50 MME per d Rx for any dose of an opioid when a benzodiazepine has been prescribed in the past 30 days or will be prescribed at the visit Rx for any dose of an opioid to patient with a history of opioid use disorder or overdose	July 2, 2018
Vermont	10	2015	When any of the following exist: Rx to patient receiving > 90 MME per day All patients receiving concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine Rx	July 1, 2017
Virginia	347	2015	To any patient with any of the following risk factors: Opioid doses > 120 MME per day Concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine Rx Prior overdose or substance misuse history	March 15, 2017

Note. MME = morphine milligram equivalents; Rx = prescription.

regression yielded a similar consistent and significant before to after mandate increase in naloxone doses dispensed across the 5 states ($P < .001$). Overall, the mean number of doses dispensed per 30 day increment in the 5 states was 943 (median = 564; SD = 928; range = 10–3303 doses). The highest annual rates of naloxone dispensing were in Rhode Island (540.8 doses per 100 000 population) and Virginia (182.4 doses per 100 000 population).

The amount and proportion of naloxone dispensed pursuant to pharmacy standing orders varied substantially across the 5 states before the coprescription mandate, and that pattern continued subsequent to the mandate. The median proportion of standing order naloxone doses dispensed from the date the standing order law was implemented at the pharmacy chain up to the month preceding the date of mandated coprescribing was 29% (Arizona: 4%, Florida: 15%, Virginia: 29%, Rhode Island: 47%, Vermont: 76%). The change in the absolute number of naloxone doses dispensed under a standing order increased 50% from 795 to 1194 doses ($F = 2.74$; $P = .11$) after the mandate was implemented, but this change was not sta tistically significant. The number of doses dispensed via traditional prescription, how ever, increased significantly: from 5413 to 20 873 doses ($F = 28.87$; $P < .001$). Overall, the proportion of naloxone doses prescribed via standing order fell from 12.8% of all naloxone doses dispensed in the 90 days before to 5.4% of doses 90 days after the coprescription mandate ($\chi^2 = 405.2$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$).

During the 90 days before the mandate, the number of naloxone prescribers totaled 1028; this increased 317% in the 90 days after the mandate to 4285 ($F = 36.30$; $P < .001$). Before the mandate, medical specialties that

TABLE 2—Short-Term Impacts of Naloxone Coprescription Mandates in 5 US States: 2014–2018

	Virginia	Rhode Island	Arizona	Florida	Vermont	Overall
Change in total doses dispensed	7 660	5 083	4 760	10 540	232	28 275
Percentage change in total doses dispensed	+1116	+223	+241	+240	+187	+255[a]
Percentage change in standing order doses dispensed	+19	−17	−32	+280	−17	+51
Annual[c] naloxone dose dispensing rate per 100 000 population	182.4	540.8	54.0	27.7	48.4	. . .
Standing order doses, %						
Before mandate	24.7	36.1	1.9	7.0	20.0	12.8
After mandate	2.4	9.2	0.9	7.8	2.3	5.4[b]
Nonstanding order doses, %						
Before mandate	75.3	63.9	98.1	93.0	80.0	87.2
After mandate	97.6	90.8	99.1	92.2	97.7	94.6

[a]Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $F = 29.45$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$.
[b]Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $\chi^2 = 405.2$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$.
[c]Naloxone doses dispensed October 2017 to September 2018.

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prescribed most frequently were nurse practitioners, anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians, other providers, and family practice and general practice physicians (Table 3). After the mandate became effective, there was a significant shift in the specialty of those prescribing naloxone ($\chi^2 = 816.7$; $df = 12$; $P < .001$). Most notably, the proportion of naloxone prescribed by nurse practitioners decreased by nearly half, from 24.3% to 12.9%, whereas the percentage prescribed by anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians fell from 23.4% to 17.3%, and the percentage prescribed by infectious disease physicians fell from 7.0% to 1.8%. The greatest percentage increases in prescribing naloxone occurred among physician assistants (5.3% to 12.4%), internal medicine physicians (5.0% to 9.1%), family practice and general practice physicians (11.5% to 15.0%), and other providers (18.2% to 22.2%).

During the 90 days before adoption, the number of pharmacies dispensing naloxone was 1483. It increased 48% ($F = 17.58$; $P < .001$) in the 90 days after the coprescription to 3019. Of all study chain pharmacies in operation before the state's coprescription mandate, a median of 40% of stores dispensed at least 1 naloxone dose, and after the coprescription mandate, a median of 80% of stores dispensed 1 or more naloxone doses (Arizona: 82%, Florida: 61%, Rhode Island: 97%, Vermont: 80%, Virginia: 78%).

Naloxone prescription mandates were associated with changes in the overall payor mix for the medication in 4 of the 5 study states ($\chi^2 = 102.7$; $df = 4$; $P < .001$; Table 4). There was a total of 13 831 naloxone prescriptions during the study period, payment for which was made by cash (3.3%; n = 456), by Medicaid (24.3%; n = 3364), Medicare (34.9%; n = 4826), commercial payors (35.5%; n = 4912), or workers' comprehensive (2.0%; n = 273). Payment for naloxone differed by prescription type ($\chi^2 = 2106.4$; $df = 4$; $P < .001$): standing order prescription payments were more likely to be by cash (22.6% standing order vs 3.1% nonstanding order) and less likely to be by Medicare (13.9% standing order vs 31.4% nonstanding order) than nonstanding order prescriptions. Across all states, the proportion of naloxone prescriptions paid for with cash decreased after the mandate from 5.4% to 2.7%, but the increases in other payor types differed by state. Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, and Virginia all exhibited statistically significant changes in the naloxone payor mix comparing 90 days before and after coprescription mandate, whereas Vermont exhibited no statistically significant changes. More than half of all naloxone dispensed through a pharmacy in the study states is paid for by Medicaid or Medicare, and that dominant role was unaffected by a coprescription mandate.

TABLE 3—Proportion of Naloxone Prescriptions Issued by Medical Provider Specialty, Before and After Naloxone Coprescription Mandate in 5 US States: 2014–2018

Specialty	Before, %	After, %
Nurse practitioners	24.3	12.9
Anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians	23.4	17.3
Other providers	18.2	22.2
Family practice/general practice physicians	11.5	15.0
Infectious disease physicians	7.0	1.8
Physician assistants	5.3	12.4
Internal medicine physicians	5.0	9.1
Emergency medicine physicians	2.1	1.9
Obstetricians/gynecologists	0.9	3.0
Psychiatrists	0.7	0.7
Pediatric adolescent specialists	0.7	0.3
Pharmacists[a]	0.6	0.1
Surgeons	0.4	3.7

Notes. Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $\chi^2 = 816.7$; $df = 12$; $P < .001$.

[a]In some states, pharmacists provide naloxone through prescriptive authority or dispense pursuant to a state protocol order. In Arizona, which initially had a protocol order model for naloxone provision that later became a state standing order, a pharmacist's national provider identifier was listed.

DISCUSSION

The hidden nature of some drug use and the changing nature of the opioid epidemic argue for multiple paths to the life saving medication naloxone. Our analysis shows that naloxone coprescribing mandates greatly enhanced naloxone provision from pharmacies, engaged more prescribers, provided naloxone to more geographic areas, boosted naloxone provision to the point that nearly every pharmacy in a major chain dispensed at least 1 dose of naloxone, and reduced the burden on patient cash purchases. The particular changes on each of these metrics differed between states, suggesting that variation in the specifics of each state naloxone law may affect their effectiveness. There should be further research on this topic.

We found that standing order models appear to complement the prescriber based naloxone dispensed through community pharmacies and remain an important source of naloxone for patients, even when coprescription mandates were in place. Because our analysis drew from the pharmacy chain's dispensing data that include prescribers' national provider identifier, it was possible to differentiate the state and pharmacy chain standing order prescribers from all other prescribers. Previous studies draw from vendor based private insurance claims,[27] restrict to Medicaid claims databases,[37] or otherwise lack the specificity to distinguish among prescribers[38] and thus miss the impact of these legal mechanisms on pharmacy naloxone access. We found that the coprescription mandate was associated with a decrease in the proportion of naloxone dispensed via standing orders, which might suggest that standing orders are effective in reaching many of the same individuals targeted by coprescribing laws (i.e., those at higher risk for overdose).

Accessibility of pharmacy acquired naloxone is highly dependent on several factors,

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TABLE 4—Proportion Payment Type for Naloxone Prescriptions Dispensed 90 Days Before and After Implementation of Mandated Naloxone Coprescription: 5 US States, 2014–2018

	Virginia		Rhode Island		Arizona		Florida		Vermont	
Payment Type	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %
Cash	14.1	4.2	2.7	0.5	3.5	2.4	6.4	2.6	0.0	3.5
Medicaid	18.8	14.6	34.4	37.9	38.5	33.8	19.8	19.5	33.3	24.7
Medicare	22.4	32.2	19.8	21.9	32.3	34.9	40.4	45.9	20.0	30.6
Commercial	42.6	46.3	41.6	39.0	25.3	27.8	30.7	29.6	46.7	41.2
Workers' compensation	2.2	2.8	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	2.6	2.4	0.0	0.0
χ^2		63.10		28.38		10.66		44.04		2.72
P		<.001		<.001		.031		<.001		.44

including the medication's price. With numerous generic formulations as well as an intramuscular generic injectable, an intramuscular autoinjector branded product (Evzio), and an intranasal branded product (Narcan), there are more options than ever for patients—if they can afford them. Costs of naloxone have increased over the past few years,[39] and none of the cash price options offered in pharmacies around the country (as low as $40 for generic injectable and $100–$4000 for the branded products) are likely to be affordable to most patients. Our analysis showed that more than half of all naloxone dispensed through a pharmacy in the study states is paid for by Medicaid or Medicare, which corresponds well to public payor distributions for opioid use disorder diagnoses.[40] The prominence of Medicare payment for naloxone prescriptions in our analysis is consistent with another recent study of naloxone coprescription to Medicare beneficiaries,[41] which reported similar state specific dispensing patterns and further demonstrated that patients receiving naloxone were more likely to be concurrently prescribed an opioid and benzodiazepine or to be on a high daily MME dose.

The observed changes in payor mix, especially the reduction in cash purchased naloxone, might be related to the post mandate reduction in the proportion of standing order naloxone prescriptions obtained by friends and family. It also might reflect broader payor support for third party billing of naloxone (i.e., patients' insurance pays for naloxone obtained for intended use on a third party)[42] after mandates were implemented. Beyond our study states, the number of states that have placed naloxone on their Medicaid formularies or that have mandated insurance coverage for naloxone is growing, and this is a sustainable pathway to low cost and no cost naloxone. Because the cost of naloxone will remain a key issue for other states considering coprescription mandates, we suggest future innovations to reduce patient cost burden, for example with copayment assistance vouchers.

Limitations

There are important limitations to our analysis. Based on published prescription information,[38] we estimate that the study pharmacy's data represents between 10% and 20% of the national US retail pharmacy sales of naloxone at the time of our analysis. The counts should therefore not be considered comprehensive or definitive of naloxone distributed through pharmacies. However, the legal changes we examined could be expected to affect all community pharmacies in our study states similarly, as prescribers are all required to abide by the mandate, with subsequent prescriptions filled in community pharmacies.

Thus, we believe that the detected associations remain valid and reliable estimates of the laws' effects. For instance, we note that the medical specialties involved with naloxone coprescription map largely onto the types of providers who prescribe the most schedule II opioids nationally[43] and catalog a growth in naloxone prescribing that corresponds to the rise in providers granted newly expanded buprenorphine prescribing privileges[44] to treat opioid use disorder. Findings regarding the coprescription mandates enacted until 2017 are consistent with naloxone dispensing reported previously[41,45] and can be further validated by data from states with naloxone reported to the prescription drug monitoring program, such as Rhode Island, where preliminary analysis suggests similar patterns of effects on naloxone dispensing following Rhode Island's coprescription mandate in July 2018.[46]

We were not able to detail the complete opioid overdose risk profile for the individuals who received naloxone through the pharmacy, and the evidence for the life saving impact of naloxone is based on observational studies in which naloxone was largely distributed to people who were using illicit heroin. The Naloxone for Opioid Safety Evaluation study of Coffin et al., for example, found reduced opioid related emergency department visits in patients receiving chronic opioid therapy when naloxone was coprescribed compared with when naloxone was not coprescribed.[14] Examining the risk profile of those receiving naloxone from the pharmacy warrants further study using a data set that includes those characteristics. However, because coprescribing laws largely target individuals with known overdose risk factors, they likely result in those with these risks receiving more naloxone than they did before. Although previous analyses indicate that provision of naloxone is extremely cost effective,[47] and our analysis considered changes to the type of payor for the naloxone, future studies should examine the cost effectiveness of expanded naloxone access under pharmacy access models. Finally, we considered only short term impacts of coprescription; a comprehensive, longitudinal examination of these laws is warranted.

Public Health Implications

Mandating that naloxone be coprescribed to individuals at increased risk of overdose quickly and effectively expands the reach of naloxone to those individuals and addresses some economic and geographic disparities in naloxone provision. Our findings support the adoption of these types of mandates in all US states as 1 public health strategy to prevent fatal opioid overdose. State and

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pharmacy based standing orders remain a key complement to prescriber based naloxone even under a coprescription mandate and reflect the partnership among prescribers, pharmacists, and the community that is necessary to save lives and stem the tide of opioid overdose deaths. AJPH

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Laws Mandating Coprescription of Naloxone and Their Impact on Naloxone Prescription in Five US States, 2014–2018

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Objectives. To examine early impacts of laws that require naloxone to be prescribed to patients at increased overdose risk.

Methods. Using data from 2014 to 2018 from a large pharmacy chain, CVS Pharmacy, we examined the effects of naloxone-prescribing mandates 90 days before and after they took effect in Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. We compared the number of naloxone doses initiated directly by prescribers and by pharmacy standing order, prescriber specialty, pharmacies dispensing, and payor type by applying linear models and the χ^2 test.

Results. Naloxone-prescribing mandates increased pharmacy naloxone provision 255% from 90 days before to after implementation. This approach appeared to engage more prescribers (1028 before to 4285 after), complement ongoing naloxone provision under pharmacy standing orders, expand geographic reach (from 40% to 80% of pharmacies dispensing), and broaden the naloxone payor mix in 4 ($P < .05$) of 5 states.

Conclusions. Mandating the prescribing of naloxone quickly expands access to this life-saving medication for more people in more places. Other states should consider mandating the coprescription of naloxone to individuals at increased risk of overdose. (*Am J Public Health.* 2020;110:881–887. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2020.305620)

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A recent study[1] estimated that broader community uptake of naloxone could prevent 21 000 deaths over a 10 year period—more than restrictions on prescription opioids or expanding medications for addiction treatment. Naloxone has long been the first line medication for treating respiratory depression brought on by opioids, which can progress to life threatening overdose if untreated.[2] Since the 1990s, communities have trained laypersons to effectively respond to opioid overdose with naloxone[3,4] and since the early 2010s have equipped uniformed first responders with the medication[5,6] to more quickly restore breathing and prevent overdose related morbidity and mortality.

After decades of advocacy, concerted community action, and the unprecedented toll of overdose deaths driven primarily now by fentanyl and its analogs,[7–9] the Food and Drug Administration has recently taken steps to increase naloxone access, including creating and testing a model drug facts label appropriate for an over the counter product to encourage over the counter applicants.[10] Until an over the counter product advances to market, however, the coprescribing of naloxone to people who are at increased risk of opioid overdose can serve as a mechanism for expanding pharmacy access to naloxone to those at risk for future overdose and their social networks. In recognition of this fact, the US Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance in December 2018 encouraging the coprescription of naloxone to people at risk for overdose.[11]

Research and several scientific consensus guidance documents support the prescription of the rescue medication to people who might be at risk for experiencing opioid overdose.[12–17] These include patients prescribed opioid medications at high doses (i.e., > 50 daily morphine milligram equivalent [MME]),[18] people taking opioids and sedating medications such as benzodiazepines concurrently,[19] people with substance use disorders[20] and recent opioid overdose survivors,[21] among others.[22] Despite efforts to train and encourage prescribers[23] to prescribe naloxone to these patients at increased risk of overdose, stigma as well as a range of provider specific[24,25] and structural challenges such as naloxone stocking[26] have limited uptake of naloxone coprescribing. A recent study showed that only 1.5% of commercially insured patients at high risk of overdose from 2005 to 2016 received prescription naloxone, suggesting that regulatory efforts might be needed to bring pharmacy naloxone distribution in line with expert consensus and official guidelines.[27]

Over the past 5 years, every state has passed at least 1 law designed to increase access to naloxone.[28] A key innovation of earlier versions of these laws is the ability for prescribers to issue a standing order for naloxone,

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which permits the medication to be dispensed to any person who meets criteria specified in the standing order instead of to a specific, named patient of the prescriber.[29] All 5 states in this study have passed laws containing this provision.

The newest form of naloxone access law goes a step further, by requiring that naloxone be coprescribed to individuals that meet criteria, specified in the law, for being at increased risk for overdose. We examined the effect of these legal mandates on the pharmacy dispensing of naloxone.

METHODS

We used data from a large community pharmacy chain, CVS Pharmacy, to examine the effect of mandatory coprescription laws in the first 5 states that adopted mandatory coprescribing laws in the United States (Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia). Specifically, we explored the impact of coprescribing mandates on the number of naloxone doses dispensed at pharmacy locations, the number and specialties of naloxone prescribers, the number and proportion of doses dispensed under a standing order, the number and proportion of CVS pharmacies dispensing naloxone, and the payment type, both public and private.

Each measure examined reflects important aspects of the coprescribing mandate's impact on naloxone availability to individuals at increased risk of overdose. The change in number of doses dispensed indicates the broad impact of the mandate on naloxone availability to those individuals. Examining changes in the medical specialty of providers prescribing naloxone suggests the differential impact of coprescribing mandates on different types of providers, as well as on the types of patients at risk for overdose who can obtain naloxone from a pharmacy. Changes in the number of standing order–dispensed naloxone doses indicate the accessibility of naloxone through nonprescriber pathways critical to friends and family of patients at risk, which may complement the mandate's effect. Measuring changes in the number and proportion of pharmacies dispensing naloxone within the chain reflects the geographic reach of the mandate. Finally, examining how payment types for naloxone prescriptions shift suggests the economic impact and patient burden of the mandate.

To determine the presence and characteristics of naloxone mandates, a trained legal researcher (C. D.) systematically searched the Westlaw legal database for all laws containing the terms "opioid antagonist" or "naloxone" and "prescri!" that went into effect on or before September 31, 2018. We examined all resulting laws to determine whether they met study criteria, which we set a priori to include all and only laws that require that naloxone be prescribed in at least some circumstances. We downloaded all laws that met study criteria for review and recorded their characteristics (enactment date, effective date, and circumstances in which coprescription is required).

Records of each naloxone prescription dispensed contained the unique national provider identifier, and we matched publicly available data elements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Plan and Provider Enumeration System[30] to indicate the provider's practice specialty. We calculated doses per capita by dividing the number of naloxone doses dispensed from October 2017 to September 2018 by the estimated 2018 state population.[31] We also descriptively analyzed payment type for every prescription. We grouped payment types into cash, Medicaid, Medicare, workers' compensation, and commercial insurance. For each state, we identified naloxone prescriptions dispensed under standing orders by identifying and differentiating the national provider identifier associated with standing orders issued both by state officials and by prescribers affiliated with the pharmacy chain. All states had similar naloxone access laws in place during the study period.[28] Summary data characterizing standing order trends included naloxone prescriptions filled between 2014 and 2018.

To examine the short term impacts of coprescribing mandates, we compared the number of naloxone doses dispensed, unique prescribers, pharmacies dispensing, and naloxone doses dispensed via standing order 90 days before compared with 90 days (i.e., in three 30 day increments) after the coprescription mandates went into effect. We used linear models and indicators of mandate implementation, controlling for state fixed effects. Data for the primary outcome analyses of the coprescription mandate pertained to naloxone doses dispensed from 2017 to 2018 (i.e., 90 days before the first enacted mandate in 2017). We also conducted a sensitivity analysis using Poisson regression on the count of naloxone doses. We used the χ^2 test to calculate differences in the distribution of payor mix and medical specialty provider type before compared with after the coprescription mandate. We conducted all statistical tests in SAS version 9.3 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC) at a P level of less than .05.

RESULTS

By September 2018, 5 states had implemented laws mandating that a prescription for naloxone be issued to certain patients (Table 1). The patient characteristics that trigger such a prescription vary by state. For example, the mandates in Arizona and Florida apply only to patients who are prescribed a schedule II opioid, whereas in other states the mandate applies regardless of the schedule of opioid prescribed. Arizona law[32] requires that naloxone be coprescribed to a patient receiving greater than 90 MME, whereas in Florida coprescribing is required for those for whom the opioid was prescribed for pain related to a traumatic injury with an Injury Severity Score of 9 or greater, regardless of the MME prescribed.[33] Vermont requires the coprescribing of naloxone to any patient receiving greater than 90 MME per day and patients receiving both opioids and benzodiazepines,[34] whereas Virginia mandates that naloxone be prescribed to patients who are receiving greater than 120 MME per day, those receiving both benzodiazepines and opioids, and those with a history of overdose or substance misuse.[35] Finally, Rhode Island requires that naloxone be prescribed to any patient who is receiving 50 MME or higher, to any patient who has been prescribed both opioids and benzodiazepines in the past 30 days, and to patients with a history of opioid use disorder or overdose when they are prescribed an opioid.[36]

Across the 5 states with mandated naloxone prescription laws, the total number of naloxone doses dispensed in the 90 days after implementation of the coprescription mandate grew 255%, from 6208 to 22 067 ($F = 29.45$; $P < .001$) compared with the 90 days before adoption of the mandate (Table 2). A sensitivity analysis using Poisson

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TABLE 1—US States With Coprescription Mandates as of September 30, 2018

State	No. Study Pharmacies	Year Pharmacy Standing Order for Naloxone Implemented at Pharmacy Chain	When Naloxone Must Be Prescribed	Coprescription Mandate Effective Date
Arizona	199	2016	New Rx for schedule II opioid for > 90 MME per d	April 25, 2018
Florida	861	2016	Rx for a schedule II opioid for pain related to a traumatic injury with an Injury Severity Score ≥ 9	July 1, 2018
Rhode Island	64	2014	When any of the following exist: Rx opioid to patient receiving ≥ 50 MME per d Rx for any dose of an opioid when a benzodiazepine has been prescribed in the past 30 days or will be prescribed at the visit Rx for any dose of an opioid to patient with a history of opioid use disorder or overdose	July 2, 2018
Vermont	10	2015	When any of the following exist: Rx to patient receiving > 90 MME per day All patients receiving concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine Rx	July 1, 2017
Virginia	347	2015	To any patient with any of the following risk factors: Opioid doses > 120 MME per day Concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine Rx Prior overdose or substance misuse history	March 15, 2017

Note. MME = morphine milligram equivalents; Rx = prescription.

regression yielded a similar consistent and significant before to after mandate increase in naloxone doses dispensed across the 5 states ($P < .001$). Overall, the mean number of doses dispensed per 30 day increment in the 5 states was 943 (median = 564; SD = 928; range = 10–3303 doses). The highest annual rates of naloxone dispensing were in Rhode Island (540.8 doses per 100 000 population) and Virginia (182.4 doses per 100 000 population).

The amount and proportion of naloxone dispensed pursuant to pharmacy standing orders varied substantially across the 5 states before the coprescription mandate, and that pattern continued subsequent to the mandate. The median proportion of standing order naloxone doses dispensed from the date the standing order law was implemented at the pharmacy chain up to the month preceding the date of mandated coprescribing was 29% (Arizona: 4%, Florida: 15%, Virginia: 29%, Rhode Island: 47%, Vermont: 76%). The change in the absolute number of naloxone doses dispensed under a standing order increased 50% from 795 to 1194 doses ($F = 2.74$; $P = .11$) after the mandate was implemented, but this change was not sta tistically significant. The number of doses dispensed via traditional prescription, how ever, increased significantly: from 5413 to 20 873 doses ($F = 28.87$; $P < .001$). Overall, the proportion of naloxone doses prescribed via standing order fell from 12.8% of all naloxone doses dispensed in the 90 days before to 5.4% of doses 90 days after the coprescription mandate ($\chi^2 = 405.2$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$).

During the 90 days before the mandate, the number of naloxone prescribers totaled 1028; this increased 317% in the 90 days after the mandate to 4285 ($F = 36.30$; $P < .001$). Before the mandate, medical specialties that

TABLE 2—Short-Term Impacts of Naloxone Coprescription Mandates in 5 US States: 2014–2018

	Virginia	Rhode Island	Arizona	Florida	Vermont	Overall
Change in total doses dispensed	7 660	5 083	4 760	10 540	232	28 275
Percentage change in total doses dispensed	+1116	+223	+241	+240	+187	+255[a]
Percentage change in standing order doses dispensed	+19	−17	−32	+280	−17	+51
Annual[c] naloxone dose dispensing rate per 100 000 population	182.4	540.8	54.0	27.7	48.4	. . .
Standing order doses, %						
Before mandate	24.7	36.1	1.9	7.0	20.0	12.8
After mandate	2.4	9.2	0.9	7.8	2.3	5.4[b]
Nonstanding order doses, %						
Before mandate	75.3	63.9	98.1	93.0	80.0	87.2
After mandate	97.6	90.8	99.1	92.2	97.7	94.6

[a]Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $F = 29.45$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$.
[b]Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $\chi^2 = 405.2$; $df = 1$; $P < .001$.
[c]Naloxone doses dispensed October 2017 to September 2018.

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prescribed most frequently were nurse practitioners, anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians, other providers, and family practice and general practice physicians (Table 3). After the mandate became effective, there was a significant shift in the specialty of those prescribing naloxone ($\chi^2 = 816.7$; $df = 12$; $P < .001$). Most notably, the proportion of naloxone prescribed by nurse practitioners decreased by nearly half, from 24.3% to 12.9%, whereas the percentage prescribed by anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians fell from 23.4% to 17.3%, and the percentage prescribed by infectious disease physicians fell from 7.0% to 1.8%. The greatest percentage increases in prescribing naloxone occurred among physician assistants (5.3% to 12.4%), internal medicine physicians (5.0% to 9.1%), family practice and general practice physicians (11.5% to 15.0%), and other providers (18.2% to 22.2%).

During the 90 days before adoption, the number of pharmacies dispensing naloxone was 1483. It increased 48% ($F = 17.58$; $P < .001$) in the 90 days after the coprescription to 3019. Of all study chain pharmacies in operation before the state's coprescription mandate, a median of 40% of stores dispensed at least 1 naloxone dose, and after the coprescription mandate, a median of 80% of stores dispensed 1 or more naloxone doses (Arizona: 82%, Florida: 61%, Rhode Island: 97%, Vermont: 80%, Virginia: 78%).

Naloxone prescription mandates were associated with changes in the overall payor mix for the medication in 4 of the 5 study states ($\chi^2 = 102.7$; $df = 4$; $P < .001$; Table 4). There was a total of 13 831 naloxone prescriptions during the study period, payment for which was made by cash (3.3%; n = 456), by Medicaid (24.3%; n = 3364), Medicare (34.9%; n = 4826), commercial payors (35.5%; n = 4912), or workers' comprehensive (2.0%; n = 273). Payment for naloxone differed by prescription type ($\chi^2 = 2106.4$; $df = 4$; $P < .001$): standing order prescription payments were more likely to be by cash (22.6% standing order vs 3.1% nonstanding order) and less likely to be by Medicare (13.9% standing order vs 31.4% nonstanding order) than nonstanding order prescriptions. Across all states, the proportion of naloxone prescriptions paid for with cash decreased after the mandate from 5.4% to 2.7%, but the increases in other payor types differed by state. Arizona, Florida, Rhode Island, and Virginia all exhibited statistically significant changes in the naloxone payor mix comparing 90 days before and after coprescription mandate, whereas Vermont exhibited no statistically significant changes. More than half of all naloxone dispensed through a pharmacy in the study states is paid for by Medicaid or Medicare, and that dominant role was unaffected by a coprescription mandate.

TABLE 3—Proportion of Naloxone Prescriptions Issued by Medical Provider Specialty, Before and After Naloxone Coprescription Mandate in 5 US States: 2014–2018

Specialty	Before, %	After, %
Nurse practitioners	24.3	12.9
Anesthesiology and pain medicine physicians	23.4	17.3
Other providers	18.2	22.2
Family practice/general practice physicians	11.5	15.0
Infectious disease physicians	7.0	1.8
Physician assistants	5.3	12.4
Internal medicine physicians	5.0	9.1
Emergency medicine physicians	2.1	1.9
Obstetricians/gynecologists	0.9	3.0
Psychiatrists	0.7	0.7
Pediatric adolescent specialists	0.7	0.3
Pharmacists[a]	0.6	0.1
Surgeons	0.4	3.7

Notes. Statistically significant change before to after mandate: $\chi^2 = 816.7$; $df = 12$; $P < .001$.

[a]In some states, pharmacists provide naloxone through prescriptive authority or dispense pursuant to a state protocol order. In Arizona, which initially had a protocol order model for naloxone provision that later became a state standing order, a pharmacist's national provider identifier was listed.

DISCUSSION

The hidden nature of some drug use and the changing nature of the opioid epidemic argue for multiple paths to the life saving medication naloxone. Our analysis shows that naloxone coprescribing mandates greatly enhanced naloxone provision from pharmacies, engaged more prescribers, provided naloxone to more geographic areas, boosted naloxone provision to the point that nearly every pharmacy in a major chain dispensed at least 1 dose of naloxone, and reduced the burden on patient cash purchases. The particular changes on each of these metrics differed between states, suggesting that variation in the specifics of each state naloxone law may affect their effectiveness. There should be further research on this topic.

We found that standing order models appear to complement the prescriber based naloxone dispensed through community pharmacies and remain an important source of naloxone for patients, even when coprescription mandates were in place. Because our analysis drew from the pharmacy chain's dispensing data that include prescribers' national provider identifier, it was possible to differentiate the state and pharmacy chain standing order prescribers from all other prescribers. Previous studies draw from vendor based private insurance claims,[27] restrict to Medicaid claims databases,[37] or otherwise lack the specificity to distinguish among prescribers[38] and thus miss the impact of these legal mechanisms on pharmacy naloxone access. We found that the coprescription mandate was associated with a decrease in the proportion of naloxone dispensed via standing orders, which might suggest that standing orders are effective in reaching many of the same individuals targeted by coprescribing laws (i.e., those at higher risk for overdose).

Accessibility of pharmacy acquired naloxone is highly dependent on several factors,

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TABLE 4—Proportion Payment Type for Naloxone Prescriptions Dispensed 90 Days Before and After Implementation of Mandated Naloxone Coprescription: 5 US States, 2014–2018

	Virginia		Rhode Island		Arizona		Florida		Vermont	
Payment Type	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %	Before, %	After, %
Cash	14.1	4.2	2.7	0.5	3.5	2.4	6.4	2.6	0.0	3.5
Medicaid	18.8	14.6	34.4	37.9	38.5	33.8	19.8	19.5	33.3	24.7
Medicare	22.4	32.2	19.8	21.9	32.3	34.9	40.4	45.9	20.0	30.6
Commercial	42.6	46.3	41.6	39.0	25.3	27.8	30.7	29.6	46.7	41.2
Workers' compensation	2.2	2.8	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	2.6	2.4	0.0	0.0
χ^2		63.10		28.38		10.66		44.04		2.72
P		<.001		<.001		.031		<.001		.44

including the medication's price. With numerous generic formulations as well as an intramuscular generic injectable, an intramuscular autoinjector branded product (Evzio), and an intranasal branded product (Narcan), there are more options than ever for patients—if they can afford them. Costs of naloxone have increased over the past few years,[39] and none of the cash price options offered in pharmacies around the country (as low as $40 for generic injectable and $100–$4000 for the branded products) are likely to be affordable to most patients. Our analysis showed that more than half of all naloxone dispensed through a pharmacy in the study states is paid for by Medicaid or Medicare, which corresponds well to public payor distributions for opioid use disorder diagnoses.[40] The prominence of Medicare payment for naloxone prescriptions in our analysis is consistent with another recent study of naloxone coprescription to Medicare beneficiaries,[41] which reported similar state specific dispensing patterns and further demonstrated that patients receiving naloxone were more likely to be concurrently prescribed an opioid and benzodiazepine or to be on a high daily MME dose.

The observed changes in payor mix, especially the reduction in cash purchased naloxone, might be related to the post mandate reduction in the proportion of standing order naloxone prescriptions obtained by friends and family. It also might reflect broader payor support for third party billing of naloxone (i.e., patients' insurance pays for naloxone obtained for intended use on a third party)[42] after mandates were implemented. Beyond our study states, the number of states that have placed naloxone on their Medicaid formularies or that have mandated insurance coverage for naloxone is growing, and this is a sustainable pathway to low cost and no cost naloxone. Because the cost of naloxone will remain a key issue for other states considering coprescription mandates, we suggest future innovations to reduce patient cost burden, for example with copayment assistance vouchers.

Limitations

There are important limitations to our analysis. Based on published prescription information,[38] we estimate that the study pharmacy's data represents between 10% and 20% of the national US retail pharmacy sales of naloxone at the time of our analysis. The counts should therefore not be considered comprehensive or definitive of naloxone distributed through pharmacies. However, the legal changes we examined could be expected to affect all community pharmacies in our study states similarly, as prescribers are all required to abide by the mandate, with subsequent prescriptions filled in community pharmacies.

Thus, we believe that the detected associations remain valid and reliable estimates of the laws' effects. For instance, we note that the medical specialties involved with naloxone coprescription map largely onto the types of providers who prescribe the most schedule II opioids nationally[43] and catalog a growth in naloxone prescribing that corresponds to the rise in providers granted newly expanded buprenorphine prescribing privileges[44] to treat opioid use disorder. Findings regarding the coprescription mandates enacted until 2017 are consistent with naloxone dispensing reported previously[41,45] and can be further validated by data from states with naloxone reported to the prescription drug monitoring program, such as Rhode Island, where preliminary analysis suggests similar patterns of effects on naloxone dispensing following Rhode Island's coprescription mandate in July 2018.[46]

We were not able to detail the complete opioid overdose risk profile for the individuals who received naloxone through the pharmacy, and the evidence for the life saving impact of naloxone is based on observational studies in which naloxone was largely distributed to people who were using illicit heroin. The Naloxone for Opioid Safety Evaluation study of Coffin et al., for example, found reduced opioid related emergency department visits in patients receiving chronic opioid therapy when naloxone was coprescribed compared with when naloxone was not coprescribed.[14] Examining the risk profile of those receiving naloxone from the pharmacy warrants further study using a data set that includes those characteristics. However, because coprescribing laws largely target individuals with known overdose risk factors, they likely result in those with these risks receiving more naloxone than they did before. Although previous analyses indicate that provision of naloxone is extremely cost effective,[47] and our analysis considered changes to the type of payor for the naloxone, future studies should examine the cost effectiveness of expanded naloxone access under pharmacy access models. Finally, we considered only short term impacts of coprescription; a comprehensive, longitudinal examination of these laws is warranted.

Public Health Implications

Mandating that naloxone be coprescribed to individuals at increased risk of overdose quickly and effectively expands the reach of naloxone to those individuals and addresses some economic and geographic disparities in naloxone provision. Our findings support the adoption of these types of mandates in all US states as 1 public health strategy to prevent fatal opioid overdose. State and

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pharmacy based standing orders remain a key complement to prescriber based naloxone even under a coprescription mandate and reflect the partnership among prescribers, pharmacists, and the community that is necessary to save lives and stem the tide of opioid overdose deaths. AJPH

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ABSTRACT

Background: A cascade of care (CoC) model may improve understanding of gaps in addiction treatment availability and quality over current single measure methods. Despite increased funding, opioid overdose rates remain high. Therefore, it is critical to understand where the health-care system is failing to provide appropriate care for people with opioid use disorder (OUD) diagnoses, and to assess disparities in receipt of medication for OUD (MOUD).

Objective: Using a CoC framework, assess treatment quality and outcomes for OUD in the Florida Medicaid population in 2017/2018 by demographics and primary vs. secondary diagnosis.

Methods: Data from Florida Medicaid claims for 2017 and 2018 were used to calculate the number of enrollees who were diagnosed, began MOUD, were retained on medication for a minimum of 180 days, and who died.

Results: Only 28% of those diagnosed with OUD began treatment with an FDA approved MOUD (buprenorphine, methadone, or injectable naltrexone). Once on medication, 38% of newly diagnosed enrollees were retained in treatment for180 days. Those who remained on MOUD for 180 days had a hazard ratio of death of 0 226 (95% CI = 0.174 to 0.294) compared to those that did not initiate MOUD, a reduction in mortality from 10% without MOUD to 2% with MOUD.

Conclusions: Initiating medication after OUD diagnosis offers the greatest opportunity for intervention toreduce overdose deaths, though efforts to increase retention are also warranted. Analyzing claims data with CoC identifies system functioning for specific populations, and suggests policies and clinical pathways to target for improvement.

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Introduction

As opioid overdose deaths have increased in the United States (1–3), resources have been directed to increasing capacity, particularly increasing the number of providers who are capable of prescribing buprenorphine (4–6). Rulemaking (7) and proposed legislation (8) has been directed toward increasing the number of patients to whom each provider can prescribe. These efforts at increasing availability are essential but not sufficient to ensure more people receive necessary treatment. Eisenberg (9) described a series of "voltage drops" that occur between provision of health-care coverage and provision of quality care. Continuous coverage, adequate provider capacity, ease of access in terms of location and time, treatment that addresses patient needs, preferences, and abilities to pay for, obtain, and use medications on schedule, and ongoing efforts to support treatment adherence are all necessary to provide care that improves health.

A treatment cascade is one way of assessing where gaps or voltage drops in the provision of effective care exist. Several authors have proposed using a cascade of care as a core measure for monitoring of addiction treatment system functioning and providing actionable feedback (10–13). More recently cascades of care have been created for systems of care in at least two states (CO (14) and RI (15)) and one Canadian province (16). A cascade of care begins with the population prevalence, then calculates the number/percent of the population who are identified or diagnosed as having a condition, the number/percent who begin treatment, the number/percent who continue in or complete treatment and the number/percent who have positive treatment outcomes. Use of a cascade of care can help system planners to better understand where there are system failures and develop targets for improvement.

Administrative claims data are perhaps the most readily available source of information that can describe systems-level quality and can be used to describe the

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process of a cascade of care. Claims data are available at a system level and are useful in tracking process and some limited outcome measures of performance. Therefore, claims data can be used for all but the first – prevalence – and possibly the last step – outcome – of a cascade of care. Prevalence of those with OUD can generally be estimated from national or local survey data, though there have been criticisms of these methods and alternative methods proposed (17). Treatment outcome can be estimated from surveys (15) or may need to be inferred from expected links between process and treatment outcomes from the literature (15,18,19). Another alternative is to look at proxy measures such as reduced health spending, or to examine reduction in negative outcomes that can be measured in claims data such as reduced hospitalization, emergency department visits or death.

Our goal was to test an approach of data extraction and analysis based on previously defined terms that could be widely adopted and generalizable. The potential audience is states and payers wishing to assess the function of their system as it relates to the provision of treatment for OUD, and to use the methods to identify opportunities for improvement in system-level functioning. We did this by applying the cascade of care approach to evaluate the quality of care for individuals with OUD in a single state, Florida. We examined the location of diagnosis and the type of diagnosis (primary versus secondary) as a way of disaggregating opportunities for intervention. A primary diagnosis implies a patient seeking or being offered treatment for OUD, where a secondary diagnosis implies treatment for some other condition as primary, but OUD being a significant contributor or important enough to note in a medical claim file. We examined opportunities for improvement from both perspectives as well as whether there were differences in treatment receipt by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.

Methods

Data

Prevalence was measured using the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) latest available (2016–2017) restricted data set online query tool applied to Florida. The online query tool is available at https://rdas.samhsa.gov/#/survey/NSDUH-2016-2017-RD02YR.

All other data for this analysis was Medicaid administrative data. We used FL Medicaid institutional and office claims and encounters (including managed care and fee for service claims), and pharmacy claims for 2017 and 2018.

As Florida did not expand Medicaid under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (20), the population of Florida Medicaid is made up of people who are categorically eligible. Eleven percent of Florida adults age 19–64 are covered by Medicaid compared to 14% nationally (21,22) but the percent of adults 65 or over who are dually covered by Medicaid and Medicare is similar to the national average of 20% (21,22).

Measures

Prevalence was computed as a cross tabulation in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive restricted use data analysis system online analysis tool. The query was a crosstab of opioid abuse or dependence and Medicaid insurance with a control variable of state equal to Florida and using survey weights in the 2016–2017 2-year restricted data set.

Population is all Medicaid recipients with an OUD diagnosis in the calendar year 2017. For consistent data collection and result comparison, recipients were required to have at least 11 months of Medicaid coverage or full coverage until death in 2017. For inclusion in the sample, we required 6 months of continued coverage following an OUD treatment (if the recipient had at least one treatment) or OUD diagnosis (if the recipient did not have treatment). The only exception was when a recipient died during this six-month term; then, full Medicaid coverage until their death was used to meet the Medicaid coverage requirement and inclusion in the sample; 25,866 individuals met these criteria. The analyses herein are based on these 25,866 service recipients whose service record was measured for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Diagnosis Codes: OUD diagnosis is based on ICD-10-CM codes with all forms of F11.xxx, including F11.11 (in remission) and F11.90 (opioid use unspecified, uncomplicated) which are sometimes left out of analysis such as this, but which we believe warrant inclusion based on practitioners sometimes not differentiating between these codes. All diagnoses (primary or any secondary) in claims (institutional or office) were used to define OUD diagnoses. A recipient was considered as having OUD if the recipient had at least one claim (including all claims from institutional and office settings) with ICD-10-CM code F11.xxx in the calendar year 2017. Service recipients may have had diagnoses of OUD prior to 2017; however, receiving a diagnosis in 2017 and their subsequent course of treatment (if any) was the focus of this analysis. We also conducted some analysis using a wash out period

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of the final three months of 2016 to assess the outcomes for people with new diagnosis only. We refer to these individuals as newly diagnosed. We also coded individuals based on whether their OUD was listed as primary or secondary.

Treatment Codes: Treatment receipt is captured from service or pharmacy claims with methadone receipt measured from clinical service claims, buprenorphine from pharmacy claims and injectable naltrexone from pharmacy claims. In Florida, injectable naltrexone is most often purchased in a pharmacy and delivered to the provider who provides the injection. We did not count service claims separately as it would be duplicative and service claims are often coded simply as an office visit. Methadone treatment is identified by CPT codes H0020 in combination with the modifier 'HG' (indicates Opioid Addiction Treatment Program) and an ICD-10-CM code F11.xxx from clinical claims. The restriction is necessary as the code H0020 could be used for treating other substance use disorders. We did not include service claims for counseling or other treatment that was not associated with an FDA approved medication to treat OUD as research does not support these services as effective treatment in the absence of medication (23,24).

For each enrollee, the number of claims for methadone, buprenorphine and injectable naltrexone are calculated from the initial diagnosis and treatment claim in 2017. Buprenorphine includes all types of buprenorphine products including combined buprenorphine-naloxone products and sublingual and all long-acting buprenorphine products but excludes products generally used only for the treatment of pain.

Treatment initiation is defined as the earliest medication treatment (buprenorphine, methadone, or injectable naltrexone) following diagnosis. The treatment initiation date is used as an index date to calculate the number of treatments and whether or not the person had continuous treatment. Following NQF definitions (25), if a person had at least 24 Methadone treatment encounters (billed weekly) in addition to the initial index encounter within 180 days of treatment initiation, then we considered the person as having continuous methadone treatment; if an individual had prescriptions for at least 173 out of 180 days, then the individual is considered as having had continuous buprenorphine treatment; if a person had at least four injectable naltrexone prescriptions following the initial index prescription, then the person is considered as having had continuous injectable naltrexone treatment. These measures allow for some very brief lapses in care during the period of study.

We defined 'short term follow-up' as having more than the initial treatment but not meeting the criteria for the definition of "continuous treatment" as defined for each medication above. The 'initial-only' group is comprised of those individuals who had a single treatment, but no further treatment recorded in the following 180 days. Individuals in the 'no-treatment' group were given a diagnosis of an OUD with no medication for OUD (MOUD) initiation following diagnosis.

Analysis

All claims in 2017 were used to identify OUD diagnoses and claims for 2017 and 2018 were used for service encounters or prescription claims. Demographics (date of birth, gender, race, dually eligibility, Medicaid eligible days) are from Medicaid enrollment and eligibility data. Initial and follow-up treatments are calculated on an individual level. After pulling all claims with a diagnosis of OUD, all measures were matched by enrollee unique ID (Medicaid ID) to create the analysis datasets. Inclusion criteria were applied to each measure for consistency. For each diagnosis, age-at-diagnosis is calculated and the individual is included if 18 years of age or older and enrolled for at least 11 months (or 330 days) in the time period. To calculate treatment utilization, Medicaid enrollment of at least 180 days from the initial diagnosis or treatment was required.

Chi-Square and Mantel-Haenszel (MH) Chi-Square were used to detect the association between measures and factors. We used a Cox proportional hazards model for survival analyses adjusting for age, race, ethnicity, and sex. We used SAS Version 9.4 for all analyses.

Results

Prevalence

Calculation of the expected prevalence of OUD for Florida Medicaid recipients from the NSDUH 2016/2017 Restricted Use Data Files online analysis tool is 1.83% (confidence interval 0.96–3.21%) or approximately 28,370 persons when the percentage is applied to the population based on our inclusion criteria.

Diagnosis

The number of adults (18 or older) who had at least 11 months of Medicaid coverage or full coverage until death in Florida in 2017 was 1,553,285. Of these Medicaid recipients, 27,568 (or 1.8%) had a diagnosis of OUD in their record in 2017. Of these 27,568 recipients, 25,866 met the inclusion criteria of having at least 6 months of coverage following their initial treatment (if

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the patient had OUD treatment) or initial diagnosis (if the patient did not have treatment).

Primary versus secondary diagnosis

Of the service recipients who received an OUD diagnosis in 2017, the type of diagnosis received, classified as Primary vs. Secondary/Other, varied predictably by setting. Those who received a primary diagnosis (44%) were found, most commonly, to have received it in community-based substance use disorder or mental health treatment settings (57%). In contrast, only 1% of individuals with a secondary OUD diagnosis received it from these settings; instead they commonly received their diagnoses in hospital or physician-office settings (90%).

All demographic factors, except rural/urban location, are significantly associated with whether service recipients received a primary or secondary diagnosis of OUD in 2017. Younger, female, and white, Asian, and American Indian individuals were more likely to have a primary diagnosis of OUD whereas Blacks and the Medicare eligible were more likely to have only a secondary diagnosis (see Table 1).

Treatment initiation, engagement and continuation

More than half of the people who were newly diagnosed during 2017 received only a secondary diagnosis (57%) and of these only 2% received any MOUD. Of those who received a primary diagnosis, and therefore presumably at least were offered treatment, only 24% began MOUD (Table 2). Most of the people in the continuous treatment group had begun treatment prior to the study period and continued their care into the study period. Of those individuals who received a new primary diagnosis and initiated MOUD, 42% remained in care for at least 180 days in the follow-up period.

In Florida, Medicaid-funded newly diagnosed individuals are about equally likely to receive methadone as buprenorphine, but the higher retention rate for methadone treatment leads to a 3:1 ratio of people in methadone treatment compared to buprenorphine for individuals in the continuous care group. Fifty-six percent of newly diagnosed individuals who began methadone treatment continued for 180 days, while 18.7% of those that began treatment with buprenorphine continued for 180 days. This ratio might change somewhat if we used less stringent standards for the definition of continuous treatment as prior research has indicated that results are sensitive to measure specification (26). Very few individuals (only 14) received injectable naloxone, and none received more than the initial treatment.

Mortality as an outcome

The mortality rate of service recipients is a key measure in assessing the effectiveness and safety of treatment processes. Death dates were collected from the Medicaid enrollment database and matched to the study population. We included dates of death through 12/31/18.

Mortality is strongly associated with treatment duration, as mortality of the 'no treatment' group is more than 4 times the rate of those in continuous care. Individuals in continuous care had the longest survival rates. Though it is possible that individuals in the other treatment groups (short, initial, no treatment) may have died before receiving the dose of care required to be included in the continuous category, even after excluding individuals deceased with less than 180 days coverage, the mortality in the continuous follow-up group demonstrated the lowest mortality rate and the 'no treatment' group continued to demonstrate the highest mortality rate.

After controlling for demographics, the hazard ratio between the continuous follow-up treatment group and the no MOUD group is 0.226 (95% confidence interval 0.174 to 0.294) (Figure 1). There is no statistically significant difference between the hazard of death for the no-treatment group and the treatment initiation only group.

The Florida medicaid opioid use disorder treatment cascade

Figure 2 displays an OUD treatment cascade for the state of Florida for Medicaid enrollees newly diagnosed in calendar year 2017, both overall and by whether the diagnosis was primary or secondary. 'Prevalence' reflects the number of Medicaid enrollees, 18 or older, expected to have an OUD based on NSDUH survey data analysis. 'Identification' represents the number of adult Medicaid enrollees who received a diagnosis in 2017. 'Treatment initiation' represents the number of those identified who received at least one medication service (such as a dosing visit to a methadone clinic) or prescription following the diagnosis. 'Treatment continuation' represents the number of enrollees who received medication for at least 180 continuous days as defined previously in 2017–2018.

Discussion

Demographic differences

Older individuals and those who are black are less likely to receive a primary diagnosis and consequently are less likely to receive treatment for OUD. People who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare are also less

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Table 1. Characteristics of service recipients and service by diagnosis type and whether newly diagnosed in 2017 N = 25,866.

Characteristics	New diagnosis in 2017 (no treatment in Q4 2016)	Categories	At Least one Primary OUD Diagnosis		Secondary/Other OUD Diagnosis (No Primary) OUD		Association between Primary OUD and Factor
			N – SR	% of SR	N- SR	% of SR	MH Chi-square value (*P*-value)
Age group	No	18–25	181	93.3%	13	6.7%	25.9 (<.001)
		26–49	3,724	95.4%	180	4.6%	
		50–64	712	89.7%	82	10.3%	
		65 and up	48	90.6%	5	9.4%	
	Yes	18–25	574	54.7%	476	45.3%	713.5 (<.001)
		26–49	5,287	51.9%	4,909	48.1%	
		50–64	2,693	35.2%	4,961	64.8%	
		65 and up	551	27.3%	1,470	72.7%	
Dual Eligible	No	Dually Eligible	1,676	92.9%	128	7.1%	10.9 (=.001)
		Medicaid Only	2,989	95.2%	152	4.8%	
	Yes	Dually Eligible	5,074	37.3%	8,535	62.7%	616.1 (<.001)
		Medicaid Only	4,031	55.1%	3,281	44.9%	
Gender	No	F	3,492	94.6%	201	5.4%	1.32 (.25)
		M	1,173	93.7%	79	6.3%	
	Yes	F	5,933	44.6%	7,368	55.4%	17.5 (<.001)
		M	3,172	41.6%	4,448	58.4%	
Race	No	Asian	17	94.4%	1	5.6%	9.57 (.002)
		Black	143	88.8%	18	11.2%	
		Hispanic	314	94.6%	18	5.4%	
		American Indian or Native	38	97.4%	1	1.6%	
		Not Determined	347	89.9%	39	10.1%	
		Other	62	95.4%	3	4.6%	
		White	3,744	94.9%	200	5.1%	
	Yes	Asian	41	51.3%	39	48.7%	110.9 (<.001)
		Black	891	33.6%	1,758	66.4%	
		Hispanic	872	44.1%	1,107	55.9%	
		American Indian or Native	25	43.9%	32	56.1%	
		Not Determined	1,401	40.6%	2,051	59.4%	
		Other	145	43.8%	186	56.2%	
		White	5,730	46.3%	6,643	53.7%	
Rural/Urban	No	Rural	199	93.0%	15	7.0%	0.76 (.38)
		Urban	4,466	94.4%	265	5.6%	
	Yes	Rural	534	48.0%	578	52.0%	9.68 (.002)
		Urban	8,571	43.3%	11,238	56.7%	
Initial Setting	No	Community-based Care in Primary SUD or MH treatment setting	3,474	99.8%	6	0.2%	473.4 (<.001)
		Physician (Office-based)	521	79.1%	138	20.9%	
		Hospital	135	57.2%	101	42.8%	
		Other	535	93.9%	35	6.1%	
	Yes	Community-based Care in Primary SUD or MH treatment setting	1,746	92.2%	147	7.8%	264.6 (<.001)
		Physician (Office-based)	3,009	37.2%	5,083	62.8%	
		Hospital	2,257	28.9%	5,542	71.1%	
		Other	2,092	66.7%	1,044	33.3%	
Total	No		4,665	94.3%	280	5.7%	4,148.6 (<.001)
	Yes		9,105	43.5%	11,816	56.5%	

*: 'Other' includes diagnoses made in a range of settings including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinic, Assistive Care, Case Management Agency. Among those collapsed in the 'Other' category, only 'Independent Lab' comprised greater than 5% of the total sample.

Table 2. Treatment initiation and retention by diagnosis type and whether newly diagnosed in 2017.

Treatment Type	New diagnosis in 2017 (no Treatment in Q4 2016)	Primary OUD		Secondary/Other OUD (N = 12,096)		Association among treatment type and OUD type: MH Chi-square value (*P*-value)
		N-Enrollees	%-Enrollees	N-Enrollees	%-Enrollees	
Continuous Follow-up Treatment	No	2,813	98.8%	35	1.2%	654.6 (<.001)
Short-term Follow-up Treatment		1,637	93.8%	108	6.2%	
Initial-only Treatment		85	59.9%	57	40.1%	
No MOUD Treatment		130	61.9%	80	38.1%	
Continuous Follow-up Treatment	Yes	923	97.8%	21	2.2%	2,423.4 (<.001)
Short-term Follow-up Treatment		1,030	90.2%	112	9.8%	
Initial-only Treatment		241	62.0%	148	38.0%	
No MOUD Treatment		6,911	37.5%	11,535	62.5%	

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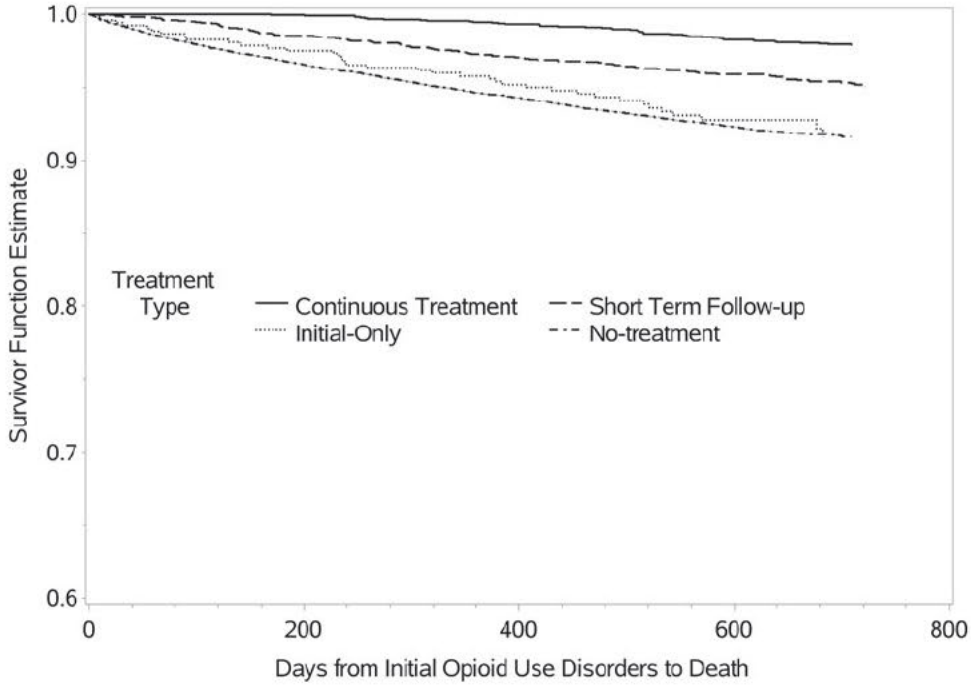

Figure 1. Adjusted survival curves of patients with Opioid Use Disorders by treatment. The difference between Initial Only and No treatment is not significant. All other differences are statistically significant at $p \leq 0.05$. Treatment type definition: Continuous Treatment – 173/180 days of MOUD; Short Term Follow up – more than one, but less than 173/180 days of MOUD; Initial-Only – one medication prescription or service following diagnosis, but no further MOUD; No-treatment – no medication initiated during 180 days following diagnosis.

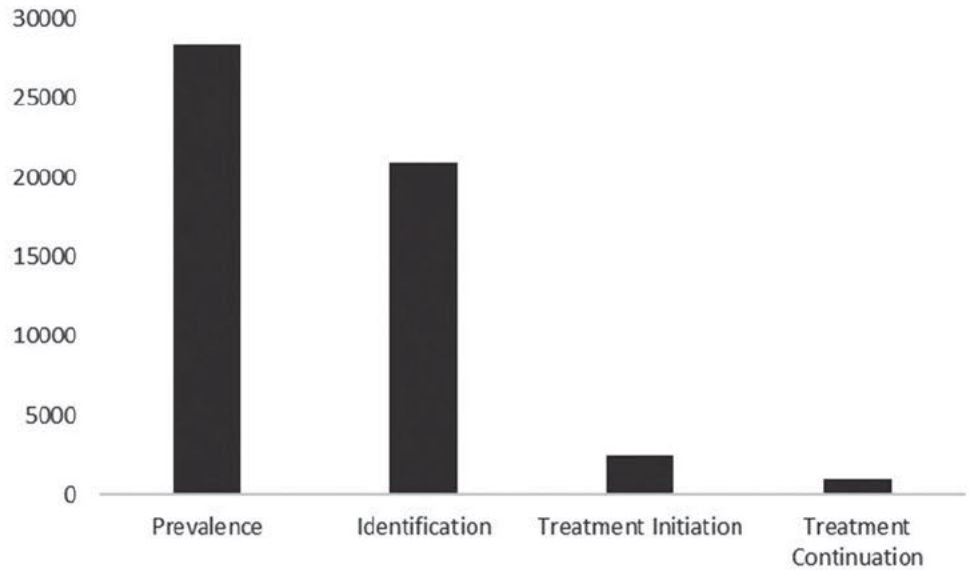

Figure 2. Opioid treatment cascade for Florida Medicaid population, newly diagnosed in 2017. Prevalence is from National Survey on Drug Use and Health online restricted data analysis system; all other data is from 2017 and 2018 Florida Medicaid claims. Prevalence is expected prevalence of active OUD in prior year; Identification, Treatment Initiation and Continuation are for those newly diagnosed in 2017 (no prior diagnosis or treatment in final quarter of 2016).

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likely than people who are Medicaid eligible only to receive a primary diagnosis of OUD.

Importance of location and type of diagnosis

For Florida Medicaid recipients, where an individual initially receives a diagnosis and whether that diagnosis is labeled as primary or secondary to another injury or condition has significant life consequences. Service recipients who are diagnosed in a general medical or hospital setting and receive their diagnosis as secondary to another injury or condition are highly unlikely to receive MOUD. The consequences of not initiating care are dire, as the death rate is higher for each missed step of the treatment cascade. Given the high death rate, an OUD diagnosis at any level should be considered of enough concern to warrant initiation on a medication protocol regardless of whether the diagnosis is secondary to another condition. These results indicate a possible missed opportunity for treatment initiation that should be pursued and that results in disparities of care for people who are older, disabled, and black.

Notable milestones in the cascade of care

In 2017, Florida Medicaid enrollees who had an OUD had a high probability of having been diagnosed when the prevalence is estimated using the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. However, only about 28% of those who received a diagnosis went on to initiate an FDA approved medication to treat their OUD. Care continuity is more common than not once treatment has begun, with 53% of those who were in care in 2017 having remained in care for at least 180 days. Retention was highest for recipients of methadone treatment with 66% of individuals on methadone during the study period retained in treatment for at least 180 days. The numbers of people receiving injectable naltrexone was not high enough to draw conclusions regarding retention rates.

Retention in care is inversely related to probability of death

There is a clear directional relationship between the length of retention in care and the probability of death. Ten percent of Florida Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of OUD in 2017 that did not receive treatment died during the period of study. Patients in the continuous treatment group had a 2% death rate and a hazard ratio of death of .226 compared to those who did not receive treatment whose death rate was five times higher. The nature of the Florida Medicaid population with its extreme poverty and high percentage of enrollees with disabling conditions make it by definition a population with poor health and high risk, but 10% of the population dying in a two-year period is unprecedented and vastly higher than previous reports (27,28).

Limitations

There are a number of limitations impacting interpretations made in this study. The primary limitation is that the prevalence figure from the national household survey data is probably an underestimate as it leaves out the population of people who are institutionalized and those who are homeless and unsheltered. The absence of a group of people with high probability of having OUD and being potentially in our population of study probably creates an underestimate of prevalence and consequently an overestimate of the percent of the population that is diagnosed. Other methods have estimated the undercount of OUD diagnosis by the NSDUH to be as much as 400%.

The Florida Medicaid population is not representative of the total population of people with OUD as it is extremely poor and more likely to have other disabling conditions.

We limited our analysis to Medicaid enrollees who had at least 11 months of coverage in the period and 180 days of coverage following diagnosis. This was necessary to avoid assuming people who merely changed payers had dropped out of care. However, the churn in Medicaid is high and we lost over a third of the population of Medicaid enrollees for the time period of study due to the decision to limit the sample by coverage criteria. Examining the effect of loss of or change in coverage on treatment continuity would also be of value as it impacts a large number of people.

Since individual cause of death is not available for this analysis, death data represents all causes, which may or may not be directly related to OUD. Nevertheless, after adjusting for age and other demographic factors, the hazard ratio for death decreases the longer a service recipient remains in treatment. Cause of death by various treatment groups should be researched further.

Using the medicaid cascade of care for improving treatment delivery

We believe the cascade of care methodology used here is valuable for policy makers, medical, and social service practitioners. For policy makers, it can be used to prioritize limited outreach and treatment resources, recognizing that those at highest risk of dying do not have a primary OUD diagnosis, do not receive any treatment,

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and in Florida are more likely to be Black and older. The cascade of care could also be used as a basis upon which sophisticated simulation models of the opioid epidemic could be built to improve decision making for policy makers accounting for local context while using standard measures and data elements. The cascade of care framework has been used effectively in addressing gaps in HIV prevention and treatment through model development. Similar agent-based modeling approaches now being used in decision-making for ending the HIV epidemic (29) can provide guidance on key decisions to reduce mortality, improve recovery, and prevent OUD.

Clinicians who provide service recipients a secondary diagnosis of OUD should be aware of their high risk of mortality and, if unable to provide treatment themselves, should ensure linkage to appropriate care. Our study demonstrates that a large proportion of those who enter treatment do continue in ongoing care. This information can counter the commonly held view that most service recipients do not respond to treatment. Such a positive message around recovery may encourage individuals to enter and continue treatment.

Conclusion

Using a cascade of care approach to evaluating claims data for OUD was feasible and informative. The findings yield critical insights for systems leaders and policymakers. We were able to identify differences in treatment utilization based on where a diagnosis was made and to link retention in treatment to a primary outcome – death. Policy makers can use a cascade of care as a dashboard for systems planning, resource allocation and quality improvement activities.

The issues raised in our analysis are important for planning purposes in Florida and should be both replicated and examined in other states. We identified subpopulations who are less likely to receive treatment including people over age 50, people who are Black, and those who are dually Medicaid and Medicare eligible. Our study points to a need for better care coordination between general medical (physician offices, hospitals, ED) and specialty care providers. An OUD diagnosis, regardless of whether it is primary or secondary or who makes the diagnosis requires treatment. To leave these patients untreated can be a death sentence.

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ABSTRACT

Background: A cascade of care (CoC) model may improve understanding of gaps in addiction treatment availability and quality over current single measure methods. Despite increased funding, opioid overdose rates remain high. Therefore, it is critical to understand where the health-care system is failing to provide appropriate care for people with opioid use disorder (OUD) diagnoses, and to assess disparities in receipt of medication for OUD (MOUD).

Objective: Using a CoC framework, assess treatment quality and outcomes for OUD in the Florida Medicaid population in 2017/2018 by demographics and primary vs. secondary diagnosis.

Methods: Data from Florida Medicaid claims for 2017 and 2018 were used to calculate the number of enrollees who were diagnosed, began MOUD, were retained on medication for a minimum of 180 days, and who died.

Results: Only 28% of those diagnosed with OUD began treatment with an FDA approved MOUD (buprenorphine, methadone, or injectable naltrexone). Once on medication, 38% of newly diagnosed enrollees were retained in treatment for180 days. Those who remained on MOUD for 180 days had a hazard ratio of death of 0 226 (95% CI = 0.174 to 0.294) compared to those that did not initiate MOUD, a reduction in mortality from 10% without MOUD to 2% with MOUD.

Conclusions: Initiating medication after OUD diagnosis offers the greatest opportunity for intervention toreduce overdose deaths, though efforts to increase retention are also warranted. Analyzing claims data with CoC identifies system functioning for specific populations, and suggests policies and clinical pathways to target for improvement.

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Introduction

As opioid overdose deaths have increased in the United States (1–3), resources have been directed to increasing capacity, particularly increasing the number of providers who are capable of prescribing buprenorphine (4–6). Rulemaking (7) and proposed legislation (8) has been directed toward increasing the number of patients to whom each provider can prescribe. These efforts at increasing availability are essential but not sufficient to ensure more people receive necessary treatment. Eisenberg (9) described a series of "voltage drops" that occur between provision of health-care coverage and provision of quality care. Continuous coverage, adequate provider capacity, ease of access in terms of location and time, treatment that addresses patient needs, preferences, and abilities to pay for, obtain, and use medications on schedule, and ongoing efforts to support treatment adherence are all necessary to provide care that improves health.

A treatment cascade is one way of assessing where gaps or voltage drops in the provision of effective care exist. Several authors have proposed using a cascade of care as a core measure for monitoring of addiction treatment system functioning and providing actionable feedback (10–13). More recently cascades of care have been created for systems of care in at least two states (CO (14) and RI (15)) and one Canadian province (16). A cascade of care begins with the population prevalence, then calculates the number/percent of the population who are identified or diagnosed as having a condition, the number/percent who begin treatment, the number/percent who continue in or complete treatment and the number/percent who have positive treatment outcomes. Use of a cascade of care can help system planners to better understand where there are system failures and develop targets for improvement.

Administrative claims data are perhaps the most readily available source of information that can describe systems-level quality and can be used to describe the

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process of a cascade of care. Claims data are available at a system level and are useful in tracking process and some limited outcome measures of performance. Therefore, claims data can be used for all but the first – prevalence – and possibly the last step – outcome – of a cascade of care. Prevalence of those with OUD can generally be estimated from national or local survey data, though there have been criticisms of these methods and alternative methods proposed (17). Treatment outcome can be estimated from surveys (15) or may need to be inferred from expected links between process and treatment outcomes from the literature (15,18,19). Another alternative is to look at proxy measures such as reduced health spending, or to examine reduction in negative outcomes that can be measured in claims data such as reduced hospitalization, emergency department visits or death.

Our goal was to test an approach of data extraction and analysis based on previously defined terms that could be widely adopted and generalizable. The potential audience is states and payers wishing to assess the function of their system as it relates to the provision of treatment for OUD, and to use the methods to identify opportunities for improvement in system-level functioning. We did this by applying the cascade of care approach to evaluate the quality of care for individuals with OUD in a single state, Florida. We examined the location of diagnosis and the type of diagnosis (primary versus secondary) as a way of disaggregating opportunities for intervention. A primary diagnosis implies a patient seeking or being offered treatment for OUD, where a secondary diagnosis implies treatment for some other condition as primary, but OUD being a significant contributor or important enough to note in a medical claim file. We examined opportunities for improvement from both perspectives as well as whether there were differences in treatment receipt by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.

Methods

Data

Prevalence was measured using the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) latest available (2016–2017) restricted data set online query tool applied to Florida. The online query tool is available at https://rdas.samhsa.gov/#/survey/NSDUH-2016-2017-RD02YR.

All other data for this analysis was Medicaid administrative data. We used FL Medicaid institutional and office claims and encounters (including managed care and fee for service claims), and pharmacy claims for 2017 and 2018.

As Florida did not expand Medicaid under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (20), the population of Florida Medicaid is made up of people who are categorically eligible. Eleven percent of Florida adults age 19–64 are covered by Medicaid compared to 14% nationally (21,22) but the percent of adults 65 or over who are dually covered by Medicaid and Medicare is similar to the national average of 20% (21,22).

Measures

Prevalence was computed as a cross tabulation in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive restricted use data analysis system online analysis tool. The query was a crosstab of opioid abuse or dependence and Medicaid insurance with a control variable of state equal to Florida and using survey weights in the 2016–2017 2-year restricted data set.

Population is all Medicaid recipients with an OUD diagnosis in the calendar year 2017. For consistent data collection and result comparison, recipients were required to have at least 11 months of Medicaid coverage or full coverage until death in 2017. For inclusion in the sample, we required 6 months of continued coverage following an OUD treatment (if the recipient had at least one treatment) or OUD diagnosis (if the recipient did not have treatment). The only exception was when a recipient died during this six-month term; then, full Medicaid coverage until their death was used to meet the Medicaid coverage requirement and inclusion in the sample; 25,866 individuals met these criteria. The analyses herein are based on these 25,866 service recipients whose service record was measured for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Diagnosis Codes: OUD diagnosis is based on ICD-10-CM codes with all forms of F11.xxx, including F11.11 (in remission) and F11.90 (opioid use unspecified, uncomplicated) which are sometimes left out of analysis such as this, but which we believe warrant inclusion based on practitioners sometimes not differentiating between these codes. All diagnoses (primary or any secondary) in claims (institutional or office) were used to define OUD diagnoses. A recipient was considered as having OUD if the recipient had at least one claim (including all claims from institutional and office settings) with ICD-10-CM code F11.xxx in the calendar year 2017. Service recipients may have had diagnoses of OUD prior to 2017; however, receiving a diagnosis in 2017 and their subsequent course of treatment (if any) was the focus of this analysis. We also conducted some analysis using a wash out period

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of the final three months of 2016 to assess the outcomes for people with new diagnosis only. We refer to these individuals as newly diagnosed. We also coded individuals based on whether their OUD was listed as primary or secondary.

Treatment Codes: Treatment receipt is captured from service or pharmacy claims with methadone receipt measured from clinical service claims, buprenorphine from pharmacy claims and injectable naltrexone from pharmacy claims. In Florida, injectable naltrexone is most often purchased in a pharmacy and delivered to the provider who provides the injection. We did not count service claims separately as it would be duplicative and service claims are often coded simply as an office visit. Methadone treatment is identified by CPT codes H0020 in combination with the modifier 'HG' (indicates Opioid Addiction Treatment Program) and an ICD-10-CM code F11.xxx from clinical claims. The restriction is necessary as the code H0020 could be used for treating other substance use disorders. We did not include service claims for counseling or other treatment that was not associated with an FDA approved medication to treat OUD as research does not support these services as effective treatment in the absence of medication (23,24).

For each enrollee, the number of claims for methadone, buprenorphine and injectable naltrexone are calculated from the initial diagnosis and treatment claim in 2017. Buprenorphine includes all types of buprenorphine products including combined buprenorphine-naloxone products and sublingual and all long-acting buprenorphine products but excludes products generally used only for the treatment of pain.

Treatment initiation is defined as the earliest medication treatment (buprenorphine, methadone, or injectable naltrexone) following diagnosis. The treatment initiation date is used as an index date to calculate the number of treatments and whether or not the person had continuous treatment. Following NQF definitions (25), if a person had at least 24 Methadone treatment encounters (billed weekly) in addition to the initial index encounter within 180 days of treatment initiation, then we considered the person as having continuous methadone treatment; if an individual had prescriptions for at least 173 out of 180 days, then the individual is considered as having had continuous buprenorphine treatment; if a person had at least four injectable naltrexone prescriptions following the initial index prescription, then the person is considered as having had continuous injectable naltrexone treatment. These measures allow for some very brief lapses in care during the period of study.

We defined 'short term follow-up' as having more than the initial treatment but not meeting the criteria for the definition of "continuous treatment" as defined for each medication above. The 'initial-only' group is comprised of those individuals who had a single treatment, but no further treatment recorded in the following 180 days. Individuals in the 'no-treatment' group were given a diagnosis of an OUD with no medication for OUD (MOUD) initiation following diagnosis.

Analysis

All claims in 2017 were used to identify OUD diagnoses and claims for 2017 and 2018 were used for service encounters or prescription claims. Demographics (date of birth, gender, race, dually eligibility, Medicaid eligible days) are from Medicaid enrollment and eligibility data. Initial and follow-up treatments are calculated on an individual level. After pulling all claims with a diagnosis of OUD, all measures were matched by enrollee unique ID (Medicaid ID) to create the analysis datasets. Inclusion criteria were applied to each measure for consistency. For each diagnosis, age-at-diagnosis is calculated and the individual is included if 18 years of age or older and enrolled for at least 11 months (or 330 days) in the time period. To calculate treatment utilization, Medicaid enrollment of at least 180 days from the initial diagnosis or treatment was required.

Chi-Square and Mantel-Haenszel (MH) Chi-Square were used to detect the association between measures and factors. We used a Cox proportional hazards model for survival analyses adjusting for age, race, ethnicity, and sex. We used SAS Version 9.4 for all analyses.

Results

Prevalence

Calculation of the expected prevalence of OUD for Florida Medicaid recipients from the NSDUH 2016/2017 Restricted Use Data Files online analysis tool is 1.83% (confidence interval 0.96–3.21%) or approximately 28,370 persons when the percentage is applied to the population based on our inclusion criteria.

Diagnosis

The number of adults (18 or older) who had at least 11 months of Medicaid coverage or full coverage until death in Florida in 2017 was 1,553,285. Of these Medicaid recipients, 27,568 (or 1.8%) had a diagnosis of OUD in their record in 2017. Of these 27,568 recipients, 25,866 met the inclusion criteria of having at least 6 months of coverage following their initial treatment (if

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the patient had OUD treatment) or initial diagnosis (if the patient did not have treatment).

Primary versus secondary diagnosis

Of the service recipients who received an OUD diagnosis in 2017, the type of diagnosis received, classified as Primary vs. Secondary/Other, varied predictably by setting. Those who received a primary diagnosis (44%) were found, most commonly, to have received it in community-based substance use disorder or mental health treatment settings (57%). In contrast, only 1% of individuals with a secondary OUD diagnosis received it from these settings; instead they commonly received their diagnoses in hospital or physician-office settings (90%).

All demographic factors, except rural/urban location, are significantly associated with whether service recipients received a primary or secondary diagnosis of OUD in 2017. Younger, female, and white, Asian, and American Indian individuals were more likely to have a primary diagnosis of OUD whereas Blacks and the Medicare eligible were more likely to have only a secondary diagnosis (see Table 1).

Treatment initiation, engagement and continuation

More than half of the people who were newly diagnosed during 2017 received only a secondary diagnosis (57%) and of these only 2% received any MOUD. Of those who received a primary diagnosis, and therefore presumably at least were offered treatment, only 24% began MOUD (Table 2). Most of the people in the continuous treatment group had begun treatment prior to the study period and continued their care into the study period. Of those individuals who received a new primary diagnosis and initiated MOUD, 42% remained in care for at least 180 days in the follow-up period.

In Florida, Medicaid-funded newly diagnosed individuals are about equally likely to receive methadone as buprenorphine, but the higher retention rate for methadone treatment leads to a 3:1 ratio of people in methadone treatment compared to buprenorphine for individuals in the continuous care group. Fifty-six percent of newly diagnosed individuals who began methadone treatment continued for 180 days, while 18.7% of those that began treatment with buprenorphine continued for 180 days. This ratio might change somewhat if we used less stringent standards for the definition of continuous treatment as prior research has indicated that results are sensitive to measure specification (26). Very few individuals (only 14) received injectable naloxone, and none received more than the initial treatment.

Mortality as an outcome

The mortality rate of service recipients is a key measure in assessing the effectiveness and safety of treatment processes. Death dates were collected from the Medicaid enrollment database and matched to the study population. We included dates of death through 12/31/18.

Mortality is strongly associated with treatment duration, as mortality of the 'no treatment' group is more than 4 times the rate of those in continuous care. Individuals in continuous care had the longest survival rates. Though it is possible that individuals in the other treatment groups (short, initial, no treatment) may have died before receiving the dose of care required to be included in the continuous category, even after excluding individuals deceased with less than 180 days coverage, the mortality in the continuous follow-up group demonstrated the lowest mortality rate and the 'no treatment' group continued to demonstrate the highest mortality rate.

After controlling for demographics, the hazard ratio between the continuous follow-up treatment group and the no MOUD group is 0.226 (95% confidence interval 0.174 to 0.294) (Figure 1). There is no statistically significant difference between the hazard of death for the no-treatment group and the treatment initiation only group.

The Florida medicaid opioid use disorder treatment cascade

Figure 2 displays an OUD treatment cascade for the state of Florida for Medicaid enrollees newly diagnosed in calendar year 2017, both overall and by whether the diagnosis was primary or secondary. 'Prevalence' reflects the number of Medicaid enrollees, 18 or older, expected to have an OUD based on NSDUH survey data analysis. 'Identification' represents the number of adult Medicaid enrollees who received a diagnosis in 2017. 'Treatment initiation' represents the number of those identified who received at least one medication service (such as a dosing visit to a methadone clinic) or prescription following the diagnosis. 'Treatment continuation' represents the number of enrollees who received medication for at least 180 continuous days as defined previously in 2017–2018.

Discussion

Demographic differences

Older individuals and those who are black are less likely to receive a primary diagnosis and consequently are less likely to receive treatment for OUD. People who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare are also less

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Table 1. Characteristics of service recipients and service by diagnosis type and whether newly diagnosed in 2017 N = 25,866.

Characteristics	New diagnosis in 2017 (no treatment in Q4 2016)	Categories	At Least one Primary OUD Diagnosis		Secondary/Other OUD Diagnosis (No Primary) OUD		Association between Primary OUD and Factor
			N – SR	% of SR	N- SR	% of SR	MH Chi-square value (*P*-value)
Age group	No	18–25	181	93.3%	13	6.7%	25.9 (<.001)
		26–49	3,724	95.4%	180	4.6%	
		50–64	712	89.7%	82	10.3%	
		65 and up	48	90.6%	5	9.4%	
	Yes	18–25	574	54.7%	476	45.3%	713.5 (<.001)
		26–49	5,287	51.9%	4,909	48.1%	
		50–64	2,693	35.2%	4,961	64.8%	
		65 and up	551	27.3%	1,470	72.7%	
Dual Eligible	No	Dually Eligible	1,676	92.9%	128	7.1%	10.9 (=.001)
		Medicaid Only	2,989	95.2%	152	4.8%	
	Yes	Dually Eligible	5,074	37.3%	8,535	62.7%	616.1 (<.001)
		Medicaid Only	4,031	55.1%	3,281	44.9%	
Gender	No	F	3,492	94.6%	201	5.4%	1.32 (.25)
		M	1,173	93.7%	79	6.3%	
	Yes	F	5,933	44.6%	7,368	55.4%	17.5 (<.001)
		M	3,172	41.6%	4,448	58.4%	
Race	No	Asian	17	94.4%	1	5.6%	9.57 (.002)
		Black	143	88.8%	18	11.2%	
		Hispanic	314	94.6%	18	5.4%	
		American Indian or Native	38	97.4%	1	1.6%	
		Not Determined	347	89.9%	39	10.1%	
		Other	62	95.4%	3	4.6%	
		White	3,744	94.9%	200	5.1%	
	Yes	Asian	41	51.3%	39	48.7%	110.9 (<.001)
		Black	891	33.6%	1,758	66.4%	
		Hispanic	872	44.1%	1,107	55.9%	
		American Indian or Native	25	43.9%	32	56.1%	
		Not Determined	1,401	40.6%	2,051	59.4%	
		Other	145	43.8%	186	56.2%	
		White	5,730	46.3%	6,643	53.7%	
Rural/Urban	No	Rural	199	93.0%	15	7.0%	0.76 (.38)
		Urban	4,466	94.4%	265	5.6%	
	Yes	Rural	534	48.0%	578	52.0%	9.68 (.002)
		Urban	8,571	43.3%	11,238	56.7%	
Initial Setting	No	Community-based Care in Primary SUD or MH treatment setting	3,474	99.8%	6	0.2%	473.4 (<.001)
		Physician (Office-based)	521	79.1%	138	20.9%	
		Hospital	135	57.2%	101	42.8%	
		Other	535	93.9%	35	6.1%	
	Yes	Community-based Care in Primary SUD or MH treatment setting	1,746	92.2%	147	7.8%	264.6 (<.001)
		Physician (Office-based)	3,009	37.2%	5,083	62.8%	
		Hospital	2,257	28.9%	5,542	71.1%	
		Other	2,092	66.7%	1,044	33.3%	
Total	No		4,665	94.3%	280	5.7%	4,148.6 (<.001)
	Yes		9,105	43.5%	11,816	56.5%	

*: 'Other' includes diagnoses made in a range of settings including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinic, Assistive Care, Case Management Agency. Among those collapsed in the 'Other' category, only 'Independent Lab' comprised greater than 5% of the total sample.

Table 2. Treatment initiation and retention by diagnosis type and whether newly diagnosed in 2017.

Treatment Type	New diagnosis in 2017 (no Treatment in Q4 2016)	Primary OUD		Secondary/Other OUD (N = 12,096)		Association among treatment type and OUD type: MH Chi-square value (*P*-value)
		N-Enrollees	%-Enrollees	N-Enrollees	%-Enrollees	
Continuous Follow-up Treatment	No	2,813	98.8%	35	1.2%	654.6 (<.001)
Short-term Follow-up Treatment		1,637	93.8%	108	6.2%	
Initial-only Treatment		85	59.9%	57	40.1%	
No MOUD Treatment		130	61.9%	80	38.1%	
Continuous Follow-up Treatment	Yes	923	97.8%	21	2.2%	2,423.4 (<.001)
Short-term Follow-up Treatment		1,030	90.2%	112	9.8%	
Initial-only Treatment		241	62.0%	148	38.0%	
No MOUD Treatment		6,911	37.5%	11,535	62.5%	

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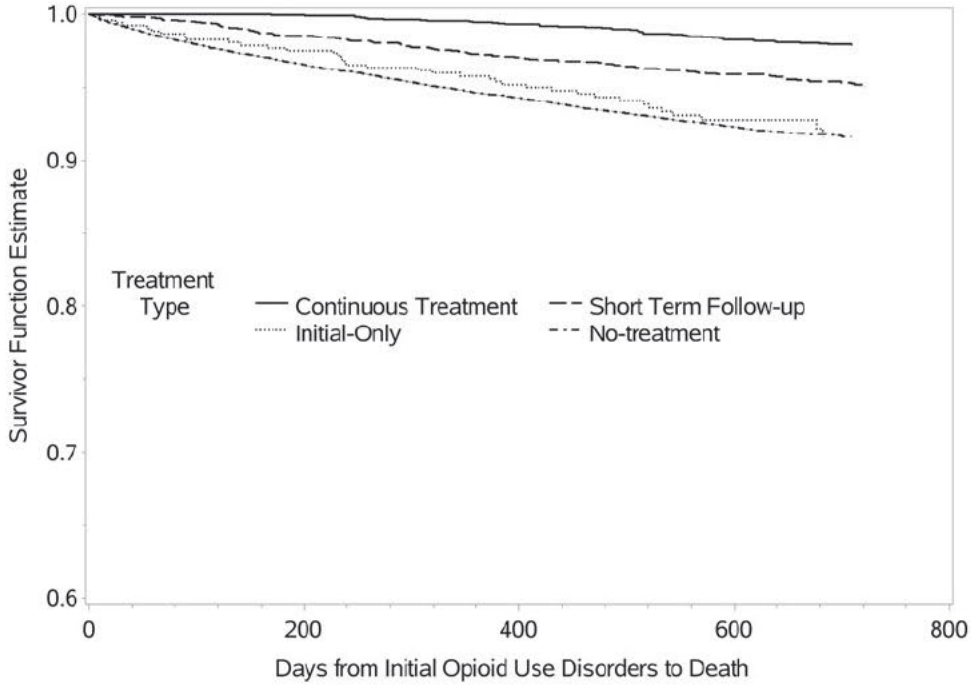

Figure 1. Adjusted survival curves of patients with Opioid Use Disorders by treatment. The difference between Initial Only and No treatment is not significant. All other differences are statistically significant at $p \leq 0.05$. Treatment type definition: Continuous Treatment – 173/180 days of MOUD; Short Term Follow up – more than one, but less than 173/180 days of MOUD; Initial-Only – one medication prescription or service following diagnosis, but no further MOUD; No-treatment – no medication initiated during 180 days following diagnosis.

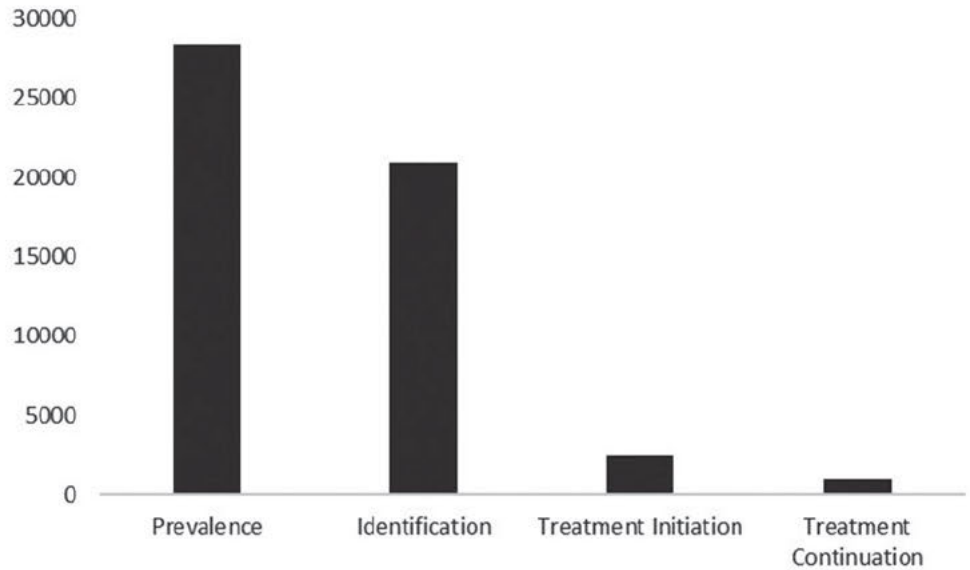

Figure 2. Opioid treatment cascade for Florida Medicaid population, newly diagnosed in 2017. Prevalence is from National Survey on Drug Use and Health online restricted data analysis system; all other data is from 2017 and 2018 Florida Medicaid claims. Prevalence is expected prevalence of active OUD in prior year; Identification, Treatment Initiation and Continuation are for those newly diagnosed in 2017 (no prior diagnosis or treatment in final quarter of 2016).

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likely than people who are Medicaid eligible only to receive a primary diagnosis of OUD.

Importance of location and type of diagnosis

For Florida Medicaid recipients, where an individual initially receives a diagnosis and whether that diagnosis is labeled as primary or secondary to another injury or condition has significant life consequences. Service recipients who are diagnosed in a general medical or hospital setting and receive their diagnosis as secondary to another injury or condition are highly unlikely to receive MOUD. The consequences of not initiating care are dire, as the death rate is higher for each missed step of the treatment cascade. Given the high death rate, an OUD diagnosis at any level should be considered of enough concern to warrant initiation on a medication protocol regardless of whether the diagnosis is secondary to another condition. These results indicate a possible missed opportunity for treatment initiation that should be pursued and that results in disparities of care for people who are older, disabled, and black.

Notable milestones in the cascade of care

In 2017, Florida Medicaid enrollees who had an OUD had a high probability of having been diagnosed when the prevalence is estimated using the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. However, only about 28% of those who received a diagnosis went on to initiate an FDA approved medication to treat their OUD. Care continuity is more common than not once treatment has begun, with 53% of those who were in care in 2017 having remained in care for at least 180 days. Retention was highest for recipients of methadone treatment with 66% of individuals on methadone during the study period retained in treatment for at least 180 days. The numbers of people receiving injectable naltrexone was not high enough to draw conclusions regarding retention rates.

Retention in care is inversely related to probability of death

There is a clear directional relationship between the length of retention in care and the probability of death. Ten percent of Florida Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of OUD in 2017 that did not receive treatment died during the period of study. Patients in the continuous treatment group had a 2% death rate and a hazard ratio of death of .226 compared to those who did not receive treatment whose death rate was five times higher. The nature of the Florida Medicaid population with its extreme poverty and high percentage of enrollees with disabling conditions make it by definition a population with poor health and high risk, but 10% of the population dying in a two-year period is unprecedented and vastly higher than previous reports (27,28).

Limitations

There are a number of limitations impacting interpretations made in this study. The primary limitation is that the prevalence figure from the national household survey data is probably an underestimate as it leaves out the population of people who are institutionalized and those who are homeless and unsheltered. The absence of a group of people with high probability of having OUD and being potentially in our population of study probably creates an underestimate of prevalence and consequently an overestimate of the percent of the population that is diagnosed. Other methods have estimated the undercount of OUD diagnosis by the NSDUH to be as much as 400%.

The Florida Medicaid population is not representative of the total population of people with OUD as it is extremely poor and more likely to have other disabling conditions.

We limited our analysis to Medicaid enrollees who had at least 11 months of coverage in the period and 180 days of coverage following diagnosis. This was necessary to avoid assuming people who merely changed payers had dropped out of care. However, the churn in Medicaid is high and we lost over a third of the population of Medicaid enrollees for the time period of study due to the decision to limit the sample by coverage criteria. Examining the effect of loss of or change in coverage on treatment continuity would also be of value as it impacts a large number of people.

Since individual cause of death is not available for this analysis, death data represents all causes, which may or may not be directly related to OUD. Nevertheless, after adjusting for age and other demographic factors, the hazard ratio for death decreases the longer a service recipient remains in treatment. Cause of death by various treatment groups should be researched further.

Using the medicaid cascade of care for improving treatment delivery

We believe the cascade of care methodology used here is valuable for policy makers, medical, and social service practitioners. For policy makers, it can be used to prioritize limited outreach and treatment resources, recognizing that those at highest risk of dying do not have a primary OUD diagnosis, do not receive any treatment,

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and in Florida are more likely to be Black and older. The cascade of care could also be used as a basis upon which sophisticated simulation models of the opioid epidemic could be built to improve decision making for policy makers accounting for local context while using standard measures and data elements. The cascade of care framework has been used effectively in addressing gaps in HIV prevention and treatment through model development. Similar agent-based modeling approaches now being used in decision-making for ending the HIV epidemic (29) can provide guidance on key decisions to reduce mortality, improve recovery, and prevent OUD.

Clinicians who provide service recipients a secondary diagnosis of OUD should be aware of their high risk of mortality and, if unable to provide treatment themselves, should ensure linkage to appropriate care. Our study demonstrates that a large proportion of those who enter treatment do continue in ongoing care. This information can counter the commonly held view that most service recipients do not respond to treatment. Such a positive message around recovery may encourage individuals to enter and continue treatment.

Conclusion

Using a cascade of care approach to evaluating claims data for OUD was feasible and informative. The findings yield critical insights for systems leaders and policymakers. We were able to identify differences in treatment utilization based on where a diagnosis was made and to link retention in treatment to a primary outcome – death. Policy makers can use a cascade of care as a dashboard for systems planning, resource allocation and quality improvement activities.

The issues raised in our analysis are important for planning purposes in Florida and should be both replicated and examined in other states. We identified subpopulations who are less likely to receive treatment including people over age 50, people who are Black, and those who are dually Medicaid and Medicare eligible. Our study points to a need for better care coordination between general medical (physician offices, hospitals, ED) and specialty care providers. An OUD diagnosis, regardless of whether it is primary or secondary or who makes the diagnosis requires treatment. To leave these patients untreated can be a death sentence.

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Florida Leads the Nation

Statewide Overview and Taxes

Florida is leading among states as our nation reemerges from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike other states that engaged in mass lockdowns and closed down their schools and businesses, Governor DeSantis allowed science and data to drive informed policies that prioritized our state's most vulnerable and put Seniors First, while protecting the right to earn a living, opening schools and keeping our economy and society functioning.

Although the public health emergency caused declines in revenue collection in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years, as well as revisions to projected future revenue collections, the policies of Governor Ron DeSantis and his administration have led to Florida beating expectations for revenues, jobs and economic growth.

Thanks to Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida continues to outpace the nation in job growth and closed out 2020 with eight consecutive months of job growth, gaining over 748,000 private sector jobs from May through December. Florida's future remains bright and continues to lead the nation in many policy areas.

The following fiscally responsible budget protects taxpayer dollars while being mindful that the state is still engaged in an all-hands-on-deck response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accordingly, this budget ensures the State maintains significant funding in reserves, including General Revenue, while safeguarding our K-12 education system and supporting our teachers, as well as continuing our commitment to Florida's environmental resources.

The Governor's total recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget is $96.6 billion. The General Revenue portion is $35.8 billion. Florida's total reserves are $6.6 billion, more than 6 percent of the total recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, leaving ample resources for unforeseen expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 hurricane season.

$2.6 billion, more than half of the $4.3 billion increase over Fiscal Year 2020-21, is for various expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic response or impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic on Floridians.

Budget Savings

The Governor's budget makes strategic reductions of more than $1 billion over two years, of which $876.3 million is in General Revenue and $228.3 million is in trust funds, and a reduction of 169 positions. Notable savings contained in the Governor's budget include:

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- Administrative and operational efficiencies of $408.2 million;
- Debt service savings of $40.8 million;
- Contract and lease savings are $16 million;
- Bonded savings are $64.2 million;
- Medicaid and KidCare savings due to FMAP enhancement of $554.7 million;
- Workload reduction of $16.5 million; and
- Reduced excess budget authority of $4.3 million.

Florida Reserves

- $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- $1.7 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- $1.7 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- $1.0 billion in Tobacco reserves
- $6.6 billion in Total Reserves

Florida Retirement System

Pension Unfunded Liability – The unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Defined Benefit Program amounted to $36.0 billion on June 30, 2020. Based on an actuarial liability of $200.3 billion and an actuarial value of assets of $164.3 billion, the program is 82.0 percent funded as of June 30, 2020.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget includes $52.9 million to implement the recommendations of the independent actuary and fully fund the recommended contributions to the UAL for state employees. This helps Florida continue to have one of the best funded pension plans of the largest states in the nation.

Taxpayer Savings

Governor DeSantis is committed to continuing to ease Floridians' tax burden. The budget proposes to cut taxes by $65 million. Florida's per capita state tax burden of $1,917 is currently the fourth lowest among all states. Governor DeSantis believes in keeping taxes low to help Florida's future generations. The Governor's $65 million tax cut package includes funding for:

- **An 8-day Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday to Save Florida Families $56 Million –** The holiday covers clothing up to $60, school supplies up to $15, and computers priced at $1,000 or less

- **A 10-day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday to Save Florida Families $9 Million** – The holiday covers items needed during disasters including generators priced at $750 or less

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Florida Leads on Education

Florida's students, families, and teachers faced significant disruptions and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the circumstances, Florida remains committed to providing the best education possible for our students, as well as a continued commitment to choice for families. Our state's schools remain open, our teachers continue to inspire, and our students continue to learn. Governor DeSantis proclaimed 2020 the "Year of the Teacher," and this upcoming fiscal year we remain steadfast in our commitment to Florida's educators and the Governor's goal of providing a world class education to all.

Several key investments include:

- An additional $50 million, for a total of $550 million, in funding to continue raising the minimum K-12 teacher salary to the goal of $47,500, as well as salary increases for other eligible teachers and instructional personnel.
- $1.4 billion in funding for early child education, including $405 million for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK).
- K-12 public schools have the highest total and state funding of all time with $22.8 billion in total funding and $12.9 billion in state funding.
    - This brings K-12 per student funding to $8,019, which exceeds the current year's record funding by $233 per student.
- The Florida College System is appropriated $1.2 billion in state operating funding.
- The State University System is appropriated $2.7 billion in state operating funding.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)
The budget provides a total of more than $405 million for Florida's VPK program; a quality, free education initiative, which serves more than 157,000 four and five-year olds. VPK prepares each child for kindergarten by focusing on developing early literary skills and building a strong foundation for school.

School Readiness
The budget includes $100 million in federal funds to maintain the provider rate increases provided to early learning coalitions in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

In addition, the following initiatives that support early learning are included:

- T.E.A.C.H. – $10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships;
- Help Me Grow – $1.8 million to connect children and families with information, resources and developmental services to enhance health, behavior and learning in the development of young children;
- Teacher Training – $3 million for statewide professional development to improve childcare instructor quality;

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- Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – $3.9 million to deliver high-quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so they may strengthen the cognitive and early literacy skills of at-risk children.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget for early learning, $223.6 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and over $624 million from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act were provided to ensure access to childcare and early education services during the pandemic.

K-12 Public Education
The budget invests a record $22.8 billion in total funding for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). This is a per student funding amount of $8,019, an increase of $233 per student. The base student allocation grows by $132 per student.

To achieve the $22.8 billion in total funding, the budget includes $12.9 billion in state funding and $9.9 billion in local funding. In total, the budget includes an increase of $285.5 million in the FEFP, of which $217.1 million is local funding.

Highlights of the FEFP increases include:
- $132 increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA);
- $10 million increase, for a total of $110 million for mental health initiatives;
- $50 million increase, for a total of $550 million, to continue increasing the minimum teacher salary for full-time public classroom teachers and to raise the salaries of other eligible teachers and instructional personnel.
- $43.5 million to establish the Title I School Recognition Program to provide financial awards to Title I schools based on their student performance.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, school districts received over $693 million from the CARES Act and over $2.8 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available for districts to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.

School Safety
The Governor is committed to ensuring Florida's students and teachers are in a safe and secure learning environment.
- The budget includes funding for the following school safety initiatives:
  - $180 million in recurring funding for the safe schools component of the FEFP.
  - $1 million in recurring funding for screening-related and training-related costs and to provide stipends of $500 to school guardians who participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.

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- $5.5 million in recurring funding to continue the Youth Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training.
- $640,000 in recurring funding for the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. The tool is used to assist school officials with identifying threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls.
- $3 million in recurring funding to continue providing a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from: social media; Department of Children and Families; the Department of Law Enforcement; the Department of Juvenile Justice; and local law enforcement.
- $42 million in funding for school safety grants.
- $6.4 million in recurring funding for school districts to continue to implement a mobile panic alert system that is capable of connecting multiple first responder agencies.

Protecting Florida's Jewish Day Schools
To continue to address safety concerns for Florida's Jewish communities, Governor DeSantis recommends $2.5 million in funding for additional security to ensure children at Florida's Jewish Day Schools can learn and thrive in a safe environment. This funding will help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Promoting Computer Science
The budget maintains $10 million to get teachers certified to teach computer science courses, and to provide bonuses to teachers who hold educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science.

Higher Education
In higher education, Florida boasts five of the Top 100 public universities in the country, including one in the Top 10, and another in the Top 20, while maintaining the second lowest tuition in the country for public four-year institutions. The most recent *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked Florida's higher education system the best in the nation for three consecutive years.

The budget invests a total of $1.2 billion in state operating funding for Florida's colleges and a total of $2.7 billion for Florida's universities.

The budget establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network to provide essential services for libraries and virtual learning resources for institutions. This initiative invests $9 million to the Florida College System and $11.8 million to the State University System.

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In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, Florida's higher education institutions received over $873.9 million from the CARES Act and $1.26 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available to Florida's public state colleges and universities, eligible private institutions, and eligible technical colleges and centers to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.

Holding the Line on Tuition
The budget prohibits tuition increases for Florida's colleges and universities. It is imperative for students and families to not face any additional burdens during these difficult times.

Performance Funding
The budget maintains the following performance funding at career technical centers, state colleges, and state universities:

- $6.5 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers;
- $14 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida colleges;
- $30 million in performance funding for state colleges through the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund and the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund; and
- $560 million in performance funding for state universities.

Workforce Initiatives
The budget includes nearly $510 million in state and federal funding to support workforce education programs to ensure Florida students are prepared to fill high-demand, high-wage jobs.

This includes maintaining $10 million for the Governor's Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program to establish or expand pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for high school and college students.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, the following workforce initiatives received funding from the CARES Act:

- $35 million for Rapid Credentials to enroll and complete students in in-demand, high-value, short term career and technical education credentialing programs.
- $11 million for infrastructure and equipment grants for K-12 schools or technical colleges to support in-demand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs of study for K-12 students.

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Historically Black Colleges and Universities
The budget includes $119 million for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities:

- $16.96 million in operating funds to Bethune-Cookman University.
- $7.4 million in operating funds Edward Waters College.
- $7 million in operating funds to Florida Memorial University.
- $87.7 million in operating funds to Florida A&M University.

Education Infrastructure
The budget includes more than $318.5 million in education capital outlay funding:

School Safety Grants

- $42 million for school safety grants is provided to school districts to assist with costs associated with improving the physical security of K-12 school buildings.

Maintenance

- $180 million for public charter school maintenance, funding the necessary infrastructure for public charter schools without utilizing any local funds from school districts.
- $7.7 million for lab school maintenance.
- $2.7 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance.
- $6 million for public broadcasting stations to correct health and safety issues and building deficiencies, and to complete renovations at public broadcasting stations.

Construction

- $34.1 million for three Special Facility Construction projects, which funds critical infrastructure needs in Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties.
- $46 million in budget authority to the State University System to spend collected student fees on a list of student-approved facility projects.

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Florida Leads on the Environment

Florida's environmental resources are vital to our state's prosperity. Since taking office, Governor DeSantis has implemented major reforms to achieve more for Florida's environment. Under the Governor's leadership, record funding for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources has been appropriated, and the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget builds upon these significant investments to prioritize our important natural resources.

The environment remains a key focus of the budget, with significant investments made for Fiscal Year 2021-22. As part of more than $4.3 billion in funding to protect our environment, agriculture and natural resources, the budget includes $2.2 billion specifically for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Further Protection of our Valuable and Vulnerable Coastlines
Upon taking office, Governor DeSantis set forth to develop resilience goals for the state to help protect Florida's coastal communities and fortify its pathway to continued prosperity. To establish these goals, the Governor appointed the state's first Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) with the direction to coordinate a statewide response to better prepare for the environmental, physical and economic impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms events, and localized flooding. The Governor's appointment of the CRO was the first tangible step towards strong, coordinated leadership on resiliency.

The Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 takes the next tangible step to address the challenges of sea level rise, intensified storm events, and localized flooding by establishing the Resilient Florida program. The Resilient Florida program will provide $1 billion over four years to provide grants to state and local government entities to fund projects to adapt regionally significant assets to address the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms and localized flooding.

Specifically, in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Governor's recommended budget includes $12.1 million to close the gap for statewide sea level rise/vulnerability assessments. These funds would allow DEP to grant up to $100,000 to all remaining coastal counties, coastal municipalities, and inland counties who have not completed vulnerability assessments. Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes more than $165 million for the first of four years of the Resilient Florida program.

The Governor's budget includes $25 million from existing Documentary Stamp Tax revenue for the Resilient Florida program, and recommends increases each year by $25 million until reaching $100 million by the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Taking advantage of historically low interest rates, these funds are provided as debt service to bond more than $1 billion in total program funding for grants.

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Protecting Florida's 1,300 miles of coastline is important for our growing economy and quality of life, as millions travel from around the world to visit our world-renowned beaches. The budget includes $50 million in beach nourishment funding to continue addressing shoreline erosion.

The budget includes $10 million for the Resilient Coastlines Program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection within DEP. This program helps prepare Florida's communities and habitats for changes resulting from sea level rise by providing funding and technical assistance and continuing to promote and ensure a coordinated approach to planning among state, regional and local agencies. The funding for coastal resiliency grants will also help protect Florida's coral reefs which serve as the state's first line of defense from storm surge. They are a major tourism attraction and support emergency sand placement to help fortify coastal areas ahead of storms.

Continued Improvements for Water Quality, Quantity and Supply
In Executive Order 19-12, among other major environmental reforms, Governor DeSantis called for $2.5 billion to be invested over four years for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources, an increase of $1 billion over the previous four years. After two years in office, Florida is over halfway to reaching that goal by securing over $1.25 billion. The Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget continues this investment, dedicating more than $625 million for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources.

The budget includes more than $473 million for Everglades restoration projects, including $32 million for Restoration Strategies, $311 million for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, and $80 million for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

This level of funding will put Florida on track to complete the C-44 Reservoir and stormwater treatment area, the C-43 Reservoir, and additional projects over the next two years. These projects will provide 700,000 acre-feet of storage and remove more than 365,000 pounds of total phosphorus annually, a major source of nutrient pollution. The budget includes $64 million for the EAA Reservoir to continue the momentum of this critical project to reduce harmful discharges and help send more clean water south of the Everglades.

The budget also includes $145 million for targeted water quality improvements to achieve significant, meaningful and measurable nutrient reductions in key waterbodies across the state and to implement the initial recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force. This includes:

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- $100 million for cost-share grant funds for water quality improvements, including septic conversions and upgrades, other wastewater improvements, and rural and urban stormwater system upgrades.
- $45 million to accelerate projects to meet scientific nutrient reduction goals (called Total Maximum Daily Loads), which may include green infrastructure investments or land conservation to protect our water resources.

On top of the investment in targeted water quality improvements, the budget includes $50 million to restore Florida's world-renowned springs. This funding may also be used for land acquisition to protect springsheds and is crucial to supporting homeowners and local communities as they work with the state to achieve nutrient reduction requirements.

The budget supports a $25 million investment to improve water quality and combat the effects and impacts of harmful algal blooms, including blue-green algae and red tide. The budget includes the following:

- $10 million for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to aid in the prevention, cleanup and mitigation of harmful algal blooms.
- $10.8 million to increase water quality monitoring, support the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, and to improve and maintain the water quality public information portal. This portal is focused on accountability and transparency, providing monitoring data for all of Florida's outstanding springs and key waterbodies, as well as allow the public to track the investment in projects and progress in attaining water quality goals.
- $4.2 million to continue supporting the Center for Red Tide Research within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and to support the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force and partnerships for mitigation and technology development with a renewed focus on red tide.

$40 million is included for the alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects. DEP will continue to engage local governments, industry, universities and water management districts to identify and research all viable alternative water supply sources and is working to provide an assessment of funding needs critical to supporting Florida's growing economy.

Investing in Clean Lands and Air

The budget includes $67 million for the cleanup of contaminated sites with a focus on promoting redevelopment of these areas once cleanup has been completed. Working with federal and local partners, cleanup and redevelopment of these sites will ensure Florida's new businesses and growing communities can safely develop and our economy can continue to grow. Specific investments include:

- $60 million for Petroleum Tanks Cleanup;

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- $4 million for Dry Cleaning Solvent Contaminated Site Cleanup;
- $2 million for Hazardous Waste Contaminated Site Cleanup; and
- $1 million for Cleanup of State-Owned contaminated sites.

The budget also includes $30 million for the implementation of the State Mitigation Plan for the $166 million Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement. The plan addresses diesel emission reduction, including funds for electric vehicle infrastructure and electric buses.

A Commitment to Florida's Prized Properties and Waters
The budget includes $82 million to protect our prized properties and waters in Florida. This funding will ensure all Floridians have access to enjoy our pristine natural environment, while protecting these unique natural resources and investing in the management of our state-owned lands.

As land acquisition is vital to both our economic growth and environmental protection, the budget includes $50 million for the Florida Forever Program, the state's premier conservation and recreation land acquisition program for the Division of State Lands to acquire land with a focus on protecting our water resources for Floridians and visitors.

Florida's State Parks won the National Gold Medal a record four times for having the best park system nationally. The budget dedicates $32 million to infrastructure improvements and resource management with the goal of maintaining this high standard, and ensuring all visitors and residents alike have access to these prized properties for generations to come.

Investing in Florida's Agriculture
The budget includes more than $1.7 billion for Florida's agricultural industry. In order to preserve Florida's iconic citrus industry, the budget invests $20.2 million for citrus research, the Citrus Health Response Program and for consumer awareness marketing efforts. Additionally, recognizing the importance of effectively combatting wildfires, the budget includes $3.3 million for wildfire suppression equipment and $4 million for road and bridge maintenance to allow for better access for land management and wildfire suppression activities.

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Florida Leads on Transportation and Economic Development

Effectively managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of Floridians remains Governor DeSantis' top priority. In order to guarantee continued growth, aid economic recovery and ensure that Floridians are able to work and learn, millions of dollars have been invested in economic and rural development throughout the state. A large part of Florida's economy is derived from the state's robust tourism industry, which has been heavily impacted by the pandemic. Governor DeSantis remains committed to making sure there are resources and support available for businesses to succeed with COVID-19 safety measures.

At the beginning of the pandemic, with fewer people on the roads, Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Department of Transportation to expedite key projects, resulting in great strides being made in improving Florida's infrastructure. Governor DeSantis continues to recommend investments to maintain our roadways and promote public safety. Additionally, Florida's future remains bright as millions of dollars in investments for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure becomes a reality.

Ensuring Housing Availability and Affordability for Florida's Families
Governor DeSantis has recommended that Florida's primary affordable housing programs be fully funded in each of his budget recommendations since taking office. The Governor's budget provides $423.3 million to fully fund workforce and affordable housing programs. This amount includes $126.7 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program, and $296.6 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP). These programs are administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) from a portion of the revenues received from documentary stamp taxes on real estate transfers.

The SAIL Program, funded by the State Housing Trust Fund, provides low-interest loans on a competitive basis to affordable rental housing developers. SAIL funds serve to bridge the gap between primary financing and the total cost of the development. This allows developers to obtain the full financing needed to construct or rehabilitate affordable multifamily units.

The SHIP Program, funded by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing for very low, low and moderate income families. SHIP dollars may be used to fund emergency repairs, new construction, rehabilitation, down payment and closing cost assistance, impact fees, construction and gap financing, mortgage buy-downs, acquisition of property for affordable housing, matching dollars for federal housing grants and programs, and homeownership counseling.

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Disaster Recovery/Emergency Management
The Governor has continued to make disaster recovery and mitigation a top priority of his administration. Florida communities continue to recover from substantial hurricane strikes in recent years, most notably Hurricanes Irma and Michael. The Governor's budget provides significant funding for disaster recovery/mitigation and emergency management, including:

Division of Emergency Management

- **Open Federally Declared Disasters – Funding to Communities/State Operations**
  $1.9 billion in federal and state funding is provided so that communities can respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies as well as mitigate against future disasters or emergencies.
    - $265 million in federal and state assistance is included to leverage the work associated with the state operations relating to federally declared disasters for the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Disaster Activity programs.
- The budget includes $383 million to continue Florida's response efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Economic Opportunity

- **Community Development Block Grant**
  The budget includes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds directed toward local hurricane recovery and hardening efforts throughout the state. These funds include several CDBG programs, including CDBG Disaster Recovery Program for all named hurricanes since 2017 and CDBG Mitigation Program.

- **Revolving Loan Fund Program**
  The budget includes $15 million to support the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Program in Hurricane Michael affected counties. This program, supported by an additional $8 million award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, assists businesses with disaster related economic changes, and can be used to address capital needs and help businesses implement plans for resiliency to protect against future storms.

Economic Recovery and Development
The impact of COVID-19 on Florida's economy has been substantial, yet Florida's economic recovery is well underway. With each passing month, our state continues to see Floridians returning to work and businesses growing. To further support Florida on its current path of economic recovery, job growth, and business development, the Governor's budget provides significant funding for economic expansion initiatives, including:

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- $50 million for the Job Growth Grant Fund to support local infrastructure and job training projects targeted towards economic recovery and development.
- $5 million for Enterprise Florida, Inc. to engage in targeted campaigns that market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to realize economic and job growth in our state.
- $50 million for VISIT FLORIDA's marketing programs, the same amount as in the current fiscal year, to continue showcasing that Florida is once again open and safe for tourists from throughout the U.S. and the world.
- $50 million for the Economic Development Transportation Fund, also known as the "Road Fund". This will provide funding for projects to facilitate economic development by eradicating location specific transportation problems (e.g., access roads, signalization, road widening, etc.)

Rural Recovery and Development

In addition to being the backbone of Florida's agricultural industry, the state's rural communities hold increased potential for businesses and infrastructure that will be a key component of Florida's continued economic growth. The Governor's budget wholeheartedly supports Florida rural development initiatives, including:

- $5 million for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to support local rural infrastructure projects such as broadband, roads, storm and wastewater systems, and telecommunications facilities.
- $1.17 million for the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Program to provide local governments with access to financial assistance to further promote the economic viability of Florida's rural communities.
- $3.2 million to fund a new program that will study broadband accessibility and provide grants to Florida rural communities to assist them with expanding broadband capability and availability. Legislation was passed in 2020 establishing an Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state, specifically in small and rural communities.

Ensuring Fair, Free, and Safe Elections

Although Florida elections are administered at the local level, the state plays an important role in ensuring elections are conducted fairly and accurately. The state helps to make sure that Florida's voting and registration systems are safe from cybersecurity threats. It is imperative that investments continue to be made in order to ensure Florida's elections are fair, free, and safe.

- The Governor's budget includes $16.7 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system. This amount includes:
  - $3 million for the Supervisors of Elections to continue cybersecurity initiatives and improvements to their systems.

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- $2 million for Election Legacy Hardware for security improvements and enhancements in election technology.

Infrastructure
Florida is a top destination to live, work and visit, which makes significant investments in our state's critical transportation infrastructure even more important. The Governor's budget includes $10.4 billion for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This investment will provide for the retention or creation of more than 148,500 jobs. Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of up to $4 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses, and also helps diversify Florida's economy.

Within this amount the Governor's budget provides $9.47 billion for the State Transportation Work Program, which is an ongoing five-year plan for the implementation and completion of transportation infrastructure projects. These projects include construction and maintenance of Florida's roads, bridges, rails, seaports and other public transportation systems that grow the state's economy and improve the quality of life for our citizens. Within the Governor's budget the Work Program includes:

- $2.5 billion for highway construction to include 210 new lane miles.
- $1 billion in resurfacing to include 2,689 lane miles.
- $122.6 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.
- $331 million for aviation improvements of which $199.6 million is for Spaceports.
- $516 million in scheduled repairs for 89 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges.
- $717 million investment in rail/transit projects.
- $172.2 million for safety initiatives.

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Florida Leads on Health and Human Services

Governor DeSantis hopes that all Floridians are able to lead long, healthy and productive lives and understands the importance of helping those in need, including our most vulnerable who are unable to help themselves. This past year we have seen how the impacts of COVID-19 have altered the lives of our residents and their family members. We have seen individuals and families struggle daily with the impacts of the pandemic on employment and the health and welfare of their loved ones. The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget supports Florida's epidemiological infrastructure and promotes strategies to reduce minority morbidity and mortality.

The budget supports an increase in child welfare funding to protect those who are unable to protect themselves. The Governor's budget also provides funding for mental health and includes additional funding to help fight the opioid epidemic and to assist our veterans through employment opportunities and community outreach programs. Additionally, the budget provides funding to individuals with disabilities who have the greatest need. The Governor's recommended budget will continue to make significant investments in improving the lives and prioritizing the wellness and safety of all Floridians.

Improving Health Outcomes
The Governor recommends $9 million in funding to support the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity to develop strategies to reduce health disparities and advance health equity. More than $2.8 million in funding is provided to support additional Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for medication administration to reduce the spread of HIV in the state.

Child Welfare
The Governor's budget includes $32.9 million to provide funding for services to children and families who receive services through Florida's child welfare system. The budget invests $11.9 million for maintenance adoption subsides to support post-adoption services for children who are adopted from foster care. Governor DeSantis understands the impact adoption can have on children's lives because every child deserves to be happy and healthy in a loving and caring environment.

The recommended budget includes $20.9 million to support foster care parents who serve as caregivers for children who have been removed from their home, early intervention services for substance affected infants and evidence–based practices statewide for mental health, substance abuse and in-home parenting program to comply with the Family First Prevention Services Act.

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Opioid Epidemic
Governor DeSantis is committed to continuing the fight against the national opioid epidemic by working with local partners and families affected by this crisis to ensure the needs of individuals during these difficult times are met. His Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget recommends $178 million in total funding to fight the opioid epidemic in Florida and includes $119.9 million in funding from the State Opioid Response Grant to address the opioid crisis by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment and recovery. Additionally, the budget maintains $19.6 million in federal funding to the Department of Health from the Overdose Data to Action grant to enhance drug overdose surveillance and prevention strategies to reduce overdoses.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse
The Governor's budget provides $53.9 million in funding to provide community based behavioral health services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and children with emotional disturbances. This funding will also be used to improve the safety of residents and staff at state mental health treatment facilities.

Seniors
The Governor's budget maintains funding for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative waitlist, the Community Care for the Elderly Program and the Home Care for Elderly Program. These programs will continue to provide support for activities of daily living, medical assistance and caregiver support to keep seniors in their homes.

Veterans
The Governor's budget provides $1.3 million to assist approximately 500 veterans in mentoring, training and networking throughout the state of Florida. The budget provides $22.6 million to support capital improvements, equipment updates, and medical costs for nursing home residents and staffing needs for the two new Veterans' Nursing Homes including Ardie R. Copas and Lake Baldwin State Veterans Nursing Homes. Additionally, the Governor includes $2.4 million to support the women's veterans program, assisting women veterans by informing them of health care eligibility, a veterans suicide prevention campaign and other services, counseling and assistance for veterans to help them obtain the resources they need.

Person with Disabilities
The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget provides $36.6 million in funding for a new level of reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities who have severe maladaptive behavioral needs who have been classified on the Global Behavioral Service Need Matrix levels four through six (4-6). The budget invests $15 million in funding to allow an additional 306 individuals in crisis to be served through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program.

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Florida Leads on Public Safety

Governor DeSantis has made public safety a top priority and has taken bold steps to protect all Floridians. Due to the hard work of Florida's law enforcement officers, the state's crime rate decreased in 2019, marking the 49th consecutive year the state has seen a drop in its crime rate. The 2020 statistics have not yet been reported. Governor DeSantis' budget continues to make necessary investments in our public safety, including funding for safer correctional facilities and evidence-based prevention programs for at-risk youth.

Enhancing Florida's Crime Databases

FDLE is responsible for maintaining a variety of databases that law enforcement uses daily to investigate crimes and apprehend criminals. The budget invests more than $14.5 million for these databases, including:

- $11.4 million to continue the transition to incident-based crime reporting (FIBRS); and
- $3.1 million to centralize criminal justice data and make it more transparent to the public.

Safer Correctional Facilities

Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $31.1 million and 330 FTE to improve staffing levels at the Department of Corrections (FDC). This includes:

- $5 million to continue a targeted retention pay plan for Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Inspectors that aims to address exceptionally high turnover rates by providing a $500 pay increase for new hires, a $1,000 pay increase at two years of service, and a $1,000 increase at five years of service.
- $26.1 million and 330 FTE to continue transitioning Correctional Officers from a 12-hour shift to an 8.5-hour shift.

The budget also includes $2.5 million and 7 FTE to make Florida's correctional facilities safer. This includes:

- $2 million for security equipment, such as radios, metal detectors, and cameras; and
- $498,448 and 7 FTE that will allow the Department to more closely monitor gang activity.

Expanding Reentry Programming

Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $4.5 million and 7 FTE to increase inmate reentry programming which includes:

- $461,099 and 7 FTE to continue increasing the number of academic teachers at the Department of Corrections;

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- $1 million to expand career and technical education programs to better meet the vocational training needs of the inmate population and current job market demands; and
- $3 million to continue the Continuum of Care Program for enhanced offender rehabilitation at private correctional facilities.

Improving Correctional Infrastructure
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $19 million to make critical repairs and renovations to correctional and juvenile facilities. This investment in Florida's infrastructure enhances the safety and security of Florida's correctional and juvenile officers, inmates, and youth.

At-Risk Youth Programs and Prevention Services
Effective prevention programs reduce the likelihood that a child will have future involvement with the juvenile justice system. The budget includes more than $12.4 million to fund prevention programs for at-risk youth. This includes funding for the following programs:

- **Youth Challenge Program** – $5.8 million for a residential program at Camp Blanding that provides 16–18-year-olds who withdraw or are removed from school with opportunities such as high school credit recovery, career-technical education, and life preparation classes.
- **Mentoring Initiatives** – $6.6 million for the Department of Education to contract with mentoring programs throughout the state.

Increasing Representation of Children
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $736,186 and 12 FTE to increase Guardian ad Litem staff where the state is experiencing the greatest growth in foster care placements.

Supporting Military and Their Families
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget provides $24.4 million for Florida's military presence and families, which funds the State's support of military research and development. This includes:

- $2 million for the Florida Defense Support Task Force
- $1.75 million for the Defense Infrastructure Program
- $7.2 million for armory maintenance
- $2 million for military base protection, including additional security measures for National Guard armories
- $3.1 million to support Florida National Guardsmen seeking higher education degrees
- $8.4 million to support scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans

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Problem-Solving Courts

- Problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans' courts, address the root causes of the criminal justice system's involvement through specialized dockets, multidisciplinary teams, and a non-adversarial approach. The budget provides more than $10.8 million to continue the operation of problem-solving courts throughout the state.

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Florida Leads on General Government

Florida has been able to efficiently manage state operations, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Safety measures are critically important and investments to ensure safe and accessible working environments are a top priority. Governor DeSantis is committed to modernizing Florida's business operations, which include automation, reduced wait times and cyber threat mitigation.

Maintaining and Improving the Florida Facilities Pool
It is essential that the State of Florida provides safe and efficient working environments at state owned buildings. The budget invests more than $192 million in the Florida Facilities Pool which will improve life safety issues, address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and address needed building updates. This investment includes $172 million in new bonding authority, achieving over $55 million in General Revenue savings, to improve accessibility and efficiencies at the Capitol Complex as well as a new State Emergency Operations Center which will better serve the duties and responsibilities of the State Emergency Response Team.

Modernizing Florida's Business Processes
The budget invests $5 million in the Department of Management Service's Florida Digital Service to automate state functions through Robotic Process Automation which will reduce processing and wait times for claims and application review for services that many Floridians depend on.

Safeguarding Florida against Cybersecurity Threats
The budget invests $39.3 million in various state agencies to enhance information technology security measures and controls to help protect Florida against the ongoing and evolving nature of cyber threats that can compromise critical state resources and sensitive information.

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Statewide Overview and Taxes

Q: How does the Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget compare to the current year?

- The budget is $96.6 billion, which is 4.7 percent higher than the current $92.3 billion budget. The General Revenue portion of the budget is $35.8 billion, which is 3.0 percent higher than the current General Revenue budget of $34.8 billion.
    - $2.3 billion, which is over half of the $4.3 billion total increase, is due to an increase in federal funding authority:
        - $1.7 billion is to fund the increase in Medicaid enrollment. Due to COVID-19, Medicaid has experienced a 16.5 percent increase in enrollment in the current year and is expected to have over 4.5 million people enrolled in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the highest enrollment in the history of the Medicaid program.
            - For comparison, Medicaid has seen an average increase of 3.4 percent over the last 4 years.
        - Nearly $300 million is for the Department of Emergency Management to continue response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic.
        - Over $400 million is given to Florida's school districts to effectively administer available federal grants.
    - The General Revenue increase is due almost entirely to the $1.3 billion state's portion of the Medicaid enrollment increase.
- When you take out the increases in Medicaid enrollment due to COVID-19 and the continued emergency response funding, Governor DeSantis' Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget increases by $1.7 billion for other government services and programs, or 2 percent over Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Q: It has been reported that Florida is expecting a $4.7 billion shortfall over the next two years, yet the Governor's Budget Recommendations leave $2.2 billion of General Revenue reserves while only taking approximately $876 million in General Revenue reductions over the two years. How does the short fall not require further reductions?

- The $4.7 billion shortfall is based on the projections of the State of Florida's Long-Range Financial Outlook which was presented to the Legislature in September 2020. That Outlook is based on revenue projections made in August 2020 and expenditure estimates which reflect the needs deemed critical and high priority by the Legislature.

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- In December 2020, the Revenue Estimating Conference increased its revenue projections and issued a General Revenue Outlook showing a $2.1 billion increase in funds available over the next two years.
- The expenditures recommended by the Governor differ from those outlined in the Long-Range Financial Outlook. Together, the increased revenues, strategic reductions and $295.5 million in trust fund sweeps allow the Governor to present a fiscally prudent budget that funds critical needs of Florida and leaves $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue for unforeseen needs in the ongoing pandemic response and for hurricane season.

Q: How many reserve dollars are included in the budget?

- $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- $1.7 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- $1.7 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- $1.0 billion in Tobacco reserves
- $6.6 billion in **Total Reserves**

Q: How many state positions are included in the budget?

- There are 113,722 state positions in the Governor's budget. This is 324 more FTE than in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget. For Fiscal Year 2021-22:
  - The largest increase in FTE is in the Department of Corrections to provide for a continuation of the conversion from 12 to 8.5 hour shifts.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funds for the ongoing response to the COVID-19 emergency?

- The Governor includes over $383 million for the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to continue Florida's response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, on top of the $1.4 billion in General Revenue spent since the start of the pandemic.
- $88.3 million in Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for the Department of Economic Opportunity to continue economic recovery efforts and processing reemployment assistance claims.
- The Governor's budget also recognizes that there will likely be additional federal pandemic relief funding and authorizes state agencies to submit budget amendments to increase federal budget authority under an expedited process for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Q: How much of the $5.9 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund has the state spent?

- Florida has fully maximized the use of the federal Coronavirus Relief Funds for pandemic response costs and services in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Treasury, and as of January 11, 2021, reported to the federal

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government the full obligation of $5.9 billion of eligible COVID-19 related expenditures, including $1.275 billion distributed to local governments.

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Florida Leads on Education

Early Learning

Q: What is the budget for early learning?

- The budget includes more than $1.4 billion in funding for our state's youngest learners.

Q: What additional funding is provided for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten?

- The budget includes a total of more than $405 million for Florida's VPK program. This investment maintains the base student allocation for the school year and summer programs to $2,486 per student and $2,122 per student, respectively. VPK will prepare more than 157,000 four and five-year olds for kindergarten.

Q: How does the budget provide for improvements in the quality of early learning programs?

- The budget maintains funding for the following early learning initiatives:
  - T.E.A.C.H. – $10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships;
  - Help Me Grow – $1.8 million to connect children and families with information, resources, and developmental services to enhance health, behavior, and learning in the development of young children;
  - Teacher Training – $3 million for statewide professional development to improve child care instructor quality; and
  - Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – $3.9 million to deliver high quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so they may strengthen the cognitive and early literacy skills of at-risk children.

Q: Is there additional funding for the School Readiness Program?

- $100 million is provided in federal funds to maintain the provider rate increases provided to early learning coalitions in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

K-12 Public Education

Q: Does the budget maintain the funding provided in FY 2020-21 for salary increases for Florida's teachers?

- The Governor's proposed budget increases the funding provided to increase teacher salaries from $500 million to $550 million.
  - Through the existing program established last Legislative Session after the Governor's leadership in proposing the program, this will provide an additional:

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- $40 million in funding to allow school districts to continue raising the minimum teacher salary to the goal of $47,500 or the highest level achievable through the funding appropriated; and
- $10 million is appropriated to raise the salaries of other eligible Florida teachers and instructional personnel.

Q: Did the Governor restore the School Recognition Program funding in the FEFP?

- The budget leaves the School Recognition Program dormant for the 2021-22 fiscal year, however, the Governor has provided $43.5 million in funding to establish the Title I School Recognition Program that provides financial awards to Title I schools based on student performance, with a focus on promoting literacy programs.

Q: What is the budget for K-12 education in the FEFP?

- The budget invests a record $22.8 billion in total funding for the FEFP. This results in a per-student funding amount of $8,019, an increase of $233 over last year.

Q: How does the Governor's budget consider the required local effort in the FEFP?

- The required local millage rate is maintained at the Fiscal Year 2020-21 statewide level of 3.720.

Q: Does the budget include an increase in the Base Student Allocation in the FEFP?

- COVID-19 has affected Florida's education system significantly, however the Governor is committed to investing in the future of our students. The budget recommends an increase of $132 in the Base Student Allocation (BSA) over Fiscal Year 2020-21.
- During the Great Recession, the BSA in the FEFP had significant reductions. From Fiscal Year 2007-08 to Fiscal Year 2008-09, the BSA decreased by $193. From Fiscal Year 2008-09 to Fiscal Year 2009-10, the BSA was reduced by another $255. Over the two year period, the total reduction in the BSA was $449.
    - During that same two year time period, from Fiscal Year 2007-08 through Fiscal Year 2009-10, state funding declined by $1.6 billion from $9.7 billion to $8.1 billion.

Q: How was the full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment determined?

- The Education Estimating Conference on PreK-12 Enrollment based the projected FTE for Fiscal Year 2021-22 using the available data at the time. With the uncertainty regarding how many students would return to a public

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K-12 school next year, the conference principals adopted a more conservative policy.

- As we progress through session and more data becomes available, the estimating conference principals will reevaluate the projected Fiscal Year 2021-22 FTE.

Q: Why is the Governor's recommended budget for the FEFP compared to the Second Calculation over Fiscal Year 2020-21?

- The Governor's recommended budget compares to the latest official calculation for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Q: Is there funding for mental health initiatives in the budget?

- Yes, the budget provides an increase of $10 million, for a total of $110 million, in funding for the mental health allocation in the FEFP.

Q: Is there funding for school safety in the budget?

- Yes, the budget includes the following safety initiatives:
  - Maintains $180 million for the safe schools component of the FEFP.
  - Provides an increase of $500,000, for a total of $1 million, in funding for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. Funding is used for screening-related and training-related costs and providing a one-time stipend of $500 to school guardians who participate in the school guardian program.
  - Maintains $5.5 million in recurring funding to continue the Youth Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training.
  - Maintains $640,000 in recurring funding for the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. The tool is used to assist school officials with identifying threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls.
  - Maintains $3 million in recurring funding to continue providing a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from: social media; Department of Children and Families; the Department of Law Enforcement; the Department of Juvenile Justice; and local law enforcement.
  - Maintains $42 million in funding for school safety grants.
  - $6.4 million is included for school districts to continue to implement a mobile panic alert system that is capable of connecting multiple first responder agencies.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for the Schools of Hope program?

- The budget includes a one-year pause of the $40 million in recurring base funding, as well as a $50 million reduction in the un-used balance of carry-forward funding available for the program. This proposal would allow the

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initiative to utilize a remaining amount of $208 million in carry-forward funding for the Schools of Hope program.
- The Governor supports the continuation of the Schools of Hope program and believes carry forward funds are sufficient to support current and impending projects.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for the Gardiner Scholarship program?
- Yes, the budget provides an additional $21 million, for a total of $210.9 million, in funding for the Gardiner Scholarship Program. The increase in funding will allow approximately 2,000 additional students to participate in the program.

Q: Is security funding for Jewish Day Schools included the budget?
- The budget maintains $2.5 million in funding to enhance safety measures, upgrade equipment facilities and technology, and increase security services to ensure children at Florida Jewish Day Schools can learn in a safe environment. This funding will be available to all eligible Florida Jewish Day Schools to help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for initiatives that promote computer science?
- Yes, the budget maintains the $10 million in funding provided in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to continue providing professional development and fund costs associated with training for teachers to earn educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science. The initiative also provides bonuses to teachers who earned an educator certificate or industry certification who are teaching computer science courses.

Q: Does the budget include funding for initiatives that promote civic education?
- Yes, the budget includes $750,000 in funding to continue the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative. The initiative will create and expand existing speech and debate programs with a focus on civic education.

Higher Education

Q: What does the budget include for Florida state colleges and universities?
- The budget includes state operating funding for Florida's higher education system of $1.2 billion for Florida colleges, and $2.7 billion for Florida universities.
- The budget also establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network to provide essential library services to Florida College System and

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State University System institutions. A total of $20.8 million, $9 million to colleges and $11.8 million to universities, is allocated to provide students with e-resources, technical support, distance learning, and more.

Q: Does the budget include any tuition increases?

- No, the budget prohibits any increases in tuition and fees. It is imperative that we do not increase the burden on students while in the midst of COVID-19.

Q: Does the budget provide performance funding for workforce education, colleges and universities? What metrics will be used to distribute the funds?

- Yes, the budget maintains performance funding to encourage Florida's career technical centers, Florida College System, and the State University System to continue investing in initiatives that have proven effective in: increasing the number of industry certifications awarded; increasing the four-year graduation rates; increasing student retention rates; lowering student costs; and reducing student debt.
- The budget includes performance funding in the following areas:
    - A total of $6.5 million, in funding for district workforce programs to be allocated based on students earning industry certifications in high-demand areas;
    - A total of $14 million in funding for state colleges to be allocated based on students earning industry certifications in high-demand areas;
    - A total of $30 million for state colleges, through the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund and Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund; and
    - A total of $560 million, in funding for the State University System. Performance will be based on 10 metrics including: percent of graduates employed or continuing education, average wages of employed graduates and graduation rates.

Q: What does the budget include for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

- $16.96 million in operating funds to Bethune-Cookman University.
- $7.4 million in operating funds Edward Waters College.
- $7 million in operating funds to Florida Memorial University.
- $87.7 million in operating funds to Florida A&M University.

Student Financial Aid

Q: What student financial aid funding does the budget include for private higher education institutions?

- The budget provides funding for the Effective Access to Student Education

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(EASE) Grants and the Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grants, which provide tuition assistance for eligible private school students.
  - $115.7 million in EASE Grants for 40,723 students, at an award amount of $2,841 per student.
  - $4.6 million in ABLE Grants for 1,630 students, at an award amount of $2,841 per student.

Q: What other state funded scholarship programs are funded in the budget for the Student Financial Aid?

- The budget includes funding for the following state scholarship programs:
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Public Full and Part Time: $236 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Private: $23.6 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Postsecondary: $6.4 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Career Education: $3.3 million
    - The maximum award of the above four Florida Student Assistance Grants is $3,260.
  - Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans: $11 million
  - Florida Work Experience: $1.6 million
  - Rosewood Family Scholarships: $256,747
  - Florida Farmworker Scholarship Program: $219,225
  - Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program: $1 million

Q: What does the budget include for the Bright Futures Scholarship?

- The budget includes a total of $651.3 million, for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
  - Funding ensures the Bright Futures Academic Scholars award will continue to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters, including summer, for all eligible students.
  - Funding ensures the Bright Futures Medallion Scholars award will continue to cover 75 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters, including summer, for all eligible students.
    - However, beginning in the fall 2021 semester, a Florida Medallion Scholar enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount necessary to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees.
  - Funding ensures Gold Seal Vocational Scholars awards and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards will continue to be awarded to eligible students enrolled in a career education or a certificate program.

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Education Infrastructure

Q: How are Public Education Capital Outlay Funds (PECO) utilized in the budget?

- The December 3, 2020 Public Education Capital Outlay Estimating Conference identified the cash amount available for appropriation from the PECO Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to be $233.6 million.
- The PECO program addresses educational facility construction and fixed capital outlay needs for school districts, state colleges, state universities, and other public education programs.
- The budget includes more than $318.5 million in funding for capital initiatives:
    - **School Safety Grants**
        - $42 million for school safety grants provided to school districts to assists with costs associated with improving the physical security of K-12 school buildings.
    - **Maintenance**
        - $180 million for public charter school maintenance;
            - This funds the necessary infrastructure for charter schools without utilizing any of the school districts' local funds.
        - $7.7 million for lab school maintenance;
        - $2.7 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance; and
        - $6 million for public broadcasting stations to correct health and safety issues and building deficiencies, and to complete renovations at public broadcasting stations.
    - **Construction**
        - $34.1 million for four Special Facility Construction projects. This funding will continue projects in Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties;
        - $46 million in budget authority to the State University System to spend collected student fees on a list of student-approved facility projects.

Q: Does the budget provide bonding authority for educational facilities?

- No, the budget does not provide bonding authority for educational facilities. All education facility projects are recommended to be funded on a cash-basis.

Q: What does the budget do to help small school districts with facility needs?

- The budget provides $34.1 million in funding for three small school districts for critical construction needs through the Special Facilities Program (Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties).

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Q: Does the budget include funding for Research Developmental Schools' (lab schools) facility needs?

- Yes, lab schools are traditional K-12 schools that, like charter schools, cannot levy taxes. The budget includes a total of $7.7 million in capital outlay funding for all lab schools.

Q: Did Florida receive federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Acts for education related initiatives?

- Discretionary Funding through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund:
  - These funds are available to be used at the Governor's discretion to provide emergency support through grants to local education agencies (K-12) and institutes of higher education that the Governor deems to have been impacted by COVID-19 to continue to provide educational services to and support ongoing operations.
  - Over $173 million from the CARES Act and over $288 million from the CRRSA Act were provided.
    - Of the over $288 million appropriated in the CRRSA Act, $213 million must be provided for emergency assistance to non-public schools. The remaining $76 million is to be utilized at the Governor's discretion.
- Early Learning: $223.6 million from CARES Act and over $624 million from the CRRSA Act were provided.
  - These funds are available to ensure access to childcare and early education services during the pandemic.
- K-12: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
  - Over $770 million from the CARES Act and over $3.1 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available for districts to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.
    - From the funds provided, 90 percent were allocated to K-12 School Districts. This provided over $693 million from the CARES Act and over $2.8 billion from the CRRSA Act.
  - The Act allowed the Florida Department of Education to reserve the remaining 10 percent of funds for emergency needs to address issues related to COVID-19. This provided over $77 million from the CARES Act and over $313 million from the CRRSA Act.
- Higher Education: Over $873 million from the CARES Act and $1.26 billion from the CRRSA Act.

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    - These funds are available to Florida's public state colleges and universities, eligible private institutions, and eligible technical colleges and centers to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.
- Workforce Education initiatives that received GEER funding:
    - $35 million for Rapid Credentials to enroll and complete students in in-demand, high value, short term career and technical education credentialing programs.
    - $11 million for infrastructure and equipment grants for K-12 schools or technical colleges to support in-demand CTE programs of study for K-12 students.

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Florida Leads on the Environment

Q: What is included in the budget for protecting Florida's environment and improving water quality?

- The budget invests more than $4.3 billion for the protection of Florida's pristine natural resources. (This includes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Public Service Commission and Department of Citrus)

Q: What is included in the budget to reach the Governor's goal of $2.5 billion investment in Everglades and water resources over four years?

- The budget includes more than $625 million for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources. This level of funding over four years will result in a $2.5 billion investment. This includes:
  - $473 million for Everglades Restoration;
    - Including $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project
  - $145 million for targeted water quality improvements, including TMDLs;
  - $40 million for an Alternative Water Supply grant program;
  - $50 million for Springs projects; and
  - $25 million for water quality monitoring and to combat harmful algal blooms including blue-green algae and red tide.

Q: How does the budget specifically address water quality improvements?

- The budget includes $145 million for targeted water quality improvements. This includes $100 million for cost-share grant funds for water quality improvements, including septic to sewer conversions and upgrades, other wastewater improvements, and rural and urban stormwater system upgrades. $45 million will focus specifically on achieving the Department of Environmental Protection's scientific nutrient reduction goals, called Total Maximum Daily Loads, as part of the plans set forth in adopted Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs). On top of this investment, the budget includes $50 million for projects to restore Florida's world-renowned springs.

Q: How much is in the budget for Everglades Restoration?

- The budget provides $473 million for Everglades Restoration. This funding includes:
  - $329 million for Everglades Restoration, including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, C-43 Reservoir and Restoration Strategies.
  - $64 million for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir project.

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- $80 million for dispersed water management and public private partnerships to provide additional water storage.

Q: What does the budget do to address harmful algal blooms and discharges from Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes more than $25 million to specifically address algae blooms and red tide, including:
  - $10 million for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to address algae blooms. This includes the emergency red tide grant program to help local governments clean up their beaches and coastal areas to minimize the impacts of red tide for residents and visitors.
  - $4.2 million for the FWC Center for Red Tide Research and to support the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force.
  - $10.8 million for increased water quality monitoring, a water quality public information portal, and to support the Blue-Green Algae Task Force to focus on expediting progress toward reducing adverse impacts of blue-green algae blooms.
- Additionally, the budget invests $145 million for targeted water quality improvements and $473 million for Everglades Restoration, including $144 million for continued investment in the C-43 reservoir, which will provide more than 55 billion gallons of water storage east of Lake Okeechobee once completed. These projects will help reduce nutrient loading and provide critical water storage.

Q: How does the budget reflect recommendations of the Blue Green Algae Task Force?

- $145 million for targeted water quality improvements
- $10.8 million for increased water quality monitoring
- $10 million for innovative technologies to address algae blooms
- $1.5 million for Mobile Irrigation Labs to increase water supply planning and conservation

Q: What does the budget do to address water supply needs?

- The budget provides $40 million for an alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects.
- DEP will engage local governments, industry, citizens and other stakeholders through a targeted education and outreach campaign that focuses on the importance of conservation and reuse efforts and encourage Floridians to implement these efforts in their homes, businesses and communities.

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Q: How much does the budget include for land acquisition and maintenance?

- The budget contains over $163 million for land acquisition and statewide land management activities, including:
  - $50 million for Florida Forever through DEP's Division of State Lands
  - More than $113 million for base land management funding across all four state agencies that manage land (Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Department of State)
- In addition, springs protection and water quality improvement projects may include land acquisition to protect water resources.

Q: How does the budget bolster Florida's resiliency?

- The Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 takes the next tangible step to address the challenges of sea level rise, intensified storm events, and localized flooding by establishing the Resilient Florida program. The Resilient Florida program will provide $1 billion over four years to provide grants to state and local government entities to fund projects to adapt regionally significant assets to address the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms and localized flooding.
- Specifically in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Governor's recommended budget includes $10.1 million to close the gap for statewide seal level rise/vulnerability assessments. These funds would allow DEP to grant up to $100,000 to all remaining coastal counties, coastal municipalities, and inland counties who have not completed vulnerability assessments.
- Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes more than $165 million in the first year of the Resilient Florida program to provide grants to state and local government entities to adapt regionally significant assets to the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms, and localized flooding.
- The budget provides $10 million for the Florida Resilient Coastline Program within the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, which will assist local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects, in addition to protection of coral reef health.
- Coastal protection projects include:
  - $50 million for beach restoration projects
  - $832,000 for Florida's Coastal Zone Management Program
  - $2.5 million for removal of tires and other waste currently posing a threat to coral reefs

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Q: Does the budget include money for water storage south of Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes more than $288 million for several water storage projects, many of these around Lake Okeechobee, which will collectively provide nearly 190 billion gallons of water storage once completed. Examples of these projects include:
  - $144 million to continue the C-43 Reservoir, which will provide 55 billion gallons of water storage to protect estuaries
  - $80 million for dispersed water management, which will provide more than 24 billion gallons of water storage when projects are operational
  - $64 million for the EAA Reservoir, which will provide a minimum of 78 billion gallons of water storage when complete

Q: Does the budget include money for water storage north of Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, which has received $100 million over the last two fiscal years. The Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, the EAA Reservoir and other storage projects, all working in concert, are critical to achieving the goal of reducing harmful discharges to the estuaries, ensuring essential flood protection and providing maximum environmental benefits to the Everglades.

Q: How much is included in the budget for beach restoration?

- The budget includes $50 million for statewide beach restoration to continue to address Florida's critically eroded shorelines.

Q: How much is included in the budget for state parks?

- The budget dedicates $32 million to infrastructure improvements and resource management for the award-winning Florida State Park system.

Q: How much does the budget provide for waste management?

- The budget includes the following for waste management:
  - $60 million – Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup
  - $4 million – Dry Cleaning/Site Cleanup
  - $2 million – Hazardous Waste/Site Cleanup
  - $1 million – Cleanup of State-Owned contaminated sites

Q: Does the budget include funding for springs restoration?

- The budget provides $50 million for springs protection and restoration projects.

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Q: How does the budget address the implementation of Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement?

- The budget includes $30 million for continued implementation of the State Mitigation Plan for the $166 million Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement, which will assist with the reduction of diesel emissions and further improve Florida's air quality.

Q: How much does the budget include for Agriculture?

- The budget provides more than $1.7 billion for Florida's agricultural industry.

Q: What is in the budget for wildfire prevention?

- The budget provides $7.3 million for wildfire prevention efforts.
  - $3.3 million for replacement of wildfire equipment
  - $4 million for road and bridge maintenance to allow for better access for land management and wildfire suppression activities

Q: How much does the budget provide for the Citrus Industry?

- $20.2 million for citrus, including:
  - $8 million for Citrus Research
  - $7.2 million for the Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP)
  - $5 million to support consumer awareness efforts

Q: How does the budget use Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars?

- The budget provides more than $1 billion of Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars for a variety of conservation and restoration programs including Florida Forever land acquisition and management, Everglades restoration, springs restoration projects, beach management projects, and improvements to Florida's award-winning state parks.

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Florida Leads on Transportation and Economic Development

Q: Does the budget include funding for affordable and workforce housing?

- The budget includes $423.3 million to fully fund affordable and workforce housing. This includes $126.7 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program and $296.6 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP).

Q: What does the budget include for emergency management?

- The budget includes $1.9 billion in federal and state funding to Florida communities for open federally declared disasters, so that the impacted communities can continue to respond and recover from these disasters as well as mitigate the impact of any future disasters or emergencies.
- The budget also includes an additional $265 million in federal and state funding for state operations and public assistance related to these disasters for the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Disaster Activity programs.
- The Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program includes $15 million to support the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Program in Hurricane Michael affected counties. This program, supported by an additional $8 million award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, assists businesses with disaster related economic changes, and can be used to address capital needs and help businesses implement plans for resiliency to protect against future storms.

Q: Does the budget include Community Development Block Grant funds for hurricane recovery and mitigation?

- The budget includes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds directed toward local hurricane recovery and hardening efforts throughout the state. These funds include several CDBG programs, including CDBG Disaster Recovery Program for all named hurricanes since 2017 and CDBG Mitigation Program.

Q: Does the budget include Job Growth Grant funds to support Florida's continued economic recovery and development?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Job Growth Grant Fund to support local infrastructure and job training projects targeted towards economic recovery and development.

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Q: Does the budget include funds for Enterprise Florida (EFI) to market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to experience economic and job growth?

- The budget includes $5 million for EFI to engage in state-wide targeted campaigns that market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to realize economic and job growth in our state.

Q: How much funding is in the budget to promote Florida tourism?

- The budget includes $50 million for VISIT FLORIDA, the same amount as in the current fiscal year.

Q: What is included in the budget to help Florida's rural areas grow and prosper?

- The following items are included in the budget for the coming fiscal year:
  - $5 million for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to support local rural infrastructure projects such as broadband, roads, storm and wastewater systems, and telecommunications facilities.
  - $1.17 million for the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Program to provide local governments with access to financial assistance to further promote the economic viability of Florida's rural communities.
  - $3.2 million is allocated to fund a new program that will study broadband accessibility and provide grants to Florida rural communities to assist them with developing local broadband capability and availability. Legislation was passed in 2020 establishing an Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state, specifically in small and rural communities.

Q: What is in the budget to help ensure safe and secure elections in Florida?

- The budget includes $16.7 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system. This amount includes:
  - $3 million for the Supervisors of Elections to continue cybersecurity initiatives and improvements to their systems.
  - $2 million for Election Legacy Hardware for security improvements and enhancements in election technology.

Q: What is the total budget for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Fiscal Year 2021-22?

- The budget includes $10.4 billion for the Department of Transportation. Of this amount, $9.47 billion goes toward the Transportation Work Program which supports transportation and infrastructure projects throughout the state.

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- This investment will provide for the retention or creation of more than 148,500 jobs. Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of up to $4 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses. Additionally, this helps to diversify Florida's economy.

Q: What Florida transportation initiatives are supported in the budget?

- The budget provides $9.47 billion for the Transportation Work Program, used for the construction and maintenance of Florida's roads, bridges, rails, seaports and other public transportation systems that grow the state's economy and improve the quality of life for our citizens. This includes:
  - $2.5 billion for highway construction to include 210 new lane miles.
  - $1 billion in resurfacing to include 2,689 lane miles.
  - $122.6 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.
  - $331 million for aviation improvements of which $199.6 million is for Spaceports;
  - $516 million in scheduled repairs for 8 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges.
  - $717 million investment in rail/transit projects.
  - $172.2 million for safety initiatives.

Q: Is there any funding for transportation projects specifically targeted toward supporting Florida's continued economic recovery and development?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Economic Development Transportation Fund, also known as the "Road Fund". This will provide funding for projects to facilitate economic development by eradicating location specific transportation problems (e.g., access roads, signalization, road widening, etc.).

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Florida Leads on Health and Human Services

Q: Does the Governor's budget include any rate increases for Medicaid providers?

- Yes, the budget provides $36.6 million in funding for a new level of reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled with individuals who have severe maladaptive behavioral needs who have been classified on the Global Behavioral Service Need Matrix levels four through six (4-6).

Q: Does the Governor's budget cut any Medicaid rates?

- No, the budget does not include a reduction to Medicaid rates.
- The Governor maximizes additional federal funding received through the enhanced FMAP, resulting in General Revenue savings.
- Florida will receive this enhanced level of federal funding through June 30, 2021, and has recently received notice from the federal government that the enhanced FMAP may extend through the end of the 2021 calendar year. Additional General Revenue savings to the state from that further FMAP extension are not factored into the Governor's budget recommendations.

Q: How many individuals does the Governor's budget serve on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiting list?

- The Governor's budget provides $15 million to allow approximately 306 individuals in crisis to enroll onto the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program.

Q: What does the Governor's proposed budget include to address the opioid epidemic?

- The budget recommends $178 million in total funding to fight the opioid crisis in Florida.
    - Provides $119.9 million in federal funding from the State Opioid Response Grant to address the opioid crisis by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment and recovery support services.
    - Provides $19.6 million in federal funding to the Department of Health from the Overdose Data to Action grant to enhance drug overdose surveillance and prevention strategies to reduce overdoses.

Q: Does the Governor's proposed budget increase behavioral health funding?

- Yes, the Governor's budget provides $53.9 million in funding to provide community based behavioral health services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and children with emotional disturbances. This

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funding will also be used to improve the safety of residents and staff at state mental health treatment facilities.

Q: What does the Governor's budget recommend for enhancing Child Welfare?

- The Governor's budget provides $32.9 million to provide funding for services to children and families who depend on Florida's child welfare system:
  - $11.9 million for maintenance adoption subsides and post adoption services for children who are adopted from foster care.
  - $20.9 million for supporting foster care parents who serve as caregivers for children who have been removed from their home, early intervention efforts for substance affected infants and evidence–based practices statewide for mental health and substance abuse programs to comply with the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Yes, the budget includes federal funding authority to the Department of Health and Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for COVID-19 pandemic relief funds.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for minority health?

- Yes, the budget provides an additional $9 million, for a total of approximately $14 million, to support the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity to develop strategies to reduce health disparities and advance health equity.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for HIV/AIDS?

- Yes, the Governor's recommended budget includes more than $2.8 million in funding is provided to support additional Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for medication administration to reduce the spread of HIV in the state.

Q: Does the Governor's budget support services for seniors?

- Yes, the Governor recommends continued funding to invest in the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative waitlist, the Community Care for the Elderly Program and the Home Care for Elderly Program.
- These programs will continue to provide support for activities of daily living, medical assistance and caregiver support to keep seniors in their homes.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for Veterans?

- The Governor's budget provides $1.3 million to assist approximately 500 veterans in mentoring, training and networking throughout the state of Florida.
- The budget provides $22.6 million to support capital improvements, equipment updates, and medical costs for nursing home residents and staffing needs for the two new Veterans' Nursing Homes including Ardie R. Copas and Lake Baldwin State Veterans Nursing Homes.

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- Additionally, there is $2.4 million recommended to support the women's veterans program by assisting women veterans through informing them of health care eligibility, a veteran's suicide prevention campaign, and other services, counseling and assistance for veterans to obtain resources that they need.

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Florida Leads on Public Safety

Department of Corrections

Q: Does the budget address high officer turnover and retention issues?

- Yes, the budget includes $5 million to continue a retention plan for Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Inspectors that will provide a pay increase of $500 for new hires, $1,000 for those with two years of service, and $1,000 for those with five years of service. The budget also includes $26.1 million and 330 FTE to continue to convert institutions from a 12-hour shift to an 8.5-hour shift.

Q: Does the budget include funds for education or reentry programming?

- Yes, the budget includes $4.5 million and 7 FTE for reentry programming, which includes funding to expand career and technical education programs, provide additional academic teachers and continue the Continuum of Care program for enhanced offender rehabilitation at private correctional facilities.

Q: Does the budget provide any funding for maintenance and repair of correctional facilities?

- Yes, the budget includes $14 million to fund various maintenance and repair projects at correctional facilities.

Q: Does the budget address the growing contraband issue in state prisons?

- Yes, the budget includes $2 million for a variety of security equipment (e.g., metal detectors, cell phone detectors, drone detection systems, etc.). The budget also includes $498,448 and 7 Correctional Officer FTE who will be dedicated to collecting security threat group (i.e., gang) intelligence.

Department of Juvenile Justice

Q: Does the budget provide any funding for maintenance and repair?

- Yes, the budget includes $5 million to fund various maintenance and repair projects at juvenile facilities.

Q: Why is the Governor recommending a reduction in DJJ residential beds?

- The budget includes a reduction of non-secure residential vacant beds due to lower utilization rates. Those rates were declining last fiscal year and have continued to decline even further this fiscal year. The budget includes a $5 million current year reduction and a $6 million reduction in FY 2021-22.

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Department of Law Enforcement

Q: Does the budget include funding that will allow the state to transition to incident-based crime reporting?

- Yes, the budget provides FDLE $11.4 million for the ongoing Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) project. This project will allow Florida's law enforcement agencies to transition from summary-based crime reporting to incident-based reporting, which will ensure that Florida can continue to participate in national crime reporting statistics.

Department of Legal Affairs

Q: Why is the department reducing positions and funding related to Children's Legal Services?

- The budget provides for a transfer of the Children's Legal Services from the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The department's Children's Legal Services Bureau is charged with litigating child abuse, abandonment, and neglect cases under contract for DCF in Broward and Hillsborough Counties. In this role as legal counsel to DCF, this bureau renders legal advice and are also responsible for litigating termination of parental rights petitions to establish permanency for children who have suffered abuse, abandonment, or neglect. DLA and DCF work together to deliver these services. This issue recommends the staff currently performing these duties be transferred from DLA to the DCF on July 1, 2021.

State Courts System

Q: Does the budget include funding for problem-solving courts?

- Yes, the budget provides more than $10.8 million to continue the operation of problem-solving courts, such as drug, mental health, and veterans courts.

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Florida Leads on General Government

Overview

Q: Does the budget propose sweeping any General Government trust funds?

- The budget sweeps $46.3 million from surplus funds in GGU trust funds. These sweeps will not impact services or operations:
  - $5 million from the Financial Institutions Regulatory Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $7 million from the Regulatory Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $20 million from the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $1 million from the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund in the Department of Management Services.
  - $3.3 million from the Florida Condo/Timeshare/Mobile Home Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
  - $10 million from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Financial Services

Q: Does the Governor provide funds for the FLAIR Replacement?

- Yes, the Governor's budget recommends more than $27.9 million in funding for the PALM (Planning Accounting and Ledger Management System) project to replace the antiquated FLAIR system. The PALM project will institute an updated, modernized, advanced statewide accounting system.

Q: When is PALM going to go into effect?

- Implementation of Phase I for all agencies is scheduled for July 1, 2021 with the replacement of the cash management function. Following that, subsequent functions will be implemented and PALM will be completely finished in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Military Affairs

Q: What does the Governor's budget include for National Guard community-based programs that serve Florida's youth?

- The Governor's budget includes $5.8 million in funding for the Florida Youth Challenge program. Florida Youth Challenge offers services to high school aged youths to ensure they have technical and job readiness skills as well as mentoring to ensure they get their GED or graduate high school and move on

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to secondary education or the military. The community-based program helps Florida's youth succeed.

Q: Does the Governor's Budget include funding to repairs and maintenance of Florida National Guard armories?

- Yes, the budget includes $7.2 million to support ongoing maintenance and repairs at armories throughout the state, which are used year-round for training and operations of the Florida National Guard.

Management Services

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for repairs and maintenance of state facilities?

- Yes, the budget includes more than $192 million to maintain and improve the Florida Facilities Pool including the issuance of new bonding authority in the amount of $172 million, ensuring the state provides safe and efficient working environments for state employees and visitors to state owned buildings. This also includes improvements in life safety issues, addresses American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and modernizes equipment.

Q: Which state facilities are included in the Governor's bonding proposal at the Department of Management Services?

- The Governor's budget includes $172 million in new bonding authority for state facilities as follows:
  - $49 million to build a new State Emergency Operations Center
  - $38 million to renovate Waller Park at the Capitol Complex
    - Saves $36.3 million in General Revenue
  - $75 million to replace the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning system and windows at the Capitol Complex
    - Saves $13.9 million in General Revenue
  - $10 million to restack the Florida Facilities Pool, making buildings more efficient and reducing future need to lease office space.
- There is an additional $5.6 million in General Revenue savings achieved by freeing up trust fund revenues no longer needed in Fiscal Year 2020-21 due to the above bonded projects.

Q: Are there any savings associated with the Governor's bonding proposal at the Department of Management Services?

- Yes, the Governor's budget includes over $55 million in General Revenue savings in Fiscal Year 2020-21 through bonding various projects in the Florida Facilities Pool.

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Q: Does the Governor's budget proposal make changes to the State Group Health Insurance Program?

- The budget continues the current initiative which allows participants the option to receive a covered immunization from a participating pharmacy within the network, such as CVS Caremark. The budget also continues to allow participants the option to receive services through telehealth for primary care benefits.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding to address the increasing number of cyber threats?

- Yes, the Governor's budget includes over $39.3 million in various state agencies to enhance information technology security measures and controls to help protect Florida against the ongoing and evolving nature of cyber threats that can compromise critical state resources and sensitive information.

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To:	DeCerchio, Anna
Subject:	Fwd: Draft Environmental Program PP
Date:	Monday, December 21, 2020 9:09:51 AM
Attachments:	FL ERA Financing Program 12-18-2020.pptx

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Subject: Draft Environmental Program PP

Chris,

Please see the attached draft PP for your review and edits. I am happy to discuss any changes and/or questions. Have a good weekend.

Thanks,
Ben

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Florida Environmental, Resiliency and Adaptation Financing Program

Office of Policy and Budget

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December 2020

Florida Environmental, Resiliency and Adaptation Financing Program

- Create bonding program to finance infrastructure projects for resiliency and adaptation strategies to enhance Florida's ability to protect against the adverse effects of climate change
- Infrastructure projects funded by loans to local governments
- Proceeds of bonds leveraging documentary stamp taxes loaned to local governments to finance resiliency and adaptation infrastructure
- Florida Environmental, Resiliency and Adaptation Financing Program would replicate credit structure used for Preservation 2000, Florida Forever and Everglades Restoration bond programs

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Florida Environmental, Resiliency and Adaptation Financing Program

- Would expect credit ratings to be same as existing bonds of Aa3, AA- and AA- from Moody's, S&P and Fitch
- Estimated bonding capacity would be $325-$400 million with $25 million in recurring commitment of documentary stamp taxes
- Bonding capacity range based on two scenarios: 1) Revenue Estimating Conference projected interest rate of 4.5% and 2) current interest rate estimate of 2.0%
- Financing would be managed, structured and executed by the Division of Bond Finance like all other State bonds
- Loan program and prioritization of projects to be administered by DEP and/or DEM

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Florida Environmental, Resiliency and Adaptation Financing Program

- Loan repayments recycled and re-loaned creating sustainable long-term funding solution
- Minor statutory changes to FS 201.15 required to authorize the revenue pledge to secure the new bonding program
- Statutory changes needed to create general parameters of resiliency/adaptation program
- Create new section in Chapter 215 to authorize the new bonding program and outline the purposes (similar to how FS 215.618 works for Florida Forever Bonds) and any administrative direction to DEP and/or DEM (e.g. create a "work program")
- Programmatic requirements establishing criteria for project prioritization and loan approval to be established by DEP and/or DEM

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Saliba, Lisa; Gunder, Brandi
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Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:58:44 AM
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> **Subject: Estimated State Allocations - Fiscal Year 2021 Reconciliation Act (COVID aid)**
>
> The House Oversight and Reform Committee released its Committee Print for the Fiscal Year 2021 Reconciliation Act -- this is one part of the bill that the House is drafting based off of Biden's American Rescue Plan.
>
> Biden's proposal called on Congress to provide $350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, and territorial governments -- at this time, committee language reflects that ask.
>
> Allocation estimates attached - these are approximations and are subject to change.
>
> Sharing so you're aware of the general amount that could come to the state with the the Fiscal Year 2021 Reconciliation Act becoming law pending House and Senate passage.

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State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Assistance
(all totals in billions and are estimates)

State	to State Govts	to Local Govts	Total
Alabama	2.136	1.894	**4.031**
Alaska	0.827	0.258	**1.085**
American Samoa	0.481	0.031	**0.512**
Arizona	4.836	2.550	**7.386**
Arkansas	1.663	1.201	**2.864**
California	26.264	14.973	**41.237**
Colorado	3.984	1.882	**5.866**
Connecticut	2.668	1.645	**4.312**
Delaware	0.899	0.306	**1.205**
DC (Regular)	0.997	0.495	**1.492**
DC (made whole from CARES)	0.755	0.000	**0.755**
Florida	10.310	6.060	**16.369**
Georgia	4.690	3.572	**8.262**
Guam	0.556	0.105	**0.661**
Hawaii	1.645	0.482	**2.126**
Idaho	1.197	0.644	**1.842**
Illinois	7.549	5.684	**13.232**
Indiana	3.084	2.837	**5.921**
Iowa	1.390	1.500	**2.889**
Kansas	1.598	1.157	**2.755**
Kentucky	2.459	1.645	**4.104**
Louisiana	3.233	1.965	**5.199**
Maine	1.037	0.648	**1.684**
Maryland	3.899	1.956	**5.856**
Massachusetts	4.547	3.728	**8.275**
Michigan	5.698	4.405	**10.102**
Minnesota	2.597	2.093	**4.690**
Mississippi	1.818	1.262	**3.080**
Missouri	2.838	2.505	**5.343**
Montana	0.891	0.410	**1.301**
Nebraska	0.983	0.805	**1.788**
Nevada	2.969	0.947	**3.916**
New Hampshire	0.966	0.559	**1.526**
New Jersey	6.483	2.950	**9.433**
New Mexico	1.631	0.841	**2.472**
New York	12.665	10.640	**23.305**
North Carolina	5.316	3.791	**9.107**
North Dakota	0.778	0.279	**1.057**
Northern Mariana Islands	0.483	0.032	**0.515**

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Ohio	5.681	5.429	**11.110**
Oklahoma	2.191	1.395	**3.586**
Oregon	2.628	1.543	**4.172**
Pennsylvania	7.349	5.778	**13.127**
Puerto Rico	2.463	1.944	**4.408**
Rhode Island	1.133	0.594	**1.727**
South Carolina	2.111	1.629	**3.740**
South Dakota	0.744	0.346	**1.090**
Tennessee	3.850	2.469	**6.319**
Texas	16.824	10.357	**27.181**
U.S. Virgin Islands	0.517	0.067	**0.584**
Utah	1.528	1.014	**2.543**
Vermont	0.655	0.307	**0.961**
Virginia	3.795	2.681	**6.476**
Washington	4.285	2.439	**6.725**
West Virginia	1.259	0.842	**2.101**
Wisconsin	3.231	2.499	**5.730**
Wyoming	0.736	0.131	**0.868**
Tribal Governments	20.000	0.000	**20.000**
Totals	**219.800**	**130.200**	**350.000**

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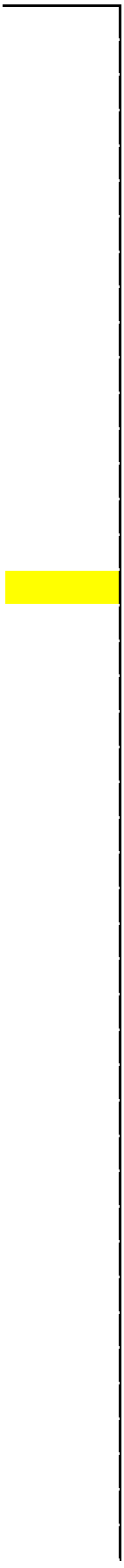

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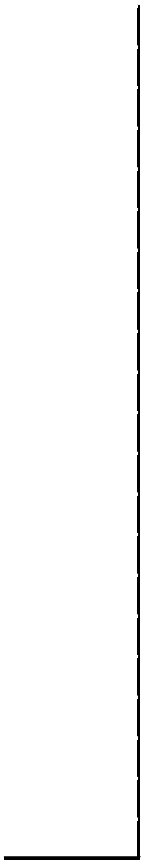

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To:	Moulton, Diane
Subject:	Fwd: Final Edited Highlights and FAQs
Date:	Thursday, January 28, 2021 8:43:45 AM
Attachments:	FY 21-22 Gov Rec Budget Highlights - FINAL.docx FY 21-22 Governor Rec Budget FAQs - FINAL.docx

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Subject: Final Edited Highlights and FAQs

See the attached updated final edits for highlights and FAQs.

Brandi – can you coordinate with SDD in the morning to get this loaded. There were no changes to numbers. Also, please print 40 copies of each, stapled and one sided, for the press conference for the press.

I'll see you in the morning. Thanks

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Florida Leads the Nation

Statewide Overview and Taxes

Florida is leading among states as our nation reemerges from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike other states that engaged in mass lockdowns and closed down their schools and businesses, Governor DeSantis allowed science and data to drive informed policies that prioritized our state's most vulnerable and put Seniors First, while protecting the right to earn a living, opening schools and keeping our economy and society functioning.

Although the public health emergency caused declines in revenue collection in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years, as well as revisions to projected future revenue collections, the policies of Governor Ron DeSantis and his administration have led to Florida beating expectations for revenues, jobs and economic growth.

Thanks to Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida continues to outpace the nation in job growth and closed out 2020 with eight consecutive months of job growth, gaining over 748,000 private sector jobs from May through December. Florida's future remains bright and continues to lead the nation in many policy areas.

The following fiscally responsible budget protects taxpayer dollars while being mindful that the state is still engaged in an all-hands-on-deck response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accordingly, this budget ensures the State maintains significant funding in reserves, including General Revenue, while safeguarding our K-12 education system and supporting our teachers, as well as continuing our commitment to Florida's environmental resources.

The Governor's total recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget is $96.6 billion. The General Revenue portion is $35.8 billion. Florida's total reserves are $6.6 billion, more than 6 percent of the total recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, leaving ample resources for unforeseen expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 hurricane season.

$2.6 billion, more than half of the $4.3 billion increase over Fiscal Year 2020-21, is for various expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic response or impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic on Floridians.

Budget Savings

The Governor's budget makes strategic reductions of more than $1 billion over two years, of which $876.3 million is in General Revenue and $228.3 million is in trust funds, and a reduction of 169 positions. Notable savings contained in the Governor's budget include:

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- Administrative and operational efficiencies of $408.2 million;
- Debt service savings of $40.8 million;
- Contract and lease savings are $16 million;
- Bonded savings are $64.2 million;
- Medicaid and KidCare savings due to FMAP enhancement of $554.7 million;
- Workload reduction of $16.5 million; and
- Reduced excess budget authority of $4.3 million.

Florida Reserves

- $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- $1.7 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- $1.7 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- $1.0 billion in Tobacco reserves
- $6.6 billion in Total Reserves

Florida Retirement System

Pension Unfunded Liability – The unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) Defined Benefit Program amounted to $36.0 billion on June 30, 2020. Based on an actuarial liability of $200.3 billion and an actuarial value of assets of $164.3 billion, the program is 82.0 percent funded as of June 30, 2020.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget includes $52.9 million to implement the recommendations of the independent actuary and fully fund the recommended contributions to the UAL for state employees. This helps Florida continue to have one of the best funded pension plans of the largest states in the nation.

Taxpayer Savings

Governor DeSantis is committed to continuing to ease Floridians' tax burden. The budget proposes to cut taxes by $65 million. Florida's per capita state tax burden of $1,917 is currently the fourth lowest among all states. Governor DeSantis believes in keeping taxes low to help Florida's future generations. The Governor's $65 million tax cut package includes funding for:

- **An 8-day Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday to Save Florida Families $56 Million –** The holiday covers clothing up to $60, school supplies up to $15, and computers priced at $1,000 or less

- **A 10-day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday to Save Florida Families $9 Million** – The holiday covers items needed during disasters including generators priced at $750 or less

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Florida Leads on Education

Florida's students, families, and teachers faced significant disruptions and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the circumstances, Florida remains committed to providing the best education possible for our students, as well as a continued commitment to choice for families. Our state's schools remain open, our teachers continue to inspire, and our students continue to learn. Governor DeSantis proclaimed 2020 the "Year of the Teacher," and this upcoming fiscal year we remain steadfast in our commitment to Florida's educators and the Governor's goal of providing a world class education to all.

Several key investments include:

- An additional $50 million, for a total of $550 million, in funding to continue raising the minimum K-12 teacher salary to the goal of $47,500, as well as salary increases for other eligible teachers and instructional personnel.
- $1.4 billion in funding for early child education, including $405 million for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK).
- K-12 public schools have the highest total and state funding of all time with $22.8 billion in total funding and $12.9 billion in state funding.
    - This brings K-12 per student funding to $8,019, which exceeds the current year's record funding by $233 per student.
- The Florida College System is appropriated $1.2 billion in state operating funding.
- The State University System is appropriated $2.7 billion in state operating funding.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)
The budget provides a total of more than $405 million for Florida's VPK program; a quality, free education initiative, which serves more than 157,000 four and five-year olds. VPK prepares each child for kindergarten by focusing on developing early literary skills and building a strong foundation for school.

School Readiness
The budget includes $100 million in federal funds to maintain the provider rate increases provided to early learning coalitions in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

In addition, the following initiatives that support early learning are included:

- T.E.A.C.H. – $10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships;
- Help Me Grow – $1.8 million to connect children and families with information, resources and developmental services to enhance health, behavior and learning in the development of young children;
- Teacher Training – $3 million for statewide professional development to improve childcare instructor quality;

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- Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – $3.9 million to deliver high-quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so they may strengthen the cognitive and early literacy skills of at-risk children.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget for early learning, $223.6 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and over $624 million from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act were provided to ensure access to childcare and early education services during the pandemic.

K-12 Public Education
The budget invests a record $22.8 billion in total funding for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). This is a per student funding amount of $8,019, an increase of $233 per student. The base student allocation grows by $132 per student.

To achieve the $22.8 billion in total funding, the budget includes $12.9 billion in state funding and $9.9 billion in local funding. In total, the budget includes an increase of $285.5 million in the FEFP, of which $217.1 million is local funding.

Highlights of the FEFP increases include:
- $132 increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA);
- $10 million increase, for a total of $110 million for mental health initiatives;
- $50 million increase, for a total of $550 million, to continue increasing the minimum teacher salary for full-time public classroom teachers and to raise the salaries of other eligible teachers and instructional personnel.
- $43.5 million to establish the Title I School Recognition Program to provide financial awards to Title I schools based on their student performance.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, school districts received over $693 million from the CARES Act and over $2.8 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available for districts to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.

School Safety
The Governor is committed to ensuring Florida's students and teachers are in a safe and secure learning environment.
- The budget includes funding for the following school safety initiatives:
  - $180 million in recurring funding for the safe schools component of the FEFP.
  - $1 million in recurring funding for screening-related and training-related costs and to provide stipends of $500 to school guardians who participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.

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- $5.5 million in recurring funding to continue the Youth Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training.
- $640,000 in recurring funding for the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. The tool is used to assist school officials with identifying threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls.
- $3 million in recurring funding to continue providing a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from: social media; Department of Children and Families; the Department of Law Enforcement; the Department of Juvenile Justice; and local law enforcement.
- $42 million in funding for school safety grants.
- $6.4 million in recurring funding for school districts to continue to implement a mobile panic alert system that is capable of connecting multiple first responder agencies.

Protecting Florida's Jewish Day Schools
To continue to address safety concerns for Florida's Jewish communities, Governor DeSantis recommends $2.5 million in funding for additional security to ensure children at Florida's Jewish Day Schools can learn and thrive in a safe environment. This funding will help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Promoting Computer Science
The budget maintains $10 million to get teachers certified to teach computer science courses, and to provide bonuses to teachers who hold educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science.

Higher Education
In higher education, Florida boasts five of the Top 100 public universities in the country, including one in the Top 10, and another in the Top 20, while maintaining the second lowest tuition in the country for public four-year institutions. The most recent *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked Florida's higher education system the best in the nation for three consecutive years.

The budget invests a total of $1.2 billion in state operating funding for Florida's colleges and a total of $2.7 billion for Florida's universities.

The budget establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network to provide essential services for libraries and virtual learning resources for institutions. This initiative invests $9 million to the Florida College System and $11.8 million to the State University System.

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In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, Florida's higher education institutions received over $873.9 million from the CARES Act and $1.26 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available to Florida's public state colleges and universities, eligible private institutions, and eligible technical colleges and centers to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.

Holding the Line on Tuition
The budget prohibits tuition increases for Florida's colleges and universities. It is imperative for students and families to not face any additional burdens during these difficult times.

Performance Funding
The budget maintains the following performance funding at career technical centers, state colleges, and state universities:

- $6.5 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers;
- $14 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida colleges;
- $30 million in performance funding for state colleges through the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund and the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund; and
- $560 million in performance funding for state universities.

Workforce Initiatives
The budget includes nearly $510 million in state and federal funding to support workforce education programs to ensure Florida students are prepared to fill high-demand, high-wage jobs.

This includes maintaining $10 million for the Governor's Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program to establish or expand pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for high school and college students.

In addition to the funding provided through the state budget, the following workforce initiatives received funding from the CARES Act:

- $35 million for Rapid Credentials to enroll and complete students in in-demand, high-value, short term career and technical education credentialing programs.
- $11 million for infrastructure and equipment grants for K-12 schools or technical colleges to support in-demand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs of study for K-12 students.

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Historically Black Colleges and Universities
The budget includes $119 million for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities:

- $16.96 million in operating funds to Bethune-Cookman University.
- $7.4 million in operating funds Edward Waters College.
- $7 million in operating funds to Florida Memorial University.
- $87.7 million in operating funds to Florida A&M University.

Education Infrastructure
The budget includes more than $318.5 million in education capital outlay funding:

School Safety Grants

- $42 million for school safety grants is provided to school districts to assist with costs associated with improving the physical security of K-12 school buildings.

Maintenance

- $180 million for public charter school maintenance, funding the necessary infrastructure for public charter schools without utilizing any local funds from school districts.
- $7.7 million for lab school maintenance.
- $2.7 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance.
- $6 million for public broadcasting stations to correct health and safety issues and building deficiencies, and to complete renovations at public broadcasting stations.

Construction

- $34.1 million for three Special Facility Construction projects, which funds critical infrastructure needs in Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties.
- $46 million in budget authority to the State University System to spend collected student fees on a list of student-approved facility projects.

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Florida Leads on the Environment

Florida's environmental resources are vital to our state's prosperity. Since taking office, Governor DeSantis has implemented major reforms to achieve more for Florida's environment. Under the Governor's leadership, record funding for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources has been appropriated, and the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget builds upon these significant investments to prioritize our important natural resources.

The environment remains a key focus of the budget, with significant investments made for Fiscal Year 2021-22. As part of more than $4.3 billion in funding to protect our environment, agriculture and natural resources, the budget includes $2.2 billion specifically for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Further Protection of our Valuable and Vulnerable Coastlines
Upon taking office, Governor DeSantis set forth to develop resilience goals for the state to help protect Florida's coastal communities and fortify its pathway to continued prosperity. To establish these goals, the Governor appointed the state's first Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) with the direction to coordinate a statewide response to better prepare for the environmental, physical and economic impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms events, and localized flooding. The Governor's appointment of the CRO was the first tangible step towards strong, coordinated leadership on resiliency.

The Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 takes the next tangible step to address the challenges of sea level rise, intensified storm events, and localized flooding by establishing the Resilient Florida program. The Resilient Florida program will provide $1 billion over four years to provide grants to state and local government entities to fund projects to adapt regionally significant assets to address the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms and localized flooding.

Specifically, in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Governor's recommended budget includes $12.1 million to close the gap for statewide sea level rise/vulnerability assessments. These funds would allow DEP to grant up to $100,000 to all remaining coastal counties, coastal municipalities, and inland counties who have not completed vulnerability assessments. Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes more than $165 million for the first of four years of the Resilient Florida program.

The Governor's budget includes $25 million from existing Documentary Stamp Tax revenue for the Resilient Florida program, and recommends increases each year by $25 million until reaching $100 million by the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Taking advantage of historically low interest rates, these funds are provided as debt service to bond more than $1 billion in total program funding for grants.

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Protecting Florida's 1,300 miles of coastline is important for our growing economy and quality of life, as millions travel from around the world to visit our world-renowned beaches. The budget includes $50 million in beach nourishment funding to continue addressing shoreline erosion.

The budget includes $10 million for the Resilient Coastlines Program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection within DEP. This program helps prepare Florida's communities and habitats for changes resulting from sea level rise by providing funding and technical assistance and continuing to promote and ensure a coordinated approach to planning among state, regional and local agencies. The funding for coastal resiliency grants will also help protect Florida's coral reefs which serve as the state's first line of defense from storm surge. They are a major tourism attraction and support emergency sand placement to help fortify coastal areas ahead of storms.

Continued Improvements for Water Quality, Quantity and Supply
In Executive Order 19-12, among other major environmental reforms, Governor DeSantis called for $2.5 billion to be invested over four years for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources, an increase of $1 billion over the previous four years. After two years in office, Florida is over halfway to reaching that goal by securing over $1.25 billion. The Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget continues this investment, dedicating more than $625 million for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources.

The budget includes more than $473 million for Everglades restoration projects, including $32 million for Restoration Strategies, $311 million for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, and $80 million for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

This level of funding will put Florida on track to complete the C-44 Reservoir and stormwater treatment area, the C-43 Reservoir, and additional projects over the next two years. These projects will provide 700,000 acre-feet of storage and remove more than 365,000 pounds of total phosphorus annually, a major source of nutrient pollution. The budget includes $64 million for the EAA Reservoir to continue the momentum of this critical project to reduce harmful discharges and help send more clean water south of the Everglades.

The budget also includes $145 million for targeted water quality improvements to achieve significant, meaningful and measurable nutrient reductions in key waterbodies across the state and to implement the initial recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force. This includes:

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- $100 million for cost-share grant funds for water quality improvements, including septic conversions and upgrades, other wastewater improvements, and rural and urban stormwater system upgrades.
- $45 million to accelerate projects to meet scientific nutrient reduction goals (called Total Maximum Daily Loads), which may include green infrastructure investments or land conservation to protect our water resources.

On top of the investment in targeted water quality improvements, the budget includes $50 million to restore Florida's world-renowned springs. This funding may also be used for land acquisition to protect springsheds and is crucial to supporting homeowners and local communities as they work with the state to achieve nutrient reduction requirements.

The budget supports a $25 million investment to improve water quality and combat the effects and impacts of harmful algal blooms, including blue-green algae and red tide. The budget includes the following:

- $10 million for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to aid in the prevention, cleanup and mitigation of harmful algal blooms.
- $10.8 million to increase water quality monitoring, support the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, and to improve and maintain the water quality public information portal. This portal is focused on accountability and transparency, providing monitoring data for all of Florida's outstanding springs and key waterbodies, as well as allow the public to track the investment in projects and progress in attaining water quality goals.
- $4.2 million to continue supporting the Center for Red Tide Research within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and to support the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force and partnerships for mitigation and technology development with a renewed focus on red tide.

$40 million is included for the alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects. DEP will continue to engage local governments, industry, universities and water management districts to identify and research all viable alternative water supply sources and is working to provide an assessment of funding needs critical to supporting Florida's growing economy.

Investing in Clean Lands and Air

The budget includes $67 million for the cleanup of contaminated sites with a focus on promoting redevelopment of these areas once cleanup has been completed. Working with federal and local partners, cleanup and redevelopment of these sites will ensure Florida's new businesses and growing communities can safely develop and our economy can continue to grow. Specific investments include:

- $60 million for Petroleum Tanks Cleanup;

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- $4 million for Dry Cleaning Solvent Contaminated Site Cleanup;
- $2 million for Hazardous Waste Contaminated Site Cleanup; and
- $1 million for Cleanup of State-Owned contaminated sites.

The budget also includes $30 million for the implementation of the State Mitigation Plan for the $166 million Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement. The plan addresses diesel emission reduction, including funds for electric vehicle infrastructure and electric buses.

A Commitment to Florida's Prized Properties and Waters
The budget includes $82 million to protect our prized properties and waters in Florida. This funding will ensure all Floridians have access to enjoy our pristine natural environment, while protecting these unique natural resources and investing in the management of our state-owned lands.

As land acquisition is vital to both our economic growth and environmental protection, the budget includes $50 million for the Florida Forever Program, the state's premier conservation and recreation land acquisition program for the Division of State Lands to acquire land with a focus on protecting our water resources for Floridians and visitors.

Florida's State Parks won the National Gold Medal a record four times for having the best park system nationally. The budget dedicates $32 million to infrastructure improvements and resource management with the goal of maintaining this high standard, and ensuring all visitors and residents alike have access to these prized properties for generations to come.

Investing in Florida's Agriculture
The budget includes more than $1.7 billion for Florida's agricultural industry. In order to preserve Florida's iconic citrus industry, the budget invests $20.2 million for citrus research, the Citrus Health Response Program and for consumer awareness marketing efforts. Additionally, recognizing the importance of effectively combatting wildfires, the budget includes $3.3 million for wildfire suppression equipment and $4 million for road and bridge maintenance to allow for better access for land management and wildfire suppression activities.

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Florida Leads on Transportation and Economic Development

Effectively managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of Floridians remains Governor DeSantis' top priority. In order to guarantee continued growth, aid economic recovery and ensure that Floridians are able to work and learn, millions of dollars have been invested in economic and rural development throughout the state. A large part of Florida's economy is derived from the state's robust tourism industry, which has been heavily impacted by the pandemic. Governor DeSantis remains committed to making sure there are resources and support available for businesses to succeed with COVID-19 safety measures.

At the beginning of the pandemic, with fewer people on the roads, Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Department of Transportation to expedite key projects, resulting in great strides being made in improving Florida's infrastructure. Governor DeSantis continues to recommend investments to maintain our roadways and promote public safety. Additionally, Florida's future remains bright as millions of dollars in investments for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure becomes a reality.

Ensuring Housing Availability and Affordability for Florida's Families
Governor DeSantis has recommended that Florida's primary affordable housing programs be fully funded in each of his budget recommendations since taking office. The Governor's budget provides $423.3 million to fully fund workforce and affordable housing programs. This amount includes $126.7 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program, and $296.6 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP). These programs are administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) from a portion of the revenues received from documentary stamp taxes on real estate transfers.

The SAIL Program, funded by the State Housing Trust Fund, provides low-interest loans on a competitive basis to affordable rental housing developers. SAIL funds serve to bridge the gap between primary financing and the total cost of the development. This allows developers to obtain the full financing needed to construct or rehabilitate affordable multifamily units.

The SHIP Program, funded by the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing for very low, low and moderate income families. SHIP dollars may be used to fund emergency repairs, new construction, rehabilitation, down payment and closing cost assistance, impact fees, construction and gap financing, mortgage buy-downs, acquisition of property for affordable housing, matching dollars for federal housing grants and programs, and homeownership counseling.

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Disaster Recovery/Emergency Management
The Governor has continued to make disaster recovery and mitigation a top priority of his administration. Florida communities continue to recover from substantial hurricane strikes in recent years, most notably Hurricanes Irma and Michael. The Governor's budget provides significant funding for disaster recovery/mitigation and emergency management, including:

Division of Emergency Management

- **Open Federally Declared Disasters – Funding to Communities/State Operations**
  $1.9 billion in federal and state funding is provided so that communities can respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies as well as mitigate against future disasters or emergencies.
    - $265 million in federal and state assistance is included to leverage the work associated with the state operations relating to federally declared disasters for the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Disaster Activity programs.
- The budget includes $383 million to continue Florida's response efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Economic Opportunity

- **Community Development Block Grant**
  The budget includes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds directed toward local hurricane recovery and hardening efforts throughout the state. These funds include several CDBG programs, including CDBG Disaster Recovery Program for all named hurricanes since 2017 and CDBG Mitigation Program.

- **Revolving Loan Fund Program**
  The budget includes $15 million to support the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Program in Hurricane Michael affected counties. This program, supported by an additional $8 million award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, assists businesses with disaster related economic changes, and can be used to address capital needs and help businesses implement plans for resiliency to protect against future storms.

Economic Recovery and Development
The impact of COVID-19 on Florida's economy has been substantial, yet Florida's economic recovery is well underway. With each passing month, our state continues to see Floridians returning to work and businesses growing. To further support Florida on its current path of economic recovery, job growth, and business development, the Governor's budget provides significant funding for economic expansion initiatives, including:

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- $50 million for the Job Growth Grant Fund to support local infrastructure and job training projects targeted towards economic recovery and development.
- $5 million for Enterprise Florida, Inc. to engage in targeted campaigns that market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to realize economic and job growth in our state.
- $50 million for VISIT FLORIDA's marketing programs, the same amount as in the current fiscal year, to continue showcasing that Florida is once again open and safe for tourists from throughout the U.S. and the world.
- $50 million for the Economic Development Transportation Fund, also known as the "Road Fund". This will provide funding for projects to facilitate economic development by eradicating location specific transportation problems (e.g., access roads, signalization, road widening, etc.)

Rural Recovery and Development

In addition to being the backbone of Florida's agricultural industry, the state's rural communities hold increased potential for businesses and infrastructure that will be a key component of Florida's continued economic growth. The Governor's budget wholeheartedly supports Florida rural development initiatives, including:

- $5 million for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to support local rural infrastructure projects such as broadband, roads, storm and wastewater systems, and telecommunications facilities.
- $1.17 million for the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Program to provide local governments with access to financial assistance to further promote the economic viability of Florida's rural communities.
- $3.2 million to fund a new program that will study broadband accessibility and provide grants to Florida rural communities to assist them with expanding broadband capability and availability. Legislation was passed in 2020 establishing an Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state, specifically in small and rural communities.

Ensuring Fair, Free, and Safe Elections

Although Florida elections are administered at the local level, the state plays an important role in ensuring elections are conducted fairly and accurately. The state helps to make sure that Florida's voting and registration systems are safe from cybersecurity threats. It is imperative that investments continue to be made in order to ensure Florida's elections are fair, free, and safe.

- The Governor's budget includes $16.7 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system. This amount includes:
  - $3 million for the Supervisors of Elections to continue cybersecurity initiatives and improvements to their systems.

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- $2 million for Election Legacy Hardware for security improvements and enhancements in election technology.

Infrastructure
Florida is a top destination to live, work and visit, which makes significant investments in our state's critical transportation infrastructure even more important. The Governor's budget includes $10.4 billion for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This investment will provide for the retention or creation of more than 148,500 jobs. Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of up to $4 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses, and also helps diversify Florida's economy.

Within this amount the Governor's budget provides $9.47 billion for the State Transportation Work Program, which is an ongoing five-year plan for the implementation and completion of transportation infrastructure projects. These projects include construction and maintenance of Florida's roads, bridges, rails, seaports and other public transportation systems that grow the state's economy and improve the quality of life for our citizens. Within the Governor's budget the Work Program includes:

- $2.5 billion for highway construction to include 210 new lane miles.
- $1 billion in resurfacing to include 2,689 lane miles.
- $122.6 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.
- $331 million for aviation improvements of which $199.6 million is for Spaceports.
- $516 million in scheduled repairs for 89 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges.
- $717 million investment in rail/transit projects.
- $172.2 million for safety initiatives.

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Florida Leads on Health and Human Services

Governor DeSantis hopes that all Floridians are able to lead long, healthy and productive lives and understands the importance of helping those in need, including our most vulnerable who are unable to help themselves. This past year we have seen how the impacts of COVID-19 have altered the lives of our residents and their family members. We have seen individuals and families struggle daily with the impacts of the pandemic on employment and the health and welfare of their loved ones. The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget supports Florida's epidemiological infrastructure and promotes strategies to reduce minority morbidity and mortality.

The budget supports an increase in child welfare funding to protect those who are unable to protect themselves. The Governor's budget also provides funding for mental health and includes additional funding to help fight the opioid epidemic and to assist our veterans through employment opportunities and community outreach programs. Additionally, the budget provides funding to individuals with disabilities who have the greatest need. The Governor's recommended budget will continue to make significant investments in improving the lives and prioritizing the wellness and safety of all Floridians.

Improving Health Outcomes
The Governor recommends $9 million in funding to support the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity to develop strategies to reduce health disparities and advance health equity. More than $2.8 million in funding is provided to support additional Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for medication administration to reduce the spread of HIV in the state.

Child Welfare
The Governor's budget includes $32.9 million to provide funding for services to children and families who receive services through Florida's child welfare system. The budget invests $11.9 million for maintenance adoption subsides to support post-adoption services for children who are adopted from foster care. Governor DeSantis understands the impact adoption can have on children's lives because every child deserves to be happy and healthy in a loving and caring environment.

The recommended budget includes $20.9 million to support foster care parents who serve as caregivers for children who have been removed from their home, early intervention services for substance affected infants and evidence–based practices statewide for mental health, substance abuse and in-home parenting program to comply with the Family First Prevention Services Act.

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Opioid Epidemic
Governor DeSantis is committed to continuing the fight against the national opioid epidemic by working with local partners and families affected by this crisis to ensure the needs of individuals during these difficult times are met. His Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget recommends $178 million in total funding to fight the opioid epidemic in Florida and includes $119.9 million in funding from the State Opioid Response Grant to address the opioid crisis by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment and recovery. Additionally, the budget maintains $19.6 million in federal funding to the Department of Health from the Overdose Data to Action grant to enhance drug overdose surveillance and prevention strategies to reduce overdoses.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse
The Governor's budget provides $53.9 million in funding to provide community based behavioral health services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and children with emotional disturbances. This funding will also be used to improve the safety of residents and staff at state mental health treatment facilities.

Seniors
The Governor's budget maintains funding for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative waitlist, the Community Care for the Elderly Program and the Home Care for Elderly Program. These programs will continue to provide support for activities of daily living, medical assistance and caregiver support to keep seniors in their homes.

Veterans
The Governor's budget provides $1.3 million to assist approximately 500 veterans in mentoring, training and networking throughout the state of Florida. The budget provides $22.6 million to support capital improvements, equipment updates, and medical costs for nursing home residents and staffing needs for the two new Veterans' Nursing Homes including Ardie R. Copas and Lake Baldwin State Veterans Nursing Homes. Additionally, the Governor includes $2.4 million to support the women's veterans program, assisting women veterans by informing them of health care eligibility, a veterans suicide prevention campaign and other services, counseling and assistance for veterans to help them obtain the resources they need.

Person with Disabilities
The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget provides $36.6 million in funding for a new level of reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities who have severe maladaptive behavioral needs who have been classified on the Global Behavioral Service Need Matrix levels four through six (4-6). The budget invests $15 million in funding to allow an additional 306 individuals in crisis to be served through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program.

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Florida Leads on Public Safety

Governor DeSantis has made public safety a top priority and has taken bold steps to protect all Floridians. Due to the hard work of Florida's law enforcement officers, the state's crime rate decreased in 2019, marking the 49th consecutive year the state has seen a drop in its crime rate. The 2020 statistics have not yet been reported. Governor DeSantis' budget continues to make necessary investments in our public safety, including funding for safer correctional facilities and evidence-based prevention programs for at-risk youth.

Enhancing Florida's Crime Databases

FDLE is responsible for maintaining a variety of databases that law enforcement uses daily to investigate crimes and apprehend criminals. The budget invests more than $14.5 million for these databases, including:

- $11.4 million to continue the transition to incident-based crime reporting (FIBRS); and
- $3.1 million to centralize criminal justice data and make it more transparent to the public.

Safer Correctional Facilities

Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $31.1 million and 330 FTE to improve staffing levels at the Department of Corrections (FDC). This includes:

- $5 million to continue a targeted retention pay plan for Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Inspectors that aims to address exceptionally high turnover rates by providing a $500 pay increase for new hires, a $1,000 pay increase at two years of service, and a $1,000 increase at five years of service.
- $26.1 million and 330 FTE to continue transitioning Correctional Officers from a 12-hour shift to an 8.5-hour shift.

The budget also includes $2.5 million and 7 FTE to make Florida's correctional facilities safer. This includes:

- $2 million for security equipment, such as radios, metal detectors, and cameras; and
- $498,448 and 7 FTE that will allow the Department to more closely monitor gang activity.

Expanding Reentry Programming

Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $4.5 million and 7 FTE to increase inmate reentry programming which includes:

- $461,099 and 7 FTE to continue increasing the number of academic teachers at the Department of Corrections;

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- $1 million to expand career and technical education programs to better meet the vocational training needs of the inmate population and current job market demands; and
- $3 million to continue the Continuum of Care Program for enhanced offender rehabilitation at private correctional facilities.

Improving Correctional Infrastructure
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $19 million to make critical repairs and renovations to correctional and juvenile facilities. This investment in Florida's infrastructure enhances the safety and security of Florida's correctional and juvenile officers, inmates, and youth.

At-Risk Youth Programs and Prevention Services
Effective prevention programs reduce the likelihood that a child will have future involvement with the juvenile justice system. The budget includes more than $12.4 million to fund prevention programs for at-risk youth. This includes funding for the following programs:

- **Youth Challenge Program** – $5.8 million for a residential program at Camp Blanding that provides 16–18-year-olds who withdraw or are removed from school with opportunities such as high school credit recovery, career-technical education, and life preparation classes.
- **Mentoring Initiatives** – $6.6 million for the Department of Education to contract with mentoring programs throughout the state.

Increasing Representation of Children
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget includes $736,186 and 12 FTE to increase Guardian ad Litem staff where the state is experiencing the greatest growth in foster care placements.

Supporting Military and Their Families
Governor DeSantis' recommended budget provides $24.4 million for Florida's military presence and families, which funds the State's support of military research and development. This includes:

- $2 million for the Florida Defense Support Task Force
- $1.75 million for the Defense Infrastructure Program
- $7.2 million for armory maintenance
- $2 million for military base protection, including additional security measures for National Guard armories
- $3.1 million to support Florida National Guardsmen seeking higher education degrees
- $8.4 million to support scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans

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Problem-Solving Courts

- Problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans' courts, address the root causes of the criminal justice system's involvement through specialized dockets, multidisciplinary teams, and a non-adversarial approach. The budget provides more than $10.8 million to continue the operation of problem-solving courts throughout the state.

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Florida Leads on General Government

Florida has been able to efficiently manage state operations, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Safety measures are critically important and investments to ensure safe and accessible working environments are a top priority. Governor DeSantis is committed to modernizing Florida's business operations, which include automation, reduced wait times and cyber threat mitigation.

Maintaining and Improving the Florida Facilities Pool
It is essential that the State of Florida provides safe and efficient working environments at state owned buildings. The budget invests more than $192 million in the Florida Facilities Pool which will improve life safety issues, address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and address needed building updates. This investment includes $172 million in new bonding authority, achieving over $55 million in General Revenue savings, to improve accessibility and efficiencies at the Capitol Complex as well as a new State Emergency Operations Center which will better serve the duties and responsibilities of the State Emergency Response Team.

Modernizing Florida's Business Processes
The budget invests $5 million in the Department of Management Service's Florida Digital Service to automate state functions through Robotic Process Automation which will reduce processing and wait times for claims and application review for services that many Floridians depend on.

Safeguarding Florida against Cybersecurity Threats
The budget invests $39.3 million in various state agencies to enhance information technology security measures and controls to help protect Florida against the ongoing and evolving nature of cyber threats that can compromise critical state resources and sensitive information.

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Statewide Overview and Taxes

Q: How does the Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget compare to the current year?

- The budget is $96.6 billion, which is 4.7 percent higher than the current $92.3 billion budget. The General Revenue portion of the budget is $35.8 billion, which is 3.0 percent higher than the current General Revenue budget of $34.8 billion.
    - $2.3 billion, which is over half of the $4.3 billion total increase, is due to an increase in federal funding authority:
        - $1.7 billion is to fund the increase in Medicaid enrollment. Due to COVID-19, Medicaid has experienced a 16.5 percent increase in enrollment in the current year and is expected to have over 4.5 million people enrolled in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the highest enrollment in the history of the Medicaid program.
            - For comparison, Medicaid has seen an average increase of 3.4 percent over the last 4 years.
        - Nearly $300 million is for the Department of Emergency Management to continue response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic.
        - Over $400 million is given to Florida's school districts to effectively administer available federal grants.
    - The General Revenue increase is due almost entirely to the $1.3 billion state's portion of the Medicaid enrollment increase.
- When you take out the increases in Medicaid enrollment due to COVID-19 and the continued emergency response funding, Governor DeSantis' Fiscal Year 2021-22 recommended budget increases by $1.7 billion for other government services and programs, or 2 percent over Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Q: It has been reported that Florida is expecting a $4.7 billion shortfall over the next two years, yet the Governor's Budget Recommendations leave $2.2 billion of General Revenue reserves while only taking approximately $876 million in General Revenue reductions over the two years. How does the short fall not require further reductions?

- The $4.7 billion shortfall is based on the projections of the State of Florida's Long-Range Financial Outlook which was presented to the Legislature in September 2020. That Outlook is based on revenue projections made in August 2020 and expenditure estimates which reflect the needs deemed critical and high priority by the Legislature.

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- In December 2020, the Revenue Estimating Conference increased its revenue projections and issued a General Revenue Outlook showing a $2.1 billion increase in funds available over the next two years.
- The expenditures recommended by the Governor differ from those outlined in the Long-Range Financial Outlook. Together, the increased revenues, strategic reductions and $295.5 million in trust fund sweeps allow the Governor to present a fiscally prudent budget that funds critical needs of Florida and leaves $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue for unforeseen needs in the ongoing pandemic response and for hurricane season.

Q: How many reserve dollars are included in the budget?

- $2.2 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- $1.7 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- $1.7 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- $1.0 billion in Tobacco reserves
- $6.6 billion in **Total Reserves**

Q: How many state positions are included in the budget?

- There are 113,722 state positions in the Governor's budget. This is 324 more FTE than in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget. For Fiscal Year 2021-22:
  - The largest increase in FTE is in the Department of Corrections to provide for a continuation of the conversion from 12 to 8.5 hour shifts.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funds for the ongoing response to the COVID-19 emergency?

- The Governor includes over $383 million for the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to continue Florida's response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, on top of the $1.4 billion in General Revenue spent since the start of the pandemic.
- $88.3 million in Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for the Department of Economic Opportunity to continue economic recovery efforts and processing reemployment assistance claims.
- The Governor's budget also recognizes that there will likely be additional federal pandemic relief funding and authorizes state agencies to submit budget amendments to increase federal budget authority under an expedited process for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Q: How much of the $5.9 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund has the state spent?

- Florida has fully maximized the use of the federal Coronavirus Relief Funds for pandemic response costs and services in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Treasury, and as of January 11, 2021, reported to the federal

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government the full obligation of $5.9 billion of eligible COVID-19 related expenditures, including $1.275 billion distributed to local governments.

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Florida Leads on Education

Early Learning

Q: What is the budget for early learning?

- The budget includes more than $1.4 billion in funding for our state's youngest learners.

Q: What additional funding is provided for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten?

- The budget includes a total of more than $405 million for Florida's VPK program. This investment maintains the base student allocation for the school year and summer programs to $2,486 per student and $2,122 per student, respectively. VPK will prepare more than 157,000 four and five-year olds for kindergarten.

Q: How does the budget provide for improvements in the quality of early learning programs?

- The budget maintains funding for the following early learning initiatives:
  - T.E.A.C.H. – $10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships;
  - Help Me Grow – $1.8 million to connect children and families with information, resources, and developmental services to enhance health, behavior, and learning in the development of young children;
  - Teacher Training – $3 million for statewide professional development to improve child care instructor quality; and
  - Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) – $3.9 million to deliver high quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so they may strengthen the cognitive and early literacy skills of at-risk children.

Q: Is there additional funding for the School Readiness Program?

- $100 million is provided in federal funds to maintain the provider rate increases provided to early learning coalitions in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

K-12 Public Education

Q: Does the budget maintain the funding provided in FY 2020-21 for salary increases for Florida's teachers?

- The Governor's proposed budget increases the funding provided to increase teacher salaries from $500 million to $550 million.
  - Through the existing program established last Legislative Session after the Governor's leadership in proposing the program, this will provide an additional:

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- $40 million in funding to allow school districts to continue raising the minimum teacher salary to the goal of $47,500 or the highest level achievable through the funding appropriated; and
- $10 million is appropriated to raise the salaries of other eligible Florida teachers and instructional personnel.

Q: Did the Governor restore the School Recognition Program funding in the FEFP?

- The budget leaves the School Recognition Program dormant for the 2021-22 fiscal year, however, the Governor has provided $43.5 million in funding to establish the Title I School Recognition Program that provides financial awards to Title I schools based on student performance, with a focus on promoting literacy programs.

Q: What is the budget for K-12 education in the FEFP?

- The budget invests a record $22.8 billion in total funding for the FEFP. This results in a per-student funding amount of $8,019, an increase of $233 over last year.

Q: How does the Governor's budget consider the required local effort in the FEFP?

- The required local millage rate is maintained at the Fiscal Year 2020-21 statewide level of 3.720.

Q: Does the budget include an increase in the Base Student Allocation in the FEFP?

- COVID-19 has affected Florida's education system significantly, however the Governor is committed to investing in the future of our students. The budget recommends an increase of $132 in the Base Student Allocation (BSA) over Fiscal Year 2020-21.
- During the Great Recession, the BSA in the FEFP had significant reductions. From Fiscal Year 2007-08 to Fiscal Year 2008-09, the BSA decreased by $193. From Fiscal Year 2008-09 to Fiscal Year 2009-10, the BSA was reduced by another $255. Over the two year period, the total reduction in the BSA was $449.
    - During that same two year time period, from Fiscal Year 2007-08 through Fiscal Year 2009-10, state funding declined by $1.6 billion from $9.7 billion to $8.1 billion.

Q: How was the full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment determined?

- The Education Estimating Conference on PreK-12 Enrollment based the projected FTE for Fiscal Year 2021-22 using the available data at the time. With the uncertainty regarding how many students would return to a public

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K-12 school next year, the conference principals adopted a more conservative policy.

- As we progress through session and more data becomes available, the estimating conference principals will reevaluate the projected Fiscal Year 2021-22 FTE.

Q: Why is the Governor's recommended budget for the FEFP compared to the Second Calculation over Fiscal Year 2020-21?

- The Governor's recommended budget compares to the latest official calculation for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Q: Is there funding for mental health initiatives in the budget?

- Yes, the budget provides an increase of $10 million, for a total of $110 million, in funding for the mental health allocation in the FEFP.

Q: Is there funding for school safety in the budget?

- Yes, the budget includes the following safety initiatives:
  - Maintains $180 million for the safe schools component of the FEFP.
  - Provides an increase of $500,000, for a total of $1 million, in funding for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. Funding is used for screening-related and training-related costs and providing a one-time stipend of $500 to school guardians who participate in the school guardian program.
  - Maintains $5.5 million in recurring funding to continue the Youth Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training.
  - Maintains $640,000 in recurring funding for the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. The tool is used to assist school officials with identifying threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls.
  - Maintains $3 million in recurring funding to continue providing a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from: social media; Department of Children and Families; the Department of Law Enforcement; the Department of Juvenile Justice; and local law enforcement.
  - Maintains $42 million in funding for school safety grants.
  - $6.4 million is included for school districts to continue to implement a mobile panic alert system that is capable of connecting multiple first responder agencies.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for the Schools of Hope program?

- The budget includes a one-year pause of the $40 million in recurring base funding, as well as a $50 million reduction in the un-used balance of carry-forward funding available for the program. This proposal would allow the

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initiative to utilize a remaining amount of $208 million in carry-forward funding for the Schools of Hope program.
- The Governor supports the continuation of the Schools of Hope program and believes carry forward funds are sufficient to support current and impending projects.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for the Gardiner Scholarship program?
- Yes, the budget provides an additional $21 million, for a total of $210.9 million, in funding for the Gardiner Scholarship Program. The increase in funding will allow approximately 2,000 additional students to participate in the program.

Q: Is security funding for Jewish Day Schools included the budget?
- The budget maintains $2.5 million in funding to enhance safety measures, upgrade equipment facilities and technology, and increase security services to ensure children at Florida Jewish Day Schools can learn in a safe environment. This funding will be available to all eligible Florida Jewish Day Schools to help provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fences, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Q: Does the budget provide funding for initiatives that promote computer science?
- Yes, the budget maintains the $10 million in funding provided in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to continue providing professional development and fund costs associated with training for teachers to earn educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science. The initiative also provides bonuses to teachers who earned an educator certificate or industry certification who are teaching computer science courses.

Q: Does the budget include funding for initiatives that promote civic education?
- Yes, the budget includes $750,000 in funding to continue the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative. The initiative will create and expand existing speech and debate programs with a focus on civic education.

Higher Education

Q: What does the budget include for Florida state colleges and universities?
- The budget includes state operating funding for Florida's higher education system of $1.2 billion for Florida colleges, and $2.7 billion for Florida universities.
- The budget also establishes the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network to provide essential library services to Florida College System and

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State University System institutions. A total of $20.8 million, $9 million to colleges and $11.8 million to universities, is allocated to provide students with e-resources, technical support, distance learning, and more.

Q: Does the budget include any tuition increases?

- No, the budget prohibits any increases in tuition and fees. It is imperative that we do not increase the burden on students while in the midst of COVID-19.

Q: Does the budget provide performance funding for workforce education, colleges and universities? What metrics will be used to distribute the funds?

- Yes, the budget maintains performance funding to encourage Florida's career technical centers, Florida College System, and the State University System to continue investing in initiatives that have proven effective in: increasing the number of industry certifications awarded; increasing the four-year graduation rates; increasing student retention rates; lowering student costs; and reducing student debt.
- The budget includes performance funding in the following areas:
    - A total of $6.5 million, in funding for district workforce programs to be allocated based on students earning industry certifications in high-demand areas;
    - A total of $14 million in funding for state colleges to be allocated based on students earning industry certifications in high-demand areas;
    - A total of $30 million for state colleges, through the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund and Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund; and
    - A total of $560 million, in funding for the State University System. Performance will be based on 10 metrics including: percent of graduates employed or continuing education, average wages of employed graduates and graduation rates.

Q: What does the budget include for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

- $16.96 million in operating funds to Bethune-Cookman University.
- $7.4 million in operating funds Edward Waters College.
- $7 million in operating funds to Florida Memorial University.
- $87.7 million in operating funds to Florida A&M University.

Student Financial Aid

Q: What student financial aid funding does the budget include for private higher education institutions?

- The budget provides funding for the Effective Access to Student Education

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(EASE) Grants and the Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) Grants, which provide tuition assistance for eligible private school students.
  - $115.7 million in EASE Grants for 40,723 students, at an award amount of $2,841 per student.
  - $4.6 million in ABLE Grants for 1,630 students, at an award amount of $2,841 per student.

Q: What other state funded scholarship programs are funded in the budget for the Student Financial Aid?

- The budget includes funding for the following state scholarship programs:
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Public Full and Part Time: $236 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Private: $23.6 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Postsecondary: $6.4 million
  - Florida Student Assistance Grant – Career Education: $3.3 million
    - The maximum award of the above four Florida Student Assistance Grants is $3,260.
  - Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans: $11 million
  - Florida Work Experience: $1.6 million
  - Rosewood Family Scholarships: $256,747
  - Florida Farmworker Scholarship Program: $219,225
  - Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program: $1 million

Q: What does the budget include for the Bright Futures Scholarship?

- The budget includes a total of $651.3 million, for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
  - Funding ensures the Bright Futures Academic Scholars award will continue to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters, including summer, for all eligible students.
  - Funding ensures the Bright Futures Medallion Scholars award will continue to cover 75 percent of tuition and fees for all semesters, including summer, for all eligible students.
    - However, beginning in the fall 2021 semester, a Florida Medallion Scholar enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount necessary to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees.
  - Funding ensures Gold Seal Vocational Scholars awards and Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards will continue to be awarded to eligible students enrolled in a career education or a certificate program.

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Education Infrastructure

Q: How are Public Education Capital Outlay Funds (PECO) utilized in the budget?

- The December 3, 2020 Public Education Capital Outlay Estimating Conference identified the cash amount available for appropriation from the PECO Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to be $233.6 million.
- The PECO program addresses educational facility construction and fixed capital outlay needs for school districts, state colleges, state universities, and other public education programs.
- The budget includes more than $318.5 million in funding for capital initiatives:
    - **School Safety Grants**
        - $42 million for school safety grants provided to school districts to assists with costs associated with improving the physical security of K-12 school buildings.
    - **Maintenance**
        - $180 million for public charter school maintenance;
            - This funds the necessary infrastructure for charter schools without utilizing any of the school districts' local funds.
        - $7.7 million for lab school maintenance;
        - $2.7 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance; and
        - $6 million for public broadcasting stations to correct health and safety issues and building deficiencies, and to complete renovations at public broadcasting stations.
    - **Construction**
        - $34.1 million for four Special Facility Construction projects. This funding will continue projects in Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties;
        - $46 million in budget authority to the State University System to spend collected student fees on a list of student-approved facility projects.

Q: Does the budget provide bonding authority for educational facilities?

- No, the budget does not provide bonding authority for educational facilities. All education facility projects are recommended to be funded on a cash-basis.

Q: What does the budget do to help small school districts with facility needs?

- The budget provides $34.1 million in funding for three small school districts for critical construction needs through the Special Facilities Program (Baker, Bradford, and Levy counties).

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Q: Does the budget include funding for Research Developmental Schools' (lab schools) facility needs?

- Yes, lab schools are traditional K-12 schools that, like charter schools, cannot levy taxes. The budget includes a total of $7.7 million in capital outlay funding for all lab schools.

Q: Did Florida receive federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Acts for education related initiatives?

- Discretionary Funding through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund:
  - These funds are available to be used at the Governor's discretion to provide emergency support through grants to local education agencies (K-12) and institutes of higher education that the Governor deems to have been impacted by COVID-19 to continue to provide educational services to and support ongoing operations.
  - Over $173 million from the CARES Act and over $288 million from the CRRSA Act were provided.
    - Of the over $288 million appropriated in the CRRSA Act, $213 million must be provided for emergency assistance to non-public schools. The remaining $76 million is to be utilized at the Governor's discretion.
- Early Learning: $223.6 million from CARES Act and over $624 million from the CRRSA Act were provided.
  - These funds are available to ensure access to childcare and early education services during the pandemic.
- K-12: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
  - Over $770 million from the CARES Act and over $3.1 billion from the CRRSA Act. These funds are available for districts to utilize to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.
    - From the funds provided, 90 percent were allocated to K-12 School Districts. This provided over $693 million from the CARES Act and over $2.8 billion from the CRRSA Act.
  - The Act allowed the Florida Department of Education to reserve the remaining 10 percent of funds for emergency needs to address issues related to COVID-19. This provided over $77 million from the CARES Act and over $313 million from the CRRSA Act.
- Higher Education: Over $873 million from the CARES Act and $1.26 billion from the CRRSA Act.

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    - These funds are available to Florida's public state colleges and universities, eligible private institutions, and eligible technical colleges and centers to ensure educational continuity for students and teachers.
- Workforce Education initiatives that received GEER funding:
    - $35 million for Rapid Credentials to enroll and complete students in in-demand, high value, short term career and technical education credentialing programs.
    - $11 million for infrastructure and equipment grants for K-12 schools or technical colleges to support in-demand CTE programs of study for K-12 students.

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Florida Leads on the Environment

Q: What is included in the budget for protecting Florida's environment and improving water quality?

- The budget invests more than $4.3 billion for the protection of Florida's pristine natural resources. (This includes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Public Service Commission and Department of Citrus)

Q: What is included in the budget to reach the Governor's goal of $2.5 billion investment in Everglades and water resources over four years?

- The budget includes more than $625 million for Everglades restoration and the protection of water resources. This level of funding over four years will result in a $2.5 billion investment. This includes:
  - $473 million for Everglades Restoration;
    - Including $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project
  - $145 million for targeted water quality improvements, including TMDLs;
  - $40 million for an Alternative Water Supply grant program;
  - $50 million for Springs projects; and
  - $25 million for water quality monitoring and to combat harmful algal blooms including blue-green algae and red tide.

Q: How does the budget specifically address water quality improvements?

- The budget includes $145 million for targeted water quality improvements. This includes $100 million for cost-share grant funds for water quality improvements, including septic to sewer conversions and upgrades, other wastewater improvements, and rural and urban stormwater system upgrades. $45 million will focus specifically on achieving the Department of Environmental Protection's scientific nutrient reduction goals, called Total Maximum Daily Loads, as part of the plans set forth in adopted Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs). On top of this investment, the budget includes $50 million for projects to restore Florida's world-renowned springs.

Q: How much is in the budget for Everglades Restoration?

- The budget provides $473 million for Everglades Restoration. This funding includes:
  - $329 million for Everglades Restoration, including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, C-43 Reservoir and Restoration Strategies.
  - $64 million for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir project.

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- $80 million for dispersed water management and public private partnerships to provide additional water storage.

Q: What does the budget do to address harmful algal blooms and discharges from Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes more than $25 million to specifically address algae blooms and red tide, including:
  - $10 million for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to address algae blooms. This includes the emergency red tide grant program to help local governments clean up their beaches and coastal areas to minimize the impacts of red tide for residents and visitors.
  - $4.2 million for the FWC Center for Red Tide Research and to support the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force.
  - $10.8 million for increased water quality monitoring, a water quality public information portal, and to support the Blue-Green Algae Task Force to focus on expediting progress toward reducing adverse impacts of blue-green algae blooms.
- Additionally, the budget invests $145 million for targeted water quality improvements and $473 million for Everglades Restoration, including $144 million for continued investment in the C-43 reservoir, which will provide more than 55 billion gallons of water storage east of Lake Okeechobee once completed. These projects will help reduce nutrient loading and provide critical water storage.

Q: How does the budget reflect recommendations of the Blue Green Algae Task Force?

- $145 million for targeted water quality improvements
- $10.8 million for increased water quality monitoring
- $10 million for innovative technologies to address algae blooms
- $1.5 million for Mobile Irrigation Labs to increase water supply planning and conservation

Q: What does the budget do to address water supply needs?

- The budget provides $40 million for an alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects.
- DEP will engage local governments, industry, citizens and other stakeholders through a targeted education and outreach campaign that focuses on the importance of conservation and reuse efforts and encourage Floridians to implement these efforts in their homes, businesses and communities.

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Q: How much does the budget include for land acquisition and maintenance?

- The budget contains over $163 million for land acquisition and statewide land management activities, including:
  - $50 million for Florida Forever through DEP's Division of State Lands
  - More than $113 million for base land management funding across all four state agencies that manage land (Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Department of State)
- In addition, springs protection and water quality improvement projects may include land acquisition to protect water resources.

Q: How does the budget bolster Florida's resiliency?

- The Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 takes the next tangible step to address the challenges of sea level rise, intensified storm events, and localized flooding by establishing the Resilient Florida program. The Resilient Florida program will provide $1 billion over four years to provide grants to state and local government entities to fund projects to adapt regionally significant assets to address the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms and localized flooding.
- Specifically in Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Governor's recommended budget includes $10.1 million to close the gap for statewide seal level rise/vulnerability assessments. These funds would allow DEP to grant up to $100,000 to all remaining coastal counties, coastal municipalities, and inland counties who have not completed vulnerability assessments.
- Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes more than $165 million in the first year of the Resilient Florida program to provide grants to state and local government entities to adapt regionally significant assets to the impacts of sea level rise, intensified storms, and localized flooding.
- The budget provides $10 million for the Florida Resilient Coastline Program within the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, which will assist local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects, in addition to protection of coral reef health.
- Coastal protection projects include:
  - $50 million for beach restoration projects
  - $832,000 for Florida's Coastal Zone Management Program
  - $2.5 million for removal of tires and other waste currently posing a threat to coral reefs

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Q: Does the budget include money for water storage south of Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes more than $288 million for several water storage projects, many of these around Lake Okeechobee, which will collectively provide nearly 190 billion gallons of water storage once completed. Examples of these projects include:
  - $144 million to continue the C-43 Reservoir, which will provide 55 billion gallons of water storage to protect estuaries
  - $80 million for dispersed water management, which will provide more than 24 billion gallons of water storage when projects are operational
  - $64 million for the EAA Reservoir, which will provide a minimum of 78 billion gallons of water storage when complete

Q: Does the budget include money for water storage north of Lake Okeechobee?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, which has received $100 million over the last two fiscal years. The Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project, the EAA Reservoir and other storage projects, all working in concert, are critical to achieving the goal of reducing harmful discharges to the estuaries, ensuring essential flood protection and providing maximum environmental benefits to the Everglades.

Q: How much is included in the budget for beach restoration?

- The budget includes $50 million for statewide beach restoration to continue to address Florida's critically eroded shorelines.

Q: How much is included in the budget for state parks?

- The budget dedicates $32 million to infrastructure improvements and resource management for the award-winning Florida State Park system.

Q: How much does the budget provide for waste management?

- The budget includes the following for waste management:
  - $60 million – Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup
  - $4 million – Dry Cleaning/Site Cleanup
  - $2 million – Hazardous Waste/Site Cleanup
  - $1 million – Cleanup of State-Owned contaminated sites

Q: Does the budget include funding for springs restoration?

- The budget provides $50 million for springs protection and restoration projects.

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Q: How does the budget address the implementation of Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement?

- The budget includes $30 million for continued implementation of the State Mitigation Plan for the $166 million Volkswagen Clean Air Act settlement, which will assist with the reduction of diesel emissions and further improve Florida's air quality.

Q: How much does the budget include for Agriculture?

- The budget provides more than $1.7 billion for Florida's agricultural industry.

Q: What is in the budget for wildfire prevention?

- The budget provides $7.3 million for wildfire prevention efforts.
  - $3.3 million for replacement of wildfire equipment
  - $4 million for road and bridge maintenance to allow for better access for land management and wildfire suppression activities

Q: How much does the budget provide for the Citrus Industry?

- $20.2 million for citrus, including:
  - $8 million for Citrus Research
  - $7.2 million for the Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP)
  - $5 million to support consumer awareness efforts

Q: How does the budget use Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars?

- The budget provides more than $1 billion of Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars for a variety of conservation and restoration programs including Florida Forever land acquisition and management, Everglades restoration, springs restoration projects, beach management projects, and improvements to Florida's award-winning state parks.

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Florida Leads on Transportation and Economic Development

Q: Does the budget include funding for affordable and workforce housing?

- The budget includes $423.3 million to fully fund affordable and workforce housing. This includes $126.7 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program and $296.6 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP).

Q: What does the budget include for emergency management?

- The budget includes $1.9 billion in federal and state funding to Florida communities for open federally declared disasters, so that the impacted communities can continue to respond and recover from these disasters as well as mitigate the impact of any future disasters or emergencies.
- The budget also includes an additional $265 million in federal and state funding for state operations and public assistance related to these disasters for the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Disaster Activity programs.
- The Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program includes $15 million to support the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Program in Hurricane Michael affected counties. This program, supported by an additional $8 million award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, assists businesses with disaster related economic changes, and can be used to address capital needs and help businesses implement plans for resiliency to protect against future storms.

Q: Does the budget include Community Development Block Grant funds for hurricane recovery and mitigation?

- The budget includes federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds directed toward local hurricane recovery and hardening efforts throughout the state. These funds include several CDBG programs, including CDBG Disaster Recovery Program for all named hurricanes since 2017 and CDBG Mitigation Program.

Q: Does the budget include Job Growth Grant funds to support Florida's continued economic recovery and development?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Job Growth Grant Fund to support local infrastructure and job training projects targeted towards economic recovery and development.

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Q: Does the budget include funds for Enterprise Florida (EFI) to market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to experience economic and job growth?

- The budget includes $5 million for EFI to engage in state-wide targeted campaigns that market the opportunities available in Florida for businesses to realize economic and job growth in our state.

Q: How much funding is in the budget to promote Florida tourism?

- The budget includes $50 million for VISIT FLORIDA, the same amount as in the current fiscal year.

Q: What is included in the budget to help Florida's rural areas grow and prosper?

- The following items are included in the budget for the coming fiscal year:
  - $5 million for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to support local rural infrastructure projects such as broadband, roads, storm and wastewater systems, and telecommunications facilities.
  - $1.17 million for the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Program to provide local governments with access to financial assistance to further promote the economic viability of Florida's rural communities.
  - $3.2 million is allocated to fund a new program that will study broadband accessibility and provide grants to Florida rural communities to assist them with developing local broadband capability and availability. Legislation was passed in 2020 establishing an Office of Broadband within the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to increase the availability and effectiveness of broadband internet throughout the state, specifically in small and rural communities.

Q: What is in the budget to help ensure safe and secure elections in Florida?

- The budget includes $16.7 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system. This amount includes:
  - $3 million for the Supervisors of Elections to continue cybersecurity initiatives and improvements to their systems.
  - $2 million for Election Legacy Hardware for security improvements and enhancements in election technology.

Q: What is the total budget for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Fiscal Year 2021-22?

- The budget includes $10.4 billion for the Department of Transportation. Of this amount, $9.47 billion goes toward the Transportation Work Program which supports transportation and infrastructure projects throughout the state.

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- This investment will provide for the retention or creation of more than 148,500 jobs. Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of up to $4 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses. Additionally, this helps to diversify Florida's economy.

Q: What Florida transportation initiatives are supported in the budget?

- The budget provides $9.47 billion for the Transportation Work Program, used for the construction and maintenance of Florida's roads, bridges, rails, seaports and other public transportation systems that grow the state's economy and improve the quality of life for our citizens. This includes:
  - $2.5 billion for highway construction to include 210 new lane miles.
  - $1 billion in resurfacing to include 2,689 lane miles.
  - $122.6 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.
  - $331 million for aviation improvements of which $199.6 million is for Spaceports;
  - $516 million in scheduled repairs for 8 bridges and replacement of 18 bridges.
  - $717 million investment in rail/transit projects.
  - $172.2 million for safety initiatives.

Q: Is there any funding for transportation projects specifically targeted toward supporting Florida's continued economic recovery and development?

- The budget includes $50 million for the Economic Development Transportation Fund, also known as the "Road Fund". This will provide funding for projects to facilitate economic development by eradicating location specific transportation problems (e.g., access roads, signalization, road widening, etc.).

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Florida Leads on Health and Human Services

Q: Does the Governor's budget include any rate increases for Medicaid providers?

- Yes, the budget provides $36.6 million in funding for a new level of reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled with individuals who have severe maladaptive behavioral needs who have been classified on the Global Behavioral Service Need Matrix levels four through six (4-6).

Q: Does the Governor's budget cut any Medicaid rates?

- No, the budget does not include a reduction to Medicaid rates.
- The Governor maximizes additional federal funding received through the enhanced FMAP, resulting in General Revenue savings.
- Florida will receive this enhanced level of federal funding through June 30, 2021, and has recently received notice from the federal government that the enhanced FMAP may extend through the end of the 2021 calendar year. Additional General Revenue savings to the state from that further FMAP extension are not factored into the Governor's budget recommendations.

Q: How many individuals does the Governor's budget serve on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiting list?

- The Governor's budget provides $15 million to allow approximately 306 individuals in crisis to enroll onto the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver program.

Q: What does the Governor's proposed budget include to address the opioid epidemic?

- The budget recommends $178 million in total funding to fight the opioid crisis in Florida.
    - Provides $119.9 million in federal funding from the State Opioid Response Grant to address the opioid crisis by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment and recovery support services.
    - Provides $19.6 million in federal funding to the Department of Health from the Overdose Data to Action grant to enhance drug overdose surveillance and prevention strategies to reduce overdoses.

Q: Does the Governor's proposed budget increase behavioral health funding?

- Yes, the Governor's budget provides $53.9 million in funding to provide community based behavioral health services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and children with emotional disturbances. This

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funding will also be used to improve the safety of residents and staff at state mental health treatment facilities.

Q: What does the Governor's budget recommend for enhancing Child Welfare?

- The Governor's budget provides $32.9 million to provide funding for services to children and families who depend on Florida's child welfare system:
  - $11.9 million for maintenance adoption subsides and post adoption services for children who are adopted from foster care.
  - $20.9 million for supporting foster care parents who serve as caregivers for children who have been removed from their home, early intervention efforts for substance affected infants and evidence–based practices statewide for mental health and substance abuse programs to comply with the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Yes, the budget includes federal funding authority to the Department of Health and Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for COVID-19 pandemic relief funds.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for minority health?

- Yes, the budget provides an additional $9 million, for a total of approximately $14 million, to support the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity to develop strategies to reduce health disparities and advance health equity.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for HIV/AIDS?

- Yes, the Governor's recommended budget includes more than $2.8 million in funding is provided to support additional Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for medication administration to reduce the spread of HIV in the state.

Q: Does the Governor's budget support services for seniors?

- Yes, the Governor recommends continued funding to invest in the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative waitlist, the Community Care for the Elderly Program and the Home Care for Elderly Program.
- These programs will continue to provide support for activities of daily living, medical assistance and caregiver support to keep seniors in their homes.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for Veterans?

- The Governor's budget provides $1.3 million to assist approximately 500 veterans in mentoring, training and networking throughout the state of Florida.
- The budget provides $22.6 million to support capital improvements, equipment updates, and medical costs for nursing home residents and staffing needs for the two new Veterans' Nursing Homes including Ardie R. Copas and Lake Baldwin State Veterans Nursing Homes.

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- Additionally, there is $2.4 million recommended to support the women's veterans program by assisting women veterans through informing them of health care eligibility, a veteran's suicide prevention campaign, and other services, counseling and assistance for veterans to obtain resources that they need.

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Florida Leads on Public Safety

Department of Corrections

Q: Does the budget address high officer turnover and retention issues?

- Yes, the budget includes $5 million to continue a retention plan for Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Inspectors that will provide a pay increase of $500 for new hires, $1,000 for those with two years of service, and $1,000 for those with five years of service. The budget also includes $26.1 million and 330 FTE to continue to convert institutions from a 12-hour shift to an 8.5-hour shift.

Q: Does the budget include funds for education or reentry programming?

- Yes, the budget includes $4.5 million and 7 FTE for reentry programming, which includes funding to expand career and technical education programs, provide additional academic teachers and continue the Continuum of Care program for enhanced offender rehabilitation at private correctional facilities.

Q: Does the budget provide any funding for maintenance and repair of correctional facilities?

- Yes, the budget includes $14 million to fund various maintenance and repair projects at correctional facilities.

Q: Does the budget address the growing contraband issue in state prisons?

- Yes, the budget includes $2 million for a variety of security equipment (e.g., metal detectors, cell phone detectors, drone detection systems, etc.). The budget also includes $498,448 and 7 Correctional Officer FTE who will be dedicated to collecting security threat group (i.e., gang) intelligence.

Department of Juvenile Justice

Q: Does the budget provide any funding for maintenance and repair?

- Yes, the budget includes $5 million to fund various maintenance and repair projects at juvenile facilities.

Q: Why is the Governor recommending a reduction in DJJ residential beds?

- The budget includes a reduction of non-secure residential vacant beds due to lower utilization rates. Those rates were declining last fiscal year and have continued to decline even further this fiscal year. The budget includes a $5 million current year reduction and a $6 million reduction in FY 2021-22.

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Department of Law Enforcement

Q: Does the budget include funding that will allow the state to transition to incident-based crime reporting?

- Yes, the budget provides FDLE $11.4 million for the ongoing Florida Incident Based Reporting System (FIBRS) project. This project will allow Florida's law enforcement agencies to transition from summary-based crime reporting to incident-based reporting, which will ensure that Florida can continue to participate in national crime reporting statistics.

Department of Legal Affairs

Q: Why is the department reducing positions and funding related to Children's Legal Services?

- The budget provides for a transfer of the Children's Legal Services from the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The department's Children's Legal Services Bureau is charged with litigating child abuse, abandonment, and neglect cases under contract for DCF in Broward and Hillsborough Counties. In this role as legal counsel to DCF, this bureau renders legal advice and are also responsible for litigating termination of parental rights petitions to establish permanency for children who have suffered abuse, abandonment, or neglect. DLA and DCF work together to deliver these services. This issue recommends the staff currently performing these duties be transferred from DLA to the DCF on July 1, 2021.

State Courts System

Q: Does the budget include funding for problem-solving courts?

- Yes, the budget provides more than $10.8 million to continue the operation of problem-solving courts, such as drug, mental health, and veterans courts.

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Florida Leads on General Government

Overview

Q: Does the budget propose sweeping any General Government trust funds?

- The budget sweeps $46.3 million from surplus funds in GGU trust funds. These sweeps will not impact services or operations:
  - $5 million from the Financial Institutions Regulatory Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $7 million from the Regulatory Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $20 million from the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services.
  - $1 million from the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund in the Department of Management Services.
  - $3.3 million from the Florida Condo/Timeshare/Mobile Home Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
  - $10 million from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Financial Services

Q: Does the Governor provide funds for the FLAIR Replacement?

- Yes, the Governor's budget recommends more than $27.9 million in funding for the PALM (Planning Accounting and Ledger Management System) project to replace the antiquated FLAIR system. The PALM project will institute an updated, modernized, advanced statewide accounting system.

Q: When is PALM going to go into effect?

- Implementation of Phase I for all agencies is scheduled for July 1, 2021 with the replacement of the cash management function. Following that, subsequent functions will be implemented and PALM will be completely finished in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Military Affairs

Q: What does the Governor's budget include for National Guard community-based programs that serve Florida's youth?

- The Governor's budget includes $5.8 million in funding for the Florida Youth Challenge program. Florida Youth Challenge offers services to high school aged youths to ensure they have technical and job readiness skills as well as mentoring to ensure they get their GED or graduate high school and move on

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to secondary education or the military. The community-based program helps Florida's youth succeed.

Q: Does the Governor's Budget include funding to repairs and maintenance of Florida National Guard armories?

- Yes, the budget includes $7.2 million to support ongoing maintenance and repairs at armories throughout the state, which are used year-round for training and operations of the Florida National Guard.

Management Services

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding for repairs and maintenance of state facilities?

- Yes, the budget includes more than $192 million to maintain and improve the Florida Facilities Pool including the issuance of new bonding authority in the amount of $172 million, ensuring the state provides safe and efficient working environments for state employees and visitors to state owned buildings. This also includes improvements in life safety issues, addresses American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and modernizes equipment.

Q: Which state facilities are included in the Governor's bonding proposal at the Department of Management Services?

- The Governor's budget includes $172 million in new bonding authority for state facilities as follows:
  - $49 million to build a new State Emergency Operations Center
  - $38 million to renovate Waller Park at the Capitol Complex
    - Saves $36.3 million in General Revenue
  - $75 million to replace the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning system and windows at the Capitol Complex
    - Saves $13.9 million in General Revenue
  - $10 million to restack the Florida Facilities Pool, making buildings more efficient and reducing future need to lease office space.
- There is an additional $5.6 million in General Revenue savings achieved by freeing up trust fund revenues no longer needed in Fiscal Year 2020-21 due to the above bonded projects.

Q: Are there any savings associated with the Governor's bonding proposal at the Department of Management Services?

- Yes, the Governor's budget includes over $55 million in General Revenue savings in Fiscal Year 2020-21 through bonding various projects in the Florida Facilities Pool.

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Q: Does the Governor's budget proposal make changes to the State Group Health Insurance Program?

- The budget continues the current initiative which allows participants the option to receive a covered immunization from a participating pharmacy within the network, such as CVS Caremark. The budget also continues to allow participants the option to receive services through telehealth for primary care benefits.

Q: Does the Governor's budget include funding to address the increasing number of cyber threats?

- Yes, the Governor's budget includes over $39.3 million in various state agencies to enhance information technology security measures and controls to help protect Florida against the ongoing and evolving nature of cyber threats that can compromise critical state resources and sensitive information.

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From:	Spencer, Chris
To:	Gunder, Brandi; Saliba, Lisa; Roth-Prado, Erika; Russo, Katherine
Subject:	Fwd: Interim Senate Relief Bill Draft, Changes Expected
Date:	Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:31:56 PM
Attachments:	Coronavirus-relief-Senate-substitute DRAFT 3-4-21.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: NASBO-Direct <NASBO-Direct@nasbo.org>
Date: March 4, 2021 at 1:27:12 PM EST
Subject: Interim Senate Relief Bill Draft, Changes Expected

State Budget Officers,

A **draft** of the Senate COVID-19 relief substitute amendment is currently circulating but it is expected to undergo further changes before floor consideration. The interim draft is attached to this email.

The amendment contains significant changes to the state and local aid section of the bill (which begins on pg. 575), although the top line number for the state/District of Columbia/territorial/tribal portion remains at $219.8 billion, the level provided in the House-passed bill.

Some changes from the House version to note include:

- Funds are available through December 31, 2024.
- Funds for states (which includes D.C.) and territories are split into two tranches.
    - To receive the second tranche (pg. 586), a state or territory must submit a certification to the Treasury Secretary on the need of the funds to carry out activities and a proposal for how such state or territory will use the second tranche amount to cover eligible costs.
- Use of funds (pg. 583) was modified (for example, use for revenue replacement is now defined as "for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such state, territory or Tribal government due to the emergency").
    - Further, a state or territory cannot use the funds to directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such state or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation or administrative interpretation during the covered period that reduces any tax or delays the imposition of any tax or tax increase.
    - Also, no state or territory may use the funds for deposit into any pension fund.
- The overall amount of the local fund is reduced by $10 billion.

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- A $10 billion Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (pg. 607), available to states, territories, and tribal governments "to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency" is created.
- There are new reporting and recoupment provisions (pg. 589).
- The minimum allocation to a state, defined by the sum of the state and local portions, will not be less than was received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (pg. 580).

NASBO staff continues to monitor the situation and will provide an update if/when new Senate amendment language becomes available.

Thanks,

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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Gambineri, Mara
Bcc: Chris Spencer
Subject: Fwd: Miami - Bio-Tech Hub - Dr. John Anderson
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:47:23 PM
Attachments: SHS2020_Agenda.pdf
DigitalAgenda_updated080117 Napa Valley final.pdf
JohnAnderson_bio.pdf

Let's discuss in the morning.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Spencer, Chris" <Chris.Spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us>
> **Date:** January 27, 2021 at 3:32:41 PM EST
> **To:** "Gambineri, Mara" <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
> **Subject: FW: Miami - Bio-Tech Hub - Dr. John Anderson**
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> Let's discuss.
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> **From:** Marc Reichelderfer <Marc@lsifl.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:11 PM
> **To:** Spencer, Chris <Chris.Spencer@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
> **Subject:** FW: Miami - Bio-Tech Hub - Dr. John Anderson
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> Chris,
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> Per our conversation, below and attached is additional information on Dr. John Anderson who is interested in meeting with the Governor to discuss his ideas for a Miami Bio-Tech Hub.
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> Please let me know if you have any questions.
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> Thanks,
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> **From:** Jim McLaughlin <jim@mclaughlinonline.com>

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Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Marc Reichelderfer <Marc@lsifl.com>
Subject: FW: Miami - Bio-Tech Hub - Dr. John Anderson

Marc… this is from Bill dal Col who works with Steve Forbes. He would like to get a meeting with the Governor to talk about making Miami a bio-tech hub, was wondering if you could possibly help?

Jim

From: Bill Dal Col <bdalcol@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Jim McLaughlin <jim@mclaughlinonline.com>
Subject: Miami - Bio-Tech Hub - Dr. John Anderson

Jimmy, hope this email finds you well. Attached please find a bio for Dr. John Anderson, Steve Forbes son in-law, John. is the founder of the Forbes Healkthcare conference (10th year) and the Napa Valley Summer Healthcare Summit (non-Forbes event) agenda attached. John would like to meet with the Governor to discuss his upcoming October 2021 "Miami as a Bio-Tech Hub" half day conference and dinner. The anticipated guest list is about 35- 40 of the top bio tech healthcare CEO's. This October event would be followed up with a larger event in February of 2022, 2 day conference with 50-60 bio-tech / Pharma/ healthcare CEO's to again discuss Miami as a bio-tech hub. The purpose for requesting the meeting it to get an introduction and get the Governor's thoughts on what type of companies he would like to see re-locate to Miami and engage with the city and community to build a bio-tech hub. There is no ask of the Governor, no funding g request, no contact lists, no introductions, just pure information and a request that when we have successfully pulled it all together he consider speaking at both events and meet with any CEO's he desirers. John is looking for the meeting if possible at some point in February. I will give you a call to get your thoughts, Thanks
Bill
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Wednesday July 22nd

11:00am-11:25am EDT

Welcome from the Co-Hosts

John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

Michael Dowling. President & CEO, Northwell Health.

Dan Hilferty. CEO, Independence Health Group.

Peter Lee. Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Research & Incubation.

Adrian Mee. Head of Global Healthcare, Bank of America.

Dan Schumacher. President, & COO, Optum.

11:25am-11:45am EDT

BioPharma In 2021 - Where Are We Headed?

Hal V. Barron, M.D. Chief Scientific Officer & President, R&D, GSK.

Robert A. Bradway. Chairman & CEO, Amgen.

Moderator: Steve Forbes. Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media.

11:45am-11:55am EDT

Leadership & Innovation

Kenneth C. Frazier. Chairman & CEO, Merck.

Moderator: John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

11:55am-12:10pm EDT

Improving the Social Determinants of Health

Bruce D. Broussard. Chairman & CEO, Humana.

Rod Hochman, M.D. CEO, Providence St. Joseph Health.

Moderator: Deeptee Jain, M.D. Spine Surgeon & Assistant Professor, Washington University St. Louis.

12:10pm-12:20pm EDT

Spotlight: The Weekend Warrior

Christopher Dodson, M.D. Sports Medicine Physician, Rothman Institute; Head Team Physician, Philadelphia 76ers.

12:20pm-12:40pm EDT

Preparing for Future Pandemics

Gary Nabel, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer & SVP, Sanofi.

Simon Stevens. CEO, NHS England.

Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D. Former Director, National Institutes of Health.

Moderator: John Sculley. Chairman, RxAdvance. Former CEO, Apple.

12:40pm-12:55pm EDT

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1:00pm-1:20pm EDT

The Global Economic Outlook, Investing in Uncertain Times

Stephen A. Schwarzman. Chairman, CEO, & Co-Founder, Blackstone.

Moderator: Steve Forbes. Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media.

1:20pm-1:35pm EDT

The Hospital System of 2021 & Beyond

Michael Dowling. President & CEO, Northwell Health.

Elizabeth Nabel, M.D. President, Brigham Health.

Moderator: John Sculley. Chairman, RxAdvance. Former CEO, Apple.

1:35pm-1:45pm EDT

Spotlight: Essentials for Diagnostics from COVID-19

David Pacitti. President, Siemens Medical Solutions Inc.;
CEO, Siemens Healthineers North America.

1:45pm-2:00pm EDT

Brain Health - Reducing the Stigma

Giovanni Colella, M.D. Co-Founder, Chairman, & Co-CEO of OODA-Health & Co-Founder, Executive Chairman of Brightline (formally Emilio Health).

Stephen K. Klasko, M.D., M.B.A. President & CEO, Thomas Jefferson University & Jefferson Health.

Moderator: Deeptee Jain, M.D. Spine Surgeon & Assistant Professor, Washington University St. Louis.

2:00pm EDT

Final Thoughts/Closing

John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

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Thursday July 23rd

11:00am-11:20am EDT

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Peter Lee. Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Research & Incubation.

Adrian Mee. Head of Global Healthcare, Bank of America.

Dan Schumacher. President, & COO, Optum.

11:20am-11:35am EDT

Accelerating U.S. Innovation

Judy Faulkner. Founder & CEO, Epic Systems.

Moderator: **Steve Forbes.** Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media.

11:35am-11:50am EDT

From COVID-19 to Caregiver

Carina Edwards. CEO, Quil Health.

Brian Lobley. EVP & President Independence Health Group.

11:50am-12:10pm EDT

Founding A Healthcare Company - Lessons Learned

Colin Hill. Co-Founder, Chairman, & CEO, GNS Healthcare.

Pooja Ika. Co-Founder & CEO, eternalHealth.

Jeff Marrazzo. Co-Founder & CEO, Spark Therapeutics.

Moderator: **Stephen K. Klasko, M.D., M.B.A.** President & CEO, Thomas Jefferson University & Jefferson Health.

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12:10pm-12:25pm EDT

The U.S. Economy - What's Coming?

Brian Moynihan. Chairman & CEO, Bank of America.

Moderator: Moira Forbes. Executive Vice President, Forbes Media.

12:25pm-12:35pm EDT

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12:35pm-12:45pm EDT

Five Ways to Improve Medicare Advantage

Sarah Iselin. EVP, Head of Government Programs, GuideWell & Florida Blue.

Liz Tallet. Chair, Anthem.

Moderator: Ron Williams. Chairman & CEO, RW2 Enterprises LLC; Former Aetna CEO.

12:45pm-12:55pm EDT

Boston - Healthcare SuperHub

Jeffrey Leiden. Executive Chairman, Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

Moderator: John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

12:55pm-1:10pm EDT

Hottest Biotech Companies

Arjun Goyal, M.D., M.Phil, M.B.A. Co-Founder & Managing Director, Vida Ventures.

Cigall Kadoch, Ph.D. Co-Founder, Foghorn Therapeutics.

Robert Nelsen. Co-Founder & Managing Director, Arch Ventures.

Moderator: Megan Blewett. Venrock.

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The Drugstore of the Future

Stefano Pessina. Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, Walgreens Boots Alliance.

John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

1:20pm-1:30pm EDT

Putting the Consumer at the Epicenter of Care

Dirk McMahon. CEO, UnitedHealthcare.

Moderator: John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

1:30pm-1:45pm EDT

Cancer - How Can We Improve Outcomes?

Otis W. Brawley, M.D. Professor of Oncology & Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University.

Laurie Glimcher, M.D. President & CEO, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Roger Perlmutter, M.D., Ph.D. EVP & President, Merck Research Laboratories.

Moderator: John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

1:45pm-2:00pm EDT

Latest Breakthroughs in A.I.

Thomas Kurian. CEO, Google Cloud.

Peter Lee. Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Research & Incubation.

Sebastian Thrun. Chairman & Co-Founder, Udacity. CEO, Kitty Hawk Corp.

Moderator: Moira Forbes. Executive Vice President, Forbes Media.

2:00pm EDT

Final Thoughts/Closing

John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder.

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Tuesday, July 25th – Friday, July 28th

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Tuesday, July 25th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER** *(Casual Attire)*
Croquet Glen, Meadowood

*ALL DINNERS WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS, SO PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY.

Wednesday, July 26th

7:00 - 8:10 a.m. **BREAKFAST**
Woodside Room, Meadowood

8:15 - 8:35 a.m. **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**
Vintners Room, Meadowood

Summit Co-Hosts:
John Anderson, M.D. Physician, Rothman Institute; Summit Founder
Michael Dowling. President & CEO, Northwell Health
Dan Hilferty. Chairman, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; President & CEO, Independence Health Group
William "Bill" McKeon. President & CEO, Texas Medical Center

8:35-9:20 a.m. **THE U.S. HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE**

Michael Dowling. President & CEO, Northwell Health
Dan Hilferty. Chairman, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; President & CEO, Independence Health Group
William "Bill" McKeon. President & CEO, Texas Medical Center
Moderator: **Steve Forbes.** Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media

9:20 - 10:10 a.m. **RED HOT HEALTHCARE INVESTORS**

Annie Lamont. Managing Partner, Oak HC/FT
Vijay Pande. General Partner & Lead Healthcare Investor, Andreessen Horowitz
John Sculley. Co-Founder, Chairman, & CMO, RxAdvance; Partner, SculleyAdvisors
Brian Singerman. Partner, Founders Fund
Moderator: **David Pacitti.** President, Siemens Medical Solutions Inc.; CEO, Siemens Healthineers North America

10:10 - 10:40 a.m. **MORNING BREAK**

10:40 - 11:25 a.m. **PRESSING PRIORITIES FOR PAYERS, PROVIDERS, PHARMA**

William H. Carson, M.D. President & CEO, Otsuka Pharmaceuticals Development & Commercialization, Inc.
Leif M. Murphy. President & CEO, TeamHealth
Ken Yamaguchi, M.D., MBA. EVP & Chief Medical Officer, Centene
Moderator: **Thomas J. Sheehan.** Head of Global Healthcare Corporate and Investment Banking, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

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11:25 a.m. - Noon — **GENOMICS AND LONGEVITY- CAN WE DECODE DEATH?**

J. Craig Venter, PhD. Co-Founder, Executive Chairman, & Head of Scientific Strategy, Human Longevity Inc.

Moderator: **Matthew S. Hemsley.** Managing Director & Head of Large Pharma, Piper Jaffray & Co.

Noon - 1:00 p.m. — **LUNCH**
Vintners Glen, Meadowood

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. — **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

WEDNESDAY EVENING'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER WILL BE HELD AT

STAGLIN WINERY

RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY, CA

6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Hosted by: Staglin Family

*TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTEL LOBBY TO WINERY AT 6 P.M.

Thursday, July 27th

7:00 - 7:55 a.m. — **BREAKFAST**
Woodside Room, Meadowood

8:00 - 8:15 a.m. — **RECAP OF WEDNESDAY & PREVIEW OF DAY'S DISCUSSIONS**
Vintners Room, Meadowood

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8:15 - 8:55 a.m. — **HOW TECH ROCKSTARS & MACHINE LEARNING ARE EMPOWERING HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS**

Bruce Broussard. President & CEO, Humana, Inc.
Sami Inkinen. Founder & CEO, Virta Health
Florian Otto, M.D. Co-Founder & CEO, Cedar
Seth Sternberg. Co-Founder & CEO, Honor

Moderator: **Stephen K. Klasko, M.D., M.B.A.** President & CEO, Thomas Jefferson University; President & CEO, Jefferson Health

8:55 - 9:25 a.m. — **PRIORITIZING & SUPERCHARGING MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

Simon Stevens. CEO, NHS England
Bernard J. Tyson. Chairman and CEO, Kaiser Permanente

Moderator: **Moira Gilbert,** [illegible]

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9:25 - 9:50 a.m.	**THE ECONOMY: WHAT'S NEXT?** **Steve Forbes.** Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media Moderator: **Stephen K. Klasko, M.D., M.B.A.** President & CEO, Thomas Jefferson University; President & CEO, Jefferson Health
9:50 - 10:20 a.m.	**MORNING BREAK**
10:20 - 10:50 a.m.	**IMMINENT DISRUPTION OF THE $1.5T VALUE SUPPLY CHAIN?** **Stefano Pessina.** Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, Walgreens Boots Alliance Moderator: **Steve Forbes.** Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media
10:50 - 11:00 a.m.	**INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT: VIRUS KILLERS** **Dr. J. Joseph Kim.** President & CEO, Inovio
11:00 - 11:25 a.m.	**U.S. POLITICS TODAY** **John McLaughlin.** Partner & CEO, McLaughlin & Associates
11:25 a.m. - Noon	**LIFE IN 2020 - THE WAY AHEAD** **Sebastian Thrun, PhD.** CEO, Kitty Hawk, Founder, Chairman, & President, Udacity; Founder, Google X; Moderator: **Moira Forbes.** EVP, Forbes Media
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THURSDAY'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER WILL BE LOCATED AT

WOODSIDE LAWN

MEADOWOOD

6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Featured Speaker: **Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. State of California**

CASUAL ATTIRE.

Friday, July 28th

7:00 - 10:30 a.m.	**DEPARTURES**

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Additional Summit Attendees:

LTC Luis Alvarez. United Therapeutics

Amir Dan Rubin. CEO, Optum 360

Bill Futrell MD. Past President, American Association Plastic Surgeons

Howard Gold. EVP, Northwell Health

Alex Gourlay. Co-COO, Walgreens Boots Alliance

Ravi Ika. Founder & CEO, RxAdvance

Brian Lobley. President, IBC

Bruce McEvoy. Managing Director and Healthcare Lead, Blackstone

Mark Owen. President, HCSC

Keith Pitts. Vice Chairman, Tenet Healthcare

Ian Read. CEO, Pfizer

Sally Welborn. Global Head Benefits,Walmart

Mike West. CEO, Rothman Institute

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Dr. John Anderson, M.D., M.Sc.

Physician, Rothman Institute;
Founder & Co-Host Summer Healthcare Summit

Dr. John Anderson is a Physician at the Rothman Institute, which has locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is one of the world's largest musculoskeletal groups. He completed an Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at Duke University and was Assistant Team Physician to the Duke Basketball and Football teams. He also completed a Clinical Fellowship in Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City.

Anderson received an M.Sc (in Clinical and Translational Investigation) from Cornell University's Weill Medical College and completed Harvard Business School's Executive Education Program for Leadership Development 2009-2010. His clinical focus is relieving knee pain. He is Assistant Professor at Thomas Jefferson University, with an interest in regenerative medicine and stem cells.

Anderson is Founder and Co-Host, Summer Healthcare Summit

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From:	Spencer, Chris
To:	Strum, Shane; Kopelousos, Stephanie; Lukis, Adrian; DeCerchio, Anna; Beaubien, Beau; Gambineri, Mara
Cc:	Moulton, Diane
Subject:	Fwd: S&P Report- FL Improved Financial Outlook_Highlighted.pdf
Date:	Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:28:27 PM
Attachments:	S&P Report- FL Improved Financial Outlook_Highlighted.pdf

FYI S&P did the below write up on the Florida Leads budget recommendations. Specifically positive outlook on environment funds and Resilient Florida proposal.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ben Watkins <Ben.Watkins@sbafla.com>
Date: February 23, 2021 at 11:30:07 AM EST
To: "Spencer, Chris" <Chris.Spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us>
Cc: "Ciupalo, Holger" <Holger.Ciupalo@laspbs.state.fl.us>, "Gunder, Brandi" <Brandi.Gunder@laspbs.state.fl.us>
Subject: S&P Report- FL Improved Financial Outlook_Highlighted.pdf

Chris

Attached is a short S&P report on the Governors budget recs. Let me know if you have questions. The report is public so you can use as you see fit. I hope you are well

Ben

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Florida's Improved Financial Outlook Should Help Upcoming Legislative Session Resolve Budget Challenges

February 19, 2021

ARMERS BRANCH (S&P G oba Rat ngs) eb. 9, 202 W th or da s (AAA/Stab e) eg s at ve sess on set to convene on March 2, awmakers w have a host of ssues to address w th the state s next budget front and center. Near y a year removed from the onset of the g oba pandem c that nduced an econom c recess on, the state s f sca 2022 budget w , n S&P G oba Rat ngs v ew, cont nue to ref ect a he ghtened eve of uncerta nty but movement n a pos t ve d rect on.

W th the mproved revenue out ook for the current f sca year, the state s task of narrow ng the structura gap n the current budget, wh ch s ba anced w th one t me measures, w , n our v ew, be eas er to nav gate but neverthe ess rema n a cha enge. Wh e the eg s ature and governor w nev tab y ron out the deta s of the state s next budget before adopt ng t, we expect that or da s eadersh p w adhere to ts strong management d sc p ne that has enab ed the state to ma nta n and bu d ts reserves over t me wh e a gn ng ts revenue expectat ons w th ongo ng expend tures.

The governor s " or da eads" recommended budget for f sca 2022 tota s $35.8 b on for the genera revenue port on and $96.6 b on for a funds. Compared w th f sca 202 , the genera revenue port on s 3% arger, w th hea th care adm n strat on represent ng the greatest growth of $ .26 b on, or 7.2% above the prev ous year. Recommended a funds growth of $3.05 b on for hea th care adm n strat on a so arge y ref ects ncreases for Med ca d expend ture growth. Notab y, the budget recommends add t ona resources to support env ronmenta protect on and m t gat on efforts nc ud ng $625 m on for water resources n t at ves such as Everg ades restorat on ($473 m on). The budget a so recommends the creat on of a state and oca government grant program, "Res ent or da," tota ng $ b on over four years, support ng env ronment res ency efforts. The governor s budget preserves or da s reserve ba ances tota ng $6.6 b on w th $2.2 b on n una ocated genera revenue and $ .7 b on n ts budget stab zat on fund. The ba ance comes from $ .7 b on n una ocated trust funds and $ .0 b on n tobacco sett ement funds. Co ect ve y, reserves represent 6.8% of the a funds budget and 8.4% of the genera revenue port on, wh ch we cons der good.

Support ng the recommended budget s the mproved revenue out ook for or da, ast rev sed n December 2020. The state s Consensus Est mat ng Conference forecasts or da s ead ng revenue sa es tax ncreas ng 7.2% n f sca 2022 fo ow ng pred cted growth of .5% n the current f sca year (202). Net genera revenue co ect ons are forecast to r se 5.5% n f sca 2022 after a pos t ve bump of 3.5% n f sca 202 . The expected mprovements fo ow the state s net genera revenue contract on of 6. % n f sca 2020.

h s report does not const t te a rat ng act on

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From: S encer, Chris
To: Mig el, Mel nda
Subject: Fwd: Testing Site Roll-Up 12-14-20
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:42:04 PM
Attachments: Testing Site roll up 12 14 20.xlsx
Antigen Reports 12-14.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bussey, Jon" <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>
Date: December 15, 2020 at 8:08:49 AM EST
To: "Spencer, Chris" <Chris.Spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us>
Subject: Fwd: Testing Site Roll-Up 12-14-20

Jon C. Bussey
Chief of Staff
Florida Division of Emergency Management
850-544-6044 Cell

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cintron, Morgan" <Morgan.Cintron@em.myflorida.com>
Date: December 14, 2020 at 9:43:23 PM EST
To: "Moskowitz, Jared" <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>
Cc: "Bussey, Jon" <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>, "Guthrie, Kevin" <Kevin.Guthrie@em.myflorida.com>, Courtney Coppola <courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>, "Mahon, Jason" <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>, Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com, "Moulton, Diane" <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>, Kim.Bane@eog.myflorida.com, Ramona.McGregor@eog.myflorida.com, "Clemons, Nancy" <Nancy.Clemons@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Testing Site Roll-Up 12-14-20

				Antigen Tests Total						Only PCR Tests	Dual Tested		
Type	Site	County	Combined Total	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	Daily Positivity Rate	Average Positivity Rate	Total	Total Receiving Both Tests	Daily Average	Cumulative Tested
Drive-Thru	Broward - CB Smith Park	Broward	**1129**	987	96	891	0	9.73%	9.27%	142	459	815	64,364
Drive-Thru	Broward War Memorial	Broward	**Closed**	0	0	0	0	N/A	10.87%	Closed	Closed	579	139 760
Drive-Thru	Eastern FL State College	Brevard	**1011**	830	83	746	1	10.00%	9.44%	181	79	371	81 201
Drive-Thru	Hard Rock-Miami	Miami-Dade	**3212**	2427	261	2165	1	10.75%	11.04%	785	640	1 556	154 116
Drive-Thru	Lee Century Link Stadium	Lee	**2625**	2466	302	2162	2	12.25%	10.57%	159	0	717	134 428
Drive-Thru	Marlins Stadium	Miami-Dade	**2096**	1967	182	1781	4	9.25%	9.59%	129	343	1 222	116 817
Drive-Thru	Orange Co Convention Center	Orange	**1515**	1456	198	1251	7	13.60%	12.23%	59	204	974	245 321
Drive-Thru	Palm Beach Ballpark	Palm Beach	**Closed**	0	0	0	0	N/A	9.71%	Closed	Closed	642	67 870
Drive-Thru	Pinellas	Pinellas	**Closed**	0	0	0	0	N/A	9.02%	Closed	Closed	586	42 428
Drive-Thru	Sarasota Cattleman Road	Sarasota	**1443**	1436	135	1294	7	9.40%	9.32%	7	130	675	84 986
Drive-Thru	Tampa - Raymond James	Hillsborough	**Closed**	0	0	0	0	N/A	12.65%	Closed	Closed	655	111,473
Walk-Up	Barnett Park/Kelly Park	Orange	**1097**	1097	168	913	16	15.31%	10.37%	0	0	966	52,050
Walk-Up	FAMU Bragg Stadium	Leon	**2111**	1992	192	1775	25	9.64%	6.83%	119	13	1,415	92,490
Walk-Up	Florida Atlantic University	Palm Beach	**Closed**	0	0	0	0	N/A	10.51%	Closed	Closed	280	54,631
Walk-Up	Homestead West Perrine (Aardvark)	Miami-Dade	**553**	536	70	466	0	13.06%	11.25%	17	117	275	163,153
Walk-Up	Jacksonville-Regency Mall	Duval	**2787**	2763	364	2382	17	13.17%	11.16%	24	368	970	90,926
Walk-Up	Lauderhill Sports Complex	Broward	**836**	553	36	509	8	6.51%	8.03%	283	12	385	61,159
Walk-Up	Lee Davis Comm Res Center	Hillsborough	**806**	699	104	585	10	14.88%	11.17%	107	0	223	40,586
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Walk-Up	Bradenton CC (Moved from Lincoln) (Aardvark)	Manatee	**1027**	865	115	747	3	13.29%	11.69%	162	315	333	168 291
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Walk-Up	Mitchell Moore Park	Broward	**314**	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	314	0	246	41,088
Walk-Up	Opa Locka - Sherbondy Park (Aardvark)	Miami-Dade	**435**	422	70	349	3	16.59%	11.84%	13	0	236	91,265
Walk-Up	Robert L Taylor Comm Center (Aardvark)	Sarasota	**738**	629	58	569	2	9.22%	9.36%	109	101	263	73,685
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CDR MAGUIRE - CB SMITH ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	37633
Detected	3858
Inconclusive	139
% Positivity	9.27%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	5360	589	10.99%
Nov	20967	1778	8.48%
Dec	15303	1491	9.74%

	43060	41630	3858	37633	139	9.27%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/19/2020	417	417	48	369	0	11.51%
10/20/2020	412	412	66	346	0	16.02%
10/21/2020	489	489	97	392	0	19.84%
10/22/2020	386	386	32	354	0	8.29%
10/23/2020	465	465	51	414	0	10.97%
10/24/2020	456	456	50	406	0	10.96%
10/25/2020	336	336	43	293	0	12.80%
10/30/2020	586	586	43	542	1	7.34%
10/31/2020	559	559	42	507	10	7.51%
11/1/2020	634	634	34	599	1	5.36%
11/2/2020	602	602	60	542	0	9.97%
11/3/2020	644	644	68	576	0	10.56%
11/4/2020	712	712	56	656	0	7.87%
11/5/2020	706	706	52	653	1	7.37%
11/6/2020	734	734	55	678	1	7.49%
11/7/2020	277	277	25	252	0	9.03%
11/8/2020	165	166	11	154	1	6.63%
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	302	306	32	269	5	10.46%
11/11/2020	773	775	63	705	7	8.13%
11/12/2020	634	634	62	572	0	9.78%
11/13/2020	711	711	90	616	5	12.66%
11/14/2020	532	532	52	475	5	9.77%
11/15/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/16/2020	690	690	59	630	1	8.55%
11/17/2020	663	663	71	584	8	10.71%
11/18/2020	823	823	68	754	1	8.26%
11/19/2020	887	887	78	800	9	8.79%
11/20/2020	992	992	70	912	10	7.06%
11/21/2020	924	924	55	864	5	5.95%
11/22/2020	971	971	75	891	5	7.72%
11/23/2020	996	996	70	923	3	7.03%
11/24/2020	1078	1078	65	1010	3	6.03%
11/25/2020	1239	1239	88	1151	0	7.10%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1058	1058	94	962	2	8.88%
11/28/2020	1014	1014	99	911	4	9.76%

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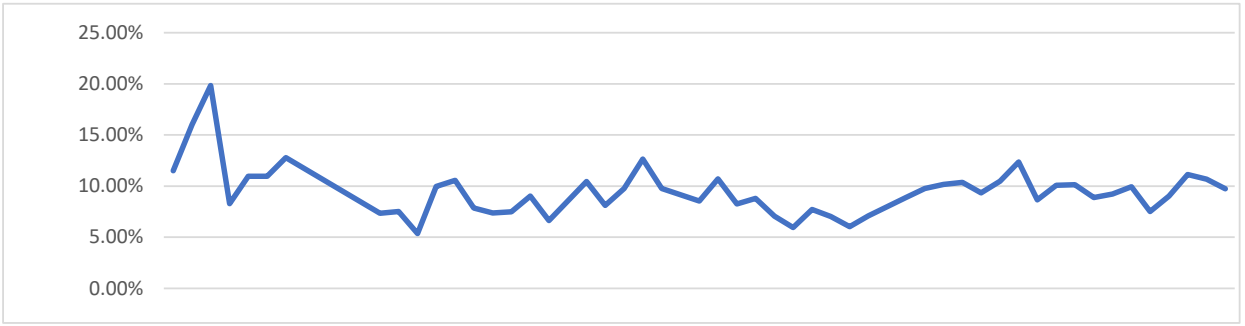
11/29/2020	954	954	97	857	0	10.17%
11/30/2020	1245	1245	129	1106	10	10.36%
12/1/2020	1179	1179	110	1068	1	9.33%
12/2/2020	1022	1022	107	915	0	10.47%
12/3/2020	897	897	111	786	0	12.37%
12/4/2020	1143	1143	99	1038	6	8.66%
12/5/2020	853	853	86	760	7	10.08%
12/6/2020	1195	1195	121	1068	6	10.13%
12/7/2020	1238	1238	110	1125	3	8.89%
12/8/2020	1171	1171	108	1061	2	9.22%
12/9/2020	1197	1197	119	1074	4	9.94%
12/10/2020	1130	1130	85	1044	1	7.52%
12/11/2020	1040	1040	94	941	5	9.04%
12/12/2020	1033	1033	115	916	2	11.13%
12/13/2020	1218	1218	130	1087	1	10.67%
12/14/2020	987	987	96	891	0	9.73%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

22782

Brevard County – Eastern Florida State College

Total	
Not Detected	20571
Detected	2151
Inconclusive	60
% Positivity	9.44%

Monthly	Total	Detected	% Positivity
Oct	1209	83	6.87%
Nov	12522	1138	9.09%
Dec	9051	930	10.28%

22783 22782 2151 20571 60 9.44%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	128	128	6	120	2	4.69%
10/27/2020	194	194	13	181	0	6.70%
10/28/2020	188	188	14	174	0	7.45%
10/29/2020	207	207	9	197	1	4.35%
10/30/2020	275	275	29	242	4	10.55%
10/31/2020	217	217	12	205	0	5.53%
11/1/2020	142	142	7	134	1	4.93%
11/2/2020	208	208	23	184	1	11.06%
11/3/2020	213	213	13	200	0	6.10%
11/4/2020	104	104	9	95	0	8.65%
11/5/2020	216	216	30	186	0	13.89%
11/6/2020	218	218	30	186	2	13.76%
11/7/2020	197	197	25	169	3	12.69%
11/8/2020	248	248	25	222	1	10.08%
11/9/2020	174	174	14	160	0	8.05%
11/10/2020	366	366	32	334	0	8.74%
11/11/2020	402	402	31	368	3	7.71%
11/12/2020	411	411	27	381	3	6.57%
11/13/2020	424	424	25	396	3	5.90%
11/14/2020	288	288	35	252	1	12.15%
11/15/2020	342	342	35	305	2	10.23%
11/16/2020	499	499	33	464	2	6.61%
11/17/2020	465	465	32	432	1	6.88%
11/18/2020	463	463	35	426	2	7.56%
11/19/2020	540	540	47	493	0	8.70%
11/20/2020	631	631	42	588	1	6.66%
11/21/2020	541	541	31	510	0	5.73%

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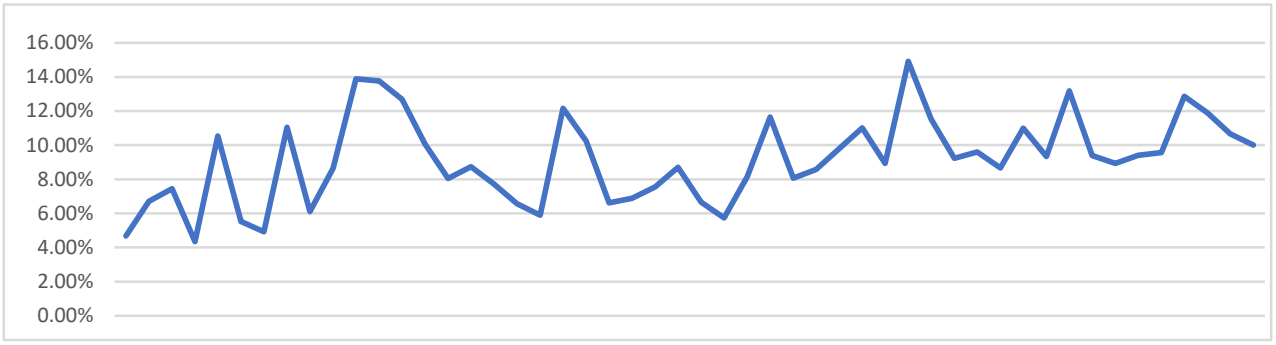
11/22/2020	564	564	46	518	0	8.16%
11/23/2020	730	730	85	645	0	11.64%
11/24/2020	805	805	65	739	1	8.07%
11/25/2020	875	875	75	799	1	8.57%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	717	717	79	635	3	11.02%
11/28/2020	459	459	41	417	1	8.93%
11/29/2020	543	543	81	462	0	14.92%
11/30/2020	737	737	85	651	1	11.53%
12/1/2020	596	596	55	538	3	9.23%
12/2/2020	562	562	54	508	0	9.61%
12/3/2020	589	589	51	534	4	8.66%
12/4/2020	673	673	74	599	0	11.00%
12/5/2020	546	546	51	492	3	9.34%
12/6/2020	531	531	70	460	1	13.18%
12/7/2020	724	724	68	654	2	9.39%
12/8/2020	673	672	60	610	2	8.93%
12/9/2020	680	680	64	613	3	9.41%
12/10/2020	700	700	67	633	0	9.57%
12/11/2020	801	801	103	698	0	12.86%
12/12/2020	622	622	74	547	1	11.90%
12/13/2020	525	525	56	469	0	10.67%
12/14/2020	830	830	83	746	1	10.00%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

80651

CURATIVE - HARD ROCK STADIUM ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	71691
Detected	8905
Inconclusive	55
% Positivity	11.04%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	6002	589	9.81%
Nov	45664	4851	10.62%
Dec	28985	3465	11.95%

	81358	80651	8905	71691	55	11.04%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/27/2020	1103	1060	107	952	1	10.09%
10/28/2020	1192	1144	120	1023	1	10.49%
10/29/2020	1349	1309	141	1167	1	10.77%
10/30/2020	1267	1207	96	1111	0	7.95%
10/31/2020	1375	1282	125	1156	1	9.75%
11/1/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/2/2020	1278	1225	144	1080	1	11.76%
11/3/2020	1571	1504	139	1365	0	9.24%
11/4/2020	1689	1592	173	1416	3	10.87%
11/5/2020	1626	1563	158	1404	1	10.11%
11/6/2020	1554	1499	181	1317	1	12.07%
11/7/2020	1497	1450	133	1317	0	9.17%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/11/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/12/2020	1600	1600	189	1411	0	11.81%
11/13/2020	1794	1794	208	1584	2	11.59%
11/14/2020	1621	1621	164	1457	0	10.12%
11/15/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/16/2020	1929	1929	206	1722	1	10.68%
11/17/2020	1758	1758	176	1582	0	10.01%
11/18/2020	2073	2073	220	1851	2	10.61%
11/19/2020	2178	2178	217	1961	0	9.96%
11/20/2020	2249	2249	285	1961	3	12.67%
11/21/2020	2306	2306	196	2110	0	8.50%
11/22/2020	2197	2197	219	1977	1	9.97%
11/23/2020	2316	2316	272	2042	2	11.74%
11/24/2020	2562	2562	181	2379	2	7.06%
11/25/2020	2670	2670	200	2469	1	7.49%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	2485	2485	334	2150	1	13.44%
11/28/2020	2278	2278	293	1985	0	12.86%
11/29/2020	2473	2473	256	2215	2	10.35%
11/30/2020	2342	2342	307	2031	4	13.11%
12/1/2020	2462	2462	307	2153	2	12.47%
12/2/2020	2426	2426	261	2165	0	10.76%
12/3/2020	2396	2396	264	2132	0	11.02%

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12/4/2020	2514	2514	289	2224	1	11.50%
12/5/2020	2130	2130	280	1849	1	13.15%
12/6/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/7/2020	2437	2437	297	2138	2	12.19%
12/8/2020	2450	2450	324	2122	4	13.22%
12/9/2020	2348	2348	263	2081	4	11.20%
12/10/2020	2267	2267	259	2005	3	11.42%
12/11/2020	2564	2564	330	2231	3	12.87%
12/12/2020	2565	2564	330	2231	3	12.87%
12/13/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
12/14/2020	2467	2427	261	2165	1	10.75%

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66365

CURATIVE - LEE COUNTY ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	59209
Detected	7017
Inconclusive	139
% Positivity	10.57%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
OCT	6146	515	8.38%
NOV	32494	3152	9.70%
DEC	27725	3350	12.08%

	66847	66365	7017	59209	139	10.57%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/24/2020	665	665	44	620	1	6.62%
10/25/2020	680	680	75	604	1	11.03%
10/26/2020	763	763	66	695	2	8.65%
10/27/2020	767	762	71	686	5	9.32%
10/28/2020	759	753	58	693	2	7.70%
10/29/2020	899	899	64	824	11	7.12%
10/30/2020	908	851	71	777	3	8.34%
10/31/2020	773	773	66	705	2	8.54%
11/1/2020	802	802	77	725	0	9.60%
11/2/2020	925	925	71	853	1	7.68%
11/3/2020	899	899	66	830	3	7.34%
11/4/2020	858	858	80	777	1	9.32%
11/5/2020	994	994	112	881	1	11.27%
11/6/2020	953	953	92	859	2	9.65%
11/7/2020	622	622	80	541	1	12.86%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	931	931	123	803	5	13.21%
11/11/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/12/2020	1065	1065	129	934	2	12.11%
11/13/2020	1232	1232	131	1098	3	10.63%
11/14/2020	1197	1197	136	1057	4	11.36%
11/15/2020	1204	1204	117	1084	3	9.72%
11/16/2020	1167	1159	109	1049	1	9.40%
11/17/2020	1191	1191	126	1058	7	10.58%
11/18/2020	1364	1348	109	1230	9	8.09%

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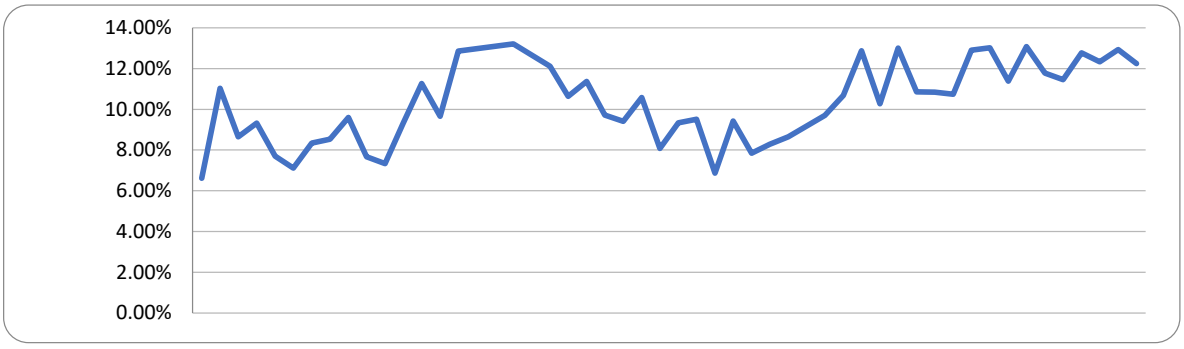
11/19/2020	1554	1554	145	1409	0	9.33%
11/20/2020	1679	1641	156	1484	1	9.51%
11/21/2020	1796	1661	114	1541	6	6.86%
11/22/2020	1566	1559	147	1411	1	9.43%
11/23/2020	1769	1758	138	1619	1	7.85%
11/24/2020	1788	1773	147	1625	1	8.29%
11/25/2020	1573	1548	134	1403	11	8.66%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1399	1382	134	1243	5	9.70%
11/28/2020	1263	1255	134	1121	0	10.68%
11/29/2020	1489	1484	191	1290	3	12.87%
11/30/2020	1505	1499	154	1342	3	10.27%
12/1/2020	1854	1838	239	1599	0	13.00%
12/2/2020	1886	1869	203	1665	1	10.86%
12/3/2020	1851	1845	200	1643	2	10.84%
12/4/2020	2071	2059	221	1836	2	10.73%
12/5/2020	1723	1720	222	1496	2	12.91%
12/6/2020	1694	1682	219	1459	4	13.02%
12/7/2020	2123	2116	241	1872	3	11.39%
12/8/2020	1956	1949	255	1688	6	13.08%
12/9/2020	1974	1962	231	1728	3	11.77%
12/10/2020	2018	2016	231	1785	0	11.46%
12/11/2020	2265	2248	287	1959	2	12.77%
12/12/2020	2089	2083	257	1819	7	12.34%
12/13/2020	1878	1872	242	1627	3	12.93%
12/14/2020	2466	2466	302	2162	2	12.25%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

92257

COVID TourHealth: Marlins Park Abbott BinaxNOW

Total	
Not Detected	83087
Detected	8845
Inconclusive	325
% Positivity	9.59%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	15335	1107	7.22%
Nov	49710	4904	9.87%
Dec	27212	2834	10.41%

	93733	92257	8845	83087	325	9.59%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/19/2020	861	861	55	788	18	6.39%
10/20/2020	968	968	76	864	28	7.85%
10/21/2020	988	988	82	901	5	8.30%
10/22/2020	786	786	46	681	59	5.85%
10/23/2020	767	767	72	686	9	9.39%
10/24/2020	1363	1363	79	1284	0	5.80%
10/25/2020	1471	1471	124	1330	17	8.43%
10/26/2020	1337	1276	116	1159	1	9.09%
10/27/2020	1255	1255	73	1182	0	5.82%
10/28/2020	1499	1215	76	1125	14	6.26%
10/29/2020	1439	1397	81	1313	3	5.80%
10/30/2020	1659	1657	130	1524	3	7.85%
10/31/2020	1382	1331	97	1231	3	7.29%
11/1/2020	1310	1299	98	1197	4	7.54%
11/2/2020	1399	1398	119	1272	7	8.51%
11/3/2020	1589	1582	115	1455	12	7.27%
11/4/2020	1447	1435	137	1294	4	9.55%
11/5/2020	1668	1659	149	1504	6	8.98%
11/6/2020	1557	1550	147	1395	8	9.48%
11/7/2020	1757	1749	188	1550	11	10.75%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/11/2020	2284	2270	343	1922	5	15.11%
11/12/2020	2163	2151	285	1865	1	13.25%
11/13/2020	2053	2046	242	1797	7	11.83%
11/14/2020	1826	1822	202	1617	3	11.09%
11/15/2020	1761	1748	187	1556	5	10.70%
11/16/2020	1862	1854	216	1630	8	11.65%
11/17/2020	1844	1839	197	1635	7	10.71%
11/18/2020	1620	1613	188	1423	2	11.66%
11/19/2020	1662	1657	161	1488	8	9.72%
11/20/2020	2299	1859	197	1657	5	10.60%
11/21/2020	2378	2370	185	2181	4	7.81%
11/22/2020	2431	2420	180	2237	3	7.44%
11/23/2020	2211	2206	205	2000	1	9.29%
11/24/2020	2734	2477	156	2318	3	6.30%
11/25/2020	3028	3020	203	2812	5	6.72%

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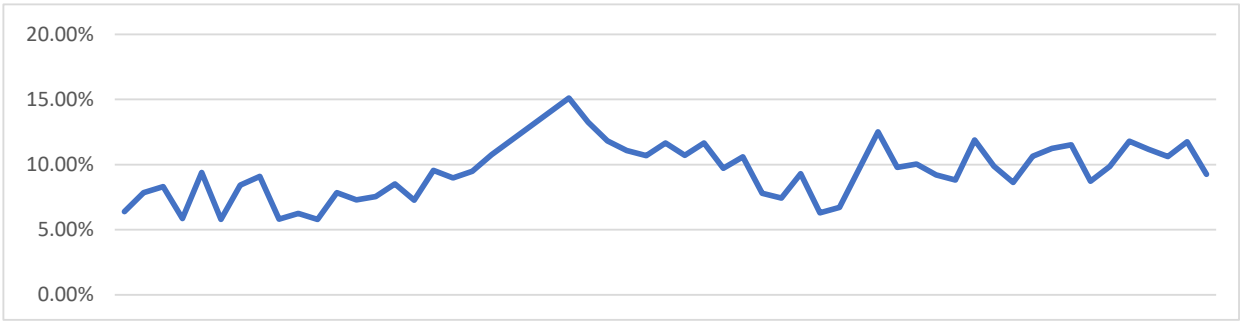
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	2165	2143	268	1872	3	12.51%
11/28/2020	1945	1943	190	1750	3	9.78%
11/29/2020	1734	1733	174	1559	0	10.04%
11/30/2020	1870	1867	172	1693	2	9.21%
12/1/2020	1893	1893	167	1725	1	8.82%
12/2/2020	2085	2079	247	1831	1	11.88%
12/3/2020	2427	2421	239	2179	3	9.87%
12/4/2020	2263	2261	195	2061	5	8.62%
12/5/2020	2338	2332	248	2079	5	10.63%
12/6/2020	2247	2241	252	1988	1	11.24%
12/7/2020	1733	1729	199	1530	0	11.51%
12/8/2020	1557	1557	136	1421	0	8.73%
12/9/2020	1562	1561	154	1405	2	9.87%
12/10/2020	1586	1585	187	1394	4	11.80%
12/11/2020	1478	1476	165	1307	4	11.18%
12/12/2020	1769	1761	187	1571	3	10.62%
12/13/2020	2349	2349	276	2068	5	11.75%
12/14/2020	2074	1967	182	1781	4	9.25%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

64069

CDR MAGUIRE - OCCC ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	55950
Detected	7836
Inconclusive	283
% Positivity	12.23%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	9996	838	8.38%
Nov	34940	4542	13.00%
Dec	19133	2456	12.84%

	64069	64069	7836	55950	283	12.23%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/18/2020	277	277	19	258	0	6.86%
10/19/2020	556	556	33	523	0	5.94%
10/20/2020	633	633	48	585	0	7.58%
10/21/2020	838	838	62	776	0	7.40%
10/22/2020	699	699	63	636	0	9.01%
10/23/2020	710	710	51	659	0	7.18%
10/24/2020	735	735	64	667	4	8.71%
10/25/2020	601	601	50	551	0	8.32%
10/26/2020	750	750	51	698	1	6.80%
10/27/2020	700	700	36	663	1	5.14%
10/28/2020	803	803	79	718	6	9.84%
10/29/2020	764	764	79	684	1	10.34%
10/30/2020	995	995	105	888	2	10.55%
10/31/2020	935	935	98	836	1	10.48%
11/1/2020	777	777	120	652	5	15.44%
11/2/2020	1005	1005	78	918	9	7.76%
11/3/2020	936	936	95	839	2	10.15%
11/4/2020	1029	1029	105	923	1	10.20%
11/5/2020	990	990	98	888	4	9.90%
11/6/2020	1065	1065	143	917	5	13.43%
11/7/2020	1007	1007	114	888	5	11.32%
11/8/2020	1004	1004	130	869	5	12.95%
11/9/2020	1084	1084	137	939	8	12.64%
11/10/2020	1019	1019	129	885	5	12.66%
11/11/2020	1029	1029	185	835	9	17.98%
11/12/2020	1108	1108	151	950	7	13.63%
11/13/2020	1186	1186	145	1030	11	12.23%
11/14/2020	1205	1205	165	1024	16	13.69%
11/15/2020	1221	1221	166	1046	9	13.60%
11/16/2020	1337	1337	212	1120	5	15.86%
11/17/2020	1295	1295	193	1099	3	14.90%
11/18/2020	1288	1288	203	1075	10	15.76%
11/19/2020	1165	1165	179	983	3	15.36%

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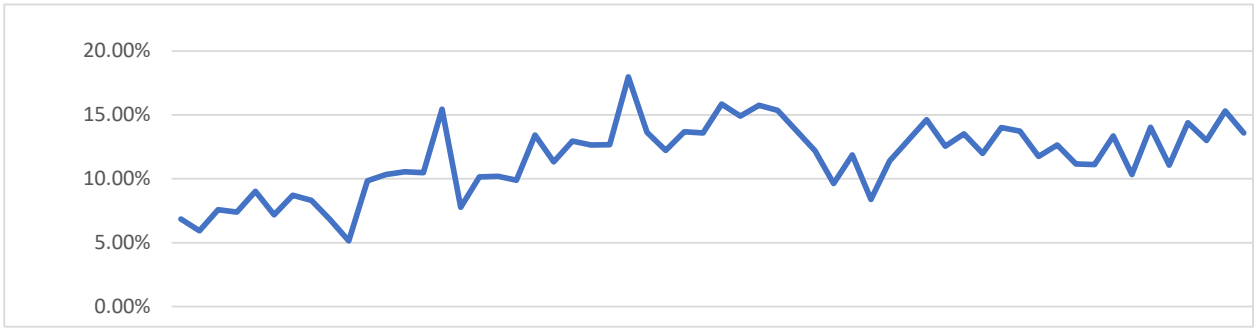
11/21/2020	763	763	93	664	6	12.19%
11/22/2020	1434	1434	138	1290	6	9.62%
11/23/2020	1374	1374	163	1192	19	11.86%
11/24/2020	1489	1489	125	1356	8	8.39%
11/25/2020	1649	1649	188	1456	5	11.40%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1572	1572	230	1339	3	14.63%
11/28/2020	1538	1538	193	1341	4	12.55%
11/29/2020	1554	1554	210	1343	1	13.51%
11/30/2020	1493	1493	179	1309	5	11.99%
12/1/2020	1228	1228	172	1051	5	14.01%
12/2/2020	1150	1150	158	990	2	13.74%
12/3/2020	1243	1243	146	1096	1	11.75%
12/4/2020	1297	1297	164	1131	2	12.64%
12/5/2020	1560	1560	174	1385	1	11.15%
12/6/2020	1277	1277	142	1133	2	11.12%
12/7/2020	1408	1408	188	1215	5	13.35%
12/8/2020	1285	1285	133	1136	16	10.35%
12/9/2020	1383	1383	194	1182	7	14.03%
12/10/2020	1400	1400	155	1241	4	11.07%
12/11/2020	1466	1466	211	1241	14	14.39%
12/12/2020	1524	1524	198	1321	5	12.99%
12/13/2020	1456	1456	223	1223	10	15.32%
12/14/2020	1456	1456	198	1251	7	13.60%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

52814

SARASOTA ANTIGEN TESTING (NOMI)

Total	
Not Detected	47484
Detected	4922
Inconclusive	408
% Positivity	9.32%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	4377	400	9.14%
Nov	30240	2861	9.46%
Dec	18197	1661	9.13%

	53344	52814	4922	47484	408	9.32%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/24/2020	284	284	26	251	7	9.15%
10/25/2020	312	312	30	281	1	9.62%
10/26/2020	554	554	57	488	9	10.29%
10/27/2020	619	618	54	561	3	8.74%
10/28/2020	611	597	62	533	2	10.39%
10/29/2020	715	713	58	652	3	8.13%
10/30/2020	767	767	73	687	7	9.52%
10/31/2020	532	532	40	490	2	7.52%
11/1/2020	398	398	39	358	1	9.80%
11/2/2020	771	771	65	697	9	8.43%
11/3/2020	837	830	91	733	6	10.96%
11/4/2020	841	834	104	726	4	12.47%
11/5/2020	846	846	97	737	12	11.47%
11/6/2020	961	956	112	828	16	11.72%
11/7/2020	867	857	81	729	47	9.45%
11/8/2020	740	740	79	659	2	10.68%
11/9/2020	968	956	110	838	8	11.51%
11/10/2020	1044	1041	98	853	90	9.41%
11/11/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/12/2020	1202	1132	192	939	1	16.96%
11/13/2020	1094	1086	172	909	5	15.84%
11/14/2020	999	982	110	868	4	11.20%
11/15/2020	952	936	87	846	3	9.29%
11/16/2020	1202	1165	113	1047	5	9.70%
11/17/2020	1216	1125	120	1001	4	10.67%
11/18/2020	1146	1124	113	1011	0	10.05%
11/19/2020	1305	1279	87	1186	6	6.80%
11/20/2020	1302	1274	94	1177	3	7.38%

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11/21/2020	1168	1153	79	1071	3	6.85%
11/22/2020	1335	1318	76	1225	17	5.77%
11/23/2020	1345	1343	107	1234	2	7.97%
11/24/2020	1443	1439	91	1335	13	6.32%
11/25/2020	1607	1593	89	1502	2	5.59%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1227	1225	112	1101	12	9.14%
11/28/2020	1130	1130	84	1042	4	7.43%
11/29/2020	1246	1244	118	1122	4	9.49%
11/30/2020	1470	1463	141	1312	10	9.64%
12/1/2020	1367	1363	112	1243	8	8.22%
12/2/2020	1159	1153	94	1054	5	8.15%
12/3/2020	1245	1229	123	1104	2	10.01%
12/4/2020	1334	1320	124	1190	6	9.39%
12/5/2020	1151	1146	96	1045	5	8.38%
12/6/2020	1151	1144	105	1036	3	9.18%
12/7/2020	1287	1283	131	1147	5	10.21%
12/8/2020	1426	1415	131	1281	3	9.26%
12/9/2020	1280	1275	97	1175	3	7.61%
12/10/2020	1441	1437	145	1288	4	10.09%
12/11/2020	1442	1439	120	1310	9	8.34%
12/12/2020	1282	1274	127	1134	13	9.97%
12/13/2020	1284	1283	121	1154	8	9.43%
12/14/2020	1439	1436	135	1294	7	9.40%

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

35083

CDR MAGUIRE - Barnett Park

Total	
Not Detected	31229
Detected	3638
Inconclusive	216
% Positivity	10.37%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Nov	19610	1811	9.24%
Dec	15473	1827	11.81%

	34183	35083	3638	31229	216	10.37%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
11/8/2020	6	6	0	6	0	0.00%
11/9/2020	660	660	50	604	6	7.58%
11/10/2020	644	644	62	574	8	9.63%
11/11/2020	965	965	105	854	6	10.88%
11/12/2020	853	853	74	774	5	8.68%
11/13/2020	1039	1039	85	945	9	8.18%
11/14/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/15/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/16/2020	131	1031	119	905	7	11.54%
11/17/2020	992	992	88	896	8	8.87%
11/18/2020	1064	1064	79	982	3	7.42%
11/19/2020	1214	1214	93	1110	11	7.66%
11/20/2020	1292	1292	83	1204	5	6.42%
11/21/2020	923	923	72	846	5	7.80%
11/22/2020	1023	1023	86	935	2	8.41%
11/23/2020	1357	1357	111	1234	12	8.18%
11/24/2020	1330	1330	127	1197	6	9.55%
11/25/2020	1272	1272	108	1158	6	8.49%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1086	1086	155	927	4	14.27%
11/28/2020	837	837	88	748	1	10.51%
11/29/2020	870	870	103	761	6	11.84%
11/30/2020	1152	1152	123	1017	12	10.68%
12/1/2020	1067	1067	106	950	11	9.93%
12/2/2020	1189	1189	119	1060	10	10.01%
12/3/2020	1105	1105	132	963	10	11.95%

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12/4/2020	1227	1227	115	1105	7	9.37%
12/5/2020	1027	1027	119	899	9	11.59%
12/6/2020	891	891	106	782	3	11.90%
12/7/2020	1031	1031	131	894	6	12.71%
12/8/2020	1228	1228	127	1098	3	10.34%
12/9/2020	1079	1079	126	952	1	11.68%
12/10/2020	1127	1127	147	978	2	13.04%
12/11/2020	1052	1052	145	903	4	13.78%
12/12/2020	1239	1239	172	1065	2	13.88%
12/13/2020	1114	1114	114	990	10	10.23%
12/14/2020	1097	1097	168	913	16	15.31%

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

71135

FAMU ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	65383
Detected	4858
Inconclusive	894
% Positivity	6.83%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
OCT	13675	706	5.16%
NOV	36341	2505	6.89%
DEC	21119	1647	7.80%

	71425	71135	4858	65383	894	6.83%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/13/2020	512	512	20	483	9	3.91%
10/14/2020	713	635	29	599	7	4.57%
10/15/2020	831	853	47	792	14	5.51%
10/16/2020	889	874	36	828	10	4.12%
10/17/2020	676	652	28	616	8	4.29%
10/19/2020	1041	1006	51	953	2	5.07%
10/20/2020	822	792	38	750	4	4.80%
10/21/2020	935	922	46	868	8	4.99%
10/22/2020	823	810	45	757	8	5.56%
10/23/2020	935	924	54	865	5	5.84%
10/24/2020	609	603	30	573	0	4.98%
10/25/2020	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	#N/A
10/26/2020	1019	1007	62	940	5	6.16%
10/27/2020	872	866	39	820	7	4.50%
10/28/2020	846	845	47	797	1	5.56%
10/29/2020	797	790	40	749	1	5.06%
10/30/2020	815	797	48	743	6	6.02%
10/31/2020	789	787	46	740	1	5.84%
11/1/2020	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	#N/A
11/2/2020	894	888	54	833	1	6.08%
11/3/2020	996	996	56	936	4	5.62%
11/4/2020	894	892	41	846	5	4.60%
11/5/2020	903	897	56	840	1	6.24%
11/6/2020	927	923	57	863	3	6.18%
11/7/2020	704	704	63	641	0	8.95%
11/8/2020	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	#N/A
11/9/2020	1246	1240	120	1116	4	9.68%
11/10/2020	1121	1120	65	1052	3	5.80%
11/11/2020	1079	1066	69	992	5	6.47%
11/12/2020	1417	1417	68	1343	6	4.80%

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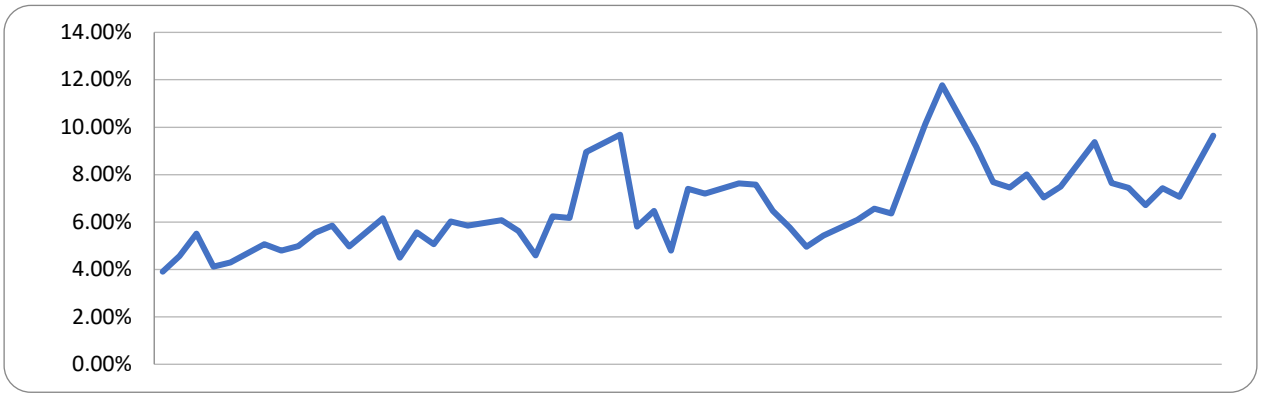
11/13/2020	1432	1432	106	1314	12	7.40%
11/14/2020	1015	1015	73	938	4	7.19%
11/15/2020	Closed	0				#N/A
11/16/2020	1587	1587	121	1459	7	7.62%
11/17/2020	1557	1557	118	1437	2	7.58%
11/18/2020	1965	1965	127	1823	15	6.46%
11/19/2020	1857	1857	107	1744	6	5.76%
11/20/2020	2060	2060	102	1943	15	4.95%
11/21/2020	2355	2355	128	2202	25	5.44%
11/22/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/23/2020	2546	2546	155	2337	54	6.09%
11/24/2020	2452	2452	161	2213	78	6.57%
11/25/2020	2281	2281	145	2058	78	6.36%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1254	1254	127	1099	28	10.13%
11/28/2020	1300	1300	153	1117	30	11.77%
11/29/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/30/2020	2537	2537	233	2208	96	9.18%
12/1/2020	1615	1615	124	1465	26	7.68%
12/2/2020	1501	1501	112	1384	5	7.46%
12/3/2020	1649	1649	132	1482	35	8.00%
12/4/2020	1735	1735	122	1586	27	7.03%
12/5/2020	1387	1387	104	1270	13	7.50%
12/6/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/7/2020	2167	2167	203	1939	25	9.37%
12/8/2020	1701	1701	130	1543	28	7.64%
12/9/2020	1735	1735	129	1585	21	7.44%
12/10/2020	1865	1862	125	1715	22	6.71%
12/11/2020	2034	2034	151	1823	60	7.42%
12/12/2020	1741	1741	123	1589	29	7.06%
12/13/2020	Closed	0				#N/A
12/14/2020	1992	1992	192	1775	25	9.64%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

16280

Homestead West Perrine

Total	
Not Detected	14438
Detected	1831
Inconclusive	11
% Positivity	11.25%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	666	33	4.95%
Nov	8568	939	10.96%
Dec	7046	859	12.19%

	16376	16280	1831	14438	11	11.25%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	131	131	3	128	0	2.29%
10/27/2020	96	96	3	93	0	3.13%
10/28/2020	121	121	8	113	0	6.61%
10/29/2020	130	129	5	124	0	3.88%
10/30/2020	126	126	5	121	0	3.97%
10/31/2020	63	63	9	54	0	14.29%
11/1/2020	37	37	3	34	0	8.11%
11/2/2020	172	172	12	160	0	6.98%
11/3/2020	159	159	14	145	0	8.81%
11/4/2020	147	147	9	138	0	6.12%
11/5/2020	191	191	18	173	0	9.42%
11/6/2020	201	201	15	186	0	7.46%
11/7/2020	168	168	22	146	0	13.10%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	326	324	53	271	0	16.36%
11/11/2020	254	251	29	222	0	11.55%
11/12/2020	286	285	43	242	0	15.09%
11/13/2020	340	339	50	289	0	14.75%
11/14/2020	207	206	21	184	1	10.19%
11/15/2020	161	160	19	141	0	11.88%
11/16/2020	378	378	51	327	0	13.49%
11/17/2020	447	444	39	405	0	8.78%

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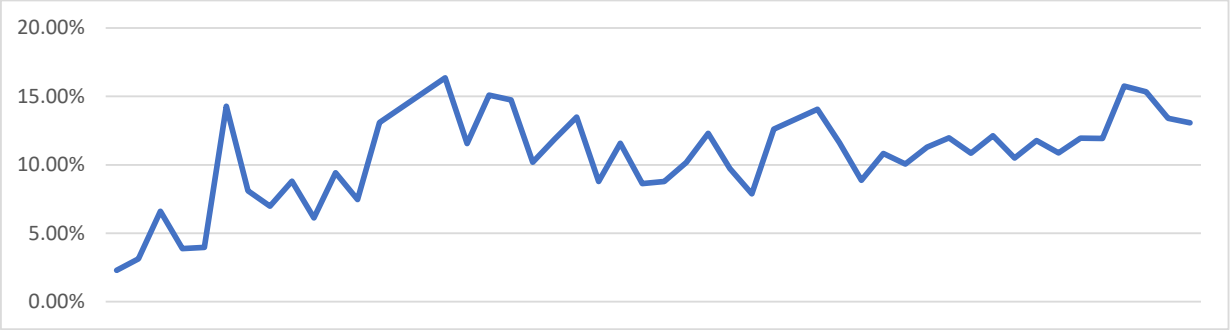
11/18/2020	432	432	50	382	0	11.57%
11/19/2020	423	417	36	380	1	8.63%
11/20/2020	470	467	41	426	0	8.78%
11/21/2020	376	374	38	336	0	10.16%
11/22/2020	253	252	31	221	0	12.30%
11/23/2020	447	442	43	399	0	9.73%
11/24/2020	503	495	39	456	0	7.88%
11/25/2020	535	531	67	464	0	12.62%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	465	462	65	397	0	14.07%
11/28/2020	387	387	45	339	3	11.63%
11/29/2020	296	293	26	267	0	8.87%
11/30/2020	555	554	60	494	0	10.83%
12/1/2020	561	557	56	501	0	10.05%
12/2/2020	498	496	56	439	1	11.29%
12/3/2020	502	501	60	441	0	11.98%
12/4/2020	595	590	64	526	0	10.85%
12/5/2020	445	445	54	391	0	12.13%
12/6/2020	410	410	43	367	0	10.49%
12/7/2020	511	501	59	441	1	11.78%
12/8/2020	547	543	59	484	0	10.87%
12/9/2020	503	502	60	439	3	11.95%
12/10/2020	524	520	62	458	0	11.92%
12/11/2020	594	590	93	497	0	15.76%
12/12/2020	439	437	67	370	0	15.33%
12/13/2020	420	418	56	361	1	13.40%
12/14/2020	544	536	70	466	0	13.06%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

94330

JAX ANTIGEN TESTING (NOMI)

Total	
Not Detected	82913
Detected	10531
Inconclusive	886
% Positivity	11.16%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	19550	1846	9.44%
Nov	46615	5058	10.85%
Dec	28165	3627	12.88%

	95386	94330	10531	82913	886	11.16%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/13/2020	152	152	3	148	1	1.97%
10/14/2020	415	415	35	376	4	8.43%
10/15/2020	1078	1078	75	984	19	6.96%
10/16/2020	1078	1078	68	944	66	6.31%
10/17/2020	903	903	90	793	20	9.97%
10/18/2020	848	848	75	760	13	8.84%
10/19/2020	1244	1244	106	1107	31	8.52%
10/20/2020	1260	1260	110	1125	25	8.73%
10/21/2020	1317	1317	124	1172	21	9.42%
10/22/2020	1157	1157	95	1049	13	8.21%
10/23/2020	1100	1100	123	961	16	11.18%
10/24/2020	799	799	88	698	13	11.01%
10/25/2020	803	803	73	707	23	9.09%
10/26/2020	1071	1071	103	953	15	9.62%
10/27/2020	1243	1225	115	1110	0	9.39%
10/28/2020	1321	1307	121	1185	1	9.26%
10/29/2020	1214	1188	154	1028	6	12.96%
10/30/2020	1448	1430	151	1268	11	10.56%
10/31/2020	1180	1175	137	1029	9	11.66%
11/1/2020	1011	1005	121	880	4	12.04%
11/2/2020	1511	1492	138	1347	7	9.25%
11/3/2020	1355	1334	127	1203	4	9.52%
11/4/2020	1595	1569	160	1402	7	10.20%
11/5/2020	1460	1437	155	1268	14	10.79%
11/6/2020	1595	1586	214	1361	11	13.49%
11/7/2020	1201	1196	150	1027	19	12.54%
11/8/2020	1294	1290	151	1126	13	11.71%
11/9/2020	1556	1541	186	1351	4	12.07%
11/10/2020	1484	1474	182	1277	15	12.35%
11/11/2020	1479	1454	150	1296	8	10.32%
11/12/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/13/2020	1527	1521	168	1336	17	11.05%

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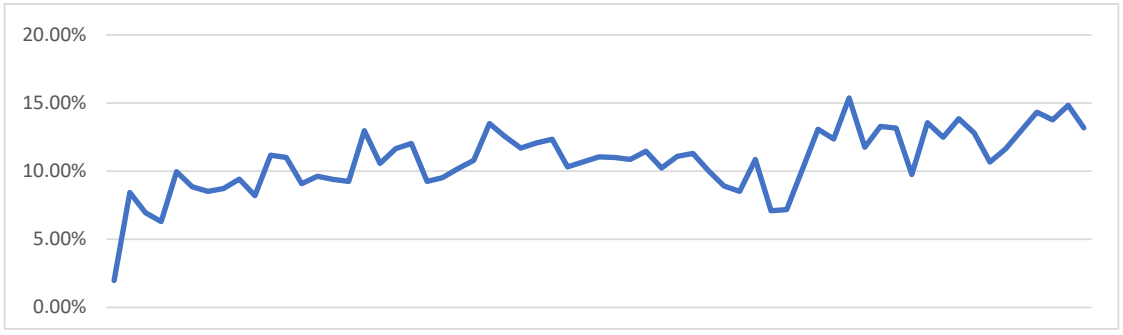
11/14/2020	1575	1554	171	1355	28	11.00%
11/15/2020	1383	1354	147	1192	15	10.86%
11/16/2020	1768	1743	200	1537	6	11.47%
11/17/2020	1746	1721	176	1537	8	10.23%
11/18/2020	1733	1713	190	1505	18	11.09%
11/19/2020	1560	1540	174	1353	13	11.30%
11/20/2020	1765	1744	175	1544	25	10.03%
11/21/2020	1798	1771	158	1604	9	8.92%
11/22/2020	1834	1808	154	1640	14	8.52%
11/23/2020	2157	2119	230	1869	20	10.85%
11/24/2020	2328	2280	162	2075	43	7.11%
11/25/2020	2356	2324	167	2151	6	7.19%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	1906	1882	246	1620	16	13.07%
11/28/2020	1783	1771	219	1539	13	12.37%
11/29/2020	1989	1951	300	1645	6	15.38%
11/30/2020	2472	2441	287	2133	21	11.76%
12/1/2020	1801	1777	236	1534	7	13.28%
12/2/2020	2067	2038	268	1759	11	13.15%
12/3/2020	2176	2152	210	1927	15	9.76%
12/4/2020	2342	2315	314	1987	14	13.56%
12/5/2020	1965	1930	241	1671	18	12.49%
12/6/2020	1661	1646	228	1398	20	13.85%
12/7/2020	2439	2412	309	2079	24	12.81%
12/8/2020	2105	2081	222	1844	15	10.67%
12/9/2020	2281	2259	263	1971	25	11.64%
12/10/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/11/2020	2602	2568	368	2179	21	14.33%
12/12/2020	2140	2113	291	1817	5	13.77%
12/13/2020	2138	2111	313	1795	3	14.83%
12/14/2020	2817	2763	364	2382	17	13.17%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

20466

Lauderhill Sports Park

Total	
Not Detected	18757
Detected	1644
Inconclusive	65
% Positivity	8.03%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	915	60	6.56%
Nov	10962	868	7.92%
Dec	8589	716	8.34%

	20380	20466	1644	18757	65	8.03%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	1	1	0	1	0	0.00%
10/27/2020	215	215	18	196	1	8.37%
10/28/2020	312	312	26	284	2	8.33%
10/29/2020	225	225	11	214	0	4.89%
10/30/2020	162	162	5	157	0	3.09%
10/31/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/1/2020	102	102	7	95	0	6.86%
11/2/2020	192	192	16	176	0	8.33%
11/3/2020	195	195	17	178	0	8.72%
11/4/2020	216	216	14	202	0	6.48%
11/6/2020	267	267	21	246	0	7.87%
11/7/2020	173	173	13	159	1	7.51%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/11/2020	177	279	35	244	0	12.54%
11/12/2020	430	430	32	398	0	7.44%
11/13/2020	393	393	30	362	1	7.63%
11/14/2020	351	351	27	324	0	7.69%
11/15/2020	368	368	20	348	0	5.43%
11/16/2020	471	471	45	426	0	9.55%
11/17/2020	449	449	29	418	2	6.46%
11/18/2020	549	549	50	498	1	9.11%
11/19/2020	594	592	36	555	1	6.08%

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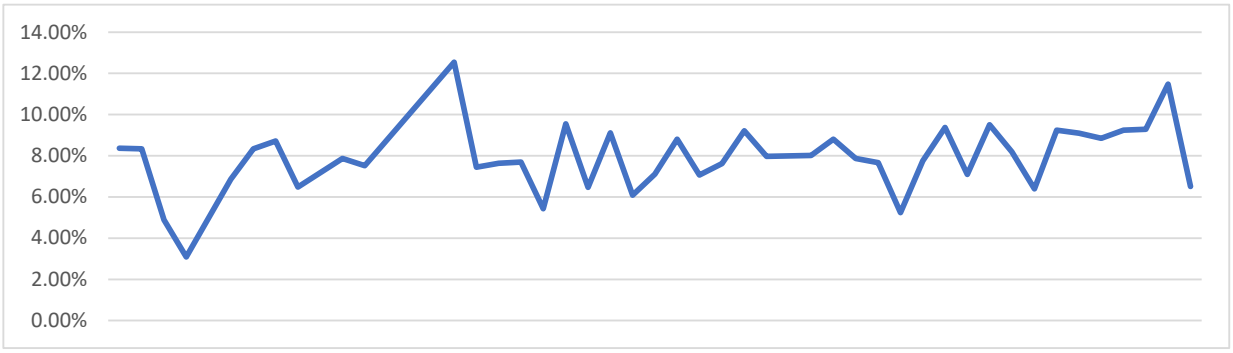
11/20/2020	563	563	40	518	5	7.10%
11/21/2020	511	511	45	465	1	8.81%
11/22/2020	495	495	35	459	1	7.07%
11/23/2020	710	709	54	654	1	7.62%
11/24/2020	684	684	63	618	3	9.21%
11/25/2020	592	590	47	540	3	7.97%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	588	586	47	539	0	8.02%
11/28/2020	534	534	47	486	1	8.80%
11/29/2020	559	559	44	515	0	7.87%
11/30/2020	704	704	54	649	1	7.67%
12/1/2020	630	630	33	592	5	5.24%
12/2/2020	632	632	49	581	2	7.75%
12/3/2020	633	629	59	570	0	9.38%
12/4/2020	691	691	49	634	8	7.09%
12/5/2020	631	631	60	570	1	9.51%
12/6/2020	623	623	51	568	4	8.19%
12/7/2020	594	594	38	555	1	6.40%
12/8/2020	640	638	59	579	0	9.25%
12/9/2020	573	572	52	520	0	9.09%
12/10/2020	669	667	59	602	6	8.85%
12/11/2020	692	692	64	628	0	9.25%
12/12/2020	549	549	51	495	3	9.29%
12/13/2020	488	488	56	430	2	11.48%
12/14/2020	553	553	36	509	8	6.51%



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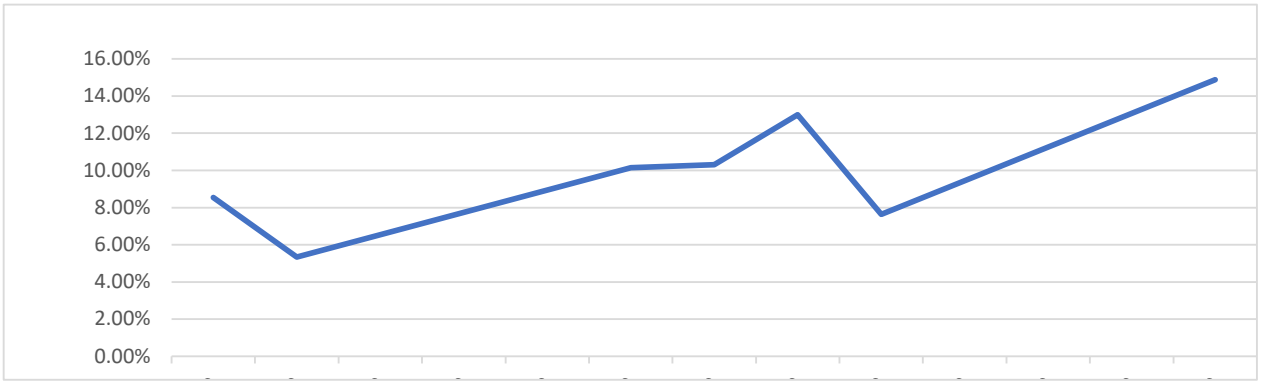
2310 CDR MAGUIRE - LEE DAVIS ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	2028
Detected	258
Inconclusive	24
% Positivity	11.17%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Dec	2310	258	11.17%

	2310	2310	258	2028	24	11.17%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
12/2/2020	82	82	7	73	2	8.54%
12/3/2020	206	206	11	193	2	5.34%
12/4/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/5/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/6/2020	Closed					#N/A
12/7/2020	355	355	36	316	3	10.14%
12/8/2020	359	359	37	316	6	10.31%
12/9/2020	308	308	40	268	0	12.99%
12/10/2020	301	301	23	277	1	7.64%
12/11/2020	Closed	0				#N/A
12/12/2020	Closed	0				#N/A
12/13/2020	Closed	0				#N/A
12/14/2020	699	699	104	585	10	14.88%



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17276

Legends Center

Total	
Not Detected	15495
Detected	1763
Inconclusive	18
% Positivity	10.20%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	87	6	6.90%
Nov	8539	836	9.79%
Dec	8650	921	10.65%

	17276	17276	1763	15495	18	10.20%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/27/2020	2	2	0	2	0	0.00%
10/28/2020	7	7	1	6	0	14.29%
10/29/2020	3	3	0	3	0	0.00%
10/30/2020	41	41	3	38	0	7.32%
10/31/2020	34	34	2	32	0	5.88%
11/1/2020	26	26	2	24	0	7.69%
11/2/2020	83	83	4	79	0	4.82%
11/3/2020	55	55	2	53	0	3.64%
11/4/2020	74	74	4	70	0	5.41%
11/5/2020	86	86	5	81	0	5.81%
11/6/2020	115	115	6	109	0	5.22%
11/7/2020	79	79	4	75	0	5.06%
11/8/2020	74	74	8	66	0	10.81%
11/9/2020	195	195	10	185	0	5.13%
11/10/2020	176	176	12	164	0	6.82%
11/11/2020	236	236	19	217	0	8.05%
11/12/2020	235	235	40	195	0	17.02%
11/13/2020	273	273	27	246	0	9.89%
11/14/2020	195	195	28	167	0	14.36%
11/15/2020	157	157	23	134	0	14.65%
11/16/2020	299	299	31	268	0	10.37%
11/17/2020	319	319	34	285	0	10.66%
11/18/2020	342	342	17	323	2	4.97%
11/19/2020	411	411	42	369	0	10.22%
11/20/2020	497	497	52	445	0	10.46%

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11/21/2020	455	455	31	423	1	6.81%
11/22/2020	374	374	45	328	1	12.03%
11/23/2020	628	628	53	575	0	8.44%
11/24/2020	652	652	72	580	0	11.04%
11/25/2020	658	658	64	593	1	9.73%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	499	499	79	416	4	15.83%
11/28/2020	358	358	25	333	0	6.98%
11/29/2020	362	362	44	318	0	12.15%
11/30/2020	626	626	53	573	0	8.47%
12/1/2020	520	520	42	478	0	8.08%
12/2/2020	615	615	62	553	0	10.08%
12/3/2020	571	571	51	519	1	8.93%
12/4/2020	579	579	75	504	0	12.95%
12/5/2020	518	518	69	449	0	13.32%
12/6/2020	394	394	32	361	1	8.12%
12/7/2020	578	578	40	536	2	6.92%
12/8/2020	570	570	57	513	0	10.00%
12/9/2020	591	591	59	531	1	9.98%
12/10/2020	941	941	111	828	2	11.80%
12/11/2020	830	830	94	735	1	11.33%
12/12/2020	571	571	66	505	0	11.56%
12/13/2020	584	584	65	519	0	11.13%
12/14/2020	788	788	98	689	1	12.44%

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24996	Bradenton Convention Center					
Total			**Monthly**			
Not Detected	21985			*Total*	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Detected	2922		**Oct**	1517	170	11.21%
Inconclusive	89		**Nov**	13389	1478	11.04%
% Positivity	11.69%		**Dec**	10090	1274	12.63%
	25163	24996	2922	21985	89	11.69%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	137	137	13	124	0	9.49%
10/27/2020	280	280	27	253	0	9.64%
10/28/2020	307	307	33	274	0	10.75%
10/29/2020	242	242	32	210	0	13.22%
10/30/2020	281	281	34	247	0	12.10%
10/31/2020	270	270	31	239	0	11.48%
11/1/2020	251	251	29	222	0	11.55%
11/2/2020	455	455	46	409	0	10.11%
11/3/2020	381	381	38	343	0	9.97%
11/4/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/5/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/6/2020	377	377	43	334	0	11.41%
11/7/2020	288	288	24	264	0	8.33%
11/8/2020	167	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	#N/A
11/9/2020	375	375	46	329	0	12.27%
11/10/2020	381	381	51	330	0	13.39%
11/11/2020	57	57	9	48	0	15.79%
11/12/2020	246	246	36	210	0	14.63%
11/13/2020	485	485	66	419	0	13.61%
11/14/2020	403	403	48	354	1	11.91%
11/15/2020	439	439	44	394	1	10.02%
11/16/2020	551	551	71	479	1	12.89%
11/17/2020	474	474	55	414	5	11.60%
11/18/2020	497	497	42	451	4	8.45%
11/19/2020	558	558	73	484	1	13.08%
11/20/2020	712	712	63	648	1	8.85%

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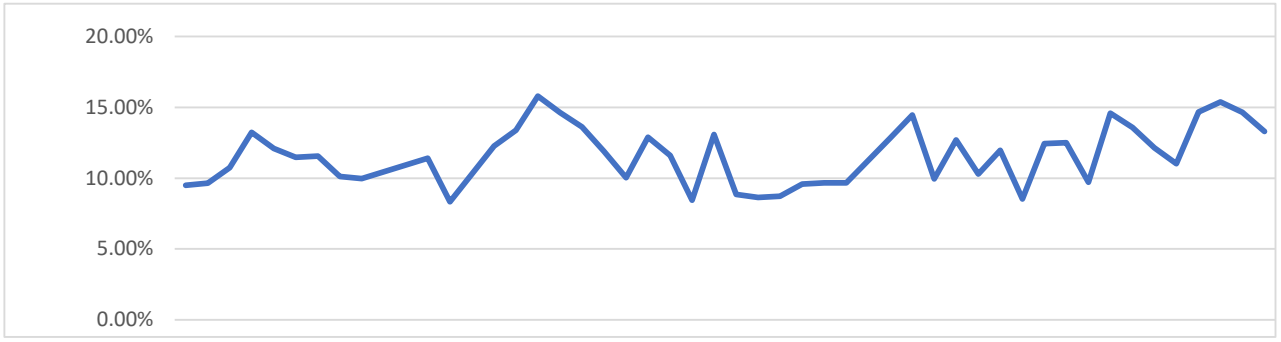
11/21/2020	591	591	51	538	2	8.63%
11/22/2020	608	608	53	554	1	8.72%
11/23/2020	720	720	69	641	10	9.58%
11/24/2020	849	849	82	766	1	9.66%
11/25/2020	827	827	80	745	2	9.67%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	787	787	101	681	5	12.83%
11/28/2020	609	609	88	521	0	14.45%
11/29/2020	593	593	59	532	2	9.95%
11/30/2020	875	875	111	762	2	12.69%
12/1/2020	739	739	76	660	3	10.28%
12/2/2020	568	568	68	495	5	11.97%
12/3/2020	644	644	55	587	2	8.54%
12/4/2020	724	724	90	626	8	12.43%
12/5/2020	608	608	76	527	5	12.50%
12/6/2020	494	494	48	441	5	9.72%
12/7/2020	837	837	122	711	4	14.58%
12/8/2020	803	803	109	689	5	13.57%
12/9/2020	774	774	94	676	4	12.14%
12/10/2020	798	798	88	707	3	11.03%
12/11/2020	873	873	128	745	0	14.66%
12/12/2020	728	728	112	613	3	15.38%
12/13/2020	635	635	93	542	0	14.65%
12/14/2020	865	865	115	747	3	13.29%



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28853

CDR MAGUIRE - MIAMI BEACH ANTIGEN TESTING

Total	
Not Detected	26169
Detected	2558
Inconclusive	126
% Positivity	8.87%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	2079	138	6.64%
Nov	16277	1562	9.60%
Dec	10497	858	8.17%

	28852	28853	2558	26169	126	8.87%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/21/2020	2	2	1	1	0	50.00%
10/22/2020	229	229	17	212	0	7.42%
10/23/2020	313	313	17	296	0	5.43%
10/24/2020	184	184	17	167	0	9.24%
10/25/2020	118	118	7	111	0	5.93%
10/26/2020	180	180	6	174	0	3.33%
10/27/2020	161	161	14	147	0	8.70%
10/28/2020	102	102	8	94	0	7.84%
10/29/2020	273	273	18	255	0	6.59%
10/30/2020	276	276	18	257	1	6.52%
10/31/2020	241	241	15	225	1	6.22%
11/1/2020	271	271	16	247	8	5.90%
11/2/2020	312	312	23	289	0	7.37%
11/3/2020	350	350	21	328	1	6.00%
11/4/2020	354	357	28	322	7	7.84%
11/5/2020	442	442	44	394	4	9.95%
11/6/2020	414	414	38	370	6	9.18%
11/7/2020	427	427	51	369	7	11.94%
11/8/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/10/2020	221	223	35	186	2	15.70%
11/11/2020	500	500	66	429	5	13.20%
11/12/2020	437	437	47	388	2	10.76%
11/13/2020	457	457	38	416	3	8.32%

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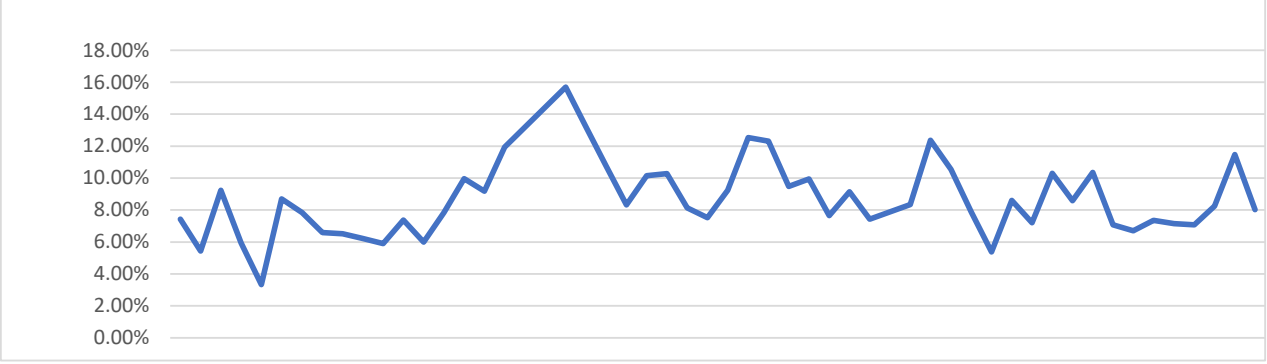
11/14/2020	453	453	46	407	0	10.15%
11/15/2020	467	467	48	419	0	10.28%
11/16/2020	593	590	48	542	0	8.14%
11/17/2020	359	359	27	332	0	7.52%
11/18/2020	834	834	77	752	5	9.23%
11/19/2020	790	790	99	689	2	12.53%
11/20/2020	918	918	113	803	2	12.31%
11/21/2020	792	792	75	716	1	9.47%
11/22/2020	805	805	80	718	7	9.94%
11/23/2020	1008	1007	77	930	0	7.65%
11/24/2020	1093	1093	100	991	2	9.15%
11/25/2020	995	995	74	921	0	7.44%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	876	876	73	799	4	8.33%
11/28/2020	720	720	89	627	4	12.36%
11/29/2020	740	740	78	662	0	10.54%
11/30/2020	648	648	51	596	1	7.87%
12/1/2020	540	540	29	511	0	5.37%
12/2/2020	640	640	55	585	0	8.59%
12/3/2020	806	806	58	746	2	7.20%
12/4/2020	826	826	85	728	13	10.29%
12/5/2020	722	722	62	653	7	8.59%
12/6/2020	705	705	73	626	6	10.35%
12/7/2020	693	693	49	641	3	7.07%
12/8/2020	671	671	45	621	5	6.71%
12/9/2020	734	734	54	678	2	7.36%
12/10/2020	769	769	55	713	1	7.15%
12/11/2020	849	849	60	788	1	7.07%
12/12/2020	872	872	72	798	2	8.26%
12/13/2020	785	785	90	689	6	11.46%
12/14/2020	885	885	71	811	3	8.02%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

13775

MIRAMAR

Total	
Not Detected	12373
Detected	1364
Inconclusive	38
% Positivity	9.90%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	432	19	4.40%
Nov	7946	773	9.73%
Dec	5397	572	10.60%

	13779	13775	1364	12373	38	9.90%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	24	24	1	23	0	4.17%
10/27/2020	64	64	4	60	0	6.25%
10/28/2020	69	69	4	64	1	5.80%
10/29/2020	109	109	3	106	0	2.75%
10/30/2020	117	117	4	113	0	3.42%
10/31/2020	49	49	3	46	0	6.12%
11/1/2020	80	80	6	74	0	7.50%
11/2/2020	128	128	8	120	0	6.25%
11/3/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/4/2020	160	160	13	145	2	8.13%
11/5/2020	148	148	13	135	0	8.78%
11/6/2020	186	186	22	163	1	11.83%
11/7/2020	178	178	12	166	0	6.74%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	209	209	27	182	0	12.92%
11/11/2020	307	307	32	275	0	10.42%
11/12/2020	238	238	22	216	0	9.24%
11/13/2020	257	257	19	236	2	7.39%
11/14/2020	274	274	21	250	3	7.66%
11/15/2020	322	322	17	299	6	5.28%
11/16/2020	326	326	40	285	1	12.27%
11/17/2020	374	374	37	337	0	9.89%
11/18/2020	327	327	32	293	2	9.79%

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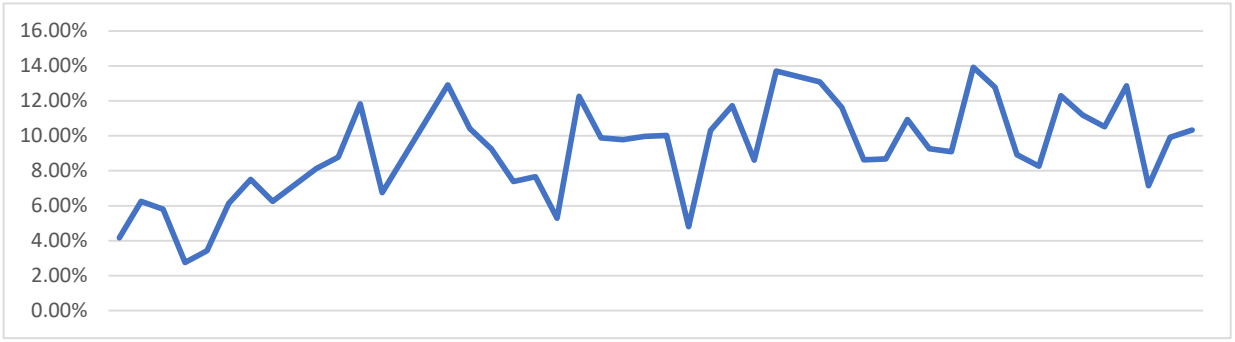
11/19/2020	371	371	37	333	1	9.97%
11/20/2020	429	429	43	385	1	10.02%
11/21/2020	375	375	18	356	1	4.80%
11/22/2020	321	320	33	286	1	10.31%
11/23/2020	375	375	44	330	1	11.73%
11/24/2020	419	418	36	382	0	8.61%
11/25/2020	541	540	74	463	3	13.70%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	360	359	47	312	0	13.09%
11/28/2020	413	413	48	362	3	11.62%
11/29/2020	394	394	34	360	0	8.63%
11/30/2020	438	438	38	394	6	8.68%
12/1/2020	439	439	48	391	0	10.93%
12/2/2020	410	410	38	372	0	9.27%
12/3/2020	363	363	33	329	1	9.09%
12/4/2020	395	395	55	340	0	13.92%
12/5/2020	454	454	58	396	0	12.78%
12/6/2020	381	381	34	347	0	8.92%
12/7/2020	339	339	28	310	1	8.26%
12/8/2020	415	415	51	364	0	12.29%
12/9/2020	384	384	43	341	0	11.20%
12/10/2020	361	361	38	323	0	10.53%
12/11/2020	381	381	49	331	1	12.86%
12/12/2020	392	392	28	364	0	7.14%
12/13/2020	383	383	38	345	0	9.92%
12/14/2020	300	300	31	269	0	10.33%



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

11762 Opa Locka - Sherbondy

Total	
Not Detected	10331
Detected	1393
Inconclusive	38
% Positivity	11.84%

Monthly			
	Total	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Oct	593	22	3.71%
Nov	6175	707	11.45%
Dec	4994	664	13.30%

	11767	11762	1393	10331	38	11.84%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	2	2	0	2	0	0.00%
10/27/2020	102	102	6	94	2	5.88%
10/28/2020	79	79	5	74	0	6.33%
10/29/2020	111	111	3	108	0	2.70%
10/30/2020	200	200	2	198	0	1.00%
10/31/2020	99	99	6	93	0	6.06%
11/1/2020	81	81	9	72	0	11.11%
11/2/2020	225	225	14	211	0	6.22%
11/3/2020	169	169	13	155	1	7.69%
11/4/2020	135	135	15	120	0	11.11%
11/5/2020	158	158	10	147	1	6.33%
11/6/2020	220	220	32	187	1	14.55%
11/7/2020	205	205	15	190	0	7.32%
11/8/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/9/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/10/2020	239	239	31	208	0	12.97%
11/11/2020	268	268	41	227	0	15.30%
11/12/2020	173	173	10	163	0	5.78%
11/13/2020	229	229	26	203	0	11.35%
11/14/2020	152	152	22	130	0	14.47%
11/15/2020	193	193	16	177	0	8.29%
11/16/2020	238	238	25	212	1	10.50%
11/17/2020	267	267	27	239	1	10.11%
11/18/2020	280	280	29	250	1	10.36%
11/19/2020	271	271	23	248	0	8.49%
11/20/2020	280	279	29	250	0	10.39%

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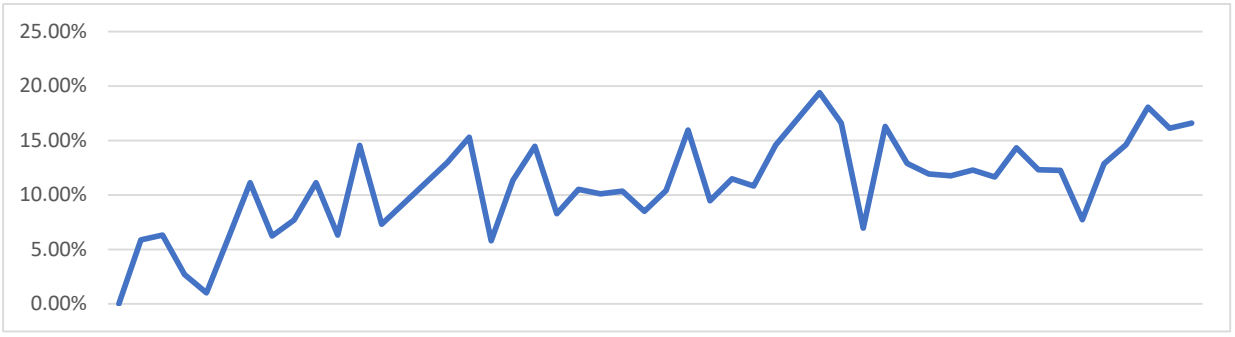
11/21/2020	257	257	41	215	1	15.95%
11/22/2020	190	190	18	172	0	9.47%
11/23/2020	342	340	39	300	1	11.47%
11/24/2020	314	314	34	277	3	10.83%
11/25/2020	248	247	36	211	0	14.57%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	165	165	32	132	1	19.39%
11/28/2020	277	277	46	231	0	16.61%
11/29/2020	259	259	18	237	4	6.95%
11/30/2020	344	344	56	286	2	16.28%
12/1/2020	372	372	48	322	2	12.90%
12/2/2020	352	352	42	310	0	11.93%
12/3/2020	307	306	36	270	0	11.76%
12/4/2020	334	334	41	293	0	12.28%
12/5/2020	318	318	37	281	0	11.64%
12/6/2020	307	307	44	263	0	14.33%
12/7/2020	333	333	41	287	5	12.31%
12/8/2020	432	432	53	376	3	12.27%
12/9/2020	375	375	29	345	1	7.73%
12/10/2020	365	365	47	318	0	12.88%
12/11/2020	370	370	54	315	1	14.59%
12/12/2020	404	404	73	331	0	18.07%
12/13/2020	304	304	49	252	3	16.12%
12/14/2020	422	422	70	349	3	16.59%



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18559	Sarasota County Robert L Taylor Community Center					
Total			**Monthly**			
Not Detected	16804			*Total*	*Detected*	*% Positivity*
Detected	1737		**Oct**	972	63	6.48%
Inconclusive	18		**Nov**	11160	1115	9.99%
% Positivity	9.36%		**Dec**	6427	559	8.70%
	18595	18559	1737	16804	18	9.36%

Date Collected	# Collected	# Resulted	# Positive	# Negative	# Inconclusive	% Positivity/Day
10/26/2020	86	86	5	81	0	5.81%
10/27/2020	154	154	9	145	0	5.84%
10/28/2020	208	208	12	196	0	5.77%
10/29/2020	204	204	19	185	0	9.31%
10/30/2020	203	203	11	192	0	5.42%
10/31/2020	117	117	7	110	0	5.98%
11/1/2020	84	84	6	78	0	7.14%
11/2/2020	283	283	24	259	0	8.48%
11/3/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/4/2020	Closed	0	0	0	0	#N/A
11/5/2020	312	312	28	284	0	8.97%
11/6/2020	297	297	26	271	0	8.75%
11/7/2020	199	199	15	184	0	7.54%
11/8/2020	131	131	12	119	0	9.16%
11/9/2020	304	304	30	274	0	9.87%
11/10/2020	313	313	40	272	1	12.78%
11/11/2020	23	23	2	21	0	8.70%
11/12/2020	320	320	27	293	0	8.44%
11/13/2020	473	468	32	435	1	6.84%
11/14/2020	222	221	20	201	0	9.05%
11/15/2020	222	222	24	198	0	10.81%
11/16/2020	436	431	61	370	0	14.15%
11/17/2020	436	435	29	406	0	6.67%
11/18/2020	493	492	38	454	0	7.72%
11/19/2020	556	554	44	509	1	7.94%
11/20/2020	628	626	71	552	3	11.34%
11/21/2020	486	483	82	399	2	16.98%
11/22/2020	497	494	82	412	0	16.60%
11/23/2020	750	748	63	682	3	8.42%
11/24/2020	839	836	100	736	0	11.96%
11/25/2020	852	850	55	794	1	6.47%
11/26/2020	Closed					#N/A
11/27/2020	659	659	90	569	0	13.66%

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11/28/2020	394	394	28	366	0	7.11%
11/29/2020	353	353	31	322	0	8.78%
11/30/2020	628	628	55	573	0	8.76%
12/1/2020	601	599	53	546	0	8.85%
12/2/2020	398	397	24	373	0	6.05%
12/3/2020	468	468	40	428	0	8.55%
12/4/2020	610	610	52	556	2	8.52%
12/5/2020	318	318	32	285	1	10.06%
12/6/2020	277	277	34	243	0	12.27%
12/7/2020	448	448	37	411	0	8.26%
12/8/2020	559	559	48	511	0	8.59%
12/9/2020	450	450	36	413	1	8.00%
12/10/2020	519	518	32	486	0	6.18%
12/11/2020	540	539	65	474	0	12.06%
12/12/2020	354	354	22	332	0	6.21%
12/13/2020	262	261	26	235	0	9.96%
12/14/2020	629	629	58	569	2	9.22%

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Violent Assemblies Proposal

- Creates a new crime for "*violent or disorderly assemblies*" where 7 or more persons are involved to cause damage to property or injury to other persons; this would be a 3rd degree felony
- Criminalizes obstructing roadways during a unpermitted protest, demonstration or a violent or disorderly assembly; also relieves a driver of liability if they unintentionally cause injury or death while attempting to flee
- Elevates throwing an object during a violent or disorderly assembly to a 1st degree misdemeanor and to a 3rd degree felony if the object strikes a person; and further elevates the offense if the object is thrown at or hits a law enforcement officer
- If a person strikes a law enforcement officer during a violent or disorderly assembly, the charge for that assault or battery is enhanced
- Criminalizes pulling down or destroying public property, including monuments, as a 2nd degree felony during a violent or disorderly assembly
- Criminalizes harassment by a participant in a violent or disorderly assembly of a person who is at a public accommodation such as a restaurant, punished as a 1st degree misdemeanor
- Enhances penalties for persons traveling from out-of-state to participate in a disorderly assembly
- Expands RICO liability for organizing or funding a disorderly assembly
- Also terminates a person from a government employee if convicted of participating in a violent or disorderly assembly or similar crime
- Establishes minimum mandatory sentences for a person sentenced to a crime related to participating in a violent or disorderly assembly
- Makes a person ineligible for bond or bail until first appearance of the case if charged with a crime related to participating in a violent or disorderly assembly
- Waives sovereign immunity for local governments if a person is victim to a crime related to a violent or disorderly assembly where there is gross negligence by the local government to police and protect the victim
- Expansion of Stand Your Ground for business owners to defend themselves and their businesses when faced with a forcible felony, which will include looting
- Prohibits generally any state grants or aid to a local government that reduces the budget for their law enforcement services ("defunds the police") by an amount greater than a proportionate decline in their revenues in a fiscal year.

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Outline for Legislative Proposal addressing Violent and Unlawful Assemblies
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Ch. 870 F.S. Affrays; Riots; Routs; Unlawful Assemblies
Ch. 870 F.S. currently includes prohibitions of:

- unlawful assemblies (3 or more persons breaching the peace or committing any unlawful act) as a 2nd degree misdemeanor
- riots (unlawful assembly to pull down or destroy a dwelling or vessel), or encouraging a riot, as a 3rd degree felony

Proposed language:
870.001 Definitions
For the purposes of this section:

(1) "violent or disorderly assembly" means the gathering of seven or more persons resulting in conduct which:
    (a) creates an immediate danger of damage to property or injury to persons;
    (b) substantially obstructs law enforcement or other governmental functions or services; or
    (c) by force, threat of force, or physical action deprives any person of a legal right or disturbs any person in the enjoyment of a legal right.
(2) "harass" means to engage in conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose.
(3) "intimidate" means to frighten or threaten someone for the purpose of coercing that person to take some action.
(4) "looting" means committing burglary within 500 feet of a violent or disorderly assembly.

870.025 – Violent or disorderly assemblies
Anyone who participates in a violent or disorderly assembly commits a felony in the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

870.015 Obstructing Roadways

(1) A person may not obstruct or interfere with the regular flow of vehicular traffic on a public road, street or highway during a protest or demonstration for which a public assembly permit has not been issued by a county or municipality. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
(2) A person may not obstruct or interfere with the regular flow of vehicular traffic on a public road, street or highway while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor in the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
(3) A motor vehicle operator who unintentionally causes injury or death to a person who obstructs or interferes with the regular flow of vehicular traffic in violation of subsection (1) or (2) is not liable for such injury or death.

870.016 Throwing Objects

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(1) Any person who throws an object at another while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly commits a misdemeanor in the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. If that objects hits an individual, the person who threw the object commits a felony in the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(2) Any person who throws an object at an individual listed in s. 784.07(2) and defined in s. 784.07(1) while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly commits a felony in the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If that objects hits an individual listed in s. 784.07(2) and defined in s. 784.07(1), the person who threw the object commits a felony in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Alternative to 870.016 Throwing Objects. This would add extra enhancements for all assaults and batteries against LEOs (and others as defined in the statute), not just thrown objects.

784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers . . . .

(4) Whenever a person is charged with an assault or battery and whose charged offense is enhanced under subsection (2) of this section and who committed that assault or battery while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly, the offense for which the person is charged will be further reclassified as follows:
  (a) in the case of an assault, from a misdemeanor in the first degree, to a felony in the third degree;
  (b) in the case of a battery, from a felony in the third degree, to a felony in the second degree;
  (c) in the case of an aggravated assault, from a felony in the second degree, to a felony in the first degree;
  (d) in the case of an aggravated battery, from a felony in the first degree to a life felony.

870.017 Damage to Property

(1) Any person who, while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly, demolishes, pulls down, destroys, or defaces public property, including but not limited to a monument or statue, commits a felony in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
(2) Any person who violates s. 872.02(2) while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly commits a felony in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

870.018 Intimidation and Harassment

Any person who, while participating in a violent or disorderly assembly, intimidates or harasses individuals present at a public accommodation as defined in s. 760.02(11) and not participating in the violent or disorderly assembly commits a misdemeanor in the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

870.019 Traveling From Outside the State

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Any person who travels from outside the state for the purpose of participating in a violent or disorderly assembly commits a misdemeanor in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

[**Note** if this provision is understood to criminalize travel between states, an alternative is to instead provide for a penalty enhancement for these types of crimes committed by person traveling from out-of-state to participate in an assembly reasonably likely to become unlawful]

Ch. 895 Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts (also known as RICO)
Florida's RICO statute defines racketeering activity to be one of fifty existing crimes.

Proposed language:
895.02 – Definitions.
(8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or intimidate another person to commit:
(a) Any crime that is chargeable by petition, indictment, or information under the following provisions of the Florida Statutes:
51. Section 870.02 and 870.03

[**Note** in the alternative, a possible new crime may be able to be created as follows:
(c) Organizing and funding a violent or disorderly assembly, including but not limited to providing money, transportation, lodging, food, or other resources to a person or group to support participants in a violent or disorderly assembly.]

Other Relevant Florida Statutes
414.095 – Determining eligibility for temporary cash assistance.
(2)(c) A person convicted of violating any part of chapter 870, is ineligible to receive benefits under this chapter.

[**Note** in the alternative a provision similar to the above could be placed in each program's eligibility statute OR one blanket ineligibility statute could be written into F.S. 870 similar to the one below. Need to consider whether the State is permitted to limit access to federally funded benefit programs, it remains unclear at this time whether the State can impose these restrictions.]

870.09 – Ineligibility for certain public benefits.
A person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to violating any part of this chapter, except for s. 870.01, is ineligible to receive benefits under the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, or Reemployment Assistance Benefits.

443.101 Disqualification for benefits.
(13) An individual that has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal violation of chapter 870, except s. 870.02, is ineligible for reemployment assistance benefits.

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112.3171 – Participating in a riot or violent or disorderly assembly.
Any state or local government employee found guilty of participating in a riot or violent or disorderly assembly may not maintain employment with any state or local government entity.

775.0878 – Participating in a riot or violent or disorderly assembly; minimum mandatories.

(1) In any case in which a person has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to violating any part of chapter 870, except for s. 870.01, the following minimum mandatory sentences apply:
    a. if the offense is a second degree misdemeanor, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 15 days in county jail;
    b. if the offense is a first degree misdemeanor, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 90 days in county jail;
    c. if the offense is a third degree felony, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 1 year in prison;
    d. if the offense is a second degree felony, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 5 years in prison;
    e. if the offense is a first degree felony, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 10 years in prison; and
    f. if the offense is a life felony, the defendant must be sentenced to at least 20 years in prison.
(2) If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum sentence must be imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment pursuant to this section are less than the sentences that could be imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by the court must include the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment as required in this section.

903.046 Purpose of and criteria for bail determination.
(n) Whether the crime charged is a violation of chapter 870 or alleged to be subject to enhanced punishment under chapter 775.0878. If any such violation is charged against a defendant or if the defendant is charged with a crime that is alleged to be subject to such enhancement or reclassification, he or she is not eligible for release on bail or surety bond until the first appearance on the case in order to ensure the full participation of the prosecutor and the protection of the public.

268.028 Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions . . .
(15)(a) No action may be brought against the state or any of its agencies or subdivisions by anyone who unlawfully participates in a riot, unlawful assembly, public demonstration, mob violence, or civil disobedience if the claim arises out of such riot, unlawful assembly, public demonstration, mob violence, or civil disobedience. Nothing in this act shall abridge traditional immunities pertaining to statements made in court.
(b) Local governments have a duty of reasonable care to protect individuals present within their borders from being harmed or suffering property damage caused by participants in a riot or violent or disorderly assembly. A person who was the victim of a crime defined in ch. 870 may recover from a local government pursuant to this chapter for damages that

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resulted from the gross negligence of that local government in policing a riot or violent or disorderly assembly.

[**Note** over three decades ago, the supreme court "h[e]ld that there has never been a common law duty to individual citizens for the enforcement of police power functions." *Trianon Park Condo. Ass'n, Inc. v. City of Hialeah*, 468 So. 2d 912, 914–15 (Fla. 1985). To allow citizens to sue a local government for failing to protect the citizen from damages caused by a violent or disorderly assembly, we would need to create a statutory duty or a special relationship. If you want greater detail on this, see the Fla. House staff analysis for HB 3517 (2016), at 4–8, https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=h3517.CJS.DOCX&DocumentType=Analysis&BillNumber=3517&Session=2016.]

[Below is the proposed method for reducing funding for local governments that make disproportionate decreases in local law enforcement funding. It would be part of the implementing bill for the GAA.]

In order to implement Specific Appropriations of the 2021–22 General Appropriations Act that are appropriated from state funding sources to each state agency for distribution to local governments and other local political subdivisions, state agencies must ensure that no funds are distributed to a local governmental entity that reduced or otherwise redirected funding for a local law enforcement agency under its jurisdiction. Distribution of funds to the local governmental entity is contingent upon the entity annually certifying to each state agency through which it receives any state funds that there have been no disproportionate funding reductions to the local government's law enforcement agencies. A certification must include a statement that any reduction in funding or proposed funding is a result of reduced revenue collection and is proportionate to that reduction in revenue. A reduction in law enforcement funding is proportionate if the portion of the local government's total budget allocated to law enforcement agencies, expressed as a percentage, remains within three percentage points of the percentage decrease in total revenue from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year.

166.241 Fiscal years, budgets, and budget amendments.
(5) Each October 15, the municipality must certify to each state agency through which it receives any state funds that there has been no disproportionate funding reductions to the municipality's law enforcement agencies. The certification must include a statement that any reduction in funding or proposed funding is a result of reduced revenue collection and is proportionate to that reduction in revenue. A reduction in law enforcement funding is proportionate if the portion of the local government's total budget allocated to law enforcement agencies, expressed as a percentage, remains within three percentage points of the percentage decrease in total revenue from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year. A municipality that has disproportionately reduced its law enforcement funding is not eligible to receive state funds.

129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.
(3)(e) Each October 15, the county must certify to each state agency through which it receives any state funds that there has been no disproportionate funding reductions to the county's law enforcement agencies. The certification must include a statement that any reduction in funding or proposed funding is a result of reduced revenue collection and is

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proportionate to that reduction in revenue. A reduction in law enforcement funding is proportionate if the portion of the county's total budget allocated to law enforcement agencies, expressed as a percentage, remains within three percentage points of the percentage decrease in total revenue from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year. A county that has disproportionately reduced its law enforcement funding is not eligible to receive state funds.

Stand Your Ground Amendments

776.08 Forcible felony.

. . . device or bomb; looting; criminal mischief that results in the interruption or impairment of a business operation; arson that results in the interruption or impairment of a business operation; and any other felony . . . .

[**Note** Arguably, SYG already covers both business owners threatened by imminent looting (looting is burglary) and a person caught in/threatened by a violent or disorderly assembly. *See* §§ 776.012, .031. However, adding these crimes to the forcible felony list ensures that business owners faced with imminent burglary/looting can use deadly force to defend their businesses. *See* § 776.031(2) ("A person is justified in using or threatening to use deadly force only if he or she reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony.").]

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Legislative Priority Talking Points
September 21, 2020

- One of our most cherished rights as Americans is the right to "peaceably . . . assemble", bestowed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

- However, we have seen throughout the country in recent months that there are professional agitators, bent on causing mayhem, who use peaceful demonstrations as cover to sow disorder and commit acts of violence and destruction in our cities.

- In Florida, I will not allow this kind of violence to occur in our communities on my watch.

- Earlier this summer, violent and disorderly assemblies broke out in some communities across our state, resulting in several arrests, injuries, and damage to businesses, as well as personal and public property.

- In Tampa, forty businesses were looted. Five were set on fire. One burned to the ground. All in one night.

- Today, we are joined by <NAME> whose business in <CITY> was <DAMAGED/DESTROYED> during a violent demonstration that occurred there.

- Not far from Tampa, in Orlando, demonstrators blocked I-4 and threw rocks, bottles, and construction equipment, targeting civilians and law enforcement alike.

- In Miami, protestors targeted our law enforcement officers, throwing rocks and bottles at them, and even set squad cars on fire outside Police headquarters.

- During a violent protest in Jacksonville, a protestor sent a police officer to the hospital when he attacked him, repeatedly punching him in the back of the head and neck.

- There is no excuse for violence and destruction like this.

- In the 2021 Legislative Session, slated to convene March of next year, I am proposing legislation to prevent these unlawful and disorderly assemblies that devolve into violent and unruly public chaos.

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- **This legislation will strengthen the protection of private property rights and, most importantly, the right for individuals to protect themselves and their businesses from out of control mobs.**

- **Specifically, I am proposing the following:**

- **It will be a felony to participate in a violent or disorderly assembly. This means if you gather with a group of people and do any of the following, you are facing a felony criminal charge:**

    - **Create an immediate danger of damage of property or injury to another person;**

    - **Substantially obstruct law enforcement or other government functions; or**

    - **Deprive another person of a legal right by force, threat of force, or physical action.**

- **Further, a conviction of this offense will carry a minimum mandatory sentence. If you are convicted of sowing chaos in your community under this law, you will serve time behind bars, period.**

- **Next, this proposed legislation will end the practice of violent protestors blocking traffic on our roadways. This behavior is extremely dangerous both to the protestors in the street and to motorists who are caught in the middle of the chaos that is created.**

    - **A person who obstructs traffic during an unlawful protest or demonstration will be charged with a crime, and that crime will also carry a minimum mandatory jail term.**

    - **And, importantly, if a motorist is attempting to flee from the chaos of an illegal protest or demonstration on a roadway and unintentionally harms a protestor, the law will protect that motorist.**

- **If a protestor throws an object during an unlawful assembly, they will face criminal charges. If they hit someone with a thrown object, they will face a felony. And if they hit a law enforcement officer, they will face heightened charges and longer jail time with minimum mandatory sentences imposed.**

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- **But we can't stop short of addressing the most egregious influences behind some of these violent demonstrations – the organized, well-funded groups that support those who create chaos in our streets.**
    - **If an organization funds a violent or disorderly assembly, including the transportation and lodging of those participants, that organization will be subject to Florida's racketeering laws, also known as RICO.**
    - **This tool will strengthen the ability of law enforcement to investigate the networks of money funding these violent, unlawful demonstrations and trace that network back to the funding sources that seek to sow disorder in our communities.**
- **I want to make it very clear, Florida will not tolerate violent and unlawful demonstrations on our streets and in our communities.**
- **Further, individuals who are convicted of these crimes will be ineligible for employment in any public sector job – such as a city, county, or state government job.**
- **And, importantly, individuals who are arrested for these offenses while engaging in an unlawful and violent assembly will not be released on bail until they have had their first appearance before a judge – so that they don't return to the streets, often the very next day, to rejoin their unlawful assembly.**
- **Businesses are hit hard by violent looters, and business owners will have the protection of the law to defend themselves and their property during violent demonstrations. A business owner seeking to protect their business may use force, up to as severe as lethal force, to protect their property.**
- **During turbulent times we need law enforcement to keep our communities safe, and that has never been clearer than over the past several months.**
- **Defunding the police is never an acceptable outcome in the interest of public safety, but during times of community disorder and heightened tensions it is even more counterintuitive and outright dangerous.**

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- **This legislative proposal will include provisions that will make any city or county that chooses to defund their police ineligible to receive any state grant or aid, and I will also include these provisions in my budget recommendations that will be released to the Legislature early next year.**

- **This will ensure that local governments who subscribe to politically expedient talking points, like "defund the police", face real fiscal consequences for their actions that endanger the public.**

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CDC Reverses Course and Follows Florida's Lead Prioritizing "Seniors First" for Vaccinations

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) announced new vaccine deployment recommendations that mirror Florida's unique strategy. Florida's fifth week of vaccine distribution is currently underway, and the state has continued to prioritize vaccine access to seniors age 65 and older – a strategy that initially went above and beyond recommended guidelines issued by the federal government.

Florida has vaccinated nearly 350,000 seniors – more than any other state in the nation that's reporting updates on this critical effort.

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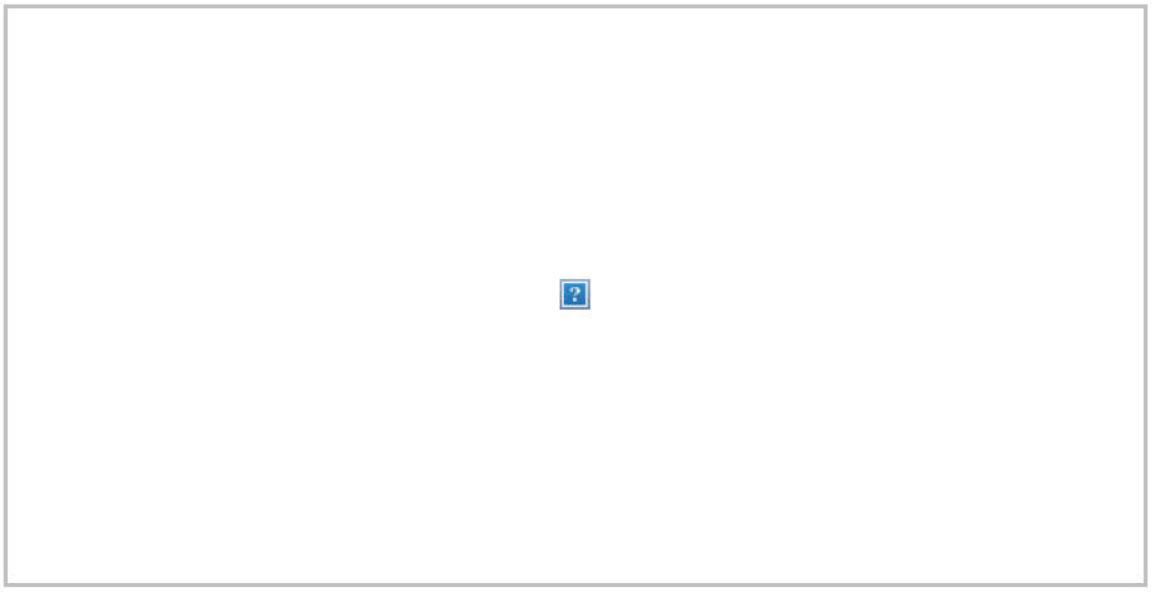

Our state is home to more than 4.5 million seniors, and both nationwide and in Florida, seniors 65 and older have accounted for more than 80% of all COVID related deaths. The Governor has made it clear this population is his top priority.

Innovative pilot programs, such as the ones we've launched with Publix as well as with our places of worship, will ensure the vaccine is as accessible as possible and incentivize swift deployment by our partners on the ground. The state has also worked across sectors to develop innovative and unique sites to increase vaccine access statewide. Such locations include:

- Places of Worship
- State-Run Testing Sites
- Partnership with Publix
- Supplementing LTC Facility Federal Efforts
- Senior Living Communities

As vaccine distribution expands to wider populations, Florida will continue this stride and develop multi-faceted resources to ensure Floridians have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information on vaccines and access, please visit the Florida Department of Health.

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Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020 6:41:13 PM
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Can we discuss this next week?

Looping in Michelle to assist in coordinating a call time.

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> FYI keeping Trustees informed – please reach out with any questions – thank you.
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Current version of Cash Balance. Please review and recommend any changes you think are necessary for your agency to implement the bill. I would like to hear from each agency no later than Friday, December 18, 2020. I appreciate your timely attention to this request.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to retirement; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating s. 121.601, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 121.602, F.S.; directing the State Board of Administration to establish a cash balance plan for members of the Florida Retirement System; specifying requirements for the cash balance plan; prescribing procedures for a pension plan or investment plan member to transfer to the cash balance plan; specifying requirements and limitations governing such transfers; requiring the Division of Retirement and the state board to take certain action in effectuating such transfers; providing for nonapplicability of certain provisions under specified circumstances; providing procedures governing a member's election to participate in, or default into, specified retirement plans in the Florida Retirement System; specifying requirements and limitations; requiring employee and employer contributions be made to the cash balance plan in a specified manner; requiring the state board and the third-party administrator to take certain action with respect to such contributions; specifying terms governing annuity savings account credits and employer retirement annuity credits; providing vesting requirements for employee and employer credits; providing for forfeiture of credits under specified circumstances; specifying the manner of benefit payments, and applicable requirements and limitations,

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under the cash balance plan; prescribing requirements governing the submission of applications for retirement benefits; authorizing the state board and the third-party administrator to take certain action regarding distributions; providing for the payment of disability benefits for cash balance plan members who meet certain criteria; providing for the payment of death benefits for a beneficiary of a cash balance plan member; prescribing requirements and limitations governing the payment of such benefits; specifying the application of law governing beneficiary designation and the purchase of creditable service; specifying eligibility for the retiree health insurance subsidy and social security for cash balance plan members, subject to specified limitations; providing for education requirements for cash balance plan members; requiring the state board to provide certain quarterly statements to cash balance plan members; specifying application of requirements under federal law to the cash balance plan; authorizing the state board to adopt certain rules, subject to specified limitations; specifying applicable law governing the plan's administration; providing requirements regarding the fiduciary standards and responsibilities in administering the plan; requiring an annual actuarial study of the plan; requiring the Investment Advisory Council to make certain recommendations regarding the plan to the state board; requiring plan investments to be made in accordance with an investment policy

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statement; providing procedures for any amendments to the investment policy statement; amending s. 112.363, F.S.; modifying provisions governing eligibility for the retiree health insurance subsidy to reflect the establishment of the cash balance plan; amending ss. 121.011, 121.012, and 121.021, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.051, F.S.; closing enrollment in the pension plan for members eligible for certain optional retirement programs who are initially enrolled in a covered position on or after a specified date; authorizing participation in specified plans for employees who meet certain criteria; amending s. 121.052, F.S.; removing authorization for an elected officer to elect membership in the Senior Management Service Class on or after a specified date; amending s. 121.055, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; amending ss. 121.091, 121.122, 121.151, and 121.35, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.4501, F.S.; specifying requirements for a retirement plan election for members who enroll on or after a specified date; providing that members who fail to make a timely election default into the investment plan; providing for the payment and transfer of specified employee and employer contributions; closing enrollment in the pension plan for certain employees initially enrolled in the system on and after a specified date; revising provisions governing transfers between retirement

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plans within the Florida Retirement System and optional retirement programs to conform to the establishment of the cash balance plan; authorizing the state board to develop investment products to be offered in the investment plan; revising duties of the state board regarding the education component to conform to the establishment of the cash balance plan; modifying procedures governing the designation of a beneficiary other than the member's spouse; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.70, F.S.; revising legislative intent and purpose to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.71, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 121.721, F.S.; prescribing the manner of crediting cash balance plan member accounts with service credits; specifying employee and employer contribution rates; prescribing the manner of crediting interest credits to member accounts; amending ss. 121.73 and 121.735, F.S.; providing for allocations for disability coverage and line-of-duty death benefits, respectively, for cash balance plan member accounts; amending s. 121.74, F.S.; revising the employment assessment rate offsetting administrative and educational expenses as of a specified date; amending s. 121.76, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.78, F.S.; modifying provisions governing the payment and distribution of specified contributions and payment of certain assessments and

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delinquency fees to retirement plan accounts; specifying a cash balance plan member's responsibility in returning excess contributions under certain circumstances; amending s. 216.136, F.S.; modifying certain duties of the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference to conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 238.072 and 413.051, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a declaration of important state interest; adjusting employer contribution rates for unfunded actuarial liability as of a specified date; requesting the Division of Law Revision to adjust employer contribution rates with any other rate changes; requiring the state board to request a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, or a legal opinion from another party under certain circumstances; providing for nonapplicability of any provision of the act if certain conditions are met; requiring the state board to notify the Legislature of any disqualifying provision; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Division of Law Revision is directed to redesignate present part III of chapter 121, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 121.70-121.78, Florida Statutes, as part IV, and to create a new part III of chapter 121, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 121.601 and 121.602, Florida Statutes, to be

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entitled "Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan."

Section 2. Section 121.601, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

121.601 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(1) "Active member" means a member who is actively employed by a participating employer.

(2) "Annuity savings account" means the account maintained for member contributions.

(3) "Approved provider" means a private sector company that is selected and approved by the state board to offer annuity products to the cash balance plan.

(4) "Cash balance plan" means the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan created under this part.

(5) "Covered employment" means employment in a regularly established position, as defined in s. 121.021(52).

(6) "Covered position" means a position with a covered employer that is eligible for membership in the Florida Retirement System.

(7) "De minimis account" means an account containing employer and employee contributions of up to $5,000 made under this chapter.

(8) "Electronic means" means telephone transmission if the required information is received on a recorded line, or the Internet if the required information is captured online.

(9) "Eligible employee" means an officer or employee, as defined in s. 121.021(11), who:

(a) Is a member of, or is eligible for membership in, the Florida Retirement System, including a renewed member of the Florida Retirement System initially enrolled before July 1,

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2010; or

(b) Participates in, or is eligible to participate in, the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program established under s. 121.055(6), the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program established under s. 121.051(2)(c), or the State University System Optional Retirement Program established under s. 121.35.

The term does not include a member participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program established under s. 121.091(13), a retiree of a state-administered retirement system initially reemployed in a regularly established position on or after July 1, 2010, or a compulsory participant in the State University System Optional Retirement Program established under s. 121.35.

(10) "Member" or "employee" means an eligible employee who enrolls in the cash balance plan as provided in this section, or a beneficiary or an alternate payee of a member or an employee.

(11) "Member contributions" or "employee contributions" means the sum of all amounts deducted from the salary of a member by his or her employer in accordance with s. 121.71(3) and credited to his or her individual annuity savings account in the cash balance plan, plus any interest credits on such amounts and any contributions specified in s. 121.602(4), (5), and (6).

(12) "Normal retirement age" means the date a member attains his or her normal retirement date as provided in this section, or the date a member is vested, whichever is later.

(13) "Normal retirement date" means the date a member attains normal retirement age and is vested pursuant to this part.

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(14) "Quarter" means the 3-month period ending on the last business day of September, December, March, and June of each fiscal year.

(15) "Retiree" means a former member of the cash balance plan who has terminated employment and taken a benefit as provided in s. 121.602(8), other than a mandatory distribution of a de minimis account authorized by the state board or a minimum required distribution provided pursuant to s. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(16) "Retirement annuity account" means the account established for the employer credits of a member.

(17) "Terminated" or "termination" means when a member ceases all employment relationships with participating employers for 3 calendar months. However, if a member is employed by a participating employer within the next 6 calendar months, termination is deemed not to have occurred. A leave of absence constitutes a continuation of the employment relationship, except that a leave of absence without pay due to disability may constitute termination if such member applies and is approved for disability retirement in accordance with s. 121.602(9). The department or the state board may require other evidence of termination as it deems necessary.

(18) "Vested" or "vesting" means the guarantee that a member is eligible to receive a future retirement benefit upon completion of the required years of service for the employee's class of membership even though the member may have terminated covered employment before reaching the normal or early retirement date. Under the cash balance plan, a member is deemed to be vested and to have met the required years of service after

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completing 5 years of creditable service.

Section 3. Section 121.602, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

121.602 Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan.—

(1) CREATION.—The Trustees of the State Board of Administration shall establish a cash balance program called the "Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan" for members of the Florida Retirement System under which retirement benefits will be provided for eligible employees who elect to participate in the plan.

(a) The plan must be a qualified governmental plan pursuant to ss. 401(a) and 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations. Assets of the plan shall be held in trust for the Florida Retirement System. The employer and employee shall make contributions, as provided in this section and ss. 121.571 and 121.71, to the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Trust Fund to fund the benefits of the plan.

(b) The state board shall establish a retirement annuity account for each member of the cash balance plan, which must be credited with employer credits plus interest credits on those credits. The retirement annuity account must be used to determine the amount of a lump-sum distribution or an annuity benefit for a vested member upon retirement as provided under this part.

(c) The state board shall establish an annuity savings account for each member of the plan, which shall be credited with employee contributions plus interest credits on those contributions. For a vested member, the annuity savings account must be used to fund the member's lump-sum distribution or

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annuity benefits upon retirement.

(d) The design and administration of the plan must comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Legislature may amend the plan to comply with applicable federal laws and regulations.

(2) RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT; TRANSFER OF BENEFITS.—

(a) A member of the pension plan or the investment plan who is employed in a regularly established position with a participating employer may elect to:

1. Retain membership in the pension plan or investment plan; or

2. Make a one-time transfer to the cash balance plan at any time during his or her active career under the Florida Retirement System in which he or she is earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay. Such election is effective the first day of the month following the receipt of the election by the third-party administrator and is not subject to requirements regarding an employer-employee relationship or receipt of contributions for the eligible employee in the effective month except when the election is received by the administrator. This one-time career transfer is irrevocable, and no other subsequent transfer may occur.

(b) A member who uses the one-time transfer under subparagraph (a)2. to enroll in the cash balance plan may elect to:

1. Retain all service credit earned under the pension plan or the investment plan as credited under the Florida Retirement System and is entitled to a deferred benefit upon termination

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from the pension plan or the investment plan. However, the election to enroll in the cash balance plan terminates the active membership of the member in the pension plan or the investment plan, and the service of a member who has transferred to the cash balance plan is creditable for purposes of vesting only, and not creditable for purposes of benefit accrual under the pension plan or the investment plan; or

2. Transfer a sum representing the present value of the member's accumulated benefit obligation under the pension plan or the value of the member's investment plan account to the cash balance plan. Such election is effective the first day of the month following receipt of the election by the third-party administrator. Upon transfer, all service credit earned under the pension plan or the investment plan is nullified for purposes of entitlement to a future benefit under the pension plan or the investment plan. Any amount transferred, regardless of the original source of the contributions, is deemed to be employer credits in the cash balance plan.

(c) If the eligible employee elects to transfer his or her accumulated benefit obligation to the cash balance plan under subparagraph (b)2., and:

1. The employee is a member of the pension plan, the employee must transfer the present value of the accumulated benefit obligation under the pension plan.

a. For purposes of this paragraph, the present value of the member's accumulated benefit obligation is based upon the member's estimated creditable service and estimated average final compensation under the pension plan, subject to recalculation under sub-subparagraph b. The actuarial present

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value of the member's accumulated benefit obligation is based on the following:

(I) The discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions used to value the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund at the time the amount to be transferred is determined, consistent with sub-sub-subparagraph (II).

(II) The member's benefit commencement age, based on the member's estimated creditable service as of the estimate date.

(A) Except as provided under sub-sub-sub-subparagraph (B), the benefit commencement age is the younger of the following, but may not be younger than the member's age as of the estimate date:

i. For a member initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, age 62 or the age the member would attain if the member completed 30 years of service with an employer, assuming that the member worked continuously from the estimate date, and disregarding any vesting requirement that would otherwise apply under the pension plan.

ii. For a member enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, age 65 or the age the member would attain if the member completed 33 years of service with an employer, assuming that the member worked continuously from the estimate date, and disregarding any vesting requirement that would otherwise apply under the pension plan.

(B) The benefit commencement age for members of the Special Risk Class and for members of the Special Risk Administrative Support Class entitled to retain the special risk normal retirement date is the younger of the following, but may not be younger than the member's age as of the estimate date:

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i. For a member initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, age 55 or the age the member would attain if the member completed 25 years of service with an employer, assuming that the member worked continuously from the estimate date, and disregarding any vesting requirement that would otherwise apply under the pension plan.

ii. For a member enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, age 60 or the age the member would attain if the member completed 30 years of service with an employer, assuming that the member worked continuously from the estimate date, and disregarding any vesting requirement that would otherwise apply under the pension plan.

(III) The calculation disregards vesting requirements and early retirement reduction factors that would otherwise apply under the pension plan.

b. The division shall recalculate the amount transferred under sub-subparagraph a. within 60 days after the actual transfer of funds based upon the member's actual creditable service and actual final average compensation as of the initial date of participation in the cash balance plan. If the recalculated amount differs from the amount transferred by $10 or more, the division must:

(I) Transfer from the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund to the member's account the excess, if any, of the recalculated amount over the previously transferred amount plus any interest from the initial date of transfer to the date of transfer under this subparagraph, based upon the effective annual interest rate equal to the assumed return on the actuarial investment which was used in the most recent actuarial valuation of the system,

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compounded annually.

(II) Transfer, or cause to be transferred, from the member's account to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund the excess, if any, of the previously transferred amount over the recalculated amount, plus any interest from the initial date of transfer to the date of transfer under this subparagraph, based upon a 6 percent effective annual interest rate, compounded annually, pro rata based on the member's allocation under the cash balance plan.

c. If contribution adjustments are made due to any employer errors or corrections, including plan corrections, following recalculation of the amount transferred under this subparagraph, the member is entitled to the additional contributions or is responsible for returning any excess contributions resulting from the correction. A return of such erroneous excess pretax contribution by the plan must be made within the period allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. The present value of the member's accumulated benefit obligation may not be recalculated.

2. If the employee is a member of the investment plan, the employee must transfer the sum representing the account balance of the investment plan as of the transfer date.

a. Upon receipt of the employee contributions from the member's investment plan account, the contributions must be credited to the annuity savings account of the member.

b. Upon receipt of the employer contributions from the member's investment plan account, the contributions must be credited to the retirement annuity account of the member.

c. Within 60 days after the transfer date, the third-party administrator shall transfer any residual contributions due to

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the member of the cash balance plan for the benefit of the member and credited to the retirement annuity account or the annuity savings account of the member, as applicable.

d. If contribution adjustments are made due to employer errors or corrections, including plan corrections, following calculation of the amount transferred under this subparagraph, the member is entitled to the additional contributions or shall return any excess contributions resulting from the correction. A return of such erroneous excess pretax contribution by the plan must be made within the period allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

3. As directed by the member, the state board shall transfer the appropriate amounts to the cash balance plan within 30 days after the effective date of the member's participation in the cash balance plan, unless the major financial markets for securities available for a transfer are seriously disrupted by an unforeseen event that causes the suspension of trading on the national securities exchange in the country where the securities were issued. In that event, the 30-day period may be extended by a resolution of the state board. Transfers are not commissionable or subject to other fees and may be in the form of securities or cash, as determined by the state board. Such securities are valued as of the date of receipt in the member's account.

If the state board receives notification from the Internal Revenue Service that paragraph (c), or a portion thereof, will cause the Florida Retirement System, or a portion thereof, to be disqualified for tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code,

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the portion that will cause the disqualification does not apply. Upon such notification, the state board or the division shall notify the presiding officers of the Legislature.

(3) PARTICIPATION; ENROLLMENT.—

(a) An eligible employee who is initially employed on or after July 1, 2022, in a covered position eligible to participate in the Special Risk Class and who is earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship which is consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay, shall be enrolled in the pension plan at the commencement of employment.

1. The employee must elect to participate in the pension plan, the cash balance plan, or the investment plan by the last business day of the 8th month following the employee's month of hire. The employee's election must be in writing or by electronic means and filed with the third-party administrator.

2. If the employee files such election within the prescribed time period, enrollment in the pension plan, the cash balance plan, or the investment plan is effective on the 1st day of employment. The retirement contributions paid through the month of the employee plan change shall be transferred to the elected plan, and, effective the 1st day of the next month, the employer and employee shall pay the applicable contributions based on the employee membership class in that plan.

3. If the employee fails to make an election of the cash balance plan or the investment plan by the last business day of the 8th month following the employee's month of hire, the employee is deemed to have elected to retain membership in the pension plan.

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4. After the prescribed time period during which an eligible employee can elect participation in the pension plan, the cash balance plan, or the investment plan, or after the month following such election, if sooner, the employee shall have one opportunity to move between the pension plan, the cash balance plan, and the investment plan. If the employee is no longer eligible to participate in the Special Risk Class at the time of such election, the employee may elect only to move to the investment plan or the cash balance plan. Such elections are effective on the first day of the month following the receipt of the election by the third-party administrator.

This paragraph is contingent upon approval by the Internal Revenue Service.

(b) An eligible employee who is initially employed on or after July 1, 2022, in a covered position eligible to participate in a class other than the Special Risk Class and who is earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship which is consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay, shall be enrolled in the cash balance plan at the commencement of employment.

1. The employee must elect to participate in the cash balance plan or the investment plan by the last business day of the 8th month following the employee's month of hire. The employee's election must be in writing or by electronic means and filed with the third-party administrator.

2. If the employee files such election within the prescribed time period, enrollment in the cash balance plan or the investment plan is effective on the 1st day of employment.

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The retirement contributions paid through the month of the employee plan change shall be transferred to the elected plan, and, effective the first day of the next month, the employer and employee shall pay the applicable contributions based on the employee membership class in that plan.

3. If the employee fails to make an election of the cash balance plan or investment plan by the last business day of the 8th month following the employee's month of hire, the employee is deemed to have elected the investment plan and will be defaulted into the investment plan retroactively to the employee's date of employment.

4. The amount of the employee and employer contributions paid before the default to the investment plan shall be transferred to the investment plan and placed in a default fund as designated by the state board. The employee may move the contributions once an account is activated in the investment plan.

5. After the prescribed time period during which an eligible employee can elect the cash balance plan or the investment plan, or after the month following such election, if sooner, the employee shall have one opportunity to choose to move between the investment plan and the cash balance plan. If the employee is eligible to participate in the Special Risk Class at the time of such election, the employee may also elect to move to the pension plan. Such elections are effective on the first day of the month following the receipt of the election by the third-party administrator.

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Revenue Service.

(c) An employee who becomes eligible to participate in the cash balance plan pursuant to s. 121.051(2)(c)3. or s. 121.35(3)(i) may elect to participate in the cash balance plan in lieu of retaining his or her membership in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program or the State University System Optional Retirement Program.

1. The election must be made in writing or by electronic means and filed with the third-party administrator.

2. Upon making such election, the employee shall be enrolled as a member of the cash balance plan, the employee's membership in the Florida Retirement System is governed by this part, and the employee's participation in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program or the State University System Optional Retirement Program terminates.

3. The employee's enrollment in the cash balance plan is effective on the first day of the month for which a full month's employer and employee contribution is made to the cash balance plan.

(d) A retiree who is initially reemployed in a regularly established position on or after July 1, 2010, is not eligible for renewed membership in the Florida Retirement System, except as provided in s. 121.122.

(e) Eligible employees may elect to move between plans only if they are earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay. Such elections are effective on the first day of the month following receipt of the election by the third-party administrator. This paragraph is contingent upon

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approval by the Internal Revenue Service.

1. If the employee chooses to move from the pension plan to the investment plan, s. 121.4501(3) governs the transfer.

2. If the employee chooses to move from the pension plan or investment plan to the cash balance plan, subsection (2) governs the transfer.

3. If the employee chooses to move from the cash balance plan to the investment plan and establishes one or more individual member accounts, the employee may elect to transfer a sum representing the balance of the member's cash balance accounts to the investment plan. Upon transfer, all service credit earned under the cash balance plan is nullified for purposes of entitlement to a future benefit under the cash balance plan.

4. If an employee participating in the Special Risk Class chooses to move to the pension plan, the employee must transfer from his or her investment plan account or cash balance accounts and from other employee moneys as necessary, a sum representing the present value of the employee's accumulated benefit obligation immediately following the time of such movement, determined by assuming that attained service equals the sum of service in the pension plan, service in the investment plan, and service in the cash balance plan. Benefit commencement occurs on the first date the employee is eligible for unreduced benefits using the discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were used to value the pension plan liabilities in the most recent actuarial valuation. For an employee who, at the time of the election, already maintains an accrued benefit amount in the pension plan, the then-present value of the accrued benefit is

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deemed part of the required transfer amount. The division must ensure that the transfer sum is prepared using a formula and methodology certified by an enrolled actuary. A refund of employee contributions or additional member payments made which exceed the employee contributions that would have accrued had the member remained in the pension plan and not transferred to the investment plan or cash balance plan is not permitted.

5. An employee's ability to transfer from the pension plan to the investment plan or cash balance plan, and the ability of a current employee to have the option to later transfer back into the pension plan, is deemed a significant system amendment. Pursuant to s. 121.031(4), any resulting unfunded liability arising from actual original transfers from the pension plan to the investment plan must be amortized within 30 plan years as a separate unfunded actuarial base independent of the reserve stabilization mechanism described in s. 121.031(3)(f). For the first 25 years, a direct amortization payment may not be calculated for this base. During this period, the separate base must be used to offset the impact of employees exercising their option to transfer back into the pension plan. The actuarial funded status of the pension plan is not affected by such second program elections in a significant manner after due recognition of the separate unfunded actuarial base. Following the initial 25-year period, any remaining balance of the original separate base must be amortized over the remaining 5 years of the required 30-year amortization period.

6. If an employee participating in the Special Risk Class chooses to transfer from the investment plan or cash balance plan to the pension plan and retains an excess account balance

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in the investment plan after satisfying the buy-in requirements under this paragraph, the excess account balance may not be distributed until the member retires from the pension plan. However, the excess account balance may be rolled over to the pension plan and used to purchase service credit or upgrade creditable service in the pension plan.

(4) CONTRIBUTIONS AND CREDITS.—

(a) The employee and employer shall make the required contributions to the cash balance plan based on a percentage of the employee's gross monthly compensation, as provided in s. 121.71.

(b) Pursuant to s. 121.721, employee contributions shall be deposited into the annuity savings account of the member and employer contributions shall be deposited into the retirement savings account.

(c) A member may not make voluntary contributions to the cash balance plan.

(d) The state board, acting as a fiduciary to the cash balance plan, shall ensure that all plan assets are held in a trust pursuant to s. 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. The fiduciary must ensure that such contributions are allocated as follows:

1. The employer and employee contribution portions earmarked for member retirement annuity and annuity savings accounts must be credited to the appropriate account.

2. The employer contribution portion earmarked for administrative and educational expenses must be transferred to the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund.

3. The employer contribution portion earmarked for

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disability benefits must be transferred to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

4. The employer contribution portions earmarked for amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability of the pension plan and the cash balance plan must be transferred to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

(e) The third-party administrator shall monitor and notify employers of the maximum contribution levels allowed for members under the Internal Revenue Code. If a member contributes to any other tax-deferred plan, the member must ensure that total contributions made to the cash balance plan and to any other such plan do not exceed the federally allowed maximum.

(5) ANNUITY SAVINGS ACCOUNT CREDITS.—A member's annuity savings account is the sum of the member's mandatory credits plus the interest credits on those credits.

(a) Service credits must be credited as provided in s. 121.71 on a monthly basis.

(b) Interest credits must be credited as provided in s. 121.721. The Legislature reserves the right to prospectively change the interest credits.

(c) The member's annuity savings account is vested from the date the employee becomes a member of the cash balance plan.

(6) EMPLOYER RETIREMENT ANNUITY CREDITS.—A member's retirement annuity account is the sum of all employer credits to the account plus the interest credits on those credits.

(a) Service credits must be credited on a monthly basis as provided in s. 121.71.

(b) Interest credits must be credited as provided in s. 121.721. The Legislature expressly reserves the right to

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prospectively change the interest credits.

(7) VESTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(a) A member is fully and immediately vested in all employee credits plus interest credits paid to an annuity savings account as provided in subsection (5).

(b) A member is vested in all employer credits plus interest credits paid to the retirement annuity account on behalf of the member as provided in subsection (6), upon completion of 5 years of creditable service.

1. If a member has not vested in his or her retirement annuity account at termination, has not withdrawn his or her annuity savings account, and is reemployed as an eligible employee within 10 years after the member's most recent termination, such member's prior years of service, employer credits, and interest credits are restored upon reemployment.

2. If a member has not vested in his or her retirement annuity account at termination and has not withdrawn his or her annuity savings account, but is not reemployed as an eligible employee within 10 years after the member's most recent termination, any nonvested employer credits and interest credits, including accompanying service credit, are forfeited.

(c) A member is vested in any benefits transferred from the pension plan or investment plan to the cash balance plan upon meeting the vesting requirements of the member's membership class set forth in s. 121.021(45) or s. 121.4501(6), as applicable. The third-party administrator shall notify the member when the member has satisfied the vesting period.

1. If a member has not vested in the benefit transferred from the pension plan or investment plan at termination of

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employment, has not withdrawn his or her annuity savings account, and is reemployed as an eligible employee within 10 years after his or her most recent termination, such member's prior years of service, employer credits, and interest credits are restored upon reemployment.

2. If a member is not vested in the benefit transferred from the pension plan or investment plan at termination of employment, has not withdrawn his or her annuity savings account, and is not reemployed as an eligible employee within 10 years after his or her most recent termination, such member's prior years of service, employer credits, and interest credits shall be forfeited.

(d) If the member elects to receive any of his or her vested annuity savings account upon termination of employment as provided in s. 121.021(39)(a), except for a mandatory distribution of a de minimis account authorized by the state board or a minimum required distribution provided under s. 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, the member shall forfeit all nonvested retirement annuity credits, interest credits, and accompanying service credit paid on behalf of the member to the cash balance plan.

(8) BENEFIT PAYMENTS.—

(a) Benefits may not be paid under the cash balance plan unless the member has terminated employment or is deceased and a proper application prescribed by the state board has been filed by the member or his or her beneficiary, as applicable.

(b) If a member elects to receive his or her benefits upon termination of employment, the member must submit a written application, or an application by electronic means, to the

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third-party administrator indicating his or her preferred benefit payment date and selecting an authorized method of benefit payment as provided in paragraph (d). The member may defer receipt of benefits until he or she chooses to make such application, subject to federal requirements.

(c) The state board may cancel an application for retirement benefits if the member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the information and documents required by this chapter and state board rule. The state board shall adopt rules establishing procedures for the application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation of any such application if the required information or documents are not received.

(d) Upon receipt by the third-party administrator of a properly executed application for benefit payments, the total accumulated benefit is payable to the member pro rata across all Florida Retirement System benefit sources as:

1. A lump-sum or partial benefit payment to the member;

2. A lump-sum direct rollover benefit payment whereby all accrued benefits, plus interest credits, are paid from the member's account directly to the custodian of an eligible retirement plan, as defined in s. 402(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, on behalf of the member;

3. An annuity with a guaranteed benefit under any one of the options offered under the investment plan; or

4. A combination of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.

(e) The benefit payment method selected by the member or beneficiary, and the retirement of the member, are final and irrevocable at the time a benefit payment is cashed, deposited, or transferred to another financial institution. Any additional

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service that remains unclaimed at retirement may not be claimed or purchased, and the type of retirement may not be changed, except that if a member recovers from a disability, the member may subsequently request benefits under subsection (9).

(f) Benefits in the form of vested accumulations as described in subsection (7) are payable in accordance with all of the following terms and conditions:

1. Benefits are payable only to a member, an alternate payee of a qualified domestic relations order, or a beneficiary.

2. Benefits shall be paid by the third-party administrator or designated approved providers in accordance with the law, the contracts, and any applicable state board rule or policy.

3. The member must be terminated from all employment as provided in s. 121.021(39).

4. Benefit payments may not be made until the member has been terminated for 3 calendar months.

5. If a member or former member of the Florida Retirement System receives an invalid benefit payment, such person must repay the full amount within 90 days after receipt of final notification by the state board or the third-party administrator that the benefit payment was invalid, or, in lieu of repayment, the member must terminate employment from all participating employers.

a. If the member or former member fails to repay the full invalid benefit payment within 90 days after receipt of final notification, the person may be deemed retired from the cash balance plan by the state board and is subject to s. 121.122. If such person is deemed retired, any joint and several liability provided for in s. 121.091(9)(d)2. is void, and the state board,

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the department, or the employing agency is not liable for interest credits on contributions that have not been deposited into the person's cash balance account in the cash balance plan, pending resolution of the invalid benefit payment.

b. The member or former member who has been deemed retired or who has been determined by the board to have taken an invalid benefit payment may appeal the agency decision through the complaint process as provided under s. 121.4501(8)(g).

As used in this subparagraph, the term "invalid benefit payment" means any payment from an account in the cash balance plan which is taken in violation of this section or s. 121.091(9).

(g) Benefits, including the annuity savings account, are not payable under the cash balance plan for employee hardships, unforeseeable emergencies, loans, medical expenses, educational expenses, purchase of a principal residence, payments necessary to prevent eviction from or foreclosure on an employee's principal residence, or any other reason except a requested distribution for retirement, a mandatory de minimis account distribution authorized by the third-party administrator, or a required minimum distribution provided pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(h) The state board may cash out a de minimis account of a member who has been terminated from Florida Retirement System employment for a minimum of 6 calendar months. Such cash-out must be a complete lump-sum liquidation of the vested account balance, subject to the Internal Revenue Code, or a lump-sum direct rollover distribution paid directly to the custodian of an eligible retirement plan, as defined by the code, on behalf

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of the member.

(i) If any instrument issued for the payment of retirement benefits under this section is not presented for payment within 180 days after the last day of the month in which it was originally issued, the third-party administrator or other authorized agent of the state board must cancel the instrument and credit the amount of the instrument to the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund. Any amounts so credited to the trust fund, not including earnings thereon, are payable upon proper application as provided in this section within 10 years after the last day of the month in which the financial instrument was originally issued, after which time such amounts and any earnings attributable to employer retirement annuity credits are forfeited. Any forfeited amounts are assets of the trust fund and not subject to chapter 717.

(j) A member may not receive a distribution of employee contributions if a pending qualified domestic relations order is filed against the member's cash balance plan account.

(k) The benefits payable to any person under the cash balance plan, and any contributions and credits accumulated under the plan, are not subject to assignment, execution, attachment, or any legal process, except for qualified domestic relations orders, income deduction orders as provided in s. 61.1301, and federal income tax levies.

(9) DISABILITY BENEFITS.—

(a) For any member of the cash balance plan who becomes totally and permanently disabled, benefits must be paid in accordance with the following:

1. The member may elect to receive benefits pursuant to s.

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121.591(2); or

2. The member may elect to receive the vested balance of his or her cash balance annuity savings account and the vested balance of his or her retirement annuity account.

(b) Pursuant to s. 121.73, an employer shall contribute a percentage of gross monthly compensation to provide disability coverage for active members in the cash balance plan.

(10) DEATH BENEFITS.—Under the cash balance plan:

(a) Survivor benefits of a deceased member are payable in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. To the extent vested, benefits are payable only to a member's beneficiary or beneficiaries as designated by the member as provided in subsection (11).

2. Benefits shall be paid by the third-party administrator or designated approved providers in accordance with applicable law, applicable contracts, and any applicable rule or policy of the state board.

(b) In the event of a member's death, all accumulations as described in subsections (5) and (6) that are vested, less withholding taxes remitted to the Internal Revenue Service, must be distributed either as provided in paragraph (c) or as described in subsection (8) as if the member retired on the date of death. No other death benefits are available for survivors of members, except for benefits, or coverage for benefits, except as otherwise provided by law, or separately provided by the employer at the employer's discretion.

(c) Upon receipt by the third-party administrator of a properly executed application for the distribution of benefits, the total accumulated benefit is payable by the administrator to

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the member's surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries as:

1. A lump-sum distribution payable to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as provided in subsection (11);

2. An eligible rollover distribution, if allowed, on behalf of the surviving beneficiary of a deceased member, whereby all accrued benefits, plus interest credits, are paid from the deceased member's account directly to the custodian of an eligible retirement plan, as described in s. 402(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, on behalf of the surviving beneficiary;

3. An annuity with a guaranteed benefit under any one of the options offered under the investment plan; or

4. A combination of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter:

1. The surviving spouse of any member killed in the line of duty may receive a monthly benefit equal to one-half of the monthly salary that was received by the member at the time of death for the rest of the surviving spouse's lifetime if all service and interest credits that have accumulated in the member's accounts are transferred to the pension plan; or, if the member had vested, the surviving spouse may elect to receive a benefit as provided in paragraph (c). Benefits provided by this paragraph supersede any other distribution that may have been provided by the member's designation of beneficiary.

2. If the surviving spouse of a member killed in the line of duty dies, the monthly payments that would have been payable to the surviving spouse had the surviving spouse lived must be paid for the use and benefit of the member's child or children younger than 18 years of age and unmarried until the 18th birthday of the member's youngest child.

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3. If a member killed in the line of duty leaves no surviving spouse but is survived by a child or children younger than 18 years of age, the benefits normally payable to a surviving spouse under subparagraph 1. must be paid for the use and benefit of the member's child or children younger than 18 years of age and unmarried until the 18th birthday of the member's youngest child.

This paragraph does not abrogate other applicable provisions of state or federal law providing for payment of death benefits.

(11) DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES.—Section 121.4501(20) governs the designation of beneficiaries for the cash balance plan.

(12) PURCHASE OF CREDITABLE SERVICE.—

(a) Creditable service of a member includes military service in the Armed Forces of the United States as provided under s. 121.111(1).

(b) A member may purchase creditable service for up to 2 work years of authorized leaves of absence, including any leaves of absence covered under the Family Medical Leave Act as provided under s. 121.121.

(c) Except as authorized in this subsection, no other service for periods of employment may be purchased by or on behalf of a member.

(13) RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY.—All eligible employees who are members of the cash balance plan are eligible to receive the retiree health insurance subsidy, as provided in s. 112.363.

(14) SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE.—Social security coverage

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shall be provided for all eligible employees who become members of the cash balance plan. Any modification of the present agreement with the Social Security Administration, or referendum required under the Social Security Act, for the purpose of providing social security coverage for a member shall be requested by the state agency in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Social Security Act. However, retroactive social security coverage for service with the employer before December 1, 1970, may not be provided for a member who was not covered under the agreement as of November 30, 1970.

(15) CASH BALANCE PLAN EDUCATION.—Section 121.4501(10) governs the education of members who are in the cash balance plan.

(16) MEMBER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each calendar quarter, the state board shall provide each member of the cash balance plan a quarterly statement of benefits that provides the member with basic data about the member's retirement account. At a minimum, the statement must include all of the following:

(a) The member's accrued service credit.

(b) The member's balance of the retirement annuity account and the annuity savings account at the close of the current quarter and previous quarter.

(c) Itemized account contributions for the quarter.

(d) Any posted interest credits earned on the account.

(e) The amount of the account in which the member is fully vested.

(f) The amount of the account in which the member is not fully vested.

(17) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.—

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(a) This section shall be construed, and the cash balance plan shall be administered, so as to comply with the Internal Revenue Code and, specifically with plan qualification requirements imposed on governmental plans under 26 U.S.C. s. 401(a) of the code. The state board may adopt rules reasonably necessary to establish or maintain the qualified status of the cash balance plan under the Internal Revenue Code and to implement and administer the plan in compliance with the code and as designated under this part; however, the state board may not adopt any rule that makes a substantive change to the cash balance plan as designed under this part.

(b) Any provision of this chapter which is susceptible to more than one construction shall be interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to satisfy requirements imposed by s. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) Credits payable under this section for any limitation year may not exceed the maximum amount allowable for qualified cash balance plans under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. If an employee who is enrolled in the cash balance plan participates in any other plan that is maintained by the participating employer, benefits that accrue under the cash balance plan are considered primary for any aggregate limitation applicable under s. 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(18) CASH BALANCE PLAN ADMINISTRATION.—Section 121.4501(8) also governs the administration of the cash balance plan.

(19) STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY STANDARDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—Investment of cash balance plan assets shall be made for the sole interest and exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and beneficiaries and defraying reasonable

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expenses of administering the plan. The plan's assets shall be invested on behalf of the plan members with the care, skill, and diligence that a prudent person acting in a like manner would undertake. The performance of the investment duties specified in this subsection must comply with the fiduciary standards set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. s. 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C). In case of conflict with other provisions of law authorizing investments, the investment and fiduciary standards specified in this subsection shall prevail.

(20) ACTUARIAL STUDY.—Pursuant to s. 121.031, an annual actuarial valuation and appraisal of the liability of the cash balance plan shall be conducted, and the required credits necessary to discharge any liability and maintain the plan on an actuarial reserve basis shall be provided to the Legislature by December 31 before the next regular legislative session. The study must be conducted by a qualified actuary employed or retained by the state board.

(21) INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The Investment Advisory Council, created pursuant to s. 215.444, shall make recommendations to the state board regarding investment policy, strategy, and procedures for the cash balance plan.

(22) INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT.—In making investments for the cash balance plan pursuant to ss. 215.44-215.53, the state board may not make investments that are not in conformance with the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Investment Policy Statement (IPS) as developed by the executive director and approved by the state board. At a minimum, the IPS must include the investment objectives of the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund, types of securities in

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which the board may invest, and evaluation criteria for measuring the investment performance of the fund.

(a) The executive director of the state board may present any recommended changes to the IPS, as necessary, for the state board's approval.

(b) Before presenting any recommended changes pursuant to paragraph (a), the executive director shall first present the proposed IPS and any subsequent recommended changes to the approved IPS to the Investment Advisory Council for review. The council shall present the results of its review to the state board before the state board's final approval of the IPS or changes in the IPS.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 112.363, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.363 Retiree health insurance subsidy.—

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY.—

(b) For purposes of this section, a person is deemed retired from a state-administered retirement system when he or she terminates employment with all employers participating in the Florida Retirement System as described in s. 121.021(39) and:

1. For a member of the investment plan established under part II of chapter 121, the member ~~participant~~ meets the age or service requirements to qualify for normal retirement as set forth in s. 121.021(29) and meets the definition of retiree in s. 121.4501(2).

2. For a member of the ~~Florida Retirement System~~ pension plan established under part I of chapter 121, or a member ~~any employee~~ who maintains creditable service under the pension plan

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and the investment plan or under the pension plan and the cash balance plan, the member begins drawing retirement benefits from the pension plan.

3. For a member of the cash balance plan established under part III of chapter 121, the member meets the age or service requirements to qualify for normal retirement as set forth in s. 121.021(29) and meets the definition of retiree in s. 121.601.

4. For a member of both the investment plan and the cash balance plan, the member meets the definition of retiree in s. 121.601 and begins drawing benefits from the cash balance plan.

Section 5. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section 121.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.011 Florida Retirement System.—

(3) PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—

(h) Effective July 1, 2011, the retirement system shall require employer and employee contributions as provided in s. 121.071 and part IV ~~III~~ of this chapter.

Section 6. Section 121.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.012 Inclusive provisions.—~~The provisions of~~ Part I of this chapter applies ~~shall be applicable~~ to parts II, ~~and~~ III, and IV to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with, or duplicative of, the provisions of those parts ~~II and III~~.

Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 121.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.021 Definitions.—The following words and phrases as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

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(3) "Florida Retirement System" or "system" means the general retirement system established by this chapter, including, but not limited to:~~,~~

(a) The defined benefit program administered under this part, referred to as the "Florida Retirement System Pension Plan" or "pension plan~~,~~"; ~~and~~

(b) The defined contribution program administered under part II of this chapter, referred to as the "Florida Retirement System Investment Plan" or "investment plan~~.~~"; and

(c) The cash balance program established under part III of this chapter, referred to as the "Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan" or "cash balance plan."

Section 8. Present subsections (3) through (9) of section 121.051, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) through (10), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

121.051 Participation in the system.—

(2) OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION.—

(c) Employees of public community colleges or charter technical career centers sponsored by public community colleges, designated in s. 1000.21(3), who are members of the Regular Class of the Florida Retirement System and who comply with the criteria set forth in this paragraph and s. 1012.875 may, in lieu of participating in the Florida Retirement System, elect to withdraw from the system altogether and participate in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program provided by the employing agency under s. 1012.875.

1.a. Through June 30, 2001, the cost to the employer for

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benefits under the optional retirement program equals the normal cost portion of the employer retirement contribution which would be required if the employee were a member of the pension plan's Regular Class, plus the portion of the contribution rate required by s. 112.363(8) which would otherwise be assigned to the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Trust Fund.

b. Effective July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2011, each employer shall contribute on behalf of each member of the optional program an amount equal to 10.43 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation. The employer shall deduct an amount for the administration of the program.

c. Effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, each member shall contribute an amount equal to the employee contribution required under s. 121.71(3). The employer shall contribute on behalf of each program member an amount equal to the difference between 10.43 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation and the employee's required contribution based on the employee's gross monthly compensation.

d. Effective July 1, 2012, each member shall contribute an amount equal to the employee contribution required under s. 121.71(3). The employer shall contribute on behalf of each program member an amount equal to the difference between 8.15 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation and the employee's required contribution based on the employee's gross monthly compensation.

e. The employer shall contribute an additional amount to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund equal to the unfunded actuarial accrued liability portion of the Regular Class contribution rate.

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2. The decision to participate in the optional retirement program is irrevocable as long as the employee holds a position eligible for participation, except as provided in subparagraph 3. Any service creditable under the Florida Retirement System is retained after the member withdraws from the system; however, additional service credit in the system may not be earned while a member of the optional retirement program.

3. Effective July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2022, an employee who has elected to participate in the optional retirement program shall have one opportunity, at the employee's discretion, to transfer from the optional retirement program to the pension plan established under this part ~~of the Florida Retirement System~~ or to the investment plan established under part II of this chapter, subject to the terms of the applicable optional retirement program contracts. Except as provided in subsection (3), an employee participating in the optional retirement program on or after July 1, 2022, is not eligible to transfer to the Florida Retirement System.

a. If the employee chooses to move to the investment plan, any contributions, interest, and earnings creditable to the employee under the optional retirement program are retained by the employee in the optional retirement program, and the applicable provisions of s. 121.4501(4) govern the election.

b. If the employee chooses to move to the pension plan ~~of the Florida Retirement System~~, the employee shall receive service credit equal to his or her years of service under the optional retirement program.

(I) The cost for such credit is the amount representing the present value of the employee's accumulated benefit obligation

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for the affected period of service. The cost shall be calculated as if the benefit commencement occurs on the first date the employee becomes eligible for unreduced benefits, using the discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were used to value the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan liabilities in the most recent actuarial valuation. The calculation must include any service already maintained under the pension plan in addition to the years under the optional retirement program. The present value of any service already maintained must be applied as a credit to total cost resulting from the calculation. The division must ensure that the transfer sum is prepared using a formula and methodology certified by an enrolled actuary.

(II) The employee must transfer from his or her optional retirement program account and from other employee moneys as necessary, a sum representing the present value of the employee's accumulated benefit obligation immediately following the time of such movement, determined assuming that attained service equals the sum of service in the pension plan and service in the optional retirement program.

4. Participation in the optional retirement program is limited to employees who satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

a. The employee is otherwise eligible for membership or renewed membership in the Regular Class of the Florida Retirement System, as provided in s. 121.021(11) and (12) or s. 121.122.

b. The employee is employed in a full-time position classified in the Accounting Manual for Florida's College System

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as:

(I) Instructional; or

(II) Executive Management, Instructional Management, or Institutional Management and the community college determines that recruiting to fill a vacancy in the position is to be conducted in the national or regional market, and the duties and responsibilities of the position include the formulation, interpretation, or implementation of policies, or the performance of functions that are unique or specialized within higher education and that frequently support the mission of the community college.

c. The employee is employed in a position not included in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System as described in s. 121.055.

5. Members of the program are subject to the same reemployment limitations, renewed membership provisions, and forfeiture provisions applicable to regular members of the Florida Retirement System under ss. 121.091(9), 121.122, and 121.091(5), respectively. A member who receives a program distribution funded by employer and required employee contributions is deemed to be retired from a state-administered retirement system if the member is subsequently employed with an employer that participates in the Florida Retirement System.

6. Eligible community college employees are compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System until, pursuant to s. 1012.875, a written election to withdraw from the system and participate in the optional retirement program is filed with the program administrator and received by the division.

a. A community college employee whose program eligibility

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results from initial employment shall be enrolled in the optional retirement program retroactive to the first day of eligible employment. The employer and employee retirement contributions paid through the month of the employee plan change shall be transferred to the community college to the employee's optional program account, and, effective the first day of the next month, the employer shall pay the applicable contributions based upon subparagraph 1.

b. A community college employee whose program eligibility is due to the subsequent designation of the employee's position as one of those specified in subparagraph 4., or due to the employee's appointment, promotion, transfer, or reclassification to a position specified in subparagraph 4., must be enrolled in the program on the first day of the first full calendar month that such change in status becomes effective. The employer and employee retirement contributions paid from the effective date through the month of the employee plan change must be transferred to the community college to the employee's optional program account, and, effective the first day of the next month, the employer shall pay the applicable contributions based upon subparagraph 1.

7. Effective July 1, 2003, through December 31, 2008, any member of the optional retirement program who has service credit in the pension plan ~~of the Florida Retirement System~~ for the period between his or her first eligibility to transfer from the pension plan to the optional retirement program and the actual date of transfer may, during employment, transfer to the optional retirement program a sum representing the present value of the accumulated benefit obligation under the defined benefit

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retirement program for the period of service credit. Upon transfer, all service credit previously earned under the pension plan during this period is nullified for purposes of entitlement to a future benefit under the pension plan.

(3) OPTIONAL PLAN MEMBERSHIP IN FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

(a) Effective July 1, 2022, all eligible employees, except those eligible to withdraw from the Florida Retirement System under s. 121.052(3)(d) or s. 121.055(1)(b)2., or those employees eligible for participation in optional retirement programs as provided under s. 121.051(1)(a), s. 121.051(2)(c), or s. 121.35, who are initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2022, are not eligible to enroll in the pension plan.

(b) Employees eligible to withdraw from the Florida Retirement System under s. 121.052(3)(d) or s. 121.055(1)(b)2. may withdraw from the system or participate in the investment plan or the cash balance plan as provided under those sections. Employees eligible for optional retirement programs under s. 121.051(2)(c) or s. 121.35 may participate in the optional retirement program, the investment plan, or the cash balance plan as provided under those sections. Pursuant to s. 121.051(1)(a), an eligible employee required to participate in the optional retirement program under s. 121.35 must elect to participate in either the investment plan or the cash balance plan if he or she is no longer employed in a position eligible for participation in the optional retirement program.

Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 121.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.052 Membership class of elected officers.—

(3) PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL, GENERALLY.—Effective July

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1277 1, 1990, participation in the Elected Officers' Class shall be
1278 compulsory for elected officers listed in paragraphs (2)(a)-(d)
1279 and (f) assuming office on or after said date, unless the
1280 elected officer elects membership in another class or withdraws
1281 from the Florida Retirement System as provided in paragraphs
1282 (3)(a)-(d):
1283 (c) Before July 1, 2022, an ~~any~~ elected officer may, within
1284 6 months after assuming office, ~~or within 6 months after this~~
1285 ~~act becomes a law for serving elected officers,~~ elect membership
1286 in the Senior Management Service Class as provided in s. 121.055
1287 in lieu of membership in the Elected Officers' Class. ~~Any~~ Such
1288 election does not affect ~~made by a county elected officer shall~~
1289 ~~have no effect upon~~ the statutory limit on the number of
1290 nonelective full-time positions that may be designated by a
1291 local agency employer for inclusion in the Senior Management
1292 Service Class under s. 121.055(1)(b)1.
1293 Section 10. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
1294 121.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1295 121.055 Senior Management Service Class.—There is hereby
1296 established a separate class of membership within the Florida
1297 Retirement System to be known as the "Senior Management Service
1298 Class," which shall become effective February 1, 1987.
1299 (1)
1300 (f) Effective July 1, 1997:
1301 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., an elected state
1302 officer eligible for membership in the Elected Officers' Class
1303 under s. 121.052(2)(a), (b), or (c) who elects membership in the
1304 Senior Management Service Class under s. 121.052(3)(c) may,
1305 within 6 months after assuming office ~~or within 6 months after~~

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~~this act becomes a law for serving elected state officers~~, elect to participate in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program, as provided in subsection (6), in lieu of membership in the Senior Management Service Class.

2. Except as provided in subparagraph 3., an elected officer of a local agency employer eligible for membership in the Elected Officers' Class under s. 121.052(2)(d) who elects membership in the Senior Management Service Class under s. 121.052(3)(c) may, within 6 months after assuming office, or within 6 months after this act becomes a law for serving elected officers of a local agency employer, elect to withdraw from the Florida Retirement System, as provided in subparagraph (b)2., in lieu of membership in the Senior Management Service Class.

3. A retiree of a state-administered retirement system who is initially reemployed in a regularly established position on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, as an elected official eligible for the Elected Officers' Class may not be enrolled in renewed membership in the Senior Management Service Class or in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program as provided in subsection (6), and may not withdraw from the Florida Retirement System as a renewed member as provided in subparagraph (b)2., as applicable, in lieu of membership in the Senior Management Service Class. Effective July 1, 2017, a retiree of the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program who is reemployed in a regularly established position with a covered employer shall be enrolled as a renewed member as provided in s. 121.122.

Section 11. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section 121.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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121.091 Benefits payable under the system.—Benefits may not be paid under this section unless the member has terminated employment as provided in s. 121.021(39)(a) or begun participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program as provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has been filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The department may cancel an application for retirement benefits when the member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the information and documents required by this chapter and the department's rules. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation of such application when the required information or documents are not received.

(9) EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; LIMITATION.—

(d) This subsection applies to a retiree ~~retirees~~, as defined in ss. 121.4501(2) and 121.601 ~~s. 121.4501(2)~~, of the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan and the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan, respectively, subject to the following conditions:

1. A retiree may not be reemployed with an employer participating in the Florida Retirement System until such person has been retired for 6 calendar months.

2. A retiree employed in violation of this subsection and an employer that employs or appoints such person are jointly and severally liable for reimbursement of any benefits paid to the retirement trust fund from which the benefits were paid. The employer must have a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement system.

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Section 12. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 121.122, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

121.122 Renewed membership in system.—

(3) A retiree of the investment plan, the cash balance plan, the State University System Optional Retirement Program, the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program, or the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program who is reemployed with a covered employer in a regularly established position on or after July 1, 2017, shall be enrolled as a renewed member of the investment plan unless employed in a position eligible for participation in the State University System Optional Retirement Program as provided in subsection (4) or the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program as provided in subsection (5). The renewed member must satisfy the vesting requirements and other provisions of this chapter.

(a) A renewed member of the investment plan shall be enrolled in one of the following membership classes:

1. In the Regular Class, if the position does not meet the requirements for membership under s. 121.0515, s. 121.053, or s. 121.055.

2. In the Special Risk Class, if the position meets the requirements of s. 121.0515.

3. In the Elected Officers' Class, if the position meets the requirements of s. 121.053.

4. In the Senior Management Service Class, if the position meets the requirements of s. 121.055.

(b) Creditable service, including credit toward the retiree health insurance subsidy provided in s. 112.363, does not accrue

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for a renewed member's employment in a regularly established position with a covered employer from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017.

(c) Employer and employee contributions, interest, earnings, or any other funds may not be paid into a renewed member's investment plan account for any employment in a regularly established position with a covered employer on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, by the renewed member or the employer on behalf of the renewed member.

(d) To be eligible to receive a retirement benefit, the renewed member must satisfy the vesting requirements in s. 121.4501(6).

(e) The renewed member is ineligible to receive disability benefits as provided in s. 121.091(4) or s. 121.591(2).

(f) The renewed member is subject to the limitations on reemployment after retirement provided in s. 121.091(9), as applicable.

(g) The renewed member must satisfy the requirements for termination from employment provided in s. 121.021(39).

(h) Upon renewed membership or reemployment of a retiree, the employer and the renewed member shall pay the applicable employer and employee contributions required under ss. 112.363, 121.71, 121.74, and 121.76. The contributions are payable only for employment and salary earned in a regularly established position with a covered employer on or after July 1, 2017. The employer and employee contributions shall be transferred to the investment plan and placed in a default fund as designated by the state board. The renewed member may move the contributions once an account is activated in the investment plan.

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(i) A renewed member who earns creditable service under the investment plan and who is not receiving the maximum health insurance subsidy provided in s. 112.363 is entitled to earn additional credit toward the subsidy. Such credit may be earned only for employment in a regularly established position with a covered employer on or after July 1, 2017. Any additional subsidy due because of additional credit may be received only at the time of paying the second career retirement benefit. The total health insurance subsidy received by a retiree receiving benefits from initial and renewed membership may not exceed the maximum allowed under s. 112.363.

(j) Notwithstanding s. 121.4501(4)(g) ~~s. 121.4501(4)(f)~~, the renewed member is not eligible to elect membership in the pension plan.

(4) A retiree of the investment plan, the cash balance plan, the State University System Optional Retirement Program, the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program, or the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program who is reemployed on or after July 1, 2017, in a regularly established position eligible for participation in the State University System Optional Retirement Program shall become a renewed member of the optional retirement program. The renewed member must satisfy the vesting requirements and other provisions of this chapter. Once enrolled, a renewed member remains enrolled in the optional retirement program while employed in an eligible position for the optional retirement program. If employment in a different covered position results in the renewed member's enrollment in the investment plan, the renewed member is no longer eligible to participate in the

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optional retirement program unless employed in a mandatory position under s. 121.35.

(a) The renewed member is subject to the limitations on reemployment after retirement provided in s. 121.091(9), as applicable.

(b) The renewed member must satisfy the requirements for termination from employment provided in s. 121.021(39).

(c) Upon renewed membership or reemployment of a retiree, the employer and the renewed member shall pay the applicable employer and employee contributions required under s. 121.35.

(d) Employer and employee contributions, interest, earnings, or any other funds may not be paid into a renewed member's optional retirement program account for any employment in a regularly established position with a covered employer on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, by the renewed member or the employer on behalf of the renewed member.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 121.4501(4)(g) ~~s. 121.4501(4)(f)~~, the renewed member is not eligible to elect membership in the pension plan.

(5) A retiree of the investment plan, the cash balance plan, the State University System Optional Retirement Program, the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program, or the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program who is reemployed on or after July 1, 2017, in a regularly established position eligible for participation in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program shall become a renewed member of the optional retirement program. The renewed member must satisfy the eligibility requirements of this chapter and s. 1012.875 for the optional retirement program.

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Once enrolled, a renewed member remains enrolled in the optional retirement program while employed in an eligible position for the optional retirement program. If employment in a different covered position results in the renewed member's enrollment in the investment plan, the renewed member is no longer eligible to participate in the optional retirement program.

(a) The renewed member is subject to the limitations on reemployment after retirement provided in s. 121.091(9), as applicable.

(b) The renewed member must satisfy the requirements for termination from employment provided in s. 121.021(39).

(c) Upon renewed membership or reemployment of a retiree, the employer and the renewed member shall pay the applicable employer and employee contributions required under ss. 121.051(2)(c) and 1012.875.

(d) Employer and employee contributions, interest, earnings, or any other funds may not be paid into a renewed member's optional retirement program account for any employment in a regularly established position with a covered employer on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, by the renewed member or the employer on behalf of the renewed member.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 121.4501(4)(g) ~~s. 121.4501(4)(f)~~, the renewed member is not eligible to elect membership in the pension plan.

Section 13. Section 121.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.151 Investments.—The Board of Administration, created by authority of the State Constitution, shall invest and reinvest available funds of the Florida Retirement System Trust

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Fund and the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ ss. 215.44-215.53.

Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 121.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.35 Optional retirement program for the State University System.—

(3) ELECTION OF OPTIONAL PROGRAM.—

(c) An ~~any~~ employee who becomes eligible to participate in the optional retirement program on or after January 1, 1993, shall be a compulsory participant of the program unless such employee elects membership in the Florida Retirement System. Such election must ~~shall~~ be ~~made~~ in writing and filed with the personnel officer of the employer. An ~~any~~ eligible employee who fails to make such election within the prescribed time period shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the optional retirement program.

1. An ~~any~~ employee whose optional retirement program eligibility results from initial employment before July 1, 2022, shall be enrolled in the program at the commencement of employment. If, within 90 days after commencement of employment, the employee elects membership in the Florida Retirement System, such membership is ~~shall be~~ effective retroactive to the date of commencement of employment as provided in s. 121.4501(4).

2. An employee whose optional retirement program eligibility results from initial employment on or after July 1, 2022, shall be enrolled in the program at the commencement of employment. If, within 90 days after commencement of employment, the employee elects membership in the Florida Retirement System, such membership is effective retroactive to the date of

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commencing employment as provided in s. 121.602(3).

3. An ~~Any~~ employee whose optional retirement program eligibility results from a change in status due to the subsequent designation of the employee's position as one of those specified in paragraph (2)(a) or due to the employee's appointment, promotion, transfer, or reclassification to a position specified in paragraph (2)(a) shall be enrolled in the optional retirement program upon such change in status and ~~shall be~~ notified by the employer of such action. If, within 90 days after the date of such notification, the employee elects to retain membership in the Florida Retirement System, such continuation of membership is ~~shall be~~ retroactive to the date of the change in status.

4.~~3.~~ Notwithstanding subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3. ~~the provisions of this paragraph~~, effective July 1, 1997, an ~~any~~ employee who is eligible to participate in the Optional Retirement Program and who fails to execute a contract with one of the approved companies and to notify the department in writing as provided in subsection (4) within 90 days after the date of eligibility shall be deemed to have elected membership in the Florida Retirement System, except as provided in s. 121.051(1)(a). This provision ~~shall~~ also applies ~~apply~~ to an ~~any~~ employee who terminates employment in an eligible position before executing the required investment ~~annuity~~ contract and notifying the department. Such membership is ~~shall be~~ retroactive to the date of eligibility, and all appropriate contributions shall be transferred to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund and the Health Insurance Subsidy Trust Fund.

Section 15. Subsection (1), subsection (4), paragraphs (a)

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and (c) of subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (9), paragraphs (c) and (g) of subsection (10), subsection (14), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (15), and subsection (20) of section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

121.4501 Florida Retirement System Investment Plan.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Trustees of the State Board of Administration shall establish a defined contribution program called the "Florida Retirement System Investment Plan" or "investment plan" for members of the Florida Retirement System under which retirement benefits will be provided for eligible employees who elect to participate in the program. The retirement benefits shall be provided through member-directed investments, in accordance with s. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations. The employer and employee shall make contributions, as provided in this section and ss. 121.571 and 121.71, to the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan Trust Fund toward the funding of benefits.

(4) PARTICIPATION; ENROLLMENT.—

(a)1. Effective June 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003, a 90-day election period was provided to each eligible employee participating in the Florida Retirement System, preceded by a 90-day education period, permitting each eligible employee to elect membership in the investment plan. An employee who failed to elect the investment plan during the election period remained in the pension plan. An eligible employee who was employed in a regularly established position during the election period was granted the option to make one subsequent election, as provided in paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~. With respect to an eligible employee who did not participate in the initial election period or who is

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initially employed in a regularly established position after the close of the initial election period but before January 1, 2018, such employee shall, by default, be enrolled in the pension plan at the commencement of employment and may, by the last business day of the 5th month following the employee's month of hire, elect to participate in the investment plan. The employee's election must be made in writing or by electronic means and must be filed with the third-party administrator. The election to participate in the investment plan is irrevocable, except as provided in paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~.

a. If the employee files such election within the prescribed time period, enrollment in the investment plan is effective on the first day of employment. The retirement contributions paid through the month of the employee plan change shall be transferred to the investment program, and, effective the first day of the next month, the employer and employee must pay the applicable contributions based on the employee membership class in the program.

b. An employee who fails to elect to participate in the investment plan within the prescribed time period is deemed to have elected to retain membership in the pension plan, and the employee's option to elect to participate in the investment plan is forfeited.

2. With respect to employees who become eligible to participate in the investment plan pursuant to s. 121.051(2)(c)3. or s. 121.35(3)(i), the employee may elect to participate in the investment plan in lieu of retaining his or her membership in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program or the State University System Optional

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Retirement Program. The election must be made in writing or by electronic means and must be filed with the third-party administrator. This election is irrevocable, except as provided in paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~. Upon making such election, the employee shall be enrolled as a member in the investment plan, the employee's membership in the Florida Retirement System is governed by the provisions of this part, and the employee's participation in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program or the State University System Optional Retirement Program terminates. The employee's enrollment in the investment plan is effective on the first day of the month for which a full month's employer and employee contribution is made to the investment plan.

(b)1. With respect to employees who become eligible to participate in the investment plan by reason of employment in a regularly established position commencing on or after January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022, or who did not complete an election window before January 1, 2018, any such employee shall be enrolled in the pension plan at the commencement of employment and may, by the last business day of the eighth month following the employee's month of hire, elect to participate in the pension plan or the investment plan. Eligible employees may make a plan election only if they are earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay.

2. The employee's election must be made in writing or by electronic means and must be filed with the third-party administrator. The election to participate in the pension plan or investment plan is irrevocable, except as provided in

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paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~.

3.a. Except as provided in subparagraph 4., if the employee fails to make an election to either the pension plan or the investment plan during the 8-month period following the month of hire, the employee is deemed to have elected the investment plan and shall default into the investment plan retroactively to the employee's date of employment. The employee's option to participate in the pension plan is forfeited, except as provided in paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~.

b. The amount of the employee and employer contributions paid through the date of default to the investment plan shall be transferred to the investment plan and shall be placed in a default fund as designated by the State Board of Administration. The employee may move the contributions once an account is activated in the investment plan.

4. If the employee is employed in a position included in the Special Risk Class and fails to make an election to either the pension plan or the investment plan during the 8-month period following the month of hire, the employee is deemed to have elected the pension plan and shall default into the pension plan retroactively to the employee's date of employment. The employee's option to participate in the investment plan is forfeited, except as provided in paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~.

5. Effective the first day of the month after an eligible employee makes a plan election of the pension plan or investment plan, or the first day of the month after default, the employee and employer shall pay the applicable contributions based on the employee membership class in the program.

(c)1.a. With respect to employees who become eligible to

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participate in the investment plan by reason of employment in a regularly established position commencing on or after July 1, 2022, or who did not complete an election window before July 1, 2022, any such employee shall be enrolled in the cash balance plan at the commencement of employment and may, by the last business day of the 8th month following the employee's month of hire, elect to participate in the cash balance plan or the investment plan. Eligible employees may make a plan election only if they are earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay.

b. The amount of the employee contribution paid shall be placed in a default fund as designated by the state board. The employee may move the contributions once the employee has elected to participate in the cash balance plan and an account is activated in the cash balance plan.

2. The employee's election must be made in writing or by electronic means and must be filed with the third-party administrator. The election to participate in the investment plan or the cash balance plan is irrevocable, except as provided in paragraph (g).

3.a. If the employee fails to make an election to either the investment plan or the cash balance plan during the 8-month period following the month of hire, the employee is deemed to have elected the investment plan and shall default to the investment plan retroactively to the employee's date of employment. The employee's option to participate in the cash balance plan is forfeited, except as provided in paragraph (g).

b. The amount of employee and employer contributions paid

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through the date of default shall be transferred to the investment plan and placed in the employee's investment plan account.

4. Effective the first day of the month after an eligible employee makes a plan election of the cash balance plan or investment plan, or the first day of the month after default, the employee and employer shall pay the applicable contributions based on the employee membership class in the program.

(d) ~~(c)~~ Contributions available for self-direction by a member who has not selected one or more specific investment products shall be allocated as prescribed by the state board. The third-party administrator shall notify the member at least quarterly that the member should take an affirmative action to make an asset allocation among the investment products.

(e) ~~(d)~~ On or after July 1, 2011, a member of the pension plan who obtains a refund of employee contributions retains his or her prior plan choice upon return to employment in a regularly established position with a participating employer.

(f)1. ~~(e)1.~~ A member of the investment plan who takes a distribution of any contributions from his or her investment plan account is considered a retiree. A retiree who is initially reemployed in a regularly established position on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, is not eligible for renewed membership, except as provided in s. 121.122.

2. A retiree who is reemployed on or after July 1, 2017, shall be enrolled as a renewed member as provided in s. 121.122.

(g)1. ~~(f)~~ After the period during which an eligible employee who initially enrolled before July 1, 2022, had the choice to elect the pension plan or the investment plan, or the month

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following the receipt of the eligible employee's plan election, if sooner, the employee shall have one opportunity, at the employee's discretion, ~~to choose~~ to move from the pension plan to the investment plan, from the pension plan to the cash balance plan, ~~or~~ from the investment plan to the pension plan, or from the investment plan to the cash balance plan.

2. An eligible employee who initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2022, who had the choice to elect the cash balance plan or the investment plan, or the month following receipt of the eligible employee's plan election, if sooner, shall have one opportunity, at the employee's discretion, to move from the cash balance plan to the investment plan or from the investment plan to the cash balance plan.

3. Eligible employees may elect to move between plans only if they are earning service credit in an employer-employee relationship consistent with s. 121.021(17)(b), excluding leaves of absence without pay. Effective July 1, 2005, such elections are effective on the first day of the month following the receipt of the election by the third-party administrator and are not subject to the requirements regarding an employer-employee relationship or receipt of contributions for the eligible employee in the effective month, except when the election is received by the third-party administrator. This subparagraph ~~paragraph~~ is contingent upon approval by the Internal Revenue Service.

a.~~1.~~ If the employee chooses to move to the investment plan, the provisions of subsection (3) govern the transfer.

b.~~2.~~ If the employee chooses to move to the pension plan, the employee must transfer from his or her investment plan

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account, and from other employee moneys as necessary, a sum representing the present value of that employee's accumulated benefit obligation immediately following the time of such movement, determined assuming that attained service equals the sum of service in the pension plan and service in the investment plan. Benefit commencement occurs on the first date the employee is eligible for unreduced benefits, using the discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were used to value the pension plan liabilities in the most recent actuarial valuation. For any employee who, at the time of the second election, already maintains an accrued benefit amount in the pension plan, the then-present value of the accrued benefit is deemed part of the required transfer amount. The division must ensure that the transfer sum is prepared using a formula and methodology certified by an enrolled actuary. A refund of any employee contributions or additional member payments made which exceed the employee contributions that would have accrued had the member remained in the pension plan and not transferred to the investment plan is not permitted.

c.~~3.~~ Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph b. ~~subparagraph 2.~~, an employee who chooses to move to the pension plan and who became eligible to participate in the investment plan by reason of employment in a regularly established position with a state employer after June 1, 2002; a district school board employer after September 1, 2002; or a local employer after December 1, 2002, must transfer from his or her investment plan account, and from other employee moneys as necessary, a sum representing the employee's actuarial accrued liability. A refund of any employee contributions or additional member payments made which exceed

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the employee contributions that would have accrued had the member remained in the pension plan and not transferred to the investment plan is not permitted.

d.~~4.~~ An employee's ability to transfer from the pension plan to the investment plan pursuant to paragraph (a) and this paragraph ~~paragraphs (a) and (b)~~, and the ability of a current employee to have an option to later transfer back into the pension plan under sub-subparagraph b. ~~subparagraph 2.~~, shall be deemed a significant system amendment. Pursuant to s. 121.031(4), any resulting unfunded liability arising from actual original transfers from the pension plan to the investment plan must be amortized within 30 plan years as a separate unfunded actuarial base independent of the reserve stabilization mechanism defined in s. 121.031(3)(f). For the first 25 years, a direct amortization payment may not be calculated for this base. During this 25-year period, the separate base shall be used to offset the impact of employees exercising their second program election under this paragraph. The actuarial funded status of the pension plan will not be affected by such second program elections in any significant manner, after due recognition of the separate unfunded actuarial base. Following the initial 25-year period, any remaining balance of the original separate base shall be amortized over the remaining 5 years of the required 30-year amortization period.

e.~~5.~~ If the employee chooses to transfer from the investment plan to the pension plan and retains an excess account balance in the investment plan after satisfying the buy-in requirements under this paragraph, the excess may not be distributed until the member retires from the pension plan. The

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excess account balance may be rolled over to the pension plan and used to purchase service credit or upgrade creditable service in the pension plan.

f. An employee who elects to transfer to the cash balance plan from the investment plan may transfer to the cash balance plan prospectively and retain the account balance under the investment plan.

g. An employee who elects to transfer to the cash balance plan from the pension plan shall retain all service credit earned under the pension plan. The member is vested in the retained service credit after reaching the years of creditable service required for vesting in the pension plan.

(h) On or after July 1, 2022, an investment plan or cash balance plan member who becomes eligible may elect to participate in the State Community College System Optional Retirement Program or the State University System Optional Retirement Program in lieu of retaining his or her membership in the investment plan or the cash balance plan. Such election must be made in writing and filed with the employer or the approved provider company. Any balance remaining in the investment plan or the cash balance plan may not be transferred to the account in the optional retirement program. Once enrolled, the employee shall remain in the optional retirement program. If the employee becomes ineligible to continue participation in the optional retirement program, the employee must thereafter participate in the investment plan or the cash balance plan, if he or she is otherwise eligible. The election must be made within 90 days after the date of commencement of eligibility. If an election is not made within 90 days, the member must remain in the

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investment plan or the cash balance plan, as applicable.

(5) CONTRIBUTIONS.—

(a) The employee and employer shall make the required contributions to the investment plan based on a percentage of the employee's gross monthly compensation, as provided in part IV ~~III~~ of this chapter.

(c) The state board, acting as plan fiduciary, must ensure that all plan assets are held in a trust, pursuant to s. 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. The fiduciary must ensure that such contributions are allocated as follows:

1. The employer and employee contribution portion earmarked for member accounts shall be used to purchase interests in the appropriate investment vehicles as specified by the member, or in accordance with paragraph (4)(d) ~~(4)(c)~~.

2. The employer contribution portion earmarked for administrative and educational expenses shall be transferred to the state board's Administrative Trust Fund.

3. The employer contribution portion earmarked for disability benefits and line-of-duty death benefits shall be transferred to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

(9) INVESTMENT OPTIONS OR PRODUCTS; PERFORMANCE REVIEW.—

(a) The state board shall develop policy and procedures for selecting, evaluating, and monitoring the performance of approved providers and investment products under the investment plan. In accordance with such policy and procedures, the state board shall designate and contract for a number of investment products as determined by the board. The board shall also select one or more bundled providers, each of which may offer multiple investment options and related services, if such approach is

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determined by the board to provide value to the members otherwise not available through individual investment products. Each approved bundled provider may offer investment options that provide members with the opportunity to invest in each of the following asset classes, to be composed of individual options that represent a single asset class or a combination thereof: money markets, United States fixed income, United States equities, and foreign stock. The state board shall review and manage all educational materials, contract terms, fee schedules, and other aspects of the approved provider relationships to ensure that no provider is unduly favored or penalized by virtue of its status within the investment plan. Additionally, the state board, consistent with its fiduciary responsibilities, may develop one or more investment products to be offered in the investment plan.

(10) EDUCATION COMPONENT.—

(c) The state board, in coordination with the department, shall provide for an initial and ongoing transfer education component to provide system members with information necessary to make informed plan choice decisions. The transfer education component must include, but is not limited to, information on:

1. The amount of money available to a member for transfer to the investment plan or the cash balance plan ~~to transfer to the defined contribution program~~.

2. The general features of and differences between the pension plan, the investment plan, and the cash balance plan ~~and the defined contribution program~~, both generally and specifically, as those differences may affect the member.

3. The estimated benefits ~~expected benefit~~ available to

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members if they ~~if the member~~ were to retire under each of the retirement plans, calculated using various salary, age, and service credit scenarios ~~programs, based on appropriate alternative sets of assumptions~~.

4. The estimated rate of return from investments in the investment plan ~~defined contribution program~~ and the period of time over which such rate of return must be achieved to equal or exceed the expected monthly benefit payable to the member under the pension plan or the benefit payable to the member under the cash balance plan.

5. The historical rates of return for the investment alternatives available in the investment plan ~~defined contribution programs~~.

~~6. The benefits and historical rates of return on investments available in a typical deferred compensation plan or a typical plan under s. 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for which the employee may be eligible.~~

6.~~7.~~ The program choices available to employees of the State University System and the comparative benefits of each available program, if applicable.

7.~~8.~~ Payout options available in each of the retirement plans ~~programs~~.

(g) Funding for education of new employees may reflect administrative costs to the investment plan and the cash balance ~~pension~~ plan.

(14) INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT.—

(a) Investment products and approved providers selected for the investment plan must conform with the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan Investment Policy Statement, herein

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referred to as the "statement," as developed and approved by the trustees of the state board. The statement must include, among other items, the investment objectives of the investment plan, manager selection and monitoring guidelines, and performance measurement criteria. As periodically required ~~from time to time~~, the executive director of the state board may present recommended changes in the statement to the board for approval.

(b) Before ~~Prior to~~ presenting the statement or any recommended changes to the state board, the executive director of the board shall present such statement or changes to the Investment Advisory Council for review. The council shall present the results of its review to the board before ~~prior to~~ the board's final approval of the statement or changes in the statement.

(15) STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY STANDARDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(a) Investment of ~~defined contribution~~ plan assets shall be made for the sole interest and exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan. The ~~program's~~ assets shall be invested on behalf of the ~~program~~ members with the care, skill, and diligence that a prudent person acting in a like manner would undertake. The performance of the investment duties set forth in this paragraph must ~~shall~~ comply with the fiduciary standards set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 at 29 U.S.C. s. 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C). In case of conflict with other provisions of law authorizing investments, the investment and fiduciary standards set forth in this subsection ~~shall~~ prevail.

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(c) Subparagraph (8)(b)2. and paragraph (b) incorporate the federal law concept of participant control, established by regulations of the United States Department of Labor under s. 404(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The purpose of this paragraph is to assist employers and the state board in maintaining compliance with s. 404(c), while avoiding unnecessary costs and eroding member benefits under the investment plan. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. s. 2550.404a-5 ~~29 C.F.R. s. 2550.404c-1(b)(2)(i)(B)(1)(viii)~~, the state board or its designated agents shall deliver to members of the investment plan a copy of the prospectus most recently provided to the plan, and, pursuant to 29 C.F.R. s. 2550.404a-5 ~~29 C.F.R. s. 2550.404c-1(b)(2)(i)(B)(2)(ii)~~, shall provide such members an opportunity to obtain this information, except that:

1. The requirement to deliver a prospectus shall be satisfied by delivery of a fund profile or summary profile that contains the information that would be included in a summary prospectus as described by Rule 498 under the Securities Act of 1933, 17 C.F.R. s. 230.498. If the transaction fees, expense information or other information provided by a mutual fund in the prospectus does not reflect terms negotiated by the state board or its designated agents, the requirement is satisfied by delivery of a separate document described by Rule 498 substituting accurate information; and

2. Delivery shall be effected if delivery is through electronic means and the following standards are satisfied:

a. Electronically-delivered documents are prepared and provided consistent with style, format, and content requirements applicable to printed documents;

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b. Each member is provided timely and adequate notice of the documents that are to be delivered, and their significance, and of the member's right to obtain a paper copy of such documents free of charge;

c. Members have adequate access to the electronic documents, at locations such as their worksites or public facilities, and have the ability to convert the documents to paper free of charge by the state board, and the board or its designated agents take appropriate and reasonable measures to ensure that the system for furnishing electronic documents results in actual receipt. Members have provided consent to receive information in electronic format, which consent may be revoked; and

d. The state board, or its designated agent, actually provides paper copies of the documents free of charge, upon request.

(20) DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES.—

(a) Each member may, by electronic means or on a form provided for that purpose, signed and filed with the third-party administrator, designate a choice of one or more persons, named sequentially or jointly, as his or her beneficiary for receiving the benefits, if any, which may be payable pursuant to this chapter in the event of the member's death. If no beneficiary is named in this manner, or if no beneficiary designated by the member survives the member, the beneficiary shall be the spouse of the deceased, if living. If the member's spouse is not alive at the time of the member's death, the beneficiary shall be the living children of the member. If no children survive, the beneficiary shall be the member's father or mother, if living;

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otherwise, the beneficiary shall be the member's estate. The beneficiary most recently designated by a member shall be the beneficiary entitled to any benefits payable at the time of the member's death. However, for a member who dies prior to his or her effective date of retirement, the spouse at the time of death shall be the member's beneficiary unless the member designates a different beneficiary subsequent to the member's most recent marriage.

(b) If a member is married but does not designate his or her spouse as ~~designates~~ a primary beneficiary, the spouse shall be notified and he or she shall acknowledge any such designation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the spouse cannot be located or fails to affirmatively acknowledge the beneficiary designation, the member may request that the acknowledgment requirement be waived by the state board through an affidavit setting forth the particular facts and circumstances ~~other than the member's spouse, the member's spouse must sign the beneficiary designation form to acknowledge the designation~~. This requirement does not apply to the designation of one or more contingent beneficiaries to receive benefits remaining upon the death of the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(c) Notwithstanding the member's designation of benefits to be paid through a trust to a beneficiary that is a natural person and the provisions of the trust, benefits must be paid directly to the beneficiary if the person is no longer a minor or an incapacitated person as defined in s. 744.102.

Section 16. Section 121.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.70 Legislative purpose and intent.—

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(1) This part provides for a uniform system for funding benefits provided under the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan established under part I of this chapter, ~~(referred to in this part as the pension plan) and~~ under the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan established under part II of this chapter, and under the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan established under part III of this chapter ~~(referred to in this part as the investment plan)~~. The Legislature recognizes and declares that the Florida Retirement System is a single retirement system, consisting of three ~~two~~ retirement plans and other nonintegrated programs. Employees and employers participating in the Florida Retirement System collectively shall be responsible for making contributions to support the benefits provided under the three ~~both~~ plans. The employees and employers shall make contributions based upon a uniform or blended contribution rate system ~~rates~~ determined as a percentage of the employee's gross monthly compensation for the employee's class or subclass of Florida Retirement System membership, irrespective of the retirement plan in which the individual employee is enrolled. ~~This shall be known as a uniform or blended contribution rate system.~~

(2) In establishing a uniform contribution rate system, it is the intent of the Legislature to:

(a) Provide greater stability and certainty in financial planning and budgeting for Florida Retirement System employers by eliminating the fiscal instability that would be caused by multiple ~~dual~~ rates coupled with employee-selected plan participation;

(b) Provide greater fiscal equity and uniformity for system

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employers by effectively distributing the financial burden and benefit of short-term system deficits and surpluses, respectively, in proportion to total system payroll; and

(c) Allow employees to make their retirement plan selection decisions free of circumstances that may cause employers to favor one plan choice over another.

Section 17. Section 121.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.71 Uniform rates; process; calculations; levy.—

(1) In conducting the system actuarial study required under s. 121.031, the actuary shall follow all specified requirements ~~specified~~ to determine, by Florida Retirement System employee membership class, the dollar contribution amounts necessary for the next fiscal year for the pension plan and the cash balance plan as determined by independent valuation of each plan. ~~In addition,~~ The actuary shall also determine, by Florida Retirement System membership class, based on an estimate for the next fiscal year of the gross compensation of employees participating in the investment plan, the dollar contribution amounts necessary to make the allocations required under ss. 121.72, 121.73, and 121.735. For each employee membership class and subclass, the actuarial study must establish a uniform rate necessary to fund the benefit obligations under the ~~both~~ Florida Retirement System retirement plans by dividing the sum of total dollars required by the estimated gross compensation of members in the ~~both~~ plans.

(2) Based on the uniform rates set forth in subsections (3), (4), and (5), employees and employers shall make monthly contributions to the Division of Retirement as required in s.

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121.061(1), which shall initially deposit the funds into the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund. A change in a contribution rate is effective the first day of the month for which a full month's employer and employee contribution may be made on or after the beginning date of the change. Beginning July 1, 2011, each employee shall contribute the contributions required in subsection (3). The employer shall deduct the contribution from the employee's monthly salary, and the contribution shall be submitted to the division. These contributions shall be reported as employer-paid employee contributions, and credited to the account of the employee. The contributions shall be deducted from the employee's salary before the computation of applicable federal taxes and treated as employer contributions under 26 U.S.C. s. 414(h)(2). The employer specifies that the contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the employer in lieu of contributions by the employee. The employee does not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the employer to the plan. Such contributions are mandatory, and each employee is considered to have consented to payroll deductions. Payment of an employee's salary or wages, less the contribution, is a full and complete discharge and satisfaction of all claims and demands for the service rendered by employees during the period covered by the payment, except their claims to the benefits to which they may be entitled under this chapter.

(3) Required employee retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System for the ~~both~~ retirement plans are as follows:

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Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2022 ~~2011~~
Regular Class	3.00%
Special Risk Class	3.00%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	3.00%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	3.00%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	3.00%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	3.00%

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Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2020
Senior Management Service Class	3.00%
DROP	0.00%

(4) Required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System ~~for both retirement plans~~ are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2020
Regular Class	4.84%
Special Risk Class	15.13%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	9.89%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor,	8.38%

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Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	13.31%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	10.07%
Senior Management Class	6.39%
DROP	7.03%

(5) In order to address unfunded actuarial liabilities of the system, the required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System ~~for both retirement plans~~ are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2020
Regular Class	3.44%

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Special Risk Class	7.60%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	24.23%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	48.81%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	24.70%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	37.39%
Senior Management Service Class	19.18%
DROP	8.29%

(6) If a member is reported under an incorrect membership class and the amount of contributions reported and remitted is less than the amount required, the employer shall owe the difference, plus the delinquent fee, of 1 percent for each calendar month or part thereof that the contributions should

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have been paid. The delinquent assessment may not be waived. If the contributions reported and remitted are more than the amount required, the employer shall receive a credit to be applied against future contributions owed.

(7) The state actuary shall recognize and use an appropriate level of available excess assets of the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund to offset the difference between the normal costs of the Florida Retirement System and the statutorily prescribed contribution rates.

Section 18. Section 121.721, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

121.721 Credits to cash balance plan member accounts and interest on accounts; percentage amounts.—

(1) The service credits established in this section shall be used to fund retirement benefits under the cash balance plan and shall be transferred monthly by the Division of Retirement from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund and credited to each participating member's account based on the membership class of the member.

(2) The service credits are stated as a percentage of each cash balance plan member's gross compensation for the calendar month. A change in a contribution percentage is effective the first day of the month for which retirement contributions may be made on or after the beginning date of the change. Credit percentages may be modified by general law.

(3) Employer and member credits as provided under s. 121.602(5) and (6) shall be accounted for separately.

(4) Credit allocations from the Florida Retirement System

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Contributions Clearing Account Trust Fund to the cash balance plan member annuity savings account for each member of the cash balance plan are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2022
Regular Class	3.00%
Special Risk Class	3.00%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	3.00%
Elected Officers' Class—Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	3.00%
Elected Officers' Class—Justices, Judges	3.00%

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Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	3.00%
Senior Management Service Class	3.00%

(5) Service credit allocations from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Account Trust Fund to the cash balance plan employer retirement annuity account for each member of the cash balance plan are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation, Effective July 1, 2022
Regular Class	3.05%
Special Risk Class	9.30%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	3.05%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor,	5.58%

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Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	9.11%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	7.55%
Senior Management Service Class	4.28%

(6)(a) Beginning July 1, 2022, each member of the cash balance plan may be credited with interest credits on the balance of the member's accounts.

(b) Effective July 1, 2022, the guaranteed interest credits payable on the balance of each member's retirement annuity account and annuity savings account accrues at an effective annual rate of 2 percent, compounded monthly and credited monthly based on the prior month's accumulated ending balances. Such interest credits must be posted to member accounts by the 15th business day of the following month.

(c) Effective July 1, 2023, additional interest credits shall be credited as follows:

1. If the annual rate of return on investments of the cash balance plan assets for the prior plan year did not exceed 2 percent, no additional interest credits are allowed.

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2. If the annual rate of return on investments of the cash balance plan assets for the prior plan year was greater than 2 percent, additional interest credits are payable on each member's retirement annuity account and annuity savings account equal to the difference between the annual rate of return and 2 percent.

3. All additional interest credits payable under this paragraph shall be allocated on the 15th business day of November following the close of the plan year based on the member's account balances as of the preceding June 30.

(d) To be eligible for an interest credit, the member must have an account balance at the time the interest credit is posted to the account. Interest credits may not be awarded to a member who has taken a full distribution of his or her accounts or who has annuitized his or her accumulated total account balance before interest credits are posted.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c), interest credits may not be granted on the member's nonvested account balances following the end of the second plan year after the member has terminated employment without meeting the vesting requirements of the cash balance plan.

Section 19. Section 121.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.73 Allocations for member disability coverage; percentage amounts.—

(1) The allocations established in:

(a) Subsection (3) shall be used to provide disability coverage for members in the investment plan and shall be transferred monthly by the Division of Retirement from the

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Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the disability account of the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

(b) Subsection (4) shall be used to provide disability coverage for members in the cash balance plan and transferred monthly by the Division of Retirement from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the disability account of the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Trust Fund.

(2) The allocations contained in this section are stated as a percentage of each investment plan or cash balance plan member's gross compensation for the calendar month. A change in a contribution percentage is effective the first day of the month for which retirement contributions may be made on or after the beginning date of the change. Contribution percentages may be modified by general law.

(3) Effective July 1, 2002, allocations from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to provide disability coverage for members in the investment plan, and to offset the costs of administering such ~~said~~ coverage, are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation
Regular Class	0.25%

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Special Risk Class	1.33%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	0.45%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	0.41%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	0.73%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	0.41%
Senior Management Service Class	0.26%

(4) Effective July 1, 2022, allocations from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to provide disability coverage for members in the cash balance plan, and to offset the costs of administering such coverage, are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation

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Regular Class	0.26%
Special Risk Class	0.96%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	0.26%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	0.24%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	0.47%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	0.27%
Senior Management Service Class	0.21%

Section 20. Section 121.735, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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121.735 Allocations for member line-of-duty death benefits; percentage amounts.—

(1) The allocations established in:

(a) Subsection (3) shall be used to provide line-of-duty death benefit coverage for members in the investment plan and shall be transferred monthly by the division from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the survivor benefit account of the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

(b) Subsection (4) shall be used to provide line-of-duty death benefit coverage for members in the cash balance plan and shall be transferred monthly by the division from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the survivor benefit account of the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund.

(2) Such allocations are stated as a percentage of each investment plan member's gross compensation for the calendar month. Any change in a contribution percentage is effective the first day of the month for which retirement contributions may be made on or after the beginning date of the change. Contribution percentages may be modified by general law.

(3) Allocations from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to provide line-of-duty death benefits for members in the investment plan, and to offset the costs of administering such ~~said~~ coverage, are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation

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Regular Class	0.05%
Special Risk Class	1.21%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	0.03%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	0.15%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	0.09%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	0.20%
Senior Management Service Class	0.05%

(4) Effective July 1, 2022, allocations from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to provide line-of-duty death benefits for members in the cash balance plan, and to offset the costs of administering such coverage,

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are as follows:

Membership Class	Percentage of Gross Compensation
Regular Class	0.09%
Special Risk Class	0.25%
Special Risk Administrative Support Class	0.09%
Elected Officers' Class— Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, Public Defenders	0.14%
Elected Officers' Class— Justices, Judges	0.18%
Elected Officers' Class— County Elected Officers	0.16%
Senior Management Service	0.11%

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Section 21. Section 121.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.74 Administrative and educational expenses.—In addition to contributions required to fund member accounts under s. 121.71, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2014, employers participating in the Florida Retirement System shall contribute an employer assessment amount equal to 0.03 percent of the payroll reported for each class or subclass of Florida Retirement System membership. Effective July 1, 2014, the employer assessment is 0.04 percent of the payroll reported for each class or subclass of membership. Effective July 1, 2016, the employer assessment is 0.06 percent of the payroll reported for each class or subclass of membership. Effective July 1, 2022, the employer assessment is 0.07 percent of the payroll reported for each class or subclass of membership. The amount assessed shall be transferred by the division from the Florida Retirement System Contributions Clearing Trust Fund to the State Board of Administration's Administrative Trust Fund to offset the costs of administering the investment plan and the cash balance plan and the costs of providing educational services to members of the Florida Retirement System. Approval of the trustees is required before the expenditure of these funds. Payments for third-party administrative or educational expenses shall be made only pursuant to the terms of the approved contracts for such services.

Section 22. Section 121.76, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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read:

121.76 Contributions for social security and for retiree health insurance subsidy.—Contributions required under this part shall be made or deducted, as ~~may be~~ appropriate, for each pay period and are in addition to employer and member contributions required for social security and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Trust Fund as provided under ~~parts I and II of~~ this chapter.

Section 23. Section 121.78, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.78 Payment and distribution of contributions.—

(1) Contributions made pursuant to this part shall be paid by the employer, including the employee contribution, to the division ~~of Retirement~~ by electronic funds transfer no later than the 5th working day of the month immediately following the month during which the payroll period ended. Accompanying payroll data must be transmitted to the division concurrent with the contributions.

(2) The division, the State Board of Administration, and the third-party administrator, as applicable, shall ensure that the contributions are distributed to the appropriate trust funds or participant accounts in a timely manner.

(3)(a) Employee and employer contributions and accompanying payroll data received after the 5th working day of the month are considered late. The ~~employer shall be assessed by the~~ division shall assess the employer ~~of Retirement~~ a penalty of 1 percent of the contributions due for each calendar month or part thereof that the contributions or accompanying payroll data are late. Proceeds from the ~~1 percent~~ assessment against contributions

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made on behalf of members of the pension plan must be deposited in the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.~~, and~~ Proceeds from the ~~1 percent~~ assessment against contributions made on behalf of members of the investment plan shall be transferred to the third-party administrator for deposit into member accounts, as provided in paragraph (c). Proceeds from the assessment against contributions made on behalf of members of the cash balance plan shall be credited to the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund.

(b) Retirement contributions paid for a prior period shall be charged a delinquent fee of 1 percent for each calendar month or part thereof that the contributions should have been paid. This includes prior period contributions due to incorrect wages and contributions from an earlier report or wages and contributions that should have been reported but were not. Proceeds from the delinquent fee made on behalf of members of the pension plan shall be deposited into the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund. Proceeds from the delinquent fee made on behalf of members of the investment plan shall be transferred to the third-party administrator for deposit into member accounts. Proceeds from the delinquent fee made on behalf of members of the cash balance plan shall be deposited into the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund to be credited to the annuity savings account and retirement savings accounts of the members. The delinquent assessments may not be waived.

(c) If employee contributions or contributions made by an employer on behalf of members of the investment plan or accompanying payroll data are not received within the calendar month they are due, including, but not limited to, contribution

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adjustments as a result of employer errors or corrections, and if that delinquency results in market losses to members, the employer shall reimburse each member's account for market losses resulting from the late contributions. If a member has terminated employment and taken a distribution, the member is responsible for returning any excess contributions erroneously provided by employers, adjusted for any investment gain or loss incurred during the period such excess contributions were in the member's account. The state board or its designated agent shall communicate to terminated members any obligation to repay such excess contribution amounts. However, the state board, its designated agents, the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan Trust Fund, the department, or the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund may not incur any loss or gain as a result of an employer's correction of such excess contributions. The third-party administrator, hired by the state board pursuant to s. 121.4501(8), shall calculate the market losses for each affected member. If contributions made on behalf of members of the investment plan or accompanying payroll data are not received within the calendar month due, the employer shall also pay the cost of the third-party administrator's calculation and reconciliation adjustments resulting from the late contributions. The third-party administrator shall notify the employer of the results of the calculations and the total amount due from the employer for such losses and the costs of calculation and reconciliation. The employer shall remit to the Division of Retirement the amount due within 30 working days after the date of the penalty notice sent by the division. The division shall transfer that amount to the third-party

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administrator, which shall deposit proceeds from the 1 percent assessment and from individual market losses into member accounts, as appropriate. The state board may adopt rules to administer the provisions regarding late contributions, late submission of payroll data, the process for reimbursing member accounts for resultant market losses, and the penalties charged to the employers.

(d) If a cash balance plan member has terminated employment and taken a benefit payment, the member is responsible for returning any excess contributions erroneously provided by employers. The state board or its designated agent shall communicate to terminated members their obligation to repay excess contribution amounts. However, the state board, its designated agents, the Florida Retirement System Cash Balance Plan Trust Fund, or the department may not incur any loss as a result of an employer's correction of the excess contributions.

(e) ~~(d)~~ If employee contributions reported by an employer on behalf of members are reduced as a result of employer errors or corrections, and the member has terminated employment and taken a refund, ~~or~~ distribution, or benefit payment, the employer shall be billed and is responsible for recovering from the member any excess contributions erroneously provided by the employer.

(f) ~~(e)~~ Assessments ~~Delinquency fees~~ specified in paragraph (a) may be waived by the division, with regard to pension plan contributions, and by the state board, with regard to investment plan or cash balance plan contributions, only if, in the opinion of the division or the board, as appropriate, exceptional circumstances beyond the employer's control prevented remittance

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by the prescribed due date notwithstanding the employer's good faith efforts to effect delivery. Such a waiver of delinquency may be granted an employer only once each plan year.

(g) ~~(f)~~ If the employer submits excess employer or employee contributions, the employer shall receive a credit to be applied against future contributions owed. The employer is responsible for reimbursing the member for any excess contributions submitted if a ~~any~~ return of such an erroneous excess pretax contribution by the program is made within 1 year after making erroneous contributions or such other period allowed under applicable Internal Revenue guidance.

(h) ~~(g)~~ If contributions made by an employer on behalf of members in the investment plan or the cash balance plan are delayed in posting to member accounts due to acts of God beyond the control of the division ~~of Retirement~~, the state board, or the third-party administrator, as applicable, market losses resulting from the late contributions are not payable to the members.

Section 24. Subsection (10) of section 216.136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and principals.—

(10) FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTION CONFERENCE.—The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference shall develop official information with respect to the economic and noneconomic assumptions and funding methods of the Florida Retirement System necessary to perform the ~~system~~ actuarial studies ~~study~~ undertaken pursuant to ss. 121.031(3) and 121.602(20) ~~s. 121.031(3)~~. Such information must ~~shall~~

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include~~:~~ an analysis of the actuarial assumptions and actuarial methods used in the studies ~~study~~ and a determination of whether changes to the assumptions or methods need to be made due to experience changes or revised future forecasts.

Section 25. Section 238.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

238.072 Special service provisions for extension personnel.—All state and county cooperative extension personnel holding appointments by the United States Department of Agriculture for extension work in agriculture and home economics in this state who are joint representatives of the University of Florida and the United States Department of Agriculture, as provided in s. 121.051(8) ~~s. 121.051(7)~~, who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System, chapter 238, and who are prohibited from transferring to and participating in the Florida Retirement System, chapter 121, may retire with full benefits upon completion of 30 years of creditable service and shall be considered to have attained normal retirement age under this chapter, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. In order to comply with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 14, Art. X of the State Constitution, any liability accruing to the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund as a result ~~of the provisions~~ of this section shall be paid on an annual basis from the General Revenue Fund.

Section 26. Subsection (11) of section 413.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

413.051 Eligible blind persons; operation of vending stands.—

(11) Effective July 1, 1996, blind licensees who remain members of the Florida Retirement System pursuant to s.

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121.051(7)(b)1. must ~~s. 121.051(6)(b)1. shall~~ pay any unappropriated retirement costs from their net profits or from program income. ~~Within 30 days after the effective date of this act,~~ Each blind licensee who is eligible to maintain membership in the Florida Retirement System under s. 121.051(7)(b)1. ~~s. 121.051(6)(b)1.~~, but who elects to withdraw from the system as provided in s. 121.051(7)(b)3. ~~s. 121.051(6)(b)3.~~, must, on or before July 31, 1996, notify the Division of Blind Services and the Department of Management Services in writing of his or her election to withdraw. Failure to timely notify the divisions shall be deemed a decision to remain a compulsory member of the Florida Retirement System. However, if, at any time after July 1, 1996, sufficient funds are not paid by a blind licensee to cover the required contribution to the Florida Retirement System, that blind licensee shall become ineligible to participate in the Florida Retirement System on the last day of the first month for which no contribution is made or the amount contributed is insufficient to cover the required contribution. For any blind licensee who becomes ineligible to participate ~~in the Florida Retirement System~~ as described in this subsection, no creditable service shall be earned under the Florida Retirement System for any period following the month that retirement contributions ceased to be reported. However, ~~any~~ such person may participate in the Florida Retirement System in the future if employed by a participating employer in a covered position.

Section 27. The Legislature finds that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,

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survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are extended the basic protections afforded by governmental retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and funded in an actuarially sound manner, as required by s. 14, Article X of the State Constitution and part VII of chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 28. (1) Effective July 1, 2022, in order to fund the benefit changes provided in this act, the required employer contribution rates for the unfunded actuarial liability of the Florida Retirement System established in s. 121.75(5), Florida Statutes, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) Elected Officers' Class.—Rates for Legislators, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet Officers, State Attorneys, and Public Defenders shall be increased by X.XX percentage points.

(b) Elected Officers' Class.—Rates for County Elected Officers shall be increased by X.XX percentage points.

(c) Senior Management Service Class.—Rates for the Senior Management Service Class shall be increased by X.XX percentage points.

(2) The adjustments provided in subsection (1) are in addition to all other changes to such contribution rates which may be enacted into law to take effect on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022. The Division of Law Revision is requested to adjust accordingly the contribution rates provided in s. 121.71, Florida Statutes.

Section 29. (1) The State Board of Administration shall

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request a determination letter as soon as practicable from the Internal Revenue Service as to whether this act or any portion of this act will cause the Florida Retirement System to be disqualified for tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Internal Revenue Service refuses to act upon such request, a legal opinion from a qualified tax attorney or firm may be substituted for the determination letter.

(2) If the state board receives notification from the Internal Revenue Service that this act or any portion of this act will cause the Florida Retirement System to be disqualified, the portion that will cause the disqualification does not apply. Upon such notice, the state board shall notify the presiding officers of the Legislature.

Section 30. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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To: Saliba, Lisa
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Professional Experience

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS CONSULTANT III (OPS POSITION) JUNE 2019 – PRESENT
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFICE OF DISASTER RECOVERY

- Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM)
- Manage contracts and federal grant agreements for the Community Block Grant Development - Disaster Recovery program.
- Conduct preliminary review to ensure contracts and grants are consistent with State and Federal policies and procedures and applicable agency guidelines, laws and regulations for the Housing Repair and Replacement Program, Infrastructure Program, Voluntary Home Buyout Program and Mitigation Program for the State of Florida.
- Research federal and state regulations and incorporate references.
- Participate in the procurement process for Invitation to Bid and Invitation to Negotiate for Disaster Recovery contracts.
- Provide guidance on contracts and federal grant agreements to program staff, managers and executive leadership.
- Facilitate the tracking of agreements through the department review and approval process.
- Assist the department in the preparation of formal and informal solicitations.
- Facilitate training for new grant/agreement managers on contract development

Reason for Leaving: Still employed

GOVERNMENT CONSULTANT II FEBRUARY 2012 – FEBRUARY 2018
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Contract Manager responsible for the procurement, negotiations, auditing, and monitoring of contracts for the Bureau of Operations.
- Monitored the Division's continuing education tracking system (CEBroker) contract. Ensure vendor complies with the contract in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulation of the State of Florida.
- Legislative Coordinator for the Division.
- Conduct bill analysis
- Created the legislative implementation plans for all new legislation for the Division of Medical Quality Assurance.
- Project Manager for the Division's Implementation Planning meetings with the Division director, program offices, General Counsel, technical staff, DOH communications team and all other stakeholders impacted by all new legislation.
- Monitored implementation plans until completion and ensured all parties were completing action steps by assigned due dates. Prepared weekly reports for management.
- Created and executed the communication/outreach implementation plans for the Division's top legislative initiatives.
- Communication liaison for the Division. Shared information with Florida licensees regarding legislative changes impacting their license or professions to include, presentations at statewide Florida health care associations, presentations at Division Board meetings, drafted press releases, webinar presentations, email campaigns, social media campaigns, trained Division staff, designed promotional material and drafted language for newsletters/articles.

Reason for Leaving: Retired

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OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
OCTOBER 2006 – FEBRUARY 2012

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY SSURANCE

- Supervised a staff of 7 employees responsible for conducting continuing education and financial responsibility audits of health care professionals for all MQA healthcare professions.
- Performed evaluations of employees by preparing goals and performance measures.
- Met with staff on a regular basis to assess progress, provide guidance, plan workflow.
- Reviewed administrative policies, procedures, guidelines related to directives to be implemented and evaluated impact on operations.
- Coordinated continuing education and financial responsibility audits for all healthcare professions licensed by the Department of Health.
- Contract Manager for the Department's continuing education tracking system (CEBroker) contract. Responsible for the integration of the continuing education tracking system into the Department's renewal system.
- Reconciled the budget for the Audit team for the Bureau of Operations. Track monthly expenses and keep Unit Manager updated monthly.
- Developed strategic objectives and action plans in support of the Divisions strategic plan.
- Prepared reports for management on the CE compliance rate for all MQA professions.
- Prepares and analyzes data for the Divisions Strategic Plan and Annual Report**.**
- Presented at statewide healthcare association annual conventions to share license renewal and continuing education requirements and new legislation with health care professions throughout Florida for all MQA professions.
- Analyzed legislative bills to determine impact on healthcare license renewals and continuing education requirements.
- Planned and coordinated monthly meetings with Executive Directors, Board Staff, and Audit team to ensure audits were handled timely and meet statutory and regulatory requirements.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR
JANUARY 2004 - OCTOBER 2006

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF PHARMACY

- Served as the Assistant to the Executive Director for the Board of Pharmacy.
- Assisted Executive Director with Board meetings, committee meetings, rule process, meeting agenda's and minutes. Respond to correspondence and screen calls. Handled Executive Directors calendar, travel arrangements, travel reimbursement and follow up from all board of pharmacy meetings. Schedule conference calls, rule hearings and workshops.
- Executed and followed up on decisions made at board meetings.
- Implemented policies and procedure for the operations of both programs.
- Submitted legislation from Board meetings to the Department's legislative planning office.
- Coordinated and managed the operations of the Board of Pharmacy office.
- Developed strategic objectives and action plans in support of the Divisions strategic plan.
- Met with staff on a regular basis to assess progress, provide guidance, plan workflow.
- Reviewed administrative policies, procedures, guidelines related to directives to be implemented and evaluated impact on operations.
- Performed evaluation of employees by preparing goals and performance measures.
- Coordinated Board of Pharmacy Board meetings and committee meetings in 6 locations or more per year.
- Negotiated meeting contract with hotel and travel arrangements for 12 board members and DOH staff.
- Developed meeting agendas and meeting minutes.
- Responsible for all follow-up from meetings and conference calls, including special request, minutes, and final orders.
- Coordinated Rule hearings and workshops.
- Responsible for HR matters, on-boarding new employees and exit interviews.

- Responsible for reconciling the Budget for the Board of Pharmacy program.
- Communicated both verbally and in writing with the Pharmacy community, Associations, Board Members, applicants, and licensees, Public speaking at Florida Colleges of Pharmacy, Florida Pharmacy Association, and National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- Attended National Association of Boards of Pharmacy annual training
- Public speaking on licensure and renewal requirements at Florida Colleges of Pharmacy, Florida Pharmacy Association meetings and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

REGULATORY SUPERVISOR **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
OCTOBER 2002 – JANUARY 2004 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

- Supervised a staff of 7 responsible for processing licensing applications for Pharmacies, Pharmacists, Consultant Pharmacists, Nuclear Pharmacists and Pharmacy Interns. Responsible for all HR matters, new hires and exit interviews.
- Developed strategic objectives and action plans in support of the Divisions strategic plan.
- Met with staff on a regular basis to assess progress, provide guidance, plan workflow.
- Reviewed administrative policies, procedures, guidelines related to directives to be implemented and evaluate impact on operations.
- Personnel Liaison for Board of Pharmacy
- Performed evaluation of employees by preparing goals and performance measures.
- Routinely reports to Program Administrator and Executive Director concerning work activities and employee performance.
- Served as Program Administrator at times when the position was vacant.
- Coordinated Board of Pharmacy Board meetings and committee meetings in 6 locations or more per year. Negotiated meeting contracts with hotel.
- Arranged travel for 12 board members and DOH staff.
- Developed meeting agendas and meeting minutes.
- Responsible for all follow-up from meetings and conference calls, including special request, minutes, and final orders.
- Reviewed files prepared by staff for Board agenda requiring Board review for those applying for licensure with past discipline.
- Managed the Implementation Plan for new legislation allowing Pharmacists licensure by Endorsement.
- Public speaking to Pharmacy Graduates of all Florida Colleges of Pharmacy.
- Implemented the Computer Based Testing program for Florida Pharmacist Applicants.

REGULATORY SPECIALISTS II **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
JUNE 1994 OCTOBER 2002 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

- Conducted independent review of applications submitted for the pharmacist licensure exam. Evaluated qualifications and licensure criteria in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Scheduled applicants for participation in the licensure exam.
- Performed final review and issued Pharmacists license numbers in the Divisions database for approved candidates.
- Communicated both verbally and in writing with licensure candidates regarding their pharmacist application.
- Prepared pharmacist application files requiring Board review for Board meeting agenda. Gathered appropriate legal documents and prepared summary of past discipline for Board members.

- Presented at Florida Colleges of Pharmacy to pharmacy graduates regarding the Pharmacist licensure process.
- Prepared agenda's and scheduled conference calls for the Board members.
- Responsible for pharmacists wall certificates, notice board meetings in administrative weekly meeting minutes, grade reports and licensure verification.
- Extensive computer work and handled a high volume of phone calls.
- Responsible for the implementation of the new legislation allowing licensure by Endorsement.
- Drafted Rules and partnered with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to create the new licensure by endorsement process.
- Responsible for the implementation of the Computer Based Testing for Pharmacist.

STAFF ASSISTANT
JUNE 1988 – JUNE 1994

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF PHARMACY

- Monitored the review and approval process of continuing education programs for providers offering courses to Florida Licensed Pharmacists.
- Answered main phone line for the Board of Pharmacy.
- Assisted callers with rules and regulations regarding the pharmacy profession.
- Conducted independent review of applications submitted for Consultant Pharmacists and Pharmacist Intern applications.
- Evaluated qualifications and licensure criteria in accordance with statutory requirements. Communicated with applicants both verbally and in writing.
- Updated computer records for Pharmacy manager changes, Pharmacists name and address changes, duplicate license requests, 2:1 technician ratio request, licensure verifications to other states and verification of internship hours to other states.
- Knowledge of the Board of Pharmacy Florida Statutes and Rules

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
FEBRUARY 1984 – JUNE 1988

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

- Coordinated travel arrangements for the Governor's out of state travel. Served as the contact person for scheduling meetings with Senators and Representatives.
- Processed travel reimbursement for Press Office Staff.
- Responsible for all incoming calls to the office and ensuring those callers are directed to the appropriate section.
- Assisted with luncheons at the Governor's Mansion.
- Responsible for working with Legal staff in keeping all legal files updated.
- Responsible for meeting minutes.
- Drafted, edited, reviewed, and processed all gubernatorial proclamation requests
- Coordinated proclamation signing ceremonies for the Governor.
- Attended Governor's Press Conferences and typed daily press releases.
- Outreach to all county contacts when members of their counties were appointed or reappointed to different boards.

Work References

Current Manager:

Rebecca Ajhar, DEO, Office of Disaster Recovery (850) 717-8529

Work References/Previous Managers:

Debora Hall, DOH Strategic Planning Services Manager	(850) 597-4447
Jennifer Wenhold, DOH, Bureau Chief, HCPR	(850) 245-4460
Gwen Bailey, DOH Licensing Services Manager	(850) 245-4094
Terri Stone, Department of Revenue	(850) 717-6609
John Taylor, DOH Board of Pharmacy, Past Executive Director	(850) 445-2241
Lola Pouncey, DOH, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Operations	(850) 245-4095

Skills & Abilities

- Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM)
- Knowledge of Florida's legislative process.
- Legislative bill analysis, legislative budget request, and legislative bill proposal processes.
- Ability to understand and apply applicable rules, regulations, policies, and procedures
- Ability to research, collect, evaluate, and analyze data
- Strong Organizational Skills
- Ability to deal with irate callers
- Public Speaking
- Ability to communicate effectively and establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
- Supervisory/Management Experience
- HR Experience
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Knowledge in problem solving, decision making and analytical skills
- Meeting Facilitator
- Budget Experience
- Project Management
- Training Coordinator
- Microsoft Office; Excel; SharePoint, FLAIR

Awards and Recognition

- Governor's Recognition Award for the DOH "Are You Renewal Ready?" campaign.
- Department of Health/MQA Leadership Award
- Department of Health Recognition Award for the "Are You Renewal Ready?" campaign.
- Department of Health Recognition Award for Strategic Planning
- Department of Health Recognition Award for Auditing Services
- Recognized by the State Surgeon General for Commitment and Dedication, "Are You Renewal Ready?" campaign.
- Florida Massage Therapy Association Recognition Award
- Numerous Department of Health/MQA Customer Service Awards
- Recognition by numerous Florida Statewide Professional Associations
- Department of Health/MQA Recognition Award for the Employee Satisfaction Ceremony

From: Spencer, Chris
To: Ben Watkins
Cc: Atchley, Mike; Alexis Lambert; Ryan Dugan; Donna Biggins; Cramer, Kim; Kim Nichols
Subject: Re: Draft Environmental Program PP
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 5:02:09 PM

Great thank you Ben I'll take a look and get you feedback.

> On Dec 18, 2020, at 3:31 PM, Ben Watkins <Ben.Watkins@sbafla.com> wrote:
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> Chris,
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> Please see the attached draft PP for your review and edits. I am happy to discuss any changes and/or questions. Have a good weekend.
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> Thanks,
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From: Spencer, Chris
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Subject: Re: S&P Report- FL Improved Financial Outlook_Highlighted.pdf
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:26:50 PM

Thank you Ben

> On Feb 23, 2021, at 11:30 AM, Ben Watkins <Ben.Watkins@sbafla.com> wrote:
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> Chris
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> Attached is a short S&P report on the Governors budget recs. Let me know if you have questions. The report is public so you can use as you see fit. I hope you are well
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> Ben
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From: Spencer, Chris
To: Marquez, Jonas
Subject: Re: *UPCOMING 5 MIN* DeSantis/Nuñez Administration Schedule for Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:29:24 PM

Hold

On Mar 3, 2021, at 2:28 PM, Marquez, Jonas <Jonas.Marquez@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

8:50am **CALL WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**

9:00am **PRESS CONFERENCE**
Location: SunTrust Bank Building
Address: 5435 Gall Boulevard
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

10:30am **INTERVIEW WITH BEN SHAPIRO**

12:00pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

2:00pm **CALL WITH CVS HEALTH PRESIDENT AND CEO KAREN LYNCH**

3:30pm **MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SECRETARY NOAH VALENSTEIN**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

4:00pm **MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORCORAN**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
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LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

9:30am **MEETING WITH DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL JAMES UTHMEIER**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

10:00am **MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION SECRETARY JULIE IMANUEL BROWN**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

10:35am **WIOD-610AM INTERVIEW**

11:00am **STAFF AND CALL TIME**

1:00pm **MEETING WITH POLICY DIRECTOR CHRIS SPENCER**
Location: Florida State Capitol
Address: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

2:30pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**

3:00pm **WTVJ-CH. 6 NBC "IMPACT" INTERVIEW**

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COVID-19: vaccine summary

Vaccination data through Jan 29, 2021 as of Jan 30, 2021 at 12:05 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

Data in this summary pertain to COVID-19 vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and have been issued an Emergency Use Authorization. These data summarize the number of people who have received either their first dose or have completed the series for a COVID-19 vaccine. A person can only be counted in one category, first dose or series complete.

COVID-19 doses administered in Florida

Doses administered	1,948,148

Total number of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that have been administered in Florida.

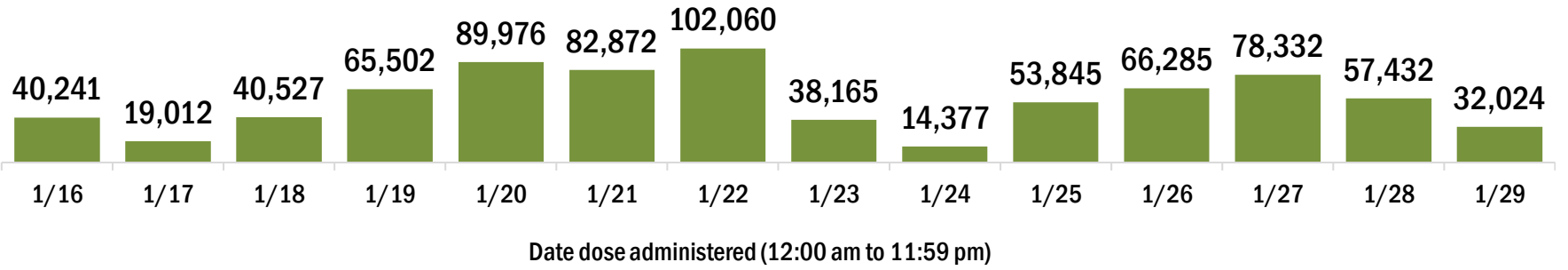
Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 in Florida

Total people vaccinated	1,651,366
First dose	1,354,584
Series completed	296,782

First dose: received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
Series complete: received all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to be considered fully immunized.

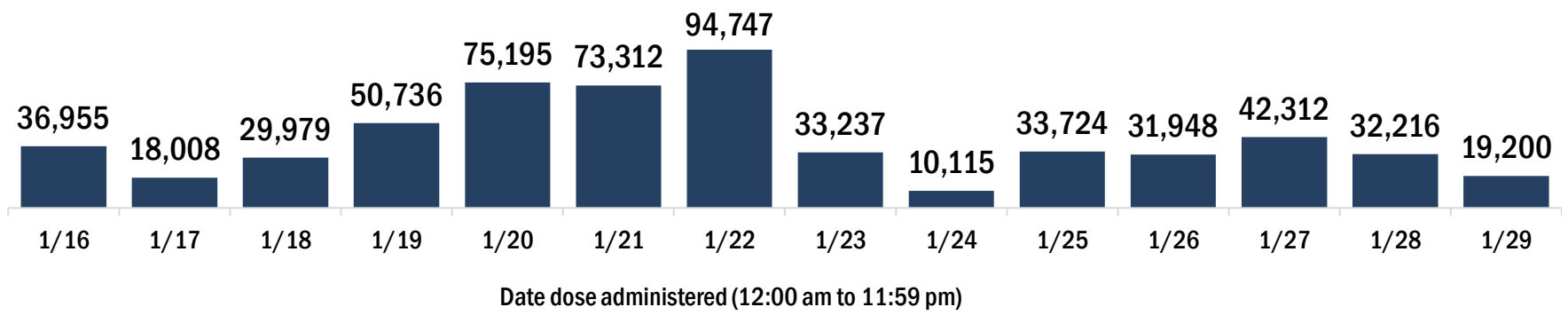
Demographic summary	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated
Age group	1,354,584	296,782	1,651,366
16-24 years	16,642	6,948	23,590
25-34 years	46,186	35,918	82,104
35-44 years	57,360	42,959	100,319
45-54 years	71,026	47,785	118,811
55-64 years	98,900	51,919	150,819
65-74 years	590,871	60,267	651,138
75-84 years	340,579	32,665	373,244
85+ years	133,020	18,321	151,341
Race	1,354,584	296,782	1,651,366
American Indian/Alaskan	4,672	907	5,579
Black	64,660	16,109	80,769
Other	177,371	70,241	247,612
Unknown	236,877	33,994	270,871
White	871,004	175,531	1,046,535
Other race includes Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.			
Ethnicity	1,354,584	296,782	1,651,366
Hispanic	104,475	31,738	136,213
Non-Hispanic	632,548	144,734	777,282
Unknown	617,561	120,310	737,871
Gender	1,354,584	296,782	1,651,366
Female	777,804	180,737	958,541
Male	569,522	115,456	684,978
Unknown	7,258	589	7,847

COVID-19 doses administered for the past 2 weeks



Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 for the past 2 weeks

Number of persons who received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine



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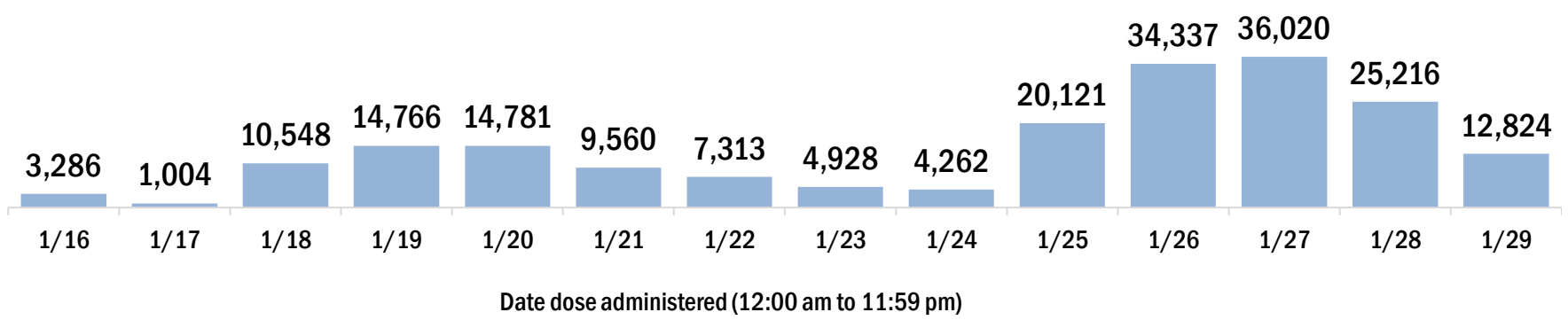

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COVID-19: vaccine summary

Vaccination data through Jan 29, 2021 as of Jan 30, 2021 at 12:05 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

This table is the number of people who received their first dose or completed their COVID-19 vaccine series yesterday and cumulatively by county of residence.

	Yesterday (Jan 29)			Cumulative		
County of residence	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated
Alachua	510	596	1,106	20,441	10,839	31,280
Baker	12	2	14	1,384	192	1,576
Bay	46	111	157	12,510	679	13,189
Bradford	148	12	160	1,436	206	1,642
Brevard	54	115	169	35,516	7,822	43,338
Broward	941	623	1,564	111,770	29,971	141,741
Calhoun	15	3	18	1,274	180	1,454
Charlotte	379	21	400	12,483	2,096	14,579
Citrus	38	72	110	11,846	1,644	13,490
Clay	538	28	566	10,676	2,734	13,410
Collier	176	42	218	31,358	4,466	35,824
Columbia	24	29	53	4,274	312	4,586
Dade	1,530	4,036	5,566	126,719	46,593	173,312
Desoto	4	21	25	2,181	228	2,409
Dixie	10	1	11	862	40	902
Duval	954	479	1,433	64,884	14,601	79,485
Escambia	541	54	595	22,985	3,083	26,068
Flagler	30	20	50	8,800	1,025	9,825
Franklin	98	2	100	1,278	30	1,308
Gadsden	143	377	520	3,768	640	4,408
Gilchrist	14	5	19	1,157	224	1,381
Glades	0	1	1	587	13	600
Gulf	5	9	14	1,559	39	1,598
Hamilton	1	4	5	1,125	22	1,147
Hardee	6	5	11	1,265	65	1,330
Hendry	11	0	11	1,908	88	1,996
Hernando	287	151	438	12,170	1,768	13,938
Highlands	20	37	57	5,276	742	6,018
Hillsborough	374	1,666	2,040	55,881	18,978	74,859
Holmes	1	5	6	1,053	465	1,518
Indian River	267	100	367	15,242	1,460	16,702
Jackson	41	105	146	4,220	669	4,889
Jefferson	45	4	49	1,539	136	1,675
Lafayette	0	0	0	609	47	656
Lake	142	46	188	28,167	7,724	35,891
Lee	236	143	379	47,017	10,439	57,456
Leon	953	300	1,253	24,196	4,314	28,510
Levy	53	12	65	2,252	278	2,530
Liberty	8	1	9	703	26	729
Madison	3	0	3	1,950	115	2,065
Manatee	1,026	364	1,390	20,755	5,641	26,396
Marion	797	221	1,018	26,573	3,581	30,154
Martin	292	111	403	15,180	2,466	17,646
Monroe	43	28	71	6,060	519	6,579
Nassau	649	50	699	8,151	954	9,105
Okaloosa	13	54	67	14,037	1,490	15,527
Okeechobee	4	4	8	2,298	372	2,670
Orange	148	76	224	63,181	19,591	82,772
Osceola	322	10	332	14,272	3,304	17,576
Out-Of-State	281	127	408	49,818	4,163	53,981
Palm Beach	1,644	438	2,082	136,233	18,845	155,078
Pasco	687	195	882	22,648	6,327	28,975
Pinellas	2,000	722	2,722	59,430	15,417	74,847
Polk	494	212	706	28,455	4,531	32,986
Putnam	46	11	57	4,093	285	4,378
Santa Rosa	70	35	105	14,480	1,477	15,957
Sarasota	573	169	742	33,002	7,244	40,246
Seminole	188	196	384	27,753	7,168	34,921
St. Johns	213	35	248	26,131	4,922	31,053
St. Lucie	99	154	253	20,610	2,519	23,129
Sumter	287	18	305	16,377	849	17,226
Suwannee	12	7	19	3,195	344	3,539
Taylor	31	1	32	1,620	79	1,699
Union	37	9	46	810	52	862
Unknown	33	7	40	1,115	266	1,381
Volusia	367	286	653	33,810	8,567	42,377
Wakulla	97	30	127	2,938	185	3,123
Walton	88	6	94	5,747	258	6,005
Washington	1	10	11	1,491	373	1,864
Total	**19,200**	**12,824**	32,024	**1,354,584**	**296,782**	1,651,366

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Date: Sunday, January 31, 2021 8:29:15 PM
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COVID-19: vaccine summary

Vaccination data through Jan 30, 2021 as of Jan 31, 2021 at 12:05 AM

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COVID-19 doses administered in Florida

Doses administered	1,993,472

Total number of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that have been administered in Florida.

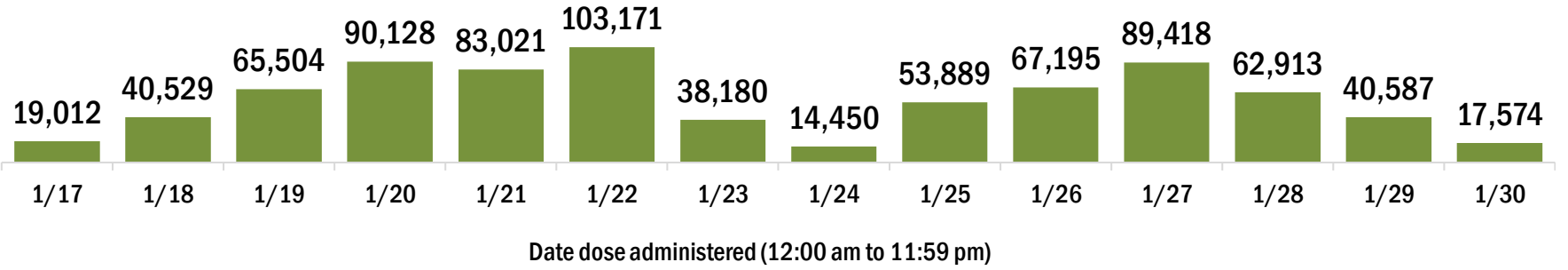
Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 in Florida

Total people vaccinated	1,678,944
First dose	1,364,416
Series completed	314,528

First dose: received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
Series complete: received all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to be considered fully immunized.

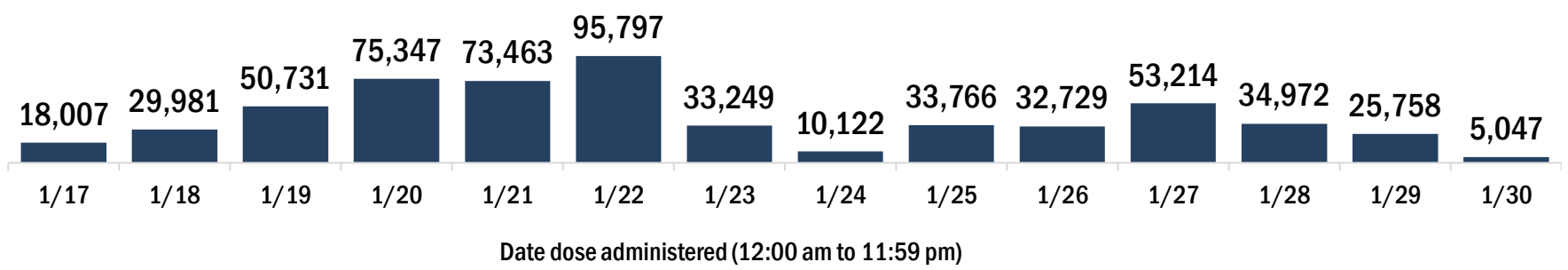
Demographic summary	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated
Age group	1,364,416	314,528	1,678,944
16-24 years	16,535	7,215	23,750
25-34 years	45,985	36,571	82,556
35-44 years	57,179	43,700	100,879
45-54 years	70,860	48,707	119,567
55-64 years	98,986	53,180	152,166
65-74 years	596,418	68,002	664,420
75-84 years	344,502	37,116	381,618
85+ years	133,951	20,037	153,988
Race	1,364,416	314,528	1,678,944
American Indian/Alaskan	4,696	957	5,653
Black	64,890	16,893	81,783
Other	175,746	74,499	250,245
Unknown	243,652	35,447	279,099
White	875,432	186,732	1,062,164
Other race includes Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.			
Ethnicity	1,364,416	314,528	1,678,944
Hispanic	103,309	34,517	137,826
Non-Hispanic	631,184	155,501	786,685
Unknown	629,923	124,510	754,433
Gender	1,364,416	314,528	1,678,944
Female	783,511	191,122	974,633
Male	573,647	122,813	696,460
Unknown	7,258	593	7,851

COVID-19 doses administered for the past 2 weeks



Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 for the past 2 weeks

Number of persons who received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine



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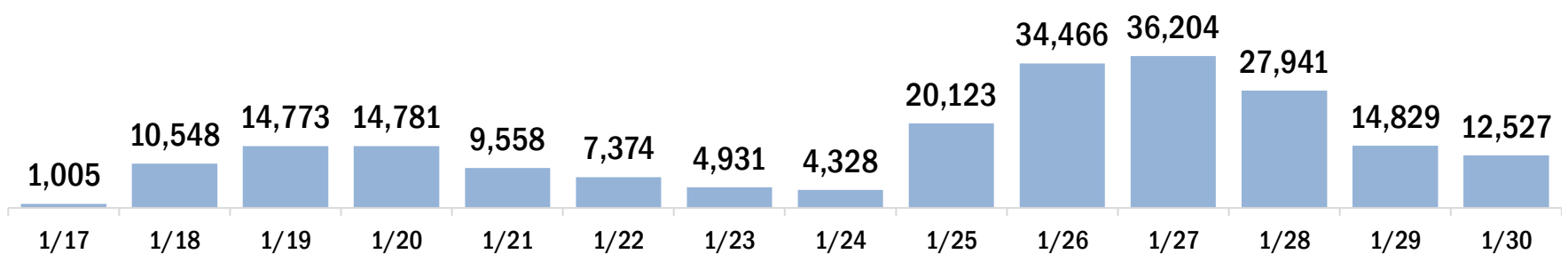

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This table is the number of people who received their first dose or completed their COVID-19 vaccine series yesterday and cumulatively by county of residence.

	Yesterday (Jan 30)			Cumulative		
County of residence	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated
Alachua	257	328	585	20,725	11,189	31,914
Baker	0	5	5	1,378	200	1,578
Bay	0	2	2	12,645	689	13,334
Bradford	2	0	2	1,438	207	1,645
Brevard	2	17	19	36,735	7,859	44,594
Broward	335	571	906	111,601	30,821	142,422
Calhoun	0	0	0	1,273	181	1,454
Charlotte	5	7	12	12,806	2,148	14,954
Citrus	785	13	798	12,800	1,692	14,492
Clay	6	85	91	10,639	2,851	13,490
Collier	19	16	35	32,895	4,503	37,398
Columbia	9	2	11	4,198	421	4,619
Dade	1,203	2,900	4,103	125,622	49,649	175,271
Desoto	1	0	1	2,192	232	2,424
Dixie	4	1	5	865	41	906
Duval	23	791	814	64,194	15,648	79,842
Escambia	6	875	881	22,236	4,039	26,275
Flagler	3	18	21	9,111	1,059	10,170
Franklin	0	9	9	1,270	39	1,309
Gadsden	105	133	238	3,744	787	4,531
Gilchrist	5	0	5	1,161	226	1,387
Glades	0	0	0	588	13	601
Gulf	0	0	0	1,559	41	1,600
Hamilton	0	0	0	1,124	23	1,147
Hardee	0	0	0	1,224	115	1,339
Hendry	0	0	0	1,908	88	1,996
Hernando	19	25	44	12,297	1,821	14,118
Highlands	2	2	4	5,251	783	6,034
Hillsborough	301	762	1,063	55,716	19,950	75,666
Holmes	0	0	0	1,055	466	1,521
Indian River	5	0	5	15,708	1,651	17,359
Jackson	3	2	5	4,177	725	4,902
Jefferson	1	21	22	1,500	182	1,682
Lafayette	0	0	0	610	47	657
Lake	18	21	39	28,343	8,269	36,612
Lee	11	56	67	48,993	10,703	59,696
Leon	154	2,235	2,389	22,134	6,733	28,867
Levy	36	6	42	2,293	284	2,577
Liberty	0	3	3	697	32	729
Madison	0	2	2	1,927	153	2,080
Manatee	20	31	51	20,857	5,733	26,590
Marion	63	118	181	26,935	3,741	30,676
Martin	91	323	414	15,643	2,797	18,440
Monroe	11	11	22	6,165	532	6,697
Nassau	1	101	102	8,158	1,065	9,223
Okaloosa	2	3	5	14,027	1,634	15,661
Okeechobee	0	9	9	2,298	382	2,680
Orange	58	121	179	63,182	20,040	83,222
Osceola	247	313	560	14,917	3,635	18,552
Out-Of-State	48	124	172	50,235	4,438	54,673
Palm Beach	161	383	544	138,208	19,685	157,893
Pasco	59	107	166	22,713	6,445	29,158
Pinellas	57	157	214	59,681	15,591	75,272
Polk	602	178	780	29,391	4,761	34,152
Putnam	5	6	11	4,099	297	4,396
Santa Rosa	1	23	24	14,546	1,511	16,057
Sarasota	15	41	56	33,072	7,511	40,583
Seminole	22	769	791	27,525	8,295	35,820
St. Johns	5	135	140	26,434	5,313	31,747
St. Lucie	84	236	320	20,745	2,837	23,582
Sumter	48	17	65	16,840	908	17,748
Suwannee	3	6	9	3,189	356	3,545
Taylor	1	3	4	1,620	83	1,703
Union	0	1	1	776	92	868
Unknown	113	9	122	1,207	296	1,503
Volusia	6	178	184	35,338	8,916	44,254
Wakulla	4	213	217	2,734	400	3,134
Walton	0	3	3	5,757	300	6,057
Washington	0	0	0	1,492	374	1,866
Total	**5,047**	**12,527**	17,574	**1,364,416**	**314,528**	1,678,944

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COVID-19 doses administered in Florida

Doses administered	2,036,038

Total number of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that have been administered in Florida.

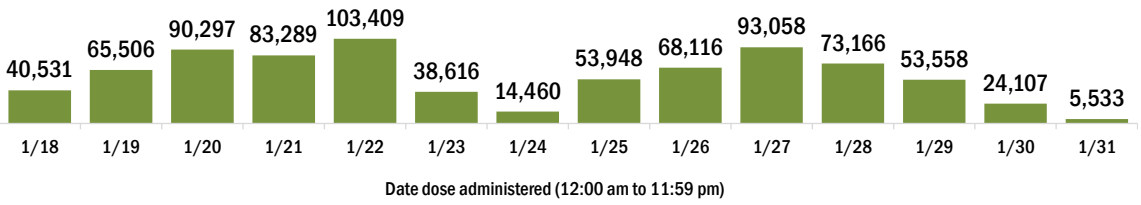
Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 in Florida

Total people vaccinated	1,707,692
First dose	1,379,346
Series completed	328,346

First dose: received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
Series complete: received all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to be considered fully immunized.

Demographic summary	First dose	Series complete	Total people vaccinated
Age group	1,379,346	328,346	1,707,692
16-24 years	16,486	7,404	23,890
25-34 years	45,725	37,142	82,867
35-44 years	56,741	44,500	101,241
45-54 years	70,293	49,730	120,023
55-64 years	99,189	54,520	153,709
65-74 years	605,750	73,156	678,906
75-84 years	349,866	40,426	390,292
85+ years	135,296	21,468	156,764
Race	1,379,346	328,346	1,707,692
American Indian/Alaskan	4,790	1,012	5,802
Black	65,957	17,303	83,260
Other	174,921	77,689	252,610
Unknown	247,934	36,206	284,140
White	885,744	196,136	1,081,880
Other race includes Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.			
Ethnicity	1,379,346	328,346	1,707,692
Hispanic	103,220	37,067	140,287
Non-Hispanic	637,808	163,704	801,512
Unknown	638,318	127,575	765,893
Gender	1,379,346	328,346	1,707,692
Female	791,574	199,246	990,820
Male	580,494	128,507	709,001
Unknown	7,278	593	7,871

COVID-19 doses administered for the past 2 weeks



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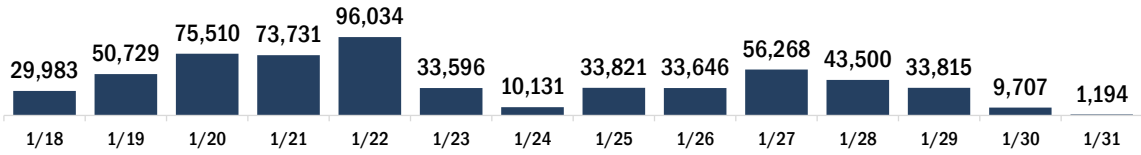
Persons vaccinated for COVID-19 for the past 2 weeks

Number of persons who received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine



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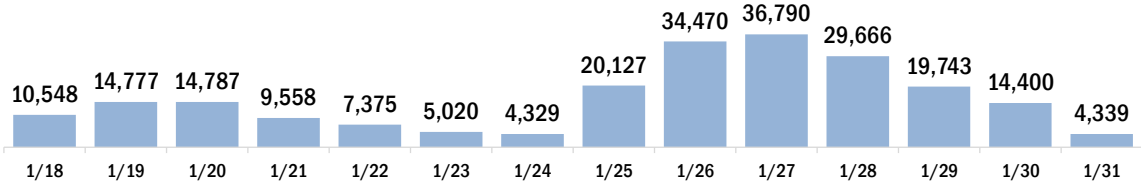
Number of persons who received their second dose and completed the COVID-19 vaccine series



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Alachua	3	89	92	20,916	11,288	32,204
Baker	0	0	0	1,380	200	1,580
Bay	0	0	0	12,757	697	13,454
Bradford	0	0	0	1,439	207	1,646
Brevard	40	0	40	37,181	8,479	45,660
Broward	70	414	484	112,301	31,738	144,039
Calhoun	0	0	0	1,272	183	1,455
Charlotte	0	2	2	12,745	2,546	15,291
Citrus	0	29	29	12,935	1,733	14,668
Clay	0	1	1	10,692	2,858	13,550
Collier	11	5	16	34,112	4,567	38,679
Columbia	0	1	1	4,199	424	4,623
Dade	831	2,853	3,684	124,323	53,350	177,673
Desoto	0	0	0	2,199	237	2,436
Dixie	0	0	0	867	41	908
Duval	2	2	4	64,789	15,752	80,541
Escambia	0	0	0	22,825	4,279	27,104
Flagler	0	0	0	9,020	1,515	10,535
Franklin	1	0	1	1,288	55	1,343
Gadsden	9	0	9	4,017	796	4,813
Gilchrist	0	0	0	1,159	227	1,386
Glades	0	1	1	588	14	602
Gulf	0	0	0	1,559	42	1,601
Hamilton	0	0	0	1,124	23	1,147
Hardee	0	0	0	1,222	116	1,338
Hendry	0	0	0	1,845	188	2,033
Hernando	1	2	3	12,422	1,830	14,252
Highlands	0	2	2	5,263	786	6,049
Hillsborough	0	21	21	57,205	20,264	77,469
Holmes	0	0	0	1,070	466	1,536
Indian River	0	9	9	17,341	1,669	19,010
Jackson	0	0	0	4,160	787	4,947
Jefferson	2	0	2	1,499	184	1,683
Lafayette	0	0	0	610	47	657
Lake	0	24	24	28,427	8,486	36,913
Lee	5	0	5	48,727	12,516	61,243
Leon	69	19	88	22,311	6,817	29,128
Levy	1	3	4	2,310	289	2,599
Liberty	0	0	0	696	32	728
Madison	0	0	0	1,927	153	2,080
Manatee	0	5	5	21,020	5,775	26,795
Marion	42	320	362	26,830	4,170	31,000
Martin	1	2	3	16,218	2,806	19,024
Monroe	7	11	18	6,221	557	6,778
Nassau	51	1	52	8,294	1,067	9,361
Okaloosa	0	0	0	13,991	1,785	15,776
Okeechobee	0	0	0	2,308	382	2,690
Orange	2	14	16	64,707	20,589	85,296
Osceola	0	2	2	15,481	3,655	19,136
Out-Of-State	2	31	33	50,392	4,730	55,122
Palm Beach	31	362	393	140,115	20,790	160,905
Pasco	1	6	7	22,936	6,513	29,449
Pinellas	0	6	6	59,819	15,806	75,625
Polk	3	75	78	30,194	4,866	35,060
Putnam	0	1	1	4,043	391	4,434
Santa Rosa	0	0	0	14,724	1,684	16,408
Sarasota	1	14	15	32,858	8,047	40,905
Seminole	1	0	1	27,616	8,426	36,042
St. Johns	0	0	0	26,714	5,496	32,210
St. Lucie	1	2	3	21,589	2,844	24,433
Sumter	0	5	5	17,385	955	18,340
Suwannee	0	0	0	3,188	357	3,545
Taylor	0	0	0	1,620	83	1,703
Union	0	0	0	775	93	868
Unknown	1	3	4	1,206	299	1,505
Volusia	1	2	3	35,880	9,188	45,068
Wakulla	4	0	4	2,727	413	3,140
Walton	0	0	0	6,280	322	6,602
Washington	0	0	0	1,493	376	1,869
Total	**1,194**	**4,339**	5,533	**1,379,346**	**328,346**	1,707,692

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Strum, Shane
Cc: Moulton, Diane
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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
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Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola
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Florida Department of Health

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County	Receiving Entity	POD Location Name	Current Vaccine	Already Open	Weekly Allocation
Alachua	Marion CHD	DOH-Alachua County	Pfizer	Yes	1,950
Broward	CHD	Markham Park	Pfizer	Yes	7,600
Broward	CHD	Broward County Soccer Stadium	Pfizer	Yes	4,475
Broward	CHD	DOH-Broward	Pfizer	Yes	5,475
Clay	Duval CHD	DOH-Clay	Pfizer	Yes	1,950
Duval	CHD	Regency Mall (State Run Site)	Pfizer	No	7,800
Hillsborough	CHD	University Mall	Pfizer	Yes	11,700
Indian River	CHD	IR Fairgrounds	Pfizer	Yes	2,925
Lake	CHD	Claremont Arts and Recreation Center	Pfizer	Yes	4,875
Leon	CHD	Northwood Plaza	Pfizer	Yes	2,925
Marion	CHD	Paddock Mall	Pfizer	No	1,950
Miami-Dade	CHD	Marlin Stadium	Pfizer	Yes	7,325
Miami-Dade	CHD	Hard Rock Stadium (with 2 lanes)	Pfizer	Yes	7,300
Miami-Dade	CHD	City of Miami POD	Pfizer	No	2,925
Miami-Dade	Hospital	Jackson Memorial (3 PODs)	Pfizer	Yes	7,800
Nassau	Duval CHD	DOH-Nassau	Pfizer	Yes	975
Okaloosa	CHD	DOH-Okaloosa	Pfizer	Yes	975
Orange	CHD	Orange County Covention Center	Pfizer	Yes	8,775
Osceola	Orange CHD	DOH-Osceola	Pfizer	Yes	2,925
Palm Beach	CHD	South Florida Fairgrounds (Placeholder)	Pfizer	No	975
Pinellas	Hillsborough CHD	Location Pending	Pfizer	No	3,900
Pinellas	Hillsborough CHD	Center for Health Equity	Pfizer	Yes	7,800
Seminole	CHD	Oveido Mall (Sears storefront)	Pfizer	Yes	1,950
St. Johns	Duval CHD	Solomon Calhoun Community Center - SJC Vaccine Site	Pfizer	Yes	3,900
St. Lucie	CHD	St. Lucie Fairgrounds	Pfizer	Yes	3,900
		25			**115,050**

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1	County	Receiving Entity	POD Location Name	Current Vaccine	Already Open	Weekly Allocation
2	Baker	CHD	DOH-Baker	Moderna	Yes	200
3	Bay	CHD	Callaway Community & Arts Center/Bay County Health Department	Moderna	Yes	500
4	Bradford	CHD	DOH-Bradford	Moderna	Yes	200
5	Brevard	CHD	DOH-Brevard (Viera)	Moderna	Yes	1,500
6	Calhoun	CHD	DOH-Calhoun	Moderna	Yes	100
7	Charlotte	CHD	Harold Recreation Center -(Drive Thru)	Moderna	Yes	1,500
8	Citrus	CHD	Florida National Guard Armory	Moderna	Yes	1,600
9	Collier	CHD	Regional Park	Moderna	Yes	2,000
10	Columbia	CHD	Southside Sports Complex	Moderna	Yes	500
11	Desoto	CHD	Agri Turner Civic Center	Moderna	Yes	300
12	Dixie	CHD	DOH-Dixie	Moderna	Yes	100
13	Escambia	CHD	DOH-Escambia	Moderna	Yes	2,500
14	Flagler	CHD	Flagler County Fairgrounds	Moderna	Yes	800
15	Franklin	CHD	DOH-Franklin	Moderna	Yes	100
16	Gadsden	CHD	DOH-Gadsden / FLNG Gadsden Armory	Moderna	Yes	400
17	Gilchrist	CHD	DOH-Gilchrist	Moderna	Yes	200
18	Glades	CHD	DOH-Glades	Moderna	Yes	100
19	Gulf	CHD	DOH-Gulf	Moderna	Yes	200
20	Hamilton	CHD	DOH-Hamilton	Moderna	Yes	100
21	Hardee	CHD	Pinoneer Park /Civic Center (placeholder)	Moderna	No	200
22	Hendry	CHD	Labelle 250 and Clewiston 250	Moderna	Yes	300
23	Hernando	CHD	DOH-Hernando	Moderna	Yes	1,500
24	Highlands	CHD	Lakeshore Mall	Moderna	Yes	1,800
25	Holmes	CHD	DOH-Holmes	Moderna	Yes	200
26	Jackson	CHD	DOH-Jackson	Moderna	Yes	400
27	Jefferson	CHD	DOH-Jefferson	Moderna	Yes	100
28	Lafayette	CHD	DOH-Lafayette	Moderna	Yes	100
29	Lee	CHD	RSW Airport	Moderna	Yes	2,800
30	Levy	CHD	DOH-Levy	Moderna	Yes	300
31	Liberty	CHD	DOH-Liberty	Moderna	Yes	100
32	Madison	CHD	Van H Priest Auditorium	Moderna	Yes	200
33	Manatee	CHD	Tom Bennett Park	Moderna	Yes	5,000
34	Martin	CHD	DOH - Martin	Moderna	Yes	1,200
35	Monroe	CHD	DOH-Monroe	Moderna	Yes	100
36	Okeechobee	CHD	DOH-Okeechobee	Moderna	Yes	300
37	Pasco	CHD	Sears Gulf View Mall Location	Moderna	Yes	3,100
38	Pasco	CHD	Location Pending	Moderna	Yes	3,100
39	Polk	CHD	DOH-Polk	Moderna	Yes	7,000
40	Putnam	CHD	DOH-Putnam	Moderna	Yes	600
41	Santa Rosa	CHD	Park More Plaza (Old Bealls Store)	Moderna	No	1,500
42	Sarasota	CHD	DOH-Sarasota	Moderna	Yes	3,800
43	Sumter	CHD	DOH-Sumter (Wildwood)	Moderna	Yes	500
44	Sumter	CHD	DOH-Sumter (Villages)	Moderna	Yes	500
45	Suwannee	CHD	DOH-Suwannee	Moderna	Yes	400
46	Taylor	CHD	DOH-Taylor	Moderna	Yes	200
47	Union	CHD	DOH-Union	Moderna	Yes	100
48	Volusia	CHD	County Fairgrounds	Moderna	Yes	2,300
49	Wakulla	CHD	DOH-Wakulla	Moderna	Yes	300
50	Walton	CHD	Gene Hurley Park (Drive Thru)	Moderna	Yes	500
51	Washington	CHD	First Baptist Church of Chipley	Moderna	Yes	200
52			**50**			**51,600**

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Other Supported Missions

	B	C	D	E
1	**Receiving Entity**	**Mission**	**Moderna**	**Pfizer**
2	Orange	Orange County Church TBD	500	
3	Orange	Orange County Church TBD	500	
4	Broward	Broward County Church TBD	500	
5	Broward	Broward County Church TBD	500	
6	Leon	Gadsden County Church TBD	500	
7	Manatee	Manatee County Church TBD	500	
8	Hillsborough	Pinellas 55+ Community TBD		4,875
9	Orange	Osceolla 55+ Community TBD		3,900
10	Orange	CDR ALF Mission		8,775
11	Leon	Strike Team Mission Support	5,500	
12	Publix	Retail Partnership	73,400	
13			81,900	17,550

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	McCloud, Cody
Cc:	Strum, Shane
Subject:	FW:
Date:	Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:40:25 PM
Attachments:	Proposed Allocation Detail Week 9 0204.xlsx

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:39 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see draft attached.

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Proposed Allocation Strategy Weeks 9

Pfizer	132600
Moderna	192500
Total	325100

Receiving Entity	Purpose	Moderna	Pfizer	Total
State Pods	65+ & Healthcare Workers	81,100	117,000	198,100
6 Church Missions	65+ & Healthcare Workers	500	2,925	3,425
55+ Community Mission	65+ & Healthcare Workers	3,000		3,000
55+ Community Mission	65+ & Healthcare Workers		2,925	2,925
Publix	65+ & Healthcare Workers	73,200		73,200
Strike team mission support	As required	1,700		1,700
Hospital allocation for extremely vulnerable	Medically fragile	28,500		28,500
Homebound Strike Team Mission	65+	1,500		1,500
Miami-Dade Housing Pilot	65+ & Healthcare Workers	1,000		1,000
Community Provider Pilot	65+ & Healthcare Workers	2,000		2,000
LTC			9,750	9,750
Total		**192,500**	**132,600**	**325,100**
Balance		**0**	**0**	**0**

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Strum, Shane
Subject: FW:
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:18:09 PM
Attachments: Retail allocaiton week 14.pdf

See attached

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

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CVS	0	0	62,010	62,010
Publix	0	37,700	0	37,700
Walmart	0	19,500	3,510	23,010
Southeastern Groc	0	8,100	0	8,100
Walgreens	0	0	25,740	25,740
TOTAL	0	65,300	91,260	156,560

Retail Progam Allocation:
-J&J: no allocation
-Moderna: no change
-Pfizer: +19,890

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CVS	6,300	0	62,010	68,310
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Southeastern Groc	5,900	8,100	0	14,000
Walgreens	0	0	5,850	5,850
TOTAL	53,700	65,300	71,370	190,370

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	Wagner, Maureen
Subject:	FW:
Date:	Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:58:22 PM
Attachments:	Retail allocaiton week 14.pdf

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie
Subject: FW:
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:45:14 PM
Attachments: CHD Week 4 (2).xlsx
alloc 12-30.xlsx

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:45 PM
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW:

Please see attached for week 4. CHD allocation for Polk below. Pulling info from Tiberius re: Polk.

County	Moderna W4
POLK	1400

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From: Coppola, Courtney
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

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From: Coppola, Courtney
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see attached.

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County	Mordena W4
PALM BEACH	4500
LEE	4500
POLK	1400
BREVARD	1400
VOLUSIA	1400
PASCO	1400
SARASOTA	1400
MANATEE	1400
COLLIER	1400
OSCEOLA	1000
ESCAMBIA	800
ALACHUA	1000
St. Johns County	800
Clay County	800
HERNANDO	800
BAY	800
CHARLOTTE	800
SANTA ROSA	800
MARTIN	800
CITRUS	800
SUMTER	500
FLAGLER	500
HIGHLANDS	500
Nassau County	500
MONROE	500
PUTNAM	500
COLUMBIA	500
Walton County	500
JACKSON	500
Gadsden County	300
Suwannee County	500
Okeechobee County	500

County	Mordena W4
Hendry County	500
Levy County	500
DeSoto County	500
Wakulla County	500
Baker County	500
Bradford County	500
HARDEE	500
WASHINGTON	500
Taylor County	500
HOLMES	500
MADISON	500
Gilchrist County	500
Dixie County	400
GULF	400
Union County	400
Calhoun County	400
Hamilton County	400
Jefferson County	400
Glades County	400
Franklin County	400
Lafayette County	400
Liberty County	400
Total	**43800**

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		Pfizer	
Allocation Strategy Weeks 3 & 4 Pfizer	357,825	Part B deferral	68,250
Week 4 Moderna	126,600	Wk 3 allocation	162,825
		Wk 4 allocations	126,750
		Total	**357825**

Receiving Entity	Purpose	Moderna	Pfizer
County CHDs (54 all 67 receiving Moderna or Pfizer)	65+ pods	43,800	
Miami/Dade CHD	65+ pods		19500
Hillsborough CHD	65+ pods		19500
Broward CHD	65+ pods		19500
Orange CHD (Central Supply)	65+ pods		19500
Duval CHD	65+ pods		12675
Broward State Strike Team (65+ Pods 5 sites)	65+ pods		12675
Palm Beach State Strike Team (65+ Pods 2 sites)	65+ pods		4875
Seminole CHD- Sanford	65+ pods		12675
Marion CHD	65+ pods		13650
LAKE CHD	65+ pods		12675
St. Lucie CHD	65+ pods		12675
Leon CHD (Pharmacy)	65+ pods		4875
Okaloosa CHD	65+ pods		4875
Indian River CHD	65+ pods		4875
Baptist Hospital Miami - Keys	65+ pods		4875
Broward Health	High Risk HCW & 65+		975
Jackson Memorial	65+ pods		14625
LTC	LTC-A		24375
LTC-B	LTC-B		76050
State cache Hillsborough	as required	2400	12675
State cache Leon	as required	2500	12675
State cache Miami/Dade	as required	2500	12675
FQHCs (198 @ 300 each)	High Risk HCW & 65+	56400	
Publix	65+ pilot	15000	
APD Strike teams - shipped to LRC	Residents and staff		4875
DCF 6 Facilities	Residents and staff	3400	
Lake Butler Hospital	High Risk HCW & 65+	100	
North Florida Regional Medical Center	High Risk HCW & 65+		975
Encompass Health Sarasota	High Risk HCW & 65+	500	
Mt. Sanai Medical Center			2925
Halifax Medical Center	65+ pods		1950
Tampa General Hospital	65+ pods		1950
Memorial Regional Medical Center	65+ pods		7800
Broward Health			3900
Total		**126,600**	**357,825**
Balance		-	-

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	Kopelousos, Stephanie
Subject:	FW:
Date:	Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:09:26 PM
Attachments:	Vaccine allocation 1-6 chart_01132021.docx COVID Vaccination Allocation wk 1-6_01132021.docx

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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Good afternoon,

Please see attached the most up to date version.

Thank you,

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Vaccine Delivery Weeks 1-6

Week 1: December 14 - 20		
Pfizer	Moderna	
179,400	0	179,400
Week 2: December 21 - 27		
Pfizer	Moderna	
127,725	367,900	495,625
Week 3: December 28 - January 3		
Pfizer	Moderna	
162,825	127,100	289,925
Week 4: January 4 - 10		
Pfizer	Moderna	
126,750	126,600	253,350
Wk 1 - 2nd Dose 118,950		118,950
Week 5: January 11-17		
Pfizer	Moderna	
127,725	127,100	254,825
Wk 2 - 2nd Dose 103,350		103,350
Week 6: January 18-22		
Pfizer	Moderna	
132,600	133,500	266,100
Wk 3 - 2nd Dose 138,450	Wk 1 - 2nd Dose 367,900	506,350

1st	857,025	882,200	1,739,225
2nd	360,750	367,900	728,650
	1,217,775	**1,250,100**	**2,467,875**

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2nd Dose Received

COVID – 19 Vaccine Allocations Weeks 1-6

Week 1: Dec. 14 – 15, 2020 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Healthcare Workers

Pfizer - 179,400	**Moderna - 0**

• Fed. LTC Pharmacy Program (Part A) - SNFs - 60,450
• LTCF strike teams – Broward and Pinellas Counties – 21,450
• Five pilot hospitals & partners – 97,500
  ○ Jackson Memorial
  ○ UF Shands Jacksonville
  ○ Tampa General
  ○ Advent Health Orlando
  ○ Memorial Regional, Hollywood
	• No vaccine available

9 of 217 (4%) acute care hospitals **2 of 67 (3%) of County Health Departments**	

Week 2: Dec. 21 – 22, 2020 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Phase 1 Populations

Pfizer – 127,725	**Moderna – 367,900**
• Fed. LTC Pharmacy Program* ○ Part A – 24,375 • Additional hospitals (12) with ultra-cold chain – 35,100 • Reallocation to CHDs for 65+ - 68,250* *Shipped with week 3 order	• Additional 173 Hospitals – 270,700 • Eight (8) County Health Departments (CHDs) for EMTs/Paramedics & Senior population – 97,200 (closed pods beginning 12/28) Escambia Orange Leon Lee Duval Palm Beach Seminole Miami – Dade
173 of 217 (80%) acute care hospitals **10 of 67 (15%) of County Health Departments**	

Week 3: Dec. 28 – 31, 2020 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Phase 1 Populations

Pfizer – 162,825	**Moderna – 127,100**
• Fed. LTC Pharmacy Program ○ Part A – 24,375 • Reallocation to hospitals for 65+ pop. – 17,550 • Reallocation to CHDs for 65+ - 78,000 • State cache for 65+ pods – 38,025 • State strike teams for APD facilities (3) - 4875	• Additional 57 Hospitals – 39,900 • Remaining 57 CHDs for community senior pilot program – 87,200
212 of 217 (98%) acute care hospitals **67 of 67 (100%) of County Health Departments**	

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2nd Dose Received

Week 4: Jan. 4 - 6, 2021 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Phase 1 Populations

Pfizer – 126,750	**Moderna – 126,600**
• Fed. LTC Pharmacy Program ○ Part B – 76,050 • Reallocation to hospitals for 65+ pop. – 22,425 • Reallocation to CHDs for 65+ - 10,725 • Strike team pods for 65+ pop. in Broward and Palm Beach - 17,550 **Pfizer – 179,400 Second dose shipments** • Pilot 5 and partners – 97,500 • Broward & Pinellas Strike Teams – 21,450 • LTC-A – 60,450	• Publix partnership – 15,000 • 54 CHDs for community senior pilot program – 43,800 • Remaining 6 DCF facilities – 3,400 • State cache for 65+ pods – 7400 • Federally qualified healthcare centers (188) – 56,400 • Reallocation to hospitals for 65+ – 600
217 of 217 (100%) acute care hospitals offered or received vaccine **67 of 67 (100%) of County Health Departments**	

Week 5: Jan. 11 - 13, 2021 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Phase 1 Populations

Pfizer – 127,725	**Moderna – 127,100**

• Contract LTC Program – 50,700
• State cache for 65+ pods – 6,825
• Hospitals for 65+ pop. – 9,750
• CHDs for 65+ - 49,725
• Strike team pods for 65+ pop – 10,725
  ○ State PODS
  ○ Target Community PODS
 	
Pfizer – 127,725 Second dose shipments
• Hospitals – 35,100
• CHD's – 68,250
• LTC-A – 24,375
	• Publix partnership – 30,000
	• 7 CHDs for 65+ pods – 18,900
	• Health Districts – 4,000
	• Additional 16 Hospitals – 3,800
	• State cache for 65+ pods – 18,700
	• Strike team pods for 65+ pop – 16,100
	  ○ 10 Church PODS
	  ○ Target Community PODS
	• Hospitals for 65+ – 35,600

217 of 217 (100%) acute care hospitals offered or received vaccine **67 of 67 (100%) of County Health Departments**	

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2nd Dose Received

Week 6: Jan. 18 - 20, 2021 - Target Population Long-Term Residents and Phase 1 Populations

Pfizer – 132,600
 	
• Contract LTC Program –
 	
• State cache for 65+ pods –
 	
• Hospitals for 65+ pop. –
• CHDs for 65+ - 49,725
 	
• Strike team pods for 65+ pop –
  ○ State PODS
  ○ Target Community PODS
 	
Pfizer – 138,450 Second dose shipments
•
	Moderna – 133,500
	
	• Publix partnership –
	
	• CHDs for 65+ pods –
	
	• Hospitals for 65+ PODS -
	
	• State cache for 65+ pods –
	• Strike team pods for 65+ pop –
	  ○ Church PODS
	  ○ Target Community PODS
	
	Moderna – 367,900 Second dose shipments
	•

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	Strum, Shane
Subject:	FW:
Date:	Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:09:57 PM
Attachments:	Publix list_01 14 2021.xlsx

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

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	Publix Allocations	
	Vaccine Week 4: Jan 4-10	15,000
	Vaccine Week 5: Jan 11-17	30,000
Proposed	Vaccine Week 6: Jan 18-24	60,000
	Total	105,000

Total Administere
*25% of

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Beatrice, Meredith M.
Subject: FW:
Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021 8:12:14 PM

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 7:36 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Jacksonville contact Martin (Marty) Goetz – (904) 868-3552

River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged skilled nursing – nursing home – 98% residents (125 of 127), 66% staff (232 of 350)

Independent living on campus – 93% of residents (88 of 95), 100% staff (10 of 10) - Note: some residents were not present on vaccination dates but plan to participate at 2nd clinic (eg in hospital at time)

The leadership did extensive outreach with residents and families including townhall meetings, individual meetings and call to families to encourage accepting the vaccine.

All vaccines by Walgreens.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject: FW: Again- 80 year old with COPD in Palm Beach County cannot get appointment for vaccine
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:08:18 AM

From: Nana A <julespisano@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:49 AM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com; LtGovernorJeanette.Nunez <LtGovernorJeanette.Nunez@eog.myflorida.com>; Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Again- 80 year old with COPD in Palm Beach County cannot get appointment for vaccine

Dear Governor Desantis,

I have heard you say that the people that need the vaccine most, the elderly, the ones with compromised systems are getting the vaccine. I am not writing for myself, I am 57 and healthy. My mother is 80 with COPD and has not been able to get the vaccine. I can wait for my vaccine in Palm Beach County, I believe my mother should be in the front line when registering for the vaccine. We have been on the Publix website every available day (today again for over 2 hours) since the registration started with no luck. We are spending over 6 hours a week online trying to get registered and cannot. Today I saw in Miami at the three CVSs, they have 76 appointments available for tomorrow, 2/25 . I may have to drive over an hour and half for her to get a vaccine when we have a Publix 1 mile away.

I have been on the county website and tried to register her, she is still waiting to hear back. She called her primary care physician to inquire and was told maybe she can get it in March. She is becoming very distressed and neither she nor I can understand why she cannot get the vaccine in Palm Beach County now.

Can you please tell me what else I can do?

Thank you,
Julie Pisano
973-261-0715

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From: Strum, Shane
To: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: FW: Booster/Initial Doses
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:01:58 PM

FYI:

From: John Provenzano <John.Provenzano@publix.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Booster/Initial Doses

Shane,

As discussed this morning, the chart below indicates the number of doses required if we are to provide both boosters and first doses beginning February 4.

One specific note. From Thursday, February 4 through Sunday, February 7 we will only provide boosters at the 22 initial locations in Marion, Hernando and Citrus Counties. This is due to the fact that for the first four days of the program we provided vaccinations every five minutes before reducing the throughput to allow for boosters. This four day window frees 8,400 doses of additional vaccine (initial doses that we cannot process due to the required boosters). Publix is able to reallocate those 8,400 doses to fully stock 28 additional stores for one week. Or, if the state would prefer that we continue to support those 28 stores after the initial week, we would require an additional 8,400 doses per week above the current allocation of 73,400 doses. If the state cannot increase to that 81,800 dose weekly amount, we would need an additional 2,200 doses during the week of March 1 (75,600 doses) for those associated boosters.

We are happy to discuss any of this with you at your convenience, but understanding the availability of vaccine for next week is critical as we plan to offer either a mix of booster and initial doses OR booster doses only in the coming weeks.

We are, of course, willing and able to receive additional doses at any time as we have a desire to support the remaining 485 pharmacies Publix has in the state.

Thank you,

John

Doses Per Week			
	First Dose	Second Dose	Total Doses per Week
1/4/2021	15,000	0	15,000
1/11/2021	30,000	0	30,000
1/18/2021	70,000	0	70,000

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1/25/2021	73,400	0	73,400
2/1/2021	73,400	15,000	88,400
2/8/2021	73,400	30,000	103,400
2/15/2021	73,400	70,000	143,400
2/22/2021	73,400	73,400	146,800
3/1/2021	73,400	73,400	146,800

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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	Himrod, LeAnna
Subject:	FW: Brief for Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, January 11, 2021 11:49:43 PM
Attachments:	01122021 Villages Vaccination Site.docx 01122021 Kerner Meeting.docx 01122021 Publix Okaloosa.docx 01122021 Publix Bay.docx

Call me in the morning about your event and who to put behind the podium.

From: Gambineri, Mara
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:49 PM
To: Jones, Morgan <Morgan.Jones@eog.myflorida.com>; Tweed, Christina <Christina.Tweed@eog.myflorida.com>; Thorpe, Amanda <Amanda.Thorpe@eog.myflorida.com>; Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>; Spencer, Chris <Chris.Spencer@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>; McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>; Marquez, Jonas <Jonas.Marquez@eog.myflorida.com>; Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>; Aaron, Chelsea <Chelsea.Aaron@eog.myflorida.com>; Himrod, LeAnna <LeAnna.Himrod@eog.myflorida.com>; Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Meiner, Drew <Drew.Meiner@eog.myflorida.com>; Schmitt, Christina <Christina.Schmitt@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Brief for Tomorrow

Please see attached the briefs for tomorrow:

- Villages
- Okaloosa
- Bay
- Palm Beach

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Press Conference Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in The Villages

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
3800 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages, FL 32162

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: LeAnna Himrod, (863) 781-2355
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
On Site Contact: Ed Badamo, (203) 464-8778

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will highlight COVID-19 vaccination for Florida seniors living in The Villages.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Mobile Vaccination Site
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	68°F / Mostly Cloudy - 10% chance of precipitation

Legislators Invited but NOT yet Confirmed:

1. Dennis Baxley, *Senator, Florida's 12th Senate District*
2. Brett Thomas Hage, *Representative, Florida's 33rd House District*

TIMELINE:

9:00 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at The Villages
	Met by: Ed Badamo, Incident Commander
9:05 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** tours vaccination site
9:10 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks
9:20 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press
9:30 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** departs

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Meeting with Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Palm Beach County Clerk of Courts, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

EXTERNAL ACTIVITY TYPE:

☒ **Meeting** ☐ **Lunch** ☐ **Dinner**

☐ **Call** ☐ **Photo-op** ☐ **Other**

EOG POINT OF CONTACT:

Mara Gambineri, (407) 575-4966

PURPOSE:

The Governor will meet with Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Principals:	THE GOVERNOR
Format:	Meeting
Time:	4:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Location:	Mayor's Office
Press:	Closed
Attire:	Business

PARTICIPANTS:

1. Dave Kerner, *Mayor, Palm Beach County*
2. Dave Bernhardt, *Chief of Staff, Palm Beach County*
3. Verdenia C. Baker, *Administrator, Palm Beach County*

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BIOGRAPHY:

Dave Kerner, *Mayor, Palm Beach County*

County Mayor Dave Kerner was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in November 2016. He is a Palm Beach County native, born and raised in the unincorporated portion of District 3. Prior to his election to the Board of County Commissioners, he served two terms in Florida House of Representatives as the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee. His prior government experience includes service as a Police Officer and as a Special Prosecutor, here in Palm Beach County.

County Mayor Dave Kerner attended Suncoast Community High School (Riviera Beach, 2002), the University of Florida (Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & Criminology, 2006), and the University of Florida College of Law (Juris Doctor, Constitutional Law & Local Government, 2010). At the age of 19, during his freshman year at the University of Florida, he also attended the Police Academy at Santa Fe Community College, and became certified and sworn as a Police Officer.

At the age of 20, while enrolled fulltime at the University of Florida, County Mayor Dave Kerner was honored as the Police Officer of the Year for the City of Alachua, and also served as the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 62, and Union Representative. While serving as a Police Officer, he was assigned to the night shift, and also served as a Field Training Officer.

County Mayor Kerner has emerged as a leader on issues related to law enforcement, the judiciary, criminal justice, and civil law. Since 2010, he has served as a civil trial attorney with a local firm in addition to his public service.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CENTRAL TIME
Publix Super Market at The Crossing, 1520 John Sims Parkway E, Niceville, FL 32578

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Mara Gambineri, (407) 575-4966
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the state's partnership with Publix for COVID-19 vaccinations for Florida's seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Publix Storefront
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	50°F / Mostly Cloudy, 5% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*
2. Dain Rusk, *Vice President of Pharmacy, Publix*
3. Jim Watterson, *District Manager, Publix*

Legislators Invited but NOT yet Confirmed:

1. Doug Broxson, *Senator, Florida's 1st Senate District*
2. George Gainer, *Senator, Florida's 2nd Senate District*
3. Jayer Williamson, *Representative, Florida's 3rd House District*
4. Patt Maney, *Representative, Florida's 4th House District*

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TIMELINE:

10:30 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at Publix Super Market at The Crossing
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Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CENTRAL TIME
Publix Super Market at Breakfast Point Marketplace, 11240 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Amanda Thorpe, (904) 962-4416
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

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EVENT INFORMATION

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Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
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3. Jackie Gouge, *District Manager, Publix*

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1. George Gainer, *Senator, Florida's 2nd Senate District*
2. Brad Drake, *Representative, Florida's 5th House District*
3. Jay Trumbull, *Representative, Florida's 6th House District*

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TIMELINE:

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Moscone, William
Subject: FW: Tomorrow"s events
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:00:45 PM

From: Gambineri, Mara
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:42 PM
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Subject: Tomorrow's events

Tuesday, January 12

Event #1 Villages Vaccination Event
Time: 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Location: 3800 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages, FL 32162
Hours of Operation: 8am – 6pm
Site Director: Ed Badamo, 203-464-8778
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: 10:30 a.m. Central Time
Location: Publix 1461 – 1520 John Sims Parkway E, Niceville, FL 32578 Okaloosa County
Regional: Mara Gambineri

Event #3 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: 12:30 p.m. Central Time
Location: Publix 1241 – 11240 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Bay County
Regional: Amanda Thorpe

Mara Gambineri
Director of External Affairs
Governor Ron DeSantis
407-575-4966
Mara.Gambineri@EOG.myflorida.com

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From: Lukis, Adrian on behalf of Roberts, Jon C.
To: courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov; Moskowitz, Jared; Moriarty, Tom M.; Bussey, Jon; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: FW: Vaccine discussion - CVS Health / State of Florida

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Roberts, Jon C. <Jonathan.Roberts@CVSHealth.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Roberts, Jon C.; Moriarty, Tom M.; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: Vaccine discussion - CVS Health / State of Florida
When: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:30 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Zoom meeting

Jon Roberts is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: State of FL

Time: Feb 9, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://aetna.zoom.us/j/91261495946?pwd=a3VaNXJHMFJTVjZTVXlLUjBrQW1Wdz09

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149.137.40.110 (Singapore)

64 211.144.160 (Brazil)

69 174.57.160 (Canada Toronto)

65 39.152.160 (Canada Vancouver)

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149.137.24.110 (Japan Osaka)

Meeting ID: 912 6149 5946

Passcode: [redacted]

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Moulton, Diane
Subject: FW: **UPDATED** GD LBL 3.9.21
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:59:37 PM

See Meredith's request

From: Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Armbrister, Robert <Robert.Armbrister@eog.myflorida.com>; Strickland, Katie <Katie.Strickland@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: **UPDATED** GD LBL 3.9.21

Casey please add Robert and Katie to the line by lines. Appreciate your help!

From: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:54 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; FDLE, Mansion <mansion@fdle.state.fl.us>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Kopelousos, Stephanie <Stephanie.Kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Marquez, Jonas <Jonas.Marquez@eog.myflorida.com>; McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>; Moulton, Diane <Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>; Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: **UPDATED** GD LBL 3.9.21

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS LINE BY LINE
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

8:50-9:00am	**DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]
9:00-10:00am	**CABINET MEETING** Location: Cabinet Meeting Room, The Capitol
10:00-10:30am	**MEETING WITH POLICY AND BUDGET DIRECTOR CHRIS SPENCER** Location: The Governor's Office, The Capitol
10:30-11:00am	**MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SECRETARY NOAH**

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VALENSTEIN
Location: The Governor's Office, The Capitol

11:00-11:30am **MEETING WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN PEPE DIAZ**
Location: The Governor's Office, The Capitol

11:30-11:50am **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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11:50am-1:00pm **TRAVEL TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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1:00-1:25pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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1:25-2:10pm **PRESS CONFERENCE**
Location: CVS
Address: 1350 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

2:10-2:30pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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2:30-3:35pm **TRAVEL TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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3:35-3:55pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.

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Location: The Governor's Mansion

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From:	Strum, Shane
To:	Gambineri, Mara; Beatrice, Meredith M.
Cc:	Lukis, Adrian
Subject:	Fwd:
Date:	Friday, January 1, 2021 7:18:05 PM
Attachments:	DOH-Publix COVID-19 Vaccine Partnership Pilot Project_DRAFT.DOCX

Please add to calendar of events.

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 7:08 PM
To: Strum, Shane; Lukis, Adrian
Subject:

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola
Chief of Staff
& Marijuana Coordinator
Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Health|4052 Bald Cypress Way|Tallahassee, FL 32399

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DOH-Publix COVID-19 Vaccine Partnership Pilot Project

This pilot project will demonstrate how partnering with Publix pharmacies will increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine for people 65 and older in Florida.

- As of December 31, 2020, **21 Publix sites have been enrolled as COVID-19 vaccine providers in Florida**
  - Orlando distribution center
  - 20 retail pharmacy stores over 3 counties (Citrus, Hernando, and Marion)

Store #	Store Address	City	ZIP	County
475	2685 N. FOREST RIDGE BLVD	HERNANDO	34442	CITRUS
797	6760 W. GULF TO LAKE ROAD HIGH	CRYSTAL RIVER	34429	CITRUS
1193	9525 SOUTH SUNCOAST BLVD.	HOMOSASSA	34446	CITRUS
1448	1012 WEST MAIN ST.	INVERNESS	34450	CITRUS
1282	13455 COUNTY LINE RD.	SPRING HILL	34609	HERNANDO
411	160 MARINER BLVD	SPRING HILL	34609	HERNANDO
457	4365 COMMERICAL WAY	SPRING HILL	34606	HERNANDO
630	14371 SPRIN HILL DRIVE	SPRING HILL	34609	HERNANDO
813	4158 MARINER BLVD	SPRING HILL	34609	HERNANDO
1198	9595 COMMERCIAL WAY	WEEKI WACHEE	34613	HERNANDO
1132	19390 CORTEZ BLVD.	BROOKSVILLE	34601	HERNANDO
1365	2765 NW 49TH AVE, SUITE 301	OCALA	34482	MARION
1201	8075 SW HIGHWAY 200, UNIT 111	OCALA	34481	MARION
419	303 SE 17TH STREET	OCALA	34471	MARION
438	10135 US HWY 441	BELLEVIEW	34420	MARION
404	2655 NE 35TH STREET	OCALA	34479	MARION
733	7578 MARICAMP ROAD STE 100	OCALA	34472	MARION
856	5400 S.W. COLLEGE RD STE 200	OCALA	34474	MARION
1616	11352 NORTH WILLIAMS ST, SUITE 400	DUNNELLON	34432	MARION
1477	2575 SW 42ND ST., SUITE 100	OCALA	34471	MARION

- **Logistics**
  - Doses allocated to Publix will be delivered to their Orlando distribution center
  - Publix will use their existing distribution network to deliver doses to the selected stores
  - Vaccine will stay frozen until it is packed and sent to stores at refrigerated temperatures, thus starting the 30-day clock for use
  - Pharmacies currently store, handle, and administer vaccines so appropriate measures are in place
- **Operations**
  - Publix pharmacies will begin vaccinations upon receipt of vaccine in stores (unless directed otherwise)
  - They will schedule appointments through an existing system but will also accept walk-ins as they are able

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	Beatrice, Meredith M.; Gambineri, Mara
Subject:	Fwd:
Date:	Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:13:56 AM
Attachments:	3.24.2021.docx 3.24.2021 v2.docx

Please review / edit for typos

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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:45:36 AM

To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>

Subject:

Please see attached for your review:

- Version 1 is in the format of the recap and includes a week by week overview (pages 1-2)
- Version 2 is in the shorter pod announcement format

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola

Chief of Staff

& Marijuana Coordinator

Florida Department of Health

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INTRO

- The fog from the pandemic is lifting and we're on our way back.

- Our data-driven approach to the pandemic has put our recovery on overdrive.

- From the very beginning, we zeroed in on the population that was most vulnerable to the virus: our seniors.

SENIORS FIRST VACCINE STRATEGY

- When the vaccine first arrived in Florida in late December of last year CVS and Walgreens – through the Federal Long-Term Care Pharmacy Program - were to be responsible for vaccinating residents and staff in long term care facilities.
    - But when the vaccine first arrived, they weren't able to start right away.

- Well, there was no time to waste so we leaned in. I directed the Florida Department of Health and Florida Division of Emergency Management to create strike to begin vaccinating this critical population as soon as we had the vaccine in hand.

- Those teams jumpstarted the program and offered the vaccine to staff and residents in over 100 long term care facilities in less than 6 days.

- That was **Week 1**.

- In **Week 2**, I signed an executive order to cement our Seniors First strategy.

- At the time, the CDC was recommending states vaccinate "essential workers" and individuals 75 and older.

- That meant they were recommending 20-somethings get the vaccine before their 73-year old grandparents.

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- Not in Florida.

- We followed the data and continued undeterred with our plan to inoculate the population that needed it most.

    - Plus, in Florida, *every* business is essential and *every* employee is essential.

- We were the first to officially embark on a Seniors First vaccination strategy – a strategy the CDC and other states ultimately realized was the right choice.

- In **Week 3** we expanded our efforts with a simple goal: work as quickly and efficiently as possible so that every senior in the state that wants a shot, gets one:
    - We directed vaccine to every County Health Department to establish community vaccination sites for their seniors.

    - We held our first senior community event to bring vaccine to a 55 and older community at Kings Point in Delray on January 2nd.

    - We held our first faith-based vaccine event to reach underserved communities at a Church in Brownsville in Escambia County on January 3rd.

- In **Week 4,** Florida was the first to turn to retail pharmacy partners when the federal pharmacy program was delayed.

- Through an innovative public-private partnership we launched a **pilot** program to open **20** vaccination sites at Publix Supermarkets.

- Today, every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state of Florida offer the vaccine.

- Since then, we have continued to expand with 4 additional retail pharmacy partners to increase access in communities throughout Florida.

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- This includes:
  - More than 150 CVS locations,
  - More than 125 Sams and Walmart locations,
  - More than 70 Winn-Dixie locations, **and**
  - **Walgreens this week will be expanding to more than 400 additional locations this week for a total of more than 600 locations statewide.**

VACCINE PROGRESS

- To date, we have vaccinated over **3 million seniors aged 65 and older**, which is over **67% of the roughly 4.4 million seniors** living in the state. In total, over 5 million individuals in Florida have received the vaccine.

- Florida has also vaccinated over 500,000 individuals aged 60-64, which is 36% of the 1,400,000 individuals in that age group.

- The 7-Day rolling average for cases among seniors ages 65 and over is **down 87.2%** from 2,532 on Jan. 7 to 323 as of March 21

- The 7-Day rolling average for senior hospitalizations is **down 85.1%** from 141 on Feb. 3 to 21 on March 21 and 92% since Jan. 7

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RECAP AND WHERE WE STAND

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- We expanded access with retail partners to open **1,600 additional pharmacy locations.**

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INTRO

- The fog from the pandemic is lifting and we're on our way back.

- Our data-driven approach to the pandemic has put our recovery on overdrive.

SENIORS FIRST

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- Florida has also vaccinated over 500,000 individuals aged 60-64, which is 36% of the 1,400,000 individuals in that age group.

- ***And we are finding more and more ways to expand access to the vaccine.***

- We continue to expand the number of pharmacies offering the vaccine in Florida. **Beginning next week,** Walgreens is increasing the number of their stores offering the vaccine from **223 to 650**.

- In addition to the 650 Walgreens**,** this includes:
    - More than 150 CVS locations,
    - More than 125 Sams and Walmart locations,

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    - More than 70 Winn-Dixie locations, and
    - every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state.

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up more than 100 permanent state-supported vaccine sites, to include walk-up locations in underserved communities.

VACCINE PROGRESS RECAP

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From:	Lukis, Adrian
To:	Redshaw, Caroline
Subject:	Fwd:
Date:	Friday, February 26, 2021 3:14:02 PM
Attachments:	Approved Allocation Notice Week 12.xlsx

Can you print 3 copies of this and bring to Diane's offoce

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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:13:13 PM

To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>

Subject:

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola

Chief of Staff

& Marijuana Coordinator

Florida Department of Health

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County	Mission	Moderna	Pfizer
Pasco	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Marion	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Polk	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Charlotte	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Manatee	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Citrus	55+ Community POD TBD		3,510
Palm Beach	Temple Beth El of Boca Raton_E.01_D.1		585
Pinellas	Bethel Community Baptist Church_E.01_D.1		585
Duval	Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church_E.01_D.1		585
Duval	St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church_E.01_D.1		585
Okaloosa	Central Baptist Church_E.01_D.1		585
Bay	Lynn Haven Senior Center_E.02.D1		585
Orange	St. Philip Phan Van Minh Vietnamese Catholic Church		585
Orange	Shiloh Baptist Church Youth Life Center_E.01_D.1		585
Leon	Immanuel Baptist Church		585
Leon	Region 7 Church TBD		585
Dade	Region 7 Church TBD		585
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Multiple	Community Practitioner Pilot	9,000	9,360
Multiple	Retail Partnership	70,000	
		79,000	**38,610**

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021 7:44:09 PM

We're a go for this location tomorrow for press conference. I'm about to reach out to the facility but figured this would help you for talking points. Shane said he wants overall LTCF numbers broken down by Walgreens, Cvs and state.

Mara Gambineri
Director of External Affairs
Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
407-575-4966

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 7:35:55 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Jacksonville contact Martin (Marty) Goetz – (904) 868-3552

River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged skilled nursing – nursing home – 98% residents (125 of 127), 66% staff (232 of 350)

Independent living on campus – 93% of residents (88 of 95), 100% staff (10 of 10) - Note: some residents were not present on vaccination dates but plan to participate at 2nd clinic (eg in hospital at time)

The leadership did extensive outreach with residents and families including townhall meetings, individual meetings and call to families to encourage accepting the vaccine.

All vaccines by Walgreens.

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From: Strum, Shane
To: Lukis, Adrian
Subject: Fwd: BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:31:41 PM
Attachments: BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf

Unbelievable, Doug might be the last guy working and on Saturday night.

Let's discuss.

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From: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:55:19 PM
To: Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: FW: BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf

Fyi – I think our team figured out a solution that Congress codified on the Everglades issue you all raised earlier in the year. Thanks for the great partnership to improve water quality on Lake O and in Florida more generally!

From: McCormack, Brian V. EOP/OMB <Brian.V.McCormack2@omb.eop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 6:08 PM
To: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>
Subject: BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf

Doug,

Regarding the Central Everglades, here is the language that address the issue.

SEC. 324. CENTRAL EVERGLADES, FLORIDA.
The project for ecosystem restoration, Central Everglades, authorized by section 1401(4) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (130 Stat. 1713), is modified to include the project for ecosystem restoration, Central and Southern Florida, Everglades Agricultural Area, authorized by section 1308 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (132 Stat. 3819), and to authorize the Secretary to carry out the project, as so combined, at a total combined cost of $4,362,091,000.

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From: DeCerchio, Anna
To: Gambineri, Mara
Subject: Fwd: Binder Documents
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:18:18 PM
Attachments: image001.png
School Choice Accomplishments 3-25-21.docx
K-12 ScholarshipCheatSheet.docx
FW accomplishments.msg

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From: Cecil, Shelby <Shelby.Cecil@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:24:44 PM
To: DeCerchio, Anna <Anna.DeCerchio@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Cc: Fisher, Dylan <Dylan.Fisher@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>; Klebacha, Theresa <Theresa.Klebacha@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>; Kendall, Kelley <Kendall.Kelley@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Binder Documents

Anna,

Attached are three items (we recommend the first two go in for certain):

1. School Choice Accomplishments Summary
2. K-12 Scholarship Summary Chart
3. An email from Alex that includes the 2020 and 2019 education accomplishments should you want to pull in any additional initiatives outside of what we've provided here.

Have a great night!
Shelby

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School Choice Accomplishments

Accomplishments

- Created the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program in 2019, which expanded educational opportunities for 18,000 children and families with limited financial resources.

- Cleared the waitlist of nearly 13,000 students for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, which provides scholarships to children from low-income families.

- Signed House Bill 7067 into law in 2020, which expanded access to educational choice opportunities, while continuing to prioritize low-income families to ensure a world-class education is in reach for every student regardless of race, zip code or socio-economic status for school choice programs like the Family Empowerment Scholarship and Florida Tax Credit Scholarship.
    - The bill also increased the Family Empowerment Scholarship maximum enrollment cap by 29,000 students to serve a total of 47,000 students.

- During the 2019-20 school year, the Florida Department of Education, Step Up for Students, and AAA Scholarships collectively funded over 180,500 scholarships for students with special needs, students from low-middle income families, students who have endured bullying, and students who struggle with reading.

- Governor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 included:
    - An additional $21 million, for a total of $210.9 million, in funding for the Gardiner Scholarship Program.
        - This will allow approximately 2,000 additional students to participate in the program.
    - $7.6 million for the Reading Scholarship Accounts to provide public school students in grades 3-5 with access to improve their literacy skills and ensure they read on grade level as they matriculate through middle and high school.

Supplemental Data

- Fiscal Year 2019-20 K-12 Scholarship Program Participation
    - Family Empowerment Scholarship Program: served 17,823 low-income students
    - Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: served 111,219 low-income students
    - McKay Scholarship Program: served 30,185 students with special needs
    - Gardiner Scholarship Program: served 14,318 students with special needs
    - Hope Scholarship Program: served 388 students subjected to physical and/or mental abuse at their schools
    - Reading Scholarship Program: served 6,763 struggling readers

- A chart detailing each of the above scholarship programs is attached.

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Scholarship:	Who Qualifies?	Average Amount	Funded By
Family Empowerment ***1002.394, F.S.***	The student's household income is < 300% FPL; the student is on the direct certification list, **or** The student is currently or during the previous state fiscal year was in foster care or out-of-home care, **and** The student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school.	$6,972 for enrollment in an eligible private school	FEFP
Florida Tax Credit ***1002.395, F.S.***	The student's household income is < 260% FPL; the student is on the direct certification list, **or** The student is currently or during the previous state fiscal year was in foster care or out-of-home care.	$6,815 for enrollment in an eligible private school; or $750 for enrollment in a public school located outside the district the student resides.	Private, voluntary contributions to nonprofit SFOs – SUFS/AAA
McKay ***1002.39, F.S.***	The student has an IEP or 504 Plan; **and** The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school; **or** the student is a foster child or is a dependent child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who transfers from out of state due to a parent's change of station orders.	IEP average is $8,262; 504 average is $4,626 for enrollment in an eligible private school. **	FEFP
Gardiner ***1002.385, F.S.***	The student is eligible to enroll in in a K-12 public school or will be 3 or 4 before September 1; **and** The student has a specified disability as defined in s. 1002.385, F.S.	$10,000 for specialized services such as speech or occupational therapy, instructional materials, tuition at an eligible private school, contributions to a college prepaid account. **	Legislative Appropriation
Hope ***1002.40, F.S.***	The student has been subjected to a specified incident of bullying while enrolled in a Florida public school.	$6,815 for enrollment in an eligible private school; or $750 for enrollment in a public school located outside the district the student resides.	Eligible sales tax contributions from the purchase of a motor vehicle to nonprofit SFOs – SUFS/AAA
Reading ***1002.411, F.S.***	The student is in grades 3-5 at a Florida public school and scored below a Level 3 on the grade 3 or grade 4 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.	$500 for instructional materials, curriculum; tuition and fees for part-time tutoring services, etc.	Legislative Appropriation

*** Scholarship amount is based on the IEP and matrix or 504 plan and services the student received in the public school.*

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Governor Ron DeSantis Proves Once Again Florida is the Education State

Tallahassee, Fla., December xx 2020 – At the conclusion of 2020, Florida Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran released Governor DeSantis' following education highlights. Not only has Governor DeSantis proved he is the Education Governor, he has continued delivering on his promise to make Florida's education system the best in the nation and ensure every student receives a world-class education.

"As 2020 comes to a close and I reflect on this unpreceded year, I am extremely proud of the work we have done for Florida's students." **said Governor Ron DeSantis.** "We have secured historic education funding, increased educational choice options, increased school safety, emphasized mental health awareness, expanded opportunities for career and technical education, elevated and celebrated educators, and so much more. I am looking forward to celebrating continued success throughout 2021 as we continue to build on this positive momentum to ensure there is no better state in the nation to receive a world class education."

"Governor DeSantis has once again proven to be a true leader by securing historic wins for Florida students through investments and policies that will change Florida's educational landscape for decades to come. Governor DeSantis truly is the Education Governor, and Florida is the 'Education State.'" **said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran.** "This year has truly been a measure of the collective hard work from our districts, educators, students, and their families. Floridians have been resilient and shown courage in ensuring every student continues their education this year, and we must thank them for keeping our students on track, learning and growing. With the implementation of the Florida B.E.S.T. standards, early learning and literacy initiatives, lifting up our struggling schools and at-risk students, and providing access to higher quality acceleration and career pathways courses, we must continue to close all manner of achievement gaps, so that Florida's students become great citizens, and our education system is #1 in the nation."

Florida Department of Education's 2020 Accomplishments

Investing in Florida's Students

- At the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida became the first state to completely eliminate common core by creating and adopting Florida's B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) Standards.
- These standards, created by over 100 Florida education experts with a combined experience of over 1,500 years, improves the quality of curriculum, streamlines testing, prioritizes civics, and outlines a pathway for Florida to become the most literate state in the nation by bringing Florida's standards back to the basics and building a foundation, starting with our earliest learners.

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- Secured a total commitment of $21.5 billion ranging from Florida's early learners through postsecondary students.
- Notably the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), supporting K-12 public education, increased by a total of $641 million, including giving districts greater spending flexibility with a $137 total per student funding increase that includes a significant increase of $40 per student in the Base Student Allocation (BSA).
- Secured a $9.9 million increase for Voluntary Prekindergarten, the highest BSA since 2011-12 and first increase since 2014-15, for a total of $412 million
- Secured a $20.3 million funding increase for our public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities, representing a historic total investment of over $124 million.

Increasing Student Achievement and Measuring What Matters

- Florida's education system moved up from 4th to 3rd in the nation in the *Quality Counts* national ranking for K-12 Achievement.
- Florida continues to have the 3rd highest Advanced Placement (AP) student success rate and the 3rd highest improvement rate over the last 10 years.
- Florida ranked 2nd nationwide on the Parent Power Index by the *Center for Education Reform.*
- Florida's 2018-2019 graduation rate continued to climb to an all-time high of 86.9%, an increase of 0.8 percentage points over 2017-18 and a jump of 27.7% points since 2003-04. Additionally, students with disabilities also reached an all-time high of 80.6%.
- As part of Florida's CARES Act plan, $8 million in funding has been provided to offer public high school students the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT assessment at no charge to them during the 2020-21 school year. It is expected that over 200,000 students will take these assessments in spring 2021 during a school day in order to qualify for admission to a postsecondary institution and/or qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship.
    - Announced massive enhancements to the KnowYourSchools portal that will make it easier for families to access information on school- and district-level educational outcomes. Additionally, enhanced the VAM Visualization Tool with additional functionality based on user feedback. A public-facing site was developed that can be used in conjunction with Know Your Schools to get even more information on school performance. A statewide teacher search report was created to assist district and school administrators with recruitment, retention, and to ensure that their most fragile schools are staffed with the highest-performing teachers available.

Surgical, Not Sweeping Response to COVID-19

Completed

- Helped school districts move to distance learning and hosted over 75 live webinars throughout COVID-19 to ensure Florida's students could continue receiving a world-class education.
- The Florida Education Foundation Awarded $300,000 in Distance Learning Mini-grants to 44 public schools, school districts and non-profit organizations to support and create innovative solutions for distance learning during the spring and summer semesters.
- Provided more than 32,000 laptops to 34 small and rural school districts to quickly serve Florida's students as they transitioned to distance learning.
- The Florida College System (FCS), State University System (SUS), and private institutions across the state announced more than 130 ventilators have been donated to local hospitals, community medical centers and other facilities. Additionally the FCS, SUS and other private institutions donated, tens of thousands of boxes containing gloves, masks – including N95 masks

– gowns, caps, shoe slippers and other PPE supplies to assist medical personnel as they care for patients, and food pantries and other social services available for students.

- Provided comprehensive distance learning resources in partnership with Florida Virtual School to ensure students continue learning while school campuses were closed and created best practices for distance learning throughout the state which was shared directly with more than 2+ million parents, and a complete best practices guide for distance learning, which they shared with 175,000+ teachers. Additionally, Florida Virtual School Provided 100 free digital course to all Florida schools.
- Issued Emergency Order 2020-05 and Executive Order 20-212 that extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to earn a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020.
- Supported the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to distribute Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) for households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures.
- Increased and expedited access to child care services for 26,000 children of first responders and health care professionals. 87% of these children were new enrollments. Over 4,000 eligible early learning/child care providers, received a monthly incentive of $500 per child for a total of almost $77 million.
- Allowed VPK Flexible Innovative Options, in alignment with school district reopening plans, for 447 private and public school providers with 8,360 children to ensure that VPK programs are open to enable learning to continue and for parents to be able to rejoin the workforce.
- Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced recommendations for local communities to consider as they planned to re-open safe and healthy schools. This extensive, 140 page plan outlines the nearly $475 million in state directed education financial assistance provided to Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In total, more than $2 billion in education-related aid was provided through the CARES Act.
- Created the #COVIDStopsWithMe Toolkit designed to assist Florida's education family in lowering the impact in Florida's education institutions and slowing the spread of COVID-19. This guidance and tools helped all of Florida's education institutions make decisions, protect their students and staff, and communicate with their local communities.
- For the fall semester, Issued Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 to ensure all Florida schools could re-open five days a week to serve students that choose to receive an in-person education, and created new innovative options for families to have the choice to decide what worked best for the health and safety of their student and family, while also ensuring the full panoply of services that protected Florida's most vulnerable students.
- Chancellor of the K-12 Division of Public Schools at Florida Department of Education fought tirelessly as a member of the Florida State High School Athletic Association (FSHAA) Board to ensure sports could and would continue in the fall and spring of 2020 as Florida school districts reopened.
- Published Emergency Order 2020 – EO-07 for the spring semester, which expands upon the critical flexibility and assurances outlined in FDOE Order No. 2020-EO-06 - Reopening K-12 Schools, and continues full parental choice. Additionally, extending the deadline for teachers to obtain their reading Endorsement to June 30, 2021 from December 31, 2020 (EO-02).

Elevating and Celebrating Educators

- Marked 2020 as "The Year of the Teacher" with a bold step to move Florida to #5 in the nation in terms of minimum teacher pay with an historic $500 million pay increase for teachers to increase their minimum base salary to $47,500 and raise salaries of Florida's veteran teachers (HB 641 and HB 5001).
- Allocated $2.7 million for teacher professional development to help our educators become experts in Florida's new Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.
- Hired 21 statewide regional literacy directors serving 16 regions throughout the state, an integral component to increase reading proficiency to 90% through the CARES Act.
- Covered the $850,000 cost to provide all educators with liability insurance to allow them to focus on doing what matters most – educating and inspiring their students to succeed in life.
- Secured $10 million to certify educators to teach computer science courses, and to provide bonuses to teachers who hold educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science.
- Continued the Federal School Improvement Grant funding to give highly effective and effective state teachers in D and F rated schools a recruiting allocation of $15,000 or $7,500, respectively.
- Provided Florida teachers a free fee waiver for teacher certifications that resulted in almost 125,000 free teacher certification exams, saving stakeholders more than $16 million to ease the financial and professional stress on Florida's teachers. Additionally, the Department delayed teacher certification test requirements and will provide teachers with the opportunity to take those tests at no cost, so far eliminating the test costs for more than 22,000 teachers.
- Offered teacher training to prepare for online learning environments in the event of school closures, with a $200 stipend to teachers who completed the training through Florida Virtual School.
- Hit a major milestone, by lowering the operation time to process teacher certifications to less than 20 days to complete the teacher certification process, the lowest since 2009.
- In 2021, the Department will be implementing additional professional development resources at no additional charge to FTCE examinees in order to help prepare for and pass teacher certification exams.

Prioritizing Educational Choice Options for Florida's Families and Students

- Expanded access to educational choice opportunities, while continuing to prioritize low-income families to ensure a world-class education is in reach for every student regardless of race, zip code or socio-economic status for school choice programs like the Family Empowerment Scholarship and Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (HB 7067).
- Increased the Family Empowerment Scholarship maximum enrollment cap to allow 47,000 students to benefit from Florida's world-class school choice options (HB 7067).
- Fully funded the Gardiner Scholarship Program and its waitlist of 3,000 students at $190 million delivering on the commitment to our most vulnerable students with unique abilities.
- Provided 15,000 public school students in grades 3-5 with access to Reading Scholarship Accounts with $7.6 million to improve their literacy skills and ensure they read on grade level as they matriculate through middle and high school.
- Competitively awarded $78 million grant from the federal Charter Schools Program to support the start-up of new charter schools over the next five years, as well as provide technical assistance to charter operators and their school district sponsors.

- Waived the common placement requirements for college students wishing to participate in dual enrollment courses, allowing students who met the GPA requirements to participate in fall dual enrollment, and also waived the developmental education course allowing students to demonstrate their readiness for college through alternative methods.
- Adopted an amendment through the State Board of Education that allows students to use a passing score on the FSA Geometry EOC as a comparative score as yet another way for students to satisfy the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

Aligning Education to the Goals of Lifelong Learning, Civic Literacy and Support for our Military

- Completed the Florida civics standards review at the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis.
- Developed Florida's Holocaust Standards. (SB 1628 and HB 1213).
- Revitalized and prioritized the Commissioner's African American History Task Force and Holocaust Education Task Force.
- Extended the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program that will assist selected school districts in implementing comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through second grade (HB 156).
- Received $60 million in additional funding to serve children and families on the School Readiness Waitlist and $50 million to increase payments to School Readiness providers in selected areas.
- Florida was awarded one of the highly competitive Preschool Development Renewal grant. This grant provides an additional $13.4 million in funding each year for three years to build on existing framework and infrastructure to increase the quality, alignment and efficiency of Florida's early childhood care and education mixed-delivery system of programs and services.
- Launched the statewide Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FCDI) which will expand speech and debate programs throughout the state and engage students in civil discussions with the Legislature's support of $925,000 and a $5 million multi-year commitment from the Marcus Foundation (HB 5001). Since FCDI's inception, Florida has seen an increase of 83% in the number of students participating in speech and debate.
- Ensured that service members and veterans are able to earn a degree conveniently and efficiently by implementing a process to award postsecondary credit for training and education acquired during their military career at each of Florida's public colleges and universities will help our heroes transition back to civilian life (HB 171).
- Modified school district residency requirements to accommodate military families with greater flexibility to enroll in school will give families peace of mind and make their transition to Florida easier (SB 662).
- Nearly 900 veterans, active military personnel, and their spouses registered for free FTCE exams under the Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act of 2018. Under this program, almost 1,500 free FTCE exams have been administered, saving military personnel, veterans and their families $206,220 this year alone.
- Established the ability for military members or veterans of the United States armed forces to receive postsecondary credit or clock hours for prior military experience.

Creating Resilient Student's Through First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hope for Healing Initiative and Providing Safe and healthy Learning Environments

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- Increased the Mental Health Assistance Allocation by $25 million, for a total of $100 million, to put more counselors and mental health professionals in our schools and to ensure more students have direct access to the care they need (HB 5001).
- Helped schools identify signs of emotional disturbance, mental illness and substance abuse with $5.5 million for Youth Mental Health Awareness, providing educators with the skills to help students experiencing or overcoming these issues (HB 945 and HB 5001).
- All Florida school districts completed the first year of implementation and reporting for the four new required instruction rules: 5 hours of mental health instruction in grades 6 – 12, substance use and abuse education, and child trafficking prevention education.
- Provided $ 2 million in grant funding to 18 rural Florida school districts to increase students' access to mental health and student support services and to enhance access to school and community-based providers.
- The abuse hotline was readily available to students, parents, and educators by encouraging all Florida school districts to place and promote the hotline number in prominent locations on their district web pages and distance learning pages.
- Provided over $3.5 million for a Preschool Development Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant, through the Office of Early Learning to provide mental health sub-grants to enhance the skills of the early childhood workforce for improved classroom environments and individualized mental health services to children.
- Announced a partnership with T-Mobile's Project 10 Million to provide 100GB of internet to over 600,000 Florida families over the next 5 years.
- Partnered with the Florida Department of Children and Families to provide nearly 1,000 devices to Florida children in foster care who are in need of a mobile technology device, such as laptop or notebook to help address the unique challenges to educational stability.
- Launched "The Facts. Your Future." A statewide campaign which aims to provide Florida's youth with the facts surrounding substance abuse and how it negatively impacts their lives.
- Lead the H.O.P.E Innovators, a statewide community-based team tasked with developing innovative ways to connect Florida students and parents with mental health information and resources.
- Created Hope Ambassadors, a youth peer-to-peer student mentorship program that will recruit student volunteers to work with their peers and help create an environment of kindness and compassion in their schools.
- The State Board of Education approved a rule that expedites reporting crimes and other offenses within 24 hours and created a pathway for rapid review by the department.
- Allowed private and charter schools to receive Medicaid reimbursements for services provided to students that are currently eligible for Medicaid (HB 81).
- Enhanced school safety measures with $180 million and $42 million for school hardening grants to improve the physical security of school buildings.
- Created Alyssa's Law, requiring the Florida Department of Education to utilize $8 million and work with each public school to implement a panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responders (SB 70 & HB 5001).
- Increased the penalties for reckless individuals who endanger the lives of students by violating laws relating to stopping for a school bus (HB 37).
- Secured $2.5 million for Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools to provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades.

Expanded Opportunities for Students in Workforce & Post-Secondary Education

- For three consecutive years, Florida has earned the distinction of being the #1 state for higher education in the country (U.S. News & World Report); Florida colleges were awarded $23 million in tiered funding to help ensure our world-class ranked colleges continue their national dominance (HB 5001).
- All 28 Florida College System Institutions participated in the Last Mile Completion Program, which awards scholarship dollars to students to complete their course work if they were within 12 or fewer credit hours of earning their first associate or baccalaureate degree. Recently, two more students received the financial support they needed from North Florida College to finish that last mile and earn a degree.
- Broward College and Tallahassee Community College were both finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize, the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges recognizing outstanding achievement in teaching, learning, certificate and degree completion, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students.
- Continued the investment of $10 million for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant for 55 institutions to provide high-quality pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities to students by providing them with an avenue to help meet the needs of Florida's rapidly growing workforce (HB 5001).
- Secured $6.5 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers and secured $14 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida College System institutions.
- Received an additional $450,000 from the United States Department of Labor to expand capacity to enroll registered apprentices, in addition to a $3 million grant used to enroll economically disadvantaged Floridians to apprenticeship opportunities.
- Launched Get There Florida, Florida's premiere workforce education initiative to increase enrollment in Florida's high quality career and technical education (CTE programs at Florida's 28 state colleges and 48 technical college.
- The Perkins V State Plan was formally approved by Governor Ron DeSantis and subsequently by United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos**.** This ensured the receipt of over $73 million to support school districts, technical colleges, and state colleges in delivering career and technical education to Florida students over the next 4 years.
- Launched the first entrepreneurship education and training grant, committing to an initial investment of $1 million to fund innovative secondary and postsecondary projects that cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets and capabilities in CTE students.
- Completed the first year of the CTE audit per Executive Order 19-31 and 1003.491(5), F.S., assessing all secondary and postsecondary CTE offerings at the state- and local-levels. The CTE audit continues to be a valuable means to assess for program quality and local market demand.
- Added 54 new industry certifications to the secondary & postsecondary industry certification funding lists, ensuring for maximum quality and alignment to industry demand.
- Received approval of Florida's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Unified State Plan (WIOA), ensuring $46 million to annually support adult education, adult basic education and high school equivalency programs.
- Allowed students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses to be engaged in workforce learning opportunities and included in the school grading calculation (SB 434).

- Protected Floridians who may have fallen on hard times the ability to remain in the workforce by preventing the state from denying, suspending or refusing to renew certain occupational licenses solely because of late or delinquent student loan payments (HB 115).
- Continued investment of $10 million for computer science professional development to provide skills and training to those educating future computer programmers.
- Established the Florida Pathways Institute, a statewide effort to boost competition and improve the social and economic mobility of graduates.
- Awarded over $1 million dollars through the Florida College System Foundation in scholarships to students in allied health fields and students who are the first in their family to attend college.
- Successfully administered and awarded $35 million CARES Act dollars to state and technical colleges to rapidly enroll and complete students impacted by the pandemic in short-term but high-quality workforce credentialing programs and 16,000 program completers expected by May, 2021.
- Awarded $10.9 million CARES Act dollars to districts for K-12 CTE infrastructure and equipment to support in-demand CTE programs of study for K-12 students.
- Increased by 121% the number of students with disabilities participating in Work Based Learning Experience Opportunities.
- Assisted more than 40,000 Floridians with disabilities in workforce and job training and provided $24.5 million Pre-Employment Transition Services for students with disabilities.
- Expanded partnership with Homebuilders Association for On-the-Job-Training in the construction industry for students with disabilities.
- Developed the nation's first statewide accessibility software program through the Division of Blind Services that enabled blind or visually impaired individuals to gain access to accessibility software free.

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Successes 2019-2020

Investing in Florida's Students

Completed

- Secured a $75 per student increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA), the largest increase since 2015-2016.
- Secured a $242.60 per student increase to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), the largest increase since 2013-2014 and the second largest increase since 2007-2008.
- Secured a $21.84 billion in state and local funding, an increase of $782.9 million to the FEFP.
- All while still passing a massive property tax cut for Floridians.

Looking Forward

- Proposed another $50 per student increase to the BSA, another approximately $157 million that school districts can flexibly use to support all teachers and school employees.
- Proposed a $302.36 per student increase to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which combined with the 2019 Session represents a $544.96 increased investment per student.
- Proposed $22.90 billion in state and local funding, an increase of $1.04 billion to the FEFP.

Elevating and Celebrating Teachers

Completed

- Secured a $284.5 million recurring investment in our Best and Brightest teachers and principals, a $50.5 million increase.
- Eliminated the 31,666 educator certification application backlog in less than 120 days.
- Put money back in teachers' pockets by reducing registration fees for teacher certification exams.
- Provided teachers with increased flexibility to pass the General Knowledge Test during the first three years in the classroom, rather than just one year, consistent with the three-year period that teachers have to obtain their certification.
- Continued Funding to provide free liability insurance to every Florida teacher, protecting those who educate our students.
- Identified $15.8 million in federal funding that could be redirected to Title I schools with a D or F school grade to help these schools recruit and financially incentivize highly effective and effective teachers to come teach and these schools that need the greatest support. Nearly 1,100 teachers took advantage of this opportunity, an opportunity that really represents the reward of getting a great teacher in front of students in struggling schools.

Looking Forward

- Released a groundbreaking $602 million proposal to increase the minimum salary for teachers across the state to $47,500 to take Florida from the 26th highest starting salary to the 2nd highest in the nation.
- Proposed the new Florida Classroom Teacher ($290 million) and Florida School Principal ($9 million) bonus programs to replace Best and Brightest, creating a simpler and lasting national best practice model for rewarding Florida's teachers and principals who elevate student outcomes at their schools.
- Combining the minimum salary increase and teacher and principal bonuses, which together would impact nearly 80% of all teachers, with the increase to the BSA, which school districts can use to further increase salaries for all teachers and school employees, Governor DeSantis has proposed to give Florida more than $1 billion to recruit, retain and reward the nation's best educational workforce.

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- Requested $200K increase for teacher liability insurance, to a total of $1.05 million, to ensure that all Florida K-12 teachers have free liability insurance and to also ensure that the plan covers any teacher who takes on the responsibility of also serving as a Guardian for their school.
- Requested $500K to fund a High Impact Teacher Corps, a group of Florida's best teachers from whom best practices can be learned and shared with all Florida teachers.

Aligning Education to the Goals of Lifelong Learning, Civic Literacy and Free Speech

Completed

- January 31, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32, outlining a path for Florida to improve education by eliminating Common Core, providing a roadmap to make Florida's standards number one in the nation, streamlining testing, identifying opportunities to improve civic literacy, and outlining a pathway to be the most literate state in the nation.
- The Department hosted the Florida Standards Listening Tour where Floridians had the opportunity to offer public input on the Florida Standards at nine town hall meetings throughout the state. Additionally, the Department conducted three dozen briefings for stakeholder organizations, collected nearly 100,000 review of standards by the public and worked on draft standards with more than 80 Florida-based educational expert organizations.
- Secured legislation to work in concert with Executive Order 19-32, calling for a review of civics curriculum and assessments by December 31, 2019 and civics standards by December 31, 2020. The Department subsequently partnered with leading national expert organizations in the review of curriculum and assessments.
- At the call of Governor DeSantis, all 28 State Colleges and 12 State Universities adopted a resolution similar to the "Chicago Statement" championing free speech on postsecondary campuses.
- Secured legislation to ensure school districts accept a permanent change of station order as proof of residency for all public school programs, and that active duty members, spouses and their dependents are classified as residents for tuition purposes.
- Released a Back-to-School Reading List for all Florida students, grades K to 12, including world-renowned titles, rich historical nonfiction, classical and popular literature, thought-provoking Florida works and favorite reads from Florida's 2020 Teacher of the Year, Dr. Dakeyan Chá Dré Graham.
- The State Board of Education approved a rule to provide transparency and accountability for required instruction to ensure that schools are teaching subjects like Holocaust education, African-American history, Hispanic heritage, women's history, civics and more.
- Secured a three year grant from The Marcus Foundation to increase students access to speech and debate programs throughout Florida and create a Florida-hosted national speech and debate competition.

Looking Forward

- By January 1, 2020, the Department will submit its findings on educational standards to Governor DeSantis.
- By December 31, 2019, the Department will submit its recommendations for improvements to civics curriculum and assessments.
- Requested $375K to implement the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, which will help expand middle and high school speech and debate programs across the state.
- Requested $3 million total to support teacher professional development and the creation of resources for teachers, so Florida's educators can be supported in their implementation of new standards for Math and English Language Arts.

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Empowering Students and Their Families

Completed

- Secured passage of Family Empowerment Scholarship, which achieved its first-year enrollment cap of 18,000 students, the largest first year enrollment of any private choice scholarship program in the nation's history.
- Secured $147.9 million for the Gardiner Scholarship Program, a game changer for the nearly 1,900 students with special needs who were on the waiting list.
- Continued legislative and funding support, $40 million, for Schools of Hope, following the confirmation of IDEA Public Schools and KIPP confirming their intent to open 25 schools in Tampa Bay area and Miami-Dade, respectively.
- Continued equitable treatment of all public schools – traditional public schools and public charter schools – for the receipt of capital outlay funding.

Looking Forward

- Requested a $24.8 million increase in funding, for a total of $172.8 million, for the Gardiner Scholarship Program to fund an additional 2,367 students with special needs.
- Requested a doubling of the allowable growth for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.

Creating Pathways for Florida's Future Workforce

Completed

- January 30, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-31 to chart a course for Florida to become #1 in the nation for workforce education by 2030, including a requirement that the Department of Education audit career and technical education (CTE) offerings in the state and develop a methodology to audit and review offerings annually, including directives to ensure that those programs are aligned with in-demand workforce opportunities. That annual audit requirement was subsequently codified in state law.
- Secured $10 million and subsequently awarded more than $7 million in apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship grants through the new Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program. During the initial grant phase, the Department awarded 37 school districts, colleges, and private institutions. The Department will award the nearly $3 million in remaining funds during a second round of competitive applications.
- Secured $10 million to fund teacher professional development in computer science and reward those teachers for earning credentials to teach high quality computer science courses.
- Created flexibility for students to count high quality computer science courses as either a required Math or Science credit in high school.
- Provided an array of options to ensure that postsecondary students don't leave college without a degree or credential, including:
    - A requirement that students be able to "reverse transfer" their credits to earn an associate in arts degree;
    - A requirement that universities notify students of the opportunity to receive their associate in arts upon completion of the necessary credits; and
    - Creation of the Last Mile College Completion Program.
- Secured a commitment from all 28 State Colleges to self-fund the Last Mile College Completion Program for the 2019-2020 school year to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that students enter the workforce with a high quality credential in-hand.

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- Increased funding incentives for districts and college industry certification programs, $2 and $4 million, respectively, and $30 million in performance funding for Florida's 28 state colleges.
- Hosted a Workforce Education Listening Tour on the development of the state plan to implement The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).
- Received a $3.79 million federal grant for expanding registered apprenticeship programs.
- Florida DOE's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) served 48,439 individuals including more than 22,866 transition age youth, and 888 employers at 1,014 locations with a 21.6 percent increase in the repeat business customer rate. For every $1 invested in rehabilitating a disabled Floridian, an estimated $8.34 was returned to the Florida economy in 2018–2019 state fiscal year.

Looking Forward

- Release the results of the career and technical education audit, pursuant to Executive Order 19-31, and work on next steps with school districts, colleges and career technical centers.
- Submit Florida's Perkins V state plan to the U.S. Department of Education in Spring 2020.
- Requested continuation of the $10 million in funding for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program.
- Requested continuation of the $10 million in funding for teacher professional development in computer science.
- Requested $10 million increase, for $40 million total, for performance incentives for Florida's 28 colleges, with this $10 million increase focusing on dual enrollment.
- Requested $5 million to expand and $11 million to meet demand of school district postsecondary programs at their technical colleges and centers.
- Requested $1.5 million to fund the Last Mile College Completion Program.
- Requested continued $14 million in funding for students earning industry certifications at Florida's colleges and $6.5 million for students earning industry certifications at career technical centers.
- Requested another $22.4 million to support Florida's 28 colleges in their efforts to meet communities' and workforce's needs.

Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments

Completed

- February 13, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-45, reopening the application window for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, requiring the Department to communicate matters of compliance and best practices for school safety to all school districts, and requiring the Department to implement school safety information technology resources by August 1, 2019.
- The Department reopened the application window for the Guardian Program, which at the time served 25 county school districts and now as a result of the new application window and securing continued funding in the 2019 Session there are 40 districts participating.
- Secured $180 million for school resource officers and enhanced school safety measures, $50 million for school hardening grants and continued financial investment in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.
- Secured $75 million in mental health funding for districts and schools to establish care for students and $5.5 million to continue evidence-based youth mental health awareness and assistance training to help school personnel identify and understand the signs of mental health and substance abuse problems.

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- Continued investment in and funding for improvements to the Florida Safe Schools Assessment online risk assessment Tool (FSSAT) that assists in school emergencies, crisis and preparedness planning and prevention.
- Enacted legislation implemented dozens of school safety recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, including strengthening compliance and expanding schools and districts access to the Guardian Program and ensuring the security of every school.
- August 1, 2019 the Department officially launched the new Florida Schools Safety Portal and a social media monitoring tool as a key component of the Portal.
- Worked with many school districts, individual schools and law enforcement statewide to ensure that every school in Florida had coverage from a safe schools officer by the first week of schools opening throughout the state.
- First Lady Casey DeSantis held many listening sessions on mental health and substance abuse, which were in part of the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* initiative.
- As part of the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* initiative, the State Board of Education adopted new administrative rules requiring greater transparency and accountability for required instruction in mental health and substance abuse education.
- Adopted another State Board rule requiring greater transparency and accountability for instruction in child trafficking prevention. With this new rule, Florida is the first state in the nation to address the need for K-12 instruction in child trafficking prevention.
- Conducted extensive trainings for schools and school districts, including a May 2019 Florida DOE orchestrated 4-day, Statewide Threat Assessment Training led by internationally renowned experts in the field, Dr. Dewey Cornell, a forensic clinical psychologist and Professor of Education in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Scott Poland, a Professor at the College of Psychology and Co-Director of the Suicide and Violence Prevention Office at Nova Southeastern University. Additionally, Florida DOE implemented recommendations from a third party independent audit of the FSSAT and trained school safety specialists in best practices for using the FSSAT.

Looking Forward

- First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the "The Facts. Your Future." Campaign in partnership with Attorney General Moody, Commissioner Corcoran, Surgeon General Rivkees and Secretary Poppell to help youth understand the toxic effects of substance abuse.
- Requested an additional $25 million in funding, $75 million total, for school safety grants to improve the physical security of K-12 school buildings.
- Requested an increase of $25 million to improve the ratio of students to mental health staff.
- Requested a historic level of commitment $100 million, a $25 million increase, to expand school-based mental health care, to improve the availability of school- and community-based mental health services for students.
- Requested continued funding of $2.5 million for school hardening at Jewish Day Schools to provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades.
- Requested continued funding of $5.5 million for youth mental health awareness and assistance training, train the trainer and peer to peer training that will help get every public school employee the skills they need to support shows showing the signs and symptoms of mental illness, including the risk of committing suicide.
- Requested $8 million to procure interoperability technology for schools and school districts, with the goal of dramatically reducing response time to emergencies at Florida's public schools.

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- Requested $640K and $3 million in continued funding to maintain critical school safety technologies that help schools plan for and respond to threats before they become a crisis.

Increasing Accountability and Quality in Early Learning

Looking Forward

- May 15, 2019 Governor DeSantis directed Florida DOE to address Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) readiness rates, as 41% of children who participate in VPK are not ready for kindergarten. In accordance with state law, the Governor's May directive and a subsequent State Board rule, beginning with the release of the 2018-19 school year results, VPK readiness rates will be calculated on both learning gains and kindergarten screener results. Providers that do not meet the minimum readiness rate will be subject to several consequences, including placement of the provider on probation, implementation of an improvement plan and potentially ineligibility to offer the VPK program if on probation for three or more years without a good cause exemption.
- The Office of Early Learning (OEL) was awarded an initial Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) in the amount of $8,520,000 for December 31, 2018 through December 30, 2019. Through the PDG B-5 grant, Florida has been working to implement measures that build on existing framework and infrastructure to increase the quality, alignment and efficiency of Florida's early childhood care and education mixed-delivery system of programs and services.
- Requested $12.8 million increase for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK), the highest base student allocation (BSA) for VPK since the 2011-12 school year, for a total of $415 million.
- Requested $18.7 million in continued funding to support early learning professional development initiatives.

Acting Urgently to Improve Struggling Schools and Programs

Completed

- Amended the D & F school improvement rule, which requires Florida school districts to act with urgency in the turnaround process to ensure no student is stuck in a failing school, including a new provision to ensure that External Operator (EO) contracts include conditions of payment based on performance.
- Stabilized Florida Virtual School (FLVS), with the State Board of Education acting as FLVS' Board of Trustees and appointing a new CEO. The new CEO ushered in a leaner and more skilled leadership team, saving $660K by cutting bloated salaries and contract lobbyists, providing pay increases for FLVS' teachers through immediate cost reductions, right-sizing FLVS' reserve balance, and identifying additional savings that could be passed along either to taxpayers and school districts.
- Worked with an independent auditor to conduct a performance review of FLVS and provided nearly 70 detailed recommendations to ensure the ongoing success of FLVS for Florida's students.
- Demanded and ultimately helped guide a necessary leadership and quickly successful culture change at The Able Trust, the direct support organization for Florida DOE's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Through the first full four months of the year participation in Reading Scholarship Accounts, a program meant to help struggling third, fourth and fifth grade readers get caught up and ready for success, already served 80% of those students served through the entire prior 2018-2019 school year. $7.6 million was requested to continue funding Reading Scholarship Accounts.

Measuring What Matters

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- Governor DeSantis announced Florida's system of higher education, its 12 state universities and 28 state colleges, were again #1 in the nation, for the third straight year, according to U.S. News and World Report.
- The 2019 Education Week's Quality Counts report ranked Florida #4 in the nation for K-12 student achievement.
- Announced that Florida ranks first among the 50 states in participation and third in the nation for performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams during high school.
- Announced monumental improvement in School Grades, with 2,088 schools earning "A" and "B" grades for the 2018-2019 school year, 63% of schools, and only 14 schools receiving an F, a drop from 35 in the previous school year.
- Indian River State College and Miami Dade College were both awarded the nationally-recognized 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This is the third time since the award's inception in 2011 that a Florida College System institution has earned the prestigious award.
- Florida's high school graduation rate continued to climb from 86.1% to 86.5% for the 2018-2019 graduating class.
- Pointed to both highlights and a call to action from Florida's 2019 results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), results that were very positive for closing achievement gaps and Florida's high quality public charter schools and at the same time a clear affirmation of the need to be bold and brave in education policymaking.
    - Florida's students with disabilities ranked #1 compared to their national counterparts on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in Grade 4 Mathematics and #2 in Grade 4 and Grade 8 Reading.
    - According to the 2019 NAEP results, if Florida's 658 public charter schools and their 314,000 students were their own state, they would rank #2 in 4th grade reading, tied for #2 in 4th grade math, #1 in 8th grade reading and tied for #5 in 8th grade math.
- Unveiled the new EduData portal (https://edudata.fldoe.org/), a data-rich website that allows Florida families to explore and compare public schools across the state, enhancing transparency about the quality of learning taking place in Florida's classrooms. In November, Florida DOE subsequently released a mapping feature at EduData, so Floridians could better visually compare schools throughout the state.

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Anna,

Attached are three items (we recommend the first two go in for certain):

1. School Choice Accomplishments Summary
2. K-12 Scholarship Summary Chart
3. An email from Alex that includes the 2020 and 2019 education accomplishments should you want to pull in any additional initiatives outside of what we've provided here.

Have a great night!
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School Choice Accomplishments

Accomplishments

- Created the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program in 2019, which expanded educational opportunities for 18,000 children and families with limited financial resources.

- Cleared the waitlist of nearly 13,000 students for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, which provides scholarships to children from low-income families.

- Signed House Bill 7067 into law in 2020, which expanded access to educational choice opportunities, while continuing to prioritize low-income families to ensure a world-class education is in reach for every student regardless of race, zip code or socio-economic status for school choice programs like the Family Empowerment Scholarship and Florida Tax Credit Scholarship.
    - The bill also increased the Family Empowerment Scholarship maximum enrollment cap by 29,000 students to serve a total of 47,000 students.

- During the 2019-20 school year, the Florida Department of Education, Step Up for Students, and AAA Scholarships collectively funded over 180,500 scholarships for students with special needs, students from low-middle income families, students who have endured bullying, and students who struggle with reading.

- Governor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 included:
    - An additional $21 million, for a total of $210.9 million, in funding for the Gardiner Scholarship Program.
        - This will allow approximately 2,000 additional students to participate in the program.
    - $7.6 million for the Reading Scholarship Accounts to provide public school students in grades 3-5 with access to improve their literacy skills and ensure they read on grade level as they matriculate through middle and high school.

Supplemental Data

- Fiscal Year 2019-20 K-12 Scholarship Program Participation
    - Family Empowerment Scholarship Program: served 17,823 low-income students
    - Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: served 111,219 low-income students
    - McKay Scholarship Program: served 30,185 students with special needs
    - Gardiner Scholarship Program: served 14,318 students with special needs
    - Hope Scholarship Program: served 388 students subjected to physical and/or mental abuse at their schools
    - Reading Scholarship Program: served 6,763 struggling readers

- A chart detailing each of the above scholarship programs is attached.

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Scholarship:	Who Qualifies?	Average Amount	Funded By
Family Empowerment ***1002.394, F.S.***	The student's household income is < 300% FPL; the student is on the direct certification list, **or** The student is currently or during the previous state fiscal year was in foster care or out-of-home care, **and** The student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school.	$6,972 for enrollment in an eligible private school	FEFP
Florida Tax Credit ***1002.395, F.S.***	The student's household income is < 260% FPL; the student is on the direct certification list, **or** The student is currently or during the previous state fiscal year was in foster care or out-of-home care.	$6,815 for enrollment in an eligible private school; or $750 for enrollment in a public school located outside the district the student resides.	Private, voluntary contributions to nonprofit SFOs – SUFS/AAA
McKay ***1002.39, F.S.***	The student has an IEP or 504 Plan; **and** The student has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school; **or** the student is a foster child or is a dependent child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who transfers from out of state due to a parent's change of station orders.	IEP average is $8,262; 504 average is $4,626 for enrollment in an eligible private school. **	FEFP
Gardiner ***1002.385, F.S.***	The student is eligible to enroll in in a K-12 public school or will be 3 or 4 before September 1; **and** The student has a specified disability as defined in s. 1002.385, F.S.	$10,000 for specialized services such as speech or occupational therapy, instructional materials, tuition at an eligible private school, contributions to a college prepaid account. **	Legislative Appropriation
Hope ***1002.40, F.S.***	The student has been subjected to a specified incident of bullying while enrolled in a Florida public school.	$6,815 for enrollment in an eligible private school; or $750 for enrollment in a public school located outside the district the student resides.	Eligible sales tax contributions from the purchase of a motor vehicle to nonprofit SFOs – SUFS/AAA
Reading ***1002.411, F.S.***	The student is in grades 3-5 at a Florida public school and scored below a Level 3 on the grade 3 or grade 4 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.	$500 for instructional materials, curriculum; tuition and fees for part-time tutoring services, etc.	Legislative Appropriation

*** Scholarship amount is based on the IEP and matrix or 504 plan and services the student received in the public school.*

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Governor Ron DeSantis Proves Once Again Florida is the Education State

Tallahassee, Fla., December xx 2020 – At the conclusion of 2020, Florida Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran released Governor DeSantis' following education highlights. Not only has Governor DeSantis proved he is the Education Governor, he has continued delivering on his promise to make Florida's education system the best in the nation and ensure every student receives a world-class education.

"As 2020 comes to a close and I reflect on this unpreceded year, I am extremely proud of the work we have done for Florida's students." **said Governor Ron DeSantis.** "We have secured historic education funding, increased educational choice options, increased school safety, emphasized mental health awareness, expanded opportunities for career and technical education, elevated and celebrated educators, and so much more. I am looking forward to celebrating continued success throughout 2021 as we continue to build on this positive momentum to ensure there is no better state in the nation to receive a world class education."

"Governor DeSantis has once again proven to be a true leader by securing historic wins for Florida students through investments and policies that will change Florida's educational landscape for decades to come. Governor DeSantis truly is the Education Governor, and Florida is the 'Education State.'" **said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran.** "This year has truly been a measure of the collective hard work from our districts, educators, students, and their families. Floridians have been resilient and shown courage in ensuring every student continues their education this year, and we must thank them for keeping our students on track, learning and growing. With the implementation of the Florida B.E.S.T. standards, early learning and literacy initiatives, lifting up our struggling schools and at-risk students, and providing access to higher quality acceleration and career pathways courses, we must continue to close all manner of achievement gaps, so that Florida's students become great citizens, and our education system is #1 in the nation."

Florida Department of Education's 2020 Accomplishments

Investing in Florida's Students

- At the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida became the first state to completely eliminate common core by creating and adopting Florida's B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) Standards.
- These standards, created by over 100 Florida education experts with a combined experience of over 1,500 years, improves the quality of curriculum, streamlines testing, prioritizes civics, and outlines a pathway for Florida to become the most literate state in the nation by bringing Florida's standards back to the basics and building a foundation, starting with our earliest learners.

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- Secured a total commitment of $21.5 billion ranging from Florida's early learners through postsecondary students.
- Notably the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), supporting K-12 public education, increased by a total of $641 million, including giving districts greater spending flexibility with a $137 total per student funding increase that includes a significant increase of $40 per student in the Base Student Allocation (BSA).
- Secured a $9.9 million increase for Voluntary Prekindergarten, the highest BSA since 2011-12 and first increase since 2014-15, for a total of $412 million
- Secured a $20.3 million funding increase for our public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities, representing a historic total investment of over $124 million.

Increasing Student Achievement and Measuring What Matters

- Florida's education system moved up from 4th to 3rd in the nation in the *Quality Counts* national ranking for K-12 Achievement.
- Florida continues to have the 3rd highest Advanced Placement (AP) student success rate and the 3rd highest improvement rate over the last 10 years.
- Florida ranked 2nd nationwide on the Parent Power Index by the *Center for Education Reform.*
- Florida's 2018-2019 graduation rate continued to climb to an all-time high of 86.9%, an increase of 0.8 percentage points over 2017-18 and a jump of 27.7% points since 2003-04. Additionally, students with disabilities also reached an all-time high of 80.6%.
- As part of Florida's CARES Act plan, $8 million in funding has been provided to offer public high school students the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT assessment at no charge to them during the 2020-21 school year. It is expected that over 200,000 students will take these assessments in spring 2021 during a school day in order to qualify for admission to a postsecondary institution and/or qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship.
    - Announced massive enhancements to the KnowYourSchools portal that will make it easier for families to access information on school- and district-level educational outcomes. Additionally, enhanced the VAM Visualization Tool with additional functionality based on user feedback. A public-facing site was developed that can be used in conjunction with Know Your Schools to get even more information on school performance. A statewide teacher search report was created to assist district and school administrators with recruitment, retention, and to ensure that their most fragile schools are staffed with the highest-performing teachers available.

Surgical, Not Sweeping Response to COVID-19

Completed

- Helped school districts move to distance learning and hosted over 75 live webinars throughout COVID-19 to ensure Florida's students could continue receiving a world-class education.
- The Florida Education Foundation Awarded $300,000 in Distance Learning Mini-grants to 44 public schools, school districts and non-profit organizations to support and create innovative solutions for distance learning during the spring and summer semesters.
- Provided more than 32,000 laptops to 34 small and rural school districts to quickly serve Florida's students as they transitioned to distance learning.
- The Florida College System (FCS), State University System (SUS), and private institutions across the state announced more than 130 ventilators have been donated to local hospitals, community medical centers and other facilities. Additionally the FCS, SUS and other private institutions donated, tens of thousands of boxes containing gloves, masks – including N95 masks

– gowns, caps, shoe slippers and other PPE supplies to assist medical personnel as they care for patients, and food pantries and other social services available for students.

- Provided comprehensive distance learning resources in partnership with Florida Virtual School to ensure students continue learning while school campuses were closed and created best practices for distance learning throughout the state which was shared directly with more than 2+ million parents, and a complete best practices guide for distance learning, which they shared with 175,000+ teachers. Additionally, Florida Virtual School Provided 100 free digital course to all Florida schools.
- Issued Emergency Order 2020-05 and Executive Order 20-212 that extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to earn a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020.
- Supported the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to distribute Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) for households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures.
- Increased and expedited access to child care services for 26,000 children of first responders and health care professionals. 87% of these children were new enrollments. Over 4,000 eligible early learning/child care providers, received a monthly incentive of $500 per child for a total of almost $77 million.
- Allowed VPK Flexible Innovative Options, in alignment with school district reopening plans, for 447 private and public school providers with 8,360 children to ensure that VPK programs are open to enable learning to continue and for parents to be able to rejoin the workforce.
- Governor Ron DeSantis and Commissioner Richard Corcoran announced recommendations for local communities to consider as they planned to re-open safe and healthy schools. This extensive, 140 page plan outlines the nearly $475 million in state directed education financial assistance provided to Florida through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In total, more than $2 billion in education-related aid was provided through the CARES Act.
- Created the #COVIDStopsWithMe Toolkit designed to assist Florida's education family in lowering the impact in Florida's education institutions and slowing the spread of COVID-19. This guidance and tools helped all of Florida's education institutions make decisions, protect their students and staff, and communicate with their local communities.
- For the fall semester, Issued Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 to ensure all Florida schools could re-open five days a week to serve students that choose to receive an in-person education, and created new innovative options for families to have the choice to decide what worked best for the health and safety of their student and family, while also ensuring the full panoply of services that protected Florida's most vulnerable students.
- Chancellor of the K-12 Division of Public Schools at Florida Department of Education fought tirelessly as a member of the Florida State High School Athletic Association (FSHAA) Board to ensure sports could and would continue in the fall and spring of 2020 as Florida school districts reopened.
- Published Emergency Order 2020 – EO-07 for the spring semester, which expands upon the critical flexibility and assurances outlined in FDOE Order No. 2020-EO-06 - Reopening K-12 Schools, and continues full parental choice. Additionally, extending the deadline for teachers to obtain their reading Endorsement to June 30, 2021 from December 31, 2020 (EO-02).

Elevating and Celebrating Educators

- Marked 2020 as "The Year of the Teacher" with a bold step to move Florida to #5 in the nation in terms of minimum teacher pay with an historic $500 million pay increase for teachers to increase their minimum base salary to $47,500 and raise salaries of Florida's veteran teachers (HB 641 and HB 5001).
- Allocated $2.7 million for teacher professional development to help our educators become experts in Florida's new Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.
- Hired 21 statewide regional literacy directors serving 16 regions throughout the state, an integral component to increase reading proficiency to 90% through the CARES Act.
- Covered the $850,000 cost to provide all educators with liability insurance to allow them to focus on doing what matters most – educating and inspiring their students to succeed in life.
- Secured $10 million to certify educators to teach computer science courses, and to provide bonuses to teachers who hold educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science.
- Continued the Federal School Improvement Grant funding to give highly effective and effective state teachers in D and F rated schools a recruiting allocation of $15,000 or $7,500, respectively.
- Provided Florida teachers a free fee waiver for teacher certifications that resulted in almost 125,000 free teacher certification exams, saving stakeholders more than $16 million to ease the financial and professional stress on Florida's teachers. Additionally, the Department delayed teacher certification test requirements and will provide teachers with the opportunity to take those tests at no cost, so far eliminating the test costs for more than 22,000 teachers.
- Offered teacher training to prepare for online learning environments in the event of school closures, with a $200 stipend to teachers who completed the training through Florida Virtual School.
- Hit a major milestone, by lowering the operation time to process teacher certifications to less than 20 days to complete the teacher certification process, the lowest since 2009.
- In 2021, the Department will be implementing additional professional development resources at no additional charge to FTCE examinees in order to help prepare for and pass teacher certification exams.

Prioritizing Educational Choice Options for Florida's Families and Students

- Expanded access to educational choice opportunities, while continuing to prioritize low-income families to ensure a world-class education is in reach for every student regardless of race, zip code or socio-economic status for school choice programs like the Family Empowerment Scholarship and Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (HB 7067).
- Increased the Family Empowerment Scholarship maximum enrollment cap to allow 47,000 students to benefit from Florida's world-class school choice options (HB 7067).
- Fully funded the Gardiner Scholarship Program and its waitlist of 3,000 students at $190 million delivering on the commitment to our most vulnerable students with unique abilities.
- Provided 15,000 public school students in grades 3-5 with access to Reading Scholarship Accounts with $7.6 million to improve their literacy skills and ensure they read on grade level as they matriculate through middle and high school.
- Competitively awarded $78 million grant from the federal Charter Schools Program to support the start-up of new charter schools over the next five years, as well as provide technical assistance to charter operators and their school district sponsors.

- Waived the common placement requirements for college students wishing to participate in dual enrollment courses, allowing students who met the GPA requirements to participate in fall dual enrollment, and also waived the developmental education course allowing students to demonstrate their readiness for college through alternative methods.
- Adopted an amendment through the State Board of Education that allows students to use a passing score on the FSA Geometry EOC as a comparative score as yet another way for students to satisfy the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

Aligning Education to the Goals of Lifelong Learning, Civic Literacy and Support for our Military

- Completed the Florida civics standards review at the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis.
- Developed Florida's Holocaust Standards. (SB 1628 and HB 1213).
- Revitalized and prioritized the Commissioner's African American History Task Force and Holocaust Education Task Force.
- Extended the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program that will assist selected school districts in implementing comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through second grade (HB 156).
- Received $60 million in additional funding to serve children and families on the School Readiness Waitlist and $50 million to increase payments to School Readiness providers in selected areas.
- Florida was awarded one of the highly competitive Preschool Development Renewal grant. This grant provides an additional $13.4 million in funding each year for three years to build on existing framework and infrastructure to increase the quality, alignment and efficiency of Florida's early childhood care and education mixed-delivery system of programs and services.
- Launched the statewide Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FCDI) which will expand speech and debate programs throughout the state and engage students in civil discussions with the Legislature's support of $925,000 and a $5 million multi-year commitment from the Marcus Foundation (HB 5001). Since FCDI's inception, Florida has seen an increase of 83% in the number of students participating in speech and debate.
- Ensured that service members and veterans are able to earn a degree conveniently and efficiently by implementing a process to award postsecondary credit for training and education acquired during their military career at each of Florida's public colleges and universities will help our heroes transition back to civilian life (HB 171).
- Modified school district residency requirements to accommodate military families with greater flexibility to enroll in school will give families peace of mind and make their transition to Florida easier (SB 662).
- Nearly 900 veterans, active military personnel, and their spouses registered for free FTCE exams under the Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act of 2018. Under this program, almost 1,500 free FTCE exams have been administered, saving military personnel, veterans and their families $206,220 this year alone.
- Established the ability for military members or veterans of the United States armed forces to receive postsecondary credit or clock hours for prior military experience.

Creating Resilient Student's Through First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hope for Healing Initiative and Providing Safe and healthy Learning Environments

- Increased the Mental Health Assistance Allocation by $25 million, for a total of $100 million, to put more counselors and mental health professionals in our schools and to ensure more students have direct access to the care they need (HB 5001).
- Helped schools identify signs of emotional disturbance, mental illness and substance abuse with $5.5 million for Youth Mental Health Awareness, providing educators with the skills to help students experiencing or overcoming these issues (HB 945 and HB 5001).
- All Florida school districts completed the first year of implementation and reporting for the four new required instruction rules: 5 hours of mental health instruction in grades 6 – 12, substance use and abuse education, and child trafficking prevention education.
- Provided $ 2 million in grant funding to 18 rural Florida school districts to increase students' access to mental health and student support services and to enhance access to school and community-based providers.
- The abuse hotline was readily available to students, parents, and educators by encouraging all Florida school districts to place and promote the hotline number in prominent locations on their district web pages and distance learning pages.
- Provided over $3.5 million for a Preschool Development Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant, through the Office of Early Learning to provide mental health sub-grants to enhance the skills of the early childhood workforce for improved classroom environments and individualized mental health services to children.
- Announced a partnership with T-Mobile's Project 10 Million to provide 100GB of internet to over 600,000 Florida families over the next 5 years.
- Partnered with the Florida Department of Children and Families to provide nearly 1,000 devices to Florida children in foster care who are in need of a mobile technology device, such as laptop or notebook to help address the unique challenges to educational stability.
- Launched "The Facts. Your Future." A statewide campaign which aims to provide Florida's youth with the facts surrounding substance abuse and how it negatively impacts their lives.
- Lead the H.O.P.E Innovators, a statewide community-based team tasked with developing innovative ways to connect Florida students and parents with mental health information and resources.
- Created Hope Ambassadors, a youth peer-to-peer student mentorship program that will recruit student volunteers to work with their peers and help create an environment of kindness and compassion in their schools.
- The State Board of Education approved a rule that expedites reporting crimes and other offenses within 24 hours and created a pathway for rapid review by the department.
- Allowed private and charter schools to receive Medicaid reimbursements for services provided to students that are currently eligible for Medicaid (HB 81).
- Enhanced school safety measures with $180 million and $42 million for school hardening grants to improve the physical security of school buildings.
- Created Alyssa's Law, requiring the Florida Department of Education to utilize $8 million and work with each public school to implement a panic alert system capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responders (SB 70 & HB 5001).
- Increased the penalties for reckless individuals who endanger the lives of students by violating laws relating to stopping for a school bus (HB 37).
- Secured $2.5 million for Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools to provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades.

Expanded Opportunities for Students in Workforce & Post-Secondary Education

- For three consecutive years, Florida has earned the distinction of being the #1 state for higher education in the country (U.S. News & World Report); Florida colleges were awarded $23 million in tiered funding to help ensure our world-class ranked colleges continue their national dominance (HB 5001).
- All 28 Florida College System Institutions participated in the Last Mile Completion Program, which awards scholarship dollars to students to complete their course work if they were within 12 or fewer credit hours of earning their first associate or baccalaureate degree. Recently, two more students received the financial support they needed from North Florida College to finish that last mile and earn a degree.
- Broward College and Tallahassee Community College were both finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize, the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges recognizing outstanding achievement in teaching, learning, certificate and degree completion, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students.
- Continued the investment of $10 million for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant for 55 institutions to provide high-quality pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities to students by providing them with an avenue to help meet the needs of Florida's rapidly growing workforce (HB 5001).
- Secured $6.5 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers and secured $14 million in performance funding for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida College System institutions.
- Received an additional $450,000 from the United States Department of Labor to expand capacity to enroll registered apprentices, in addition to a $3 million grant used to enroll economically disadvantaged Floridians to apprenticeship opportunities.
- Launched Get There Florida, Florida's premiere workforce education initiative to increase enrollment in Florida's high quality career and technical education (CTE programs at Florida's 28 state colleges and 48 technical college.
- The Perkins V State Plan was formally approved by Governor Ron DeSantis and subsequently by United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos**.** This ensured the receipt of over $73 million to support school districts, technical colleges, and state colleges in delivering career and technical education to Florida students over the next 4 years.
- Launched the first entrepreneurship education and training grant, committing to an initial investment of $1 million to fund innovative secondary and postsecondary projects that cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets and capabilities in CTE students.
- Completed the first year of the CTE audit per Executive Order 19-31 and 1003.491(5), F.S., assessing all secondary and postsecondary CTE offerings at the state- and local-levels. The CTE audit continues to be a valuable means to assess for program quality and local market demand.
- Added 54 new industry certifications to the secondary & postsecondary industry certification funding lists, ensuring for maximum quality and alignment to industry demand.
- Received approval of Florida's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Unified State Plan (WIOA), ensuring $46 million to annually support adult education, adult basic education and high school equivalency programs.
- Allowed students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses to be engaged in workforce learning opportunities and included in the school grading calculation (SB 434).

- Protected Floridians who may have fallen on hard times the ability to remain in the workforce by preventing the state from denying, suspending or refusing to renew certain occupational licenses solely because of late or delinquent student loan payments (HB 115).
- Continued investment of $10 million for computer science professional development to provide skills and training to those educating future computer programmers.
- Established the Florida Pathways Institute, a statewide effort to boost competition and improve the social and economic mobility of graduates.
- Awarded over $1 million dollars through the Florida College System Foundation in scholarships to students in allied health fields and students who are the first in their family to attend college.
- Successfully administered and awarded $35 million CARES Act dollars to state and technical colleges to rapidly enroll and complete students impacted by the pandemic in short-term but high-quality workforce credentialing programs and 16,000 program completers expected by May, 2021.
- Awarded $10.9 million CARES Act dollars to districts for K-12 CTE infrastructure and equipment to support in-demand CTE programs of study for K-12 students.
- Increased by 121% the number of students with disabilities participating in Work Based Learning Experience Opportunities.
- Assisted more than 40,000 Floridians with disabilities in workforce and job training and provided $24.5 million Pre-Employment Transition Services for students with disabilities.
- Expanded partnership with Homebuilders Association for On-the-Job-Training in the construction industry for students with disabilities.
- Developed the nation's first statewide accessibility software program through the Division of Blind Services that enabled blind or visually impaired individuals to gain access to accessibility software free.

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Successes 2019-2020

Investing in Florida's Students

Completed

- Secured a $75 per student increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA), the largest increase since 2015-2016.
- Secured a $242.60 per student increase to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), the largest increase since 2013-2014 and the second largest increase since 2007-2008.
- Secured a $21.84 billion in state and local funding, an increase of $782.9 million to the FEFP.
- All while still passing a massive property tax cut for Floridians.

Looking Forward

- Proposed another $50 per student increase to the BSA, another approximately $157 million that school districts can flexibly use to support all teachers and school employees.
- Proposed a $302.36 per student increase to the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which combined with the 2019 Session represents a $544.96 increased investment per student.
- Proposed $22.90 billion in state and local funding, an increase of $1.04 billion to the FEFP.

Elevating and Celebrating Teachers

Completed

- Secured a $284.5 million recurring investment in our Best and Brightest teachers and principals, a $50.5 million increase.
- Eliminated the 31,666 educator certification application backlog in less than 120 days.
- Put money back in teachers' pockets by reducing registration fees for teacher certification exams.
- Provided teachers with increased flexibility to pass the General Knowledge Test during the first three years in the classroom, rather than just one year, consistent with the three-year period that teachers have to obtain their certification.
- Continued Funding to provide free liability insurance to every Florida teacher, protecting those who educate our students.
- Identified $15.8 million in federal funding that could be redirected to Title I schools with a D or F school grade to help these schools recruit and financially incentivize highly effective and effective teachers to come teach and these schools that need the greatest support. Nearly 1,100 teachers took advantage of this opportunity, an opportunity that really represents the reward of getting a great teacher in front of students in struggling schools.

Looking Forward

- Released a groundbreaking $602 million proposal to increase the minimum salary for teachers across the state to $47,500 to take Florida from the 26th highest starting salary to the 2nd highest in the nation.
- Proposed the new Florida Classroom Teacher ($290 million) and Florida School Principal ($9 million) bonus programs to replace Best and Brightest, creating a simpler and lasting national best practice model for rewarding Florida's teachers and principals who elevate student outcomes at their schools.
- Combining the minimum salary increase and teacher and principal bonuses, which together would impact nearly 80% of all teachers, with the increase to the BSA, which school districts can use to further increase salaries for all teachers and school employees, Governor DeSantis has proposed to give Florida more than $1 billion to recruit, retain and reward the nation's best educational workforce.

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- Requested $200K increase for teacher liability insurance, to a total of $1.05 million, to ensure that all Florida K-12 teachers have free liability insurance and to also ensure that the plan covers any teacher who takes on the responsibility of also serving as a Guardian for their school.
- Requested $500K to fund a High Impact Teacher Corps, a group of Florida's best teachers from whom best practices can be learned and shared with all Florida teachers.

Aligning Education to the Goals of Lifelong Learning, Civic Literacy and Free Speech

Completed

- January 31, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32, outlining a path for Florida to improve education by eliminating Common Core, providing a roadmap to make Florida's standards number one in the nation, streamlining testing, identifying opportunities to improve civic literacy, and outlining a pathway to be the most literate state in the nation.
- The Department hosted the Florida Standards Listening Tour where Floridians had the opportunity to offer public input on the Florida Standards at nine town hall meetings throughout the state. Additionally, the Department conducted three dozen briefings for stakeholder organizations, collected nearly 100,000 review of standards by the public and worked on draft standards with more than 80 Florida-based educational expert organizations.
- Secured legislation to work in concert with Executive Order 19-32, calling for a review of civics curriculum and assessments by December 31, 2019 and civics standards by December 31, 2020. The Department subsequently partnered with leading national expert organizations in the review of curriculum and assessments.
- At the call of Governor DeSantis, all 28 State Colleges and 12 State Universities adopted a resolution similar to the "Chicago Statement" championing free speech on postsecondary campuses.
- Secured legislation to ensure school districts accept a permanent change of station order as proof of residency for all public school programs, and that active duty members, spouses and their dependents are classified as residents for tuition purposes.
- Released a Back-to-School Reading List for all Florida students, grades K to 12, including world-renowned titles, rich historical nonfiction, classical and popular literature, thought-provoking Florida works and favorite reads from Florida's 2020 Teacher of the Year, Dr. Dakeyan Chá Dré Graham.
- The State Board of Education approved a rule to provide transparency and accountability for required instruction to ensure that schools are teaching subjects like Holocaust education, African-American history, Hispanic heritage, women's history, civics and more.
- Secured a three year grant from The Marcus Foundation to increase students access to speech and debate programs throughout Florida and create a Florida-hosted national speech and debate competition.

Looking Forward

- By January 1, 2020, the Department will submit its findings on educational standards to Governor DeSantis.
- By December 31, 2019, the Department will submit its recommendations for improvements to civics curriculum and assessments.
- Requested $375K to implement the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, which will help expand middle and high school speech and debate programs across the state.
- Requested $3 million total to support teacher professional development and the creation of resources for teachers, so Florida's educators can be supported in their implementation of new standards for Math and English Language Arts.

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Empowering Students and Their Families

Completed

- Secured passage of Family Empowerment Scholarship, which achieved its first-year enrollment cap of 18,000 students, the largest first year enrollment of any private choice scholarship program in the nation's history.
- Secured $147.9 million for the Gardiner Scholarship Program, a game changer for the nearly 1,900 students with special needs who were on the waiting list.
- Continued legislative and funding support, $40 million, for Schools of Hope, following the confirmation of IDEA Public Schools and KIPP confirming their intent to open 25 schools in Tampa Bay area and Miami-Dade, respectively.
- Continued equitable treatment of all public schools – traditional public schools and public charter schools – for the receipt of capital outlay funding.

Looking Forward

- Requested a $24.8 million increase in funding, for a total of $172.8 million, for the Gardiner Scholarship Program to fund an additional 2,367 students with special needs.
- Requested a doubling of the allowable growth for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.

Creating Pathways for Florida's Future Workforce

Completed

- January 30, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-31 to chart a course for Florida to become #1 in the nation for workforce education by 2030, including a requirement that the Department of Education audit career and technical education (CTE) offerings in the state and develop a methodology to audit and review offerings annually, including directives to ensure that those programs are aligned with in-demand workforce opportunities. That annual audit requirement was subsequently codified in state law.
- Secured $10 million and subsequently awarded more than $7 million in apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship grants through the new Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program. During the initial grant phase, the Department awarded 37 school districts, colleges, and private institutions. The Department will award the nearly $3 million in remaining funds during a second round of competitive applications.
- Secured $10 million to fund teacher professional development in computer science and reward those teachers for earning credentials to teach high quality computer science courses.
- Created flexibility for students to count high quality computer science courses as either a required Math or Science credit in high school.
- Provided an array of options to ensure that postsecondary students don't leave college without a degree or credential, including:
    - A requirement that students be able to "reverse transfer" their credits to earn an associate in arts degree;
    - A requirement that universities notify students of the opportunity to receive their associate in arts upon completion of the necessary credits; and
    - Creation of the Last Mile College Completion Program.
- Secured a commitment from all 28 State Colleges to self-fund the Last Mile College Completion Program for the 2019-2020 school year to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that students enter the workforce with a high quality credential in-hand.

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- Increased funding incentives for districts and college industry certification programs, $2 and $4 million, respectively, and $30 million in performance funding for Florida's 28 state colleges.
- Hosted a Workforce Education Listening Tour on the development of the state plan to implement The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).
- Received a $3.79 million federal grant for expanding registered apprenticeship programs.
- Florida DOE's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) served 48,439 individuals including more than 22,866 transition age youth, and 888 employers at 1,014 locations with a 21.6 percent increase in the repeat business customer rate. For every $1 invested in rehabilitating a disabled Floridian, an estimated $8.34 was returned to the Florida economy in 2018–2019 state fiscal year.

Looking Forward

- Release the results of the career and technical education audit, pursuant to Executive Order 19-31, and work on next steps with school districts, colleges and career technical centers.
- Submit Florida's Perkins V state plan to the U.S. Department of Education in Spring 2020.
- Requested continuation of the $10 million in funding for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program.
- Requested continuation of the $10 million in funding for teacher professional development in computer science.
- Requested $10 million increase, for $40 million total, for performance incentives for Florida's 28 colleges, with this $10 million increase focusing on dual enrollment.
- Requested $5 million to expand and $11 million to meet demand of school district postsecondary programs at their technical colleges and centers.
- Requested $1.5 million to fund the Last Mile College Completion Program.
- Requested continued $14 million in funding for students earning industry certifications at Florida's colleges and $6.5 million for students earning industry certifications at career technical centers.
- Requested another $22.4 million to support Florida's 28 colleges in their efforts to meet communities' and workforce's needs.

Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments

Completed

- February 13, 2019 Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-45, reopening the application window for the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, requiring the Department to communicate matters of compliance and best practices for school safety to all school districts, and requiring the Department to implement school safety information technology resources by August 1, 2019.
- The Department reopened the application window for the Guardian Program, which at the time served 25 county school districts and now as a result of the new application window and securing continued funding in the 2019 Session there are 40 districts participating.
- Secured $180 million for school resource officers and enhanced school safety measures, $50 million for school hardening grants and continued financial investment in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.
- Secured $75 million in mental health funding for districts and schools to establish care for students and $5.5 million to continue evidence-based youth mental health awareness and assistance training to help school personnel identify and understand the signs of mental health and substance abuse problems.

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- Continued investment in and funding for improvements to the Florida Safe Schools Assessment online risk assessment Tool (FSSAT) that assists in school emergencies, crisis and preparedness planning and prevention.
- Enacted legislation implemented dozens of school safety recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, including strengthening compliance and expanding schools and districts access to the Guardian Program and ensuring the security of every school.
- August 1, 2019 the Department officially launched the new Florida Schools Safety Portal and a social media monitoring tool as a key component of the Portal.
- Worked with many school districts, individual schools and law enforcement statewide to ensure that every school in Florida had coverage from a safe schools officer by the first week of schools opening throughout the state.
- First Lady Casey DeSantis held many listening sessions on mental health and substance abuse, which were in part of the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* initiative.
- As part of the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* initiative, the State Board of Education adopted new administrative rules requiring greater transparency and accountability for required instruction in mental health and substance abuse education.
- Adopted another State Board rule requiring greater transparency and accountability for instruction in child trafficking prevention. With this new rule, Florida is the first state in the nation to address the need for K-12 instruction in child trafficking prevention.
- Conducted extensive trainings for schools and school districts, including a May 2019 Florida DOE orchestrated 4-day, Statewide Threat Assessment Training led by internationally renowned experts in the field, Dr. Dewey Cornell, a forensic clinical psychologist and Professor of Education in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Scott Poland, a Professor at the College of Psychology and Co-Director of the Suicide and Violence Prevention Office at Nova Southeastern University. Additionally, Florida DOE implemented recommendations from a third party independent audit of the FSSAT and trained school safety specialists in best practices for using the FSSAT.

Looking Forward

- First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the "The Facts. Your Future." Campaign in partnership with Attorney General Moody, Commissioner Corcoran, Surgeon General Rivkees and Secretary Poppell to help youth understand the toxic effects of substance abuse.
- Requested an additional $25 million in funding, $75 million total, for school safety grants to improve the physical security of K-12 school buildings.
- Requested an increase of $25 million to improve the ratio of students to mental health staff.
- Requested a historic level of commitment $100 million, a $25 million increase, to expand school-based mental health care, to improve the availability of school- and community-based mental health services for students.
- Requested continued funding of $2.5 million for school hardening at Jewish Day Schools to provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades.
- Requested continued funding of $5.5 million for youth mental health awareness and assistance training, train the trainer and peer to peer training that will help get every public school employee the skills they need to support shows showing the signs and symptoms of mental illness, including the risk of committing suicide.
- Requested $8 million to procure interoperability technology for schools and school districts, with the goal of dramatically reducing response time to emergencies at Florida's public schools.

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- Requested $640K and $3 million in continued funding to maintain critical school safety technologies that help schools plan for and respond to threats before they become a crisis.

Increasing Accountability and Quality in Early Learning

Looking Forward

- May 15, 2019 Governor DeSantis directed Florida DOE to address Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) readiness rates, as 41% of children who participate in VPK are not ready for kindergarten. In accordance with state law, the Governor's May directive and a subsequent State Board rule, beginning with the release of the 2018-19 school year results, VPK readiness rates will be calculated on both learning gains and kindergarten screener results. Providers that do not meet the minimum readiness rate will be subject to several consequences, including placement of the provider on probation, implementation of an improvement plan and potentially ineligibility to offer the VPK program if on probation for three or more years without a good cause exemption.
- The Office of Early Learning (OEL) was awarded an initial Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) in the amount of $8,520,000 for December 31, 2018 through December 30, 2019. Through the PDG B-5 grant, Florida has been working to implement measures that build on existing framework and infrastructure to increase the quality, alignment and efficiency of Florida's early childhood care and education mixed-delivery system of programs and services.
- Requested $12.8 million increase for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK), the highest base student allocation (BSA) for VPK since the 2011-12 school year, for a total of $415 million.
- Requested $18.7 million in continued funding to support early learning professional development initiatives.

Acting Urgently to Improve Struggling Schools and Programs

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- Amended the D & F school improvement rule, which requires Florida school districts to act with urgency in the turnaround process to ensure no student is stuck in a failing school, including a new provision to ensure that External Operator (EO) contracts include conditions of payment based on performance.
- Stabilized Florida Virtual School (FLVS), with the State Board of Education acting as FLVS' Board of Trustees and appointing a new CEO. The new CEO ushered in a leaner and more skilled leadership team, saving $660K by cutting bloated salaries and contract lobbyists, providing pay increases for FLVS' teachers through immediate cost reductions, right-sizing FLVS' reserve balance, and identifying additional savings that could be passed along either to taxpayers and school districts.
- Worked with an independent auditor to conduct a performance review of FLVS and provided nearly 70 detailed recommendations to ensure the ongoing success of FLVS for Florida's students.
- Demanded and ultimately helped guide a necessary leadership and quickly successful culture change at The Able Trust, the direct support organization for Florida DOE's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Through the first full four months of the year participation in Reading Scholarship Accounts, a program meant to help struggling third, fourth and fifth grade readers get caught up and ready for success, already served 80% of those students served through the entire prior 2018-2019 school year. $7.6 million was requested to continue funding Reading Scholarship Accounts.

Measuring What Matters

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- Governor DeSantis announced Florida's system of higher education, its 12 state universities and 28 state colleges, were again #1 in the nation, for the third straight year, according to U.S. News and World Report.
- The 2019 Education Week's Quality Counts report ranked Florida #4 in the nation for K-12 student achievement.
- Announced that Florida ranks first among the 50 states in participation and third in the nation for performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams during high school.
- Announced monumental improvement in School Grades, with 2,088 schools earning "A" and "B" grades for the 2018-2019 school year, 63% of schools, and only 14 schools receiving an F, a drop from 35 in the previous school year.
- Indian River State College and Miami Dade College were both awarded the nationally-recognized 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This is the third time since the award's inception in 2011 that a Florida College System institution has earned the prestigious award.
- Florida's high school graduation rate continued to climb from 86.1% to 86.5% for the 2018-2019 graduating class.
- Pointed to both highlights and a call to action from Florida's 2019 results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), results that were very positive for closing achievement gaps and Florida's high quality public charter schools and at the same time a clear affirmation of the need to be bold and brave in education policymaking.
    - Florida's students with disabilities ranked #1 compared to their national counterparts on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in Grade 4 Mathematics and #2 in Grade 4 and Grade 8 Reading.
    - According to the 2019 NAEP results, if Florida's 658 public charter schools and their 314,000 students were their own state, they would rank #2 in 4th grade reading, tied for #2 in 4th grade math, #1 in 8th grade reading and tied for #5 in 8th grade math.
- Unveiled the new EduData portal (https://edudata.fldoe.org/), a data-rich website that allows Florida families to explore and compare public schools across the state, enhancing transparency about the quality of learning taking place in Florida's classrooms. In November, Florida DOE subsequently released a mapping feature at EduData, so Floridians could better visually compare schools throughout the state.

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HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION & EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

Introduction of Holocaust Survivor, Judy Rodan

Judy Rodan was born in Berehovo, Czechoslovakia. She was six years old and had one younger brother. In May of 1944, her entire family was transported to Auschwitz with the last deportation of the Hungarian Jews.

Judy's grandmother had managed a Wooden Barrel factory, and was able to arrange for the wife of the factory's foreman to smuggle Judy out of Czechoslovakia. Judy is the only Survivor of her entire family. She became a Hidden Child thanks to a rescuer, a Christian woman who kept her hidden, living under a false identity in a Convent in Budapest, till the end of the war.

Judy is considered the only Child Survivor from her hometown of 11,000 people. In 1946, after Liberation, Judy's aunt and uncle came to get her from the Convent. In 1947 they emigrated to Venezuela. In 1952, Judy was admitted to the US where she lived with another aunt in Detroit, Michigan before moving to New York to live with another Uncle. She later moved to Caracas, Venezuela with her uncle and aunt. It was in Caracas where Judy met her husband. She has three children; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild! In 2000, Judy's children moved to the United States, and in 2017 when Judy was visiting for Passover, she decided to stay, as the Revolution in Venezuela had gotten quite bad. Judy was able to remain as she is an American citizen.

Judy has noted that coming from suffering was not easy, it was harsh. She speaks to stop indifference, but has hope that as we learn from one another, there will no longer be indifference. Despite her experiences, Judy learned to find the good in every situation, and has flourished. She obtained a Degree in Philosophy at age 50, and helps others with volunteer work of therapy, and loving kindness.

Judy continues to participate in the Holocaust Documentation & Education Center's Speaker's Bureau, Educational Outreach programs especially our Student Awareness Days.

As part of a celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month in May 2019, Judy joined Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Senior Pastor Henry Fernandez of the Faith Center for a moving discussion of faith and eliminating hatred.

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Interfaith Vaccine Event, Aventura

2/4/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- I'd like to recognize:
  - Rabbi Jonathon Berkun, *Leader, Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center*
  - Rich Wilkerson, *Trinity Church in Miami Gardens*
  - Pastor Michael, *Anderson New Jerusalem First Missionary Baptist Church in Hollywood*
  - Imam Dr. Abdul, *Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens*
- Thank you all for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Today, I am excited to make two announcements:**

- First, we have just launched a new initiative to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to Holocaust survivors living in the state of Florida.

- This week, I set aside **1,500 doses** of the vaccine for delivery to homebound seniors, but we decided to start with Holocaust survivors and their spouses.

- So far, we have identified **750 survivors and spouses** in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Martin counties, and we will be delivering the vaccine to any who want one throughout the rest of the week.

- In fact, earlier this morning, I had the honor of visiting with Judy Rodan an 83 year old holocaust survivor while she received the COVID-19 vaccine.

- It was a pleasure talking to her and learning more about her incredible life.

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- The second announcement is the opening of an inter-faith vaccine site right here at Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

- So far, we have held 25 vaccine events at places of worship throughout the state where we have vaccinated more than 13,000 individuals, **but this is the first one where we have been able to do so with representation from multiple faiths.**

    - Throughout the day, we will vaccinate **175** members of the synagogue, **175** members of The Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens, and **175** members of **Trinity Church**.

- This is a special day, and I really appreciate Pastor Rich Wilkerson, Imam Dr. Abdul Samra, and Rabbi Jonathan Berkun for coming together to make it happen.

VACCINE UPDATE

- Today's announcements are the latest steps we've taken in our ongoing **Seniors First** strategy, which started with my Executive Order on **December 23, 2020** - in just the second week of the vaccine's arrival in Florida.

- At the time, the CDC had recommended states give priority to individuals 75 years and older and younger "essential" workers.

- I knew that was the wrong strategy: In Florida, I was not going to allow a 20-something have priority over their 73-year old grandmother.

- Eventually, states and the CDC changed course and decided to follow our lead.

- To date, we have vaccinated **1.3 million seniors**, which is **over 70% of the 1.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and roughly **29%** of the **over 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

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- And we continue to find new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- In addition to the new homebound initiative and vaccine at places of worship:

    - We continue to expand our partnership with Publix to provide the vaccine at their pharmacies.

        - In fact, earlier this week, I announced the extension of the partnership to three additional counties, bringing the total to **325 Publix pharmacies** across **23 counties**.

        - To sign up for a vaccine at Publix visit www.publix.com/covidvaccine.

    - We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 77 community vaccination sites.**

    - We have also held vaccine events at **15 senior communities** across the state and are hosting **3 additional events this week**.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- For the past several weeks we have been getting about 260,000 first doses of the vaccine, which increased modestly to roughly 300,000 this week and we will get 325,000 next week.

- We appreciate the increase, but the numbers remain insufficient for a state of our size.

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- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

    - Our expectation is Johnson and Johnson will apply for their EUA within the next couple of weeks and will be approved shortly thereafter.

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- **Again, I appreciate everyone coming together for this special day and hope to hold similar events throughout the state.**

- **Rest assured, we will continue working as hard as we can to get the vaccine out as quickly and efficiently as we possibly can.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Hard Rock Stadium

January 6, 2021

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon and thank you all for coming.
- I want to recognize the elected officials here with me:
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ANNOUNCEMENT: FIRST TRANSITION OF TESTING TO VACCINATION

- We are here today to announce an important step in our vaccination strategy: the first state-run testing site that will also host vaccinations.
- We opened this Hard Rock Stadium testing site on March 23rd, 2020. Fast forward almost 10 months and we have conducted 429,513 tests at this location alone.
- Miami-Dade County was ground zero for Florida's experience with the COVID-19 pandemic and setting big state-run testing operations was critical to our response.
- This location has been incredibly successful, and we are so pleased to be able to add the administration of vaccines.
- We have a soft opening of the site today and we will begin in earnest tomorrow.
- To start, the goal will be to administer 1,000 vaccines per day.
- As is the case with all vaccinations in the state of Florida, **the vaccines will be reserved for individuals 65 years of age and older**, frontline healthcare workers, and staff and residents of long-term care facilities.

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- In the coming days and weeks, we will add vaccinations to our major testing sites throughout the state, which is part of the plan I announced earlier this week.

MORE SITES

- In addition to today's announcement, I have spent the week announcing multiple new hospital-run sites and our plan to administer vaccines at places of worship in underserved communities.

- I also announced the launch of 22 pilot vaccination sites with **Publix** in Citrus, Hernando and Marion counties.

- **After three weeks of working to stretch our limited supply of the vaccine to priority populations throughout the state, it was time to increase the locations where vaccine is available.**

    - **The bottom line is this: as supplies increase, our reach will increase.**

- **To assist with the administration of our new vaccination locations**, I directed the Division of Emergency Management to immediately hire 1,000 contract nurses to support our expanded vaccination footprint, **which they have completed.**

    - The Division is now in the process of deploying the nurses throughout the entire state to help run any site that demonstrates a need - whether they are publicly run or privately run.

    - These nurses will supplement the many personnel we already have in the field, including **800 National Guardsmen***,* who have been supporting our response to the pandemic since the beginning.

- **Finally**, I directed the State Emergency Response Team to assume **additional responsibilities** re: administering vaccines in Florida's over 3,000 assisted living facilities.

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- Currently, the vaccination of residents and staff in long term care facilities, including ALFs, are mostly handled by CVS and Walgreens pursuant to an agreement they have with the federal government.

- **But we want to accelerate the pace of vaccinations in our long-term care facilities.**

- **There is no time to waste.**

- **Importantly, all state-supported sites will operate 7 days per week per my direction.**

REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- These new vaccination sites and actions—which would have been impossible just a week ago—are a timely complement to our first three weeks of vaccinations, where we saw a lot of success:

  - We were the first state in the nation to begin offering vaccines to staff and residents of our over 4,000 long-term care facilities.

  - We were the first state in the nation to begin offering vaccines to EMTs and paramedics.

  - And we were the first state in the nation to mobilize our county health departments and county emergency managers to actively vaccinate seniors in the community.

- If you recall, **in week 1**, just 5 pilot hospitals received an allocation of the Pfizer vaccine, which, at my direction they shared with neighboring hospitals.

  - In week 1 I also directed the Florida Department of Health, Division of Emergency Management and Florida National Guard to mobilize EMS strike teams to immediately begin offering vaccines to staff and residents of long-term care facilities – **an effort we took over because Walgreens and CVS were delayed.**

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- Our teams offered vaccines to all staff and residents at over 100 facilities in Pinellas and Broward Counties in just 6 days.

- Now, as I mentioned, the state is stepping in again.

- **Just before Christmas**, we received the first shipment of the Moderna vaccine, which we immediately sent **to over 170 hospitals – a big increase from the original 5 just a week prior**.

    - **Week 2 also marked my signing of the Executive Order that gave next vaccination priority to seniors.**

        - Other states are following the CDC guidance that allows a 22-year-old "essential worker" to get a vaccine before their 74-year-old grandparent.

        - Not in Florida.

        - In Florida, our seniors are our priority.

- Last week, we were able to **send vaccine to all 67 county health departments and over 200 hospitals - making the vaccine available statewide.**

    - Last week was also the week County Health Departments began working with local partners to offer vaccines in the community.

    - I had the privilege of going to a senior community called Kings Point last week where the Palm Beach County health department administered 300 vaccines to residents of the community – all of whom were 65 years of age or older.

    - **It was a great event and one that we will continue to replicate at other senior living communities throughout the state.**

- Now, in **our fourth week**, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure the vaccine--that is now present in every corner of the state—gets administered as quickly as possible.

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- **2020 was a rough year, but Floridians are resilient.**

- **As we kick off 2021, there is no doubt that brighter days are ahead.**

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Federal Vaccination Sites in Florida

OPENING: Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Racetrack Hub, Hillsborough County
755 E. Waters Ave, Tampa, FL 33604

	Location 1	Location 2
Spoke 1	**Larry Sands Sports Complex** 5855 S. 78th St, Tampa, FL 33619	**Hillsborough Community College – Brandon Campus** 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr, Tampa, FL 33619
Spoke 2	**Lake Maude Park** 1751 7th St NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881	

Valencia College Hub, Orange County
1800 Kirkman Rd, Orlando, FL 32811

	Location 1	Location 2
Spoke 1	**Englewood Recreation Center** 6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807	**Kelly Park** 400 E Kelly Park Rd, Apopka, FL 32712
Spoke 2	**St. Cloud Civic Center** 3001 17th St, St Cloud, FL 34769	**Sebring Ball Field** 216 Sheriffs Tower Rd, Sebring, FL 33870

Gateway Mall Hub, Duval County
5200 Norwood Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32208

	Location 1
Spoke 1	**Hammond Senior Center** 3312 West 12th Street, Jacksonville, 32254
Spoke 2	**Normandy Community Center** 1751 Lindsey Road, Jacksonville, 32221

Miami Dade CC Hub, Miami-Dade County
11380 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33167

	Location 1
Spoke 1	**Ronselli Park Youth Center** 250 SW 114th Ave, Sweetwater, FL 33174
Spoke 2	**Florida City Youth Activity Center** 650 NW 5th Ave, Florida City, FL 33034

General Information

- All Hub Sites will be operational from 7am until 7pm, 7 days per week.
- All Spoke Sites will be operational from 9am until 5pm. To better accommodate communities, Spoke Sites will remain at a single location between 3.5 and 7 days, then relocate to a new SVI location.
- The Pfizer vaccine will be provided at all Hub and Spoke sites. Once delivered by the federal government, Johnson and Johnson will also be available at all hubs and select spokes.
- First doses are administered for 3 weeks, followed by 3 weeks of second doses.

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Registration and Appointments

- Appointments for the hub sites will be made in coordination with county partners and local community organizations. FDEM will have teams on the ground in the communities to outreach set up appointments.
- FDEM is working with counties to identify individuals in the community near the hub sites that are already on vaccine waitlists. These individuals may receive a call, text message, or email to set up an appointment.
- Both hubs and spokes will accept individuals without appointments. If there are no appointments available that day, individuals can set an appointment for another day onsite.
- The easiest way to get an appointment is to come to a hub and get signed up. The hubs will have staff dedicated to getting people signed up.

Hub Sites

- **Registrations:** First doses at hubs will be mostly walk-ups. Specific outreach and partnerships with local organizations, faith-based partners, and social service partners will get the information out and set up some appointments. Once a person receives their first dose, they will get an appointment for a second dose.
- **Federal Responsibilities:** The federal government is providing vaccinators, clinical staff, administrative staff, and federal liaisons to each hub. The federal government is also earmarking 2000 vaccines per day per site daily.
- **State Responsibilities:** The State will provide the incident management team that will manage site operations. Working with local law enforcement, the State will also coordinate the security and traffic control at each site. The State is responsible for all on-site logistics.

Spoke Sites

- **Registrations:** First doses at spokes will be walk-ups. Specific outreach and partnerships with local organizations, faith-based partners, and social service partners will get the information out. Once a person receives their first dose, they will get an appointment for a second dose.
    - There will be an estimated 2-6 spoke locations per hub
- **Federal Responsibilities:** The federal government is providing clerical staff support at spokes to assist State staff. The federal government is earmarking 250 to 500 vaccines per spoke per day.
- **State Responsibilities:** The State will provide the incident management team that will manage site operations and the vaccination and medical staff at each spoke. Working with local law enforcement, the State will also coordinate the security and traffic control at each site. The State is responsible for all on-site logistics.

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All vaccinations by Publix at their select locations will be by appointment only. Beginning Thursday, January 7, qualified individuals can make an appointment by visiting www.publix.com/covidvaccine.

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I'm pleased to announce ____ Publix Pharmacies in ____ Pasco county and ____ in Pinellas County will begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine. This brings FL's partnership with Publix to ____ pharmacies across ____ counties.

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Live Answer

Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccination efforts in your area. Please stay on the line now to hear this important live update. Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

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Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccinations in your area. If you are on the line now press 1 to join the call. If you received this message in the last 10 minutes and would like to join in, please call 833-946-1542. Again that number is 833-946-1542.

Beginning Friday, 119 Walmart stores across 34 counties will offer the COVID-19 vaccine. And Publix will expand vaccine locations to 595 stores across 41 counties.

To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine.

To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit Publix.com/covidvaccine.

Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Text Message link

Important: For new information on expanded COVID-19 vaccinations in your area, please listen to a live update from Governor Ron DeSantis at 3:30 PM.

Florida is expanding COVID-19 vaccination locations to multiple Walmart and Publix locations in your area. To schedule a vaccine, visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine or Publix.com/covidvaccine

To join this live call for a COVID-19 vaccination update:
Call 1-833-946-1542 or click <<audio url>>

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Governor DeSantis: Tele Town Hall

2/9/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon and thank you all for joining the call.

- I organized this call to give a progress update on Florida's vaccine rollout and some insight into what you can expect in the coming days and weeks as we continue to administer the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly and efficiently as possible.

FEDERAL PHARMACY PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

- **I am excited to announce today the launch of the federal pharmacy program in Florida.**

- Beginning Friday, **119 Walmart stores across 34 counties will begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine**. **This is over 30% of their 383 stores – a great starting point.**

- And Publix, which through our state partnership currently offers the vaccine at 325 of their pharmacies across 23 counties will be **expanding to 595 stores across 41 counties**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

- We are thrilled to have Walmart online, and we expect them to be just as successful as Publix partnership, which began over a month ago on January 5th.

- **I thank both companies for their willingness to get into the fight and help Floridians.**

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SENIORS FIRST

- We are still full speed ahead with our **Seniors First** strategy, which started with my Executive Order on **December 23, 2020** - in just the second week of the vaccine's arrival in Florida.

- At the time, the CDC had recommended states give priority to individuals 75 years and older, and younger "essential" workers.

- I knew that was the wrong strategy: In Florida, I was not going to allow a 20-something have priority over their 73-year old grandmother.

- Eventually, other states and the CDC changed course and decided to follow our lead.

- To date, we have vaccinated **over 1.5 million seniors**, which is **over 73% of the now over 2 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **34%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

- And we continue to find new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- In addition to the addition of Walmart and expansion of Publix:

    - We began a pilot program to offer vaccines to homebound seniors. We started with Holocaust survivors, and yesterday I announced that we were beginning to offer vaccines to the veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

    - **We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. To date, we've held 26 events and have completed more than 13,000 vaccinations.**

        - **Last week we held an interfaith event at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center where 175** members of the

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synagogue, **175** members of The Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens, and **175** members of **Trinity Church in Miami all received a vaccine**.

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 77 community vaccination sites.**

- We have also held vaccine events at **18 senior communities** across the state.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.

- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**

- For the past several weeks we have been getting about 260,000 first doses of the vaccine, which increased to roughly 300,000 last week and 325,000 this week.

- We appreciate the modest increase in the last couple of weeks, but the numbers remain insufficient for a state of our size.

- Fortunately, the **Johnson and Johnson** vaccine is on the horizon - which will be a game changer.

    - Johnson and Johnson has applied for their EUA and we expect FDA approval will be coming soon.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- As we get more and more vaccine out into the community, the COVID-19 pandemic is also looking more positive – especially compared to other states.

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- Since December 1, 2020, Florida's COVID cases and hospitalizations per capita **rank in the bottom half** compared to the rest of the country.

- We've been under 10% positivity for over 10 days.

- And hospitalizations have plummeted by over 30% in the last 3 weeks.

- Meanwhile, we are protecting every Floridians' right to earn a living, and every parent's right to send their child to school.

REPEAT FEDERAL PHARMACY PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

- **I am excited to announce today the launch of the federal pharmacy program in Florida.**

- Beginning Friday, **119 Walmart stores across 34 counties will begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine**. **This is over 30% of their 383 stores – a great starting point.**

- And Publix, which through our state partnership currently offers the vaccine at 325 of their pharmacies across 23 counties will be **expanding to 595 stores across 41 counties**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

- We are thrilled to have Walmart online, and we expect them to be just as successful as Publix partnership, which began over a month ago on January 5th.

- **I thank both companies for their willingness to get into the fight and help Floridians.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Highlands

3/4/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Scott Kirouac, *County Commission Chair, Highlands County Commission*
  - Randy Vosburg, *County Administrator, Highlands County*
  - Nick Pachota, *IMT Lead, City Council Member, City of Venice*

- Thank you all for being here.

HIGHLANDS VACCINE EXPANSION & RURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

- I am excited to announce today that we are surging this vaccination site with an additional 3,600 Moderna vaccines to surge the vaccination numbers in Highlands county.

- The list of seniors to be vaccinated came from the County Health Department's waiting list.

- Additionally, I am excited to announce a new pilot program to increase vaccines in rural counties:

  - Starting next week, the state is partnering with **Health Hero** – a provider we have used in the past for immunization campaigns – to increase our efforts to vaccinate seniors in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties.**

  - To have the greatest reach, Health Hero will increase resources to any existing PODs that are not meeting demand and create pop up vaccination sites at churches, schools and community centers and housing developments in underserved communities.

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- Once fully operational, the plan is to increase vaccinations by 300-500 vaccines per day in each county.

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- To date, we have vaccinated over **2.4 million seniors**, which is over **75% of the 3.2 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **52%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.
    - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**
    - **Here in Highlands County, we have vaccinated approximately 13,600 seniors, which is 37% of the roughly 37,000 seniors living in the county.**
    - **While 37% of seniors is pretty good relative the rest of the country, it is our second lowest percentage in Florida – which is why we are here putting in the extra effort.**
- We continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.
- **Last week, I visited Jacksonville at Edward Waters College to announce the opening of six new permanent vaccination sites throughout the state located in underserved communities that offer 200 vaccines per day.**
    - **In addition to the site at Edward Waters, there are now vaccination sites at:**
        - FAMU in Leon County;
        - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
        - Broward College in Broward County;
        - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
        - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.
- **We also continue to expand our pharmacy partnerships:**

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    - There are now 12 Walgreens, 81 CVS Pharmacies, **730 Publix Pharmacies**, **119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies** offering vaccines to seniors across **52 counties**.

- **Here in Highlands County**, 3 Publix pharmacies, 2 Walmarts and 1 Winn Dixie currently offer vaccines.

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

    - To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held events with 59 faith-based communities in 20 counties and have completed almost 55,000 vaccinations.**

- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done events at **25 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 104,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **To date, we have vaccinated over 1,400 seniors through the pilot.**

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- **We also partnered with FEMA to open four mass vaccination sites in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.**
    - Those sites opened yesterday and are offering 3,000 vaccines per day.

VACCINE SUPPLY

- As has been the case since we started administering vaccines in Florida, the number of shots we can provide is based on supply.
- The bottom line is **we will get out as many doses of the vaccine the federal government gives us.**
- Fortunately, the FDA just approved the **Johnson and Johnson vaccine** and we expect to receive our first shipment of 175,000 in the next couple of days.

NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

- While vaccinating seniors remains my priority, in light of the increased supply and our incredible progress getting over 51% of our seniors vaccinated, I signed an Executive Order that expands access for law enforcement, firefighters, school personnel and individuals with underlying conditions.
    - **As of yesterday, sworn law enforcement aged 50 and older, firefighters 50 and older, K-12 school personnel 50 and older, and people who a physician has determined is extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 have access to the vaccine.**

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- We will have more announcements on our efforts to distribute the vaccine in the coming days and weeks, but you can rest assured we are moving in the right direction.

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Citrus

3/4/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Andy Fossa, Incident Commander/Emergency Management Director, Pasco County

- Thank you all for being here.

CITRUS VACCINE EVENT & OPENING 2 WALGREENS

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site, which will be offering Pfizer vaccines to 1,100 seniors each day for the next three days for a total of 3,300 vaccines.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered from the County waiting list.

- Additionally, my administration has worked with Walgreens and they have agreed to offer vaccines at two of their pharmacies in Citrus County:

  - One pharmacy is located at **310 N.E. US Hwy 19 in Crystal River** and the other is located at **104 S. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.**

  - Beginning today (Thursday), you can visit **Walgreens.com and click "Covid Vaccine Information"** to schedule an appointment.

  - The first appointments will be available **tomorrow**.

  - To start, 80 appointments will be available on weekdays and 60 appointments will be available on Saturdays and Sundays.

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- **And this is just the starting point: more Walgreens will eventually come online in Citrus – as they will throughout the state.**

- These two Walgreens' are in addition to the 4 Publix Pharmacies, 3 Walmarts and 2 Winn Dixies that are currently offering the vaccine in Citrus.

  - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at a Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

  - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine.**

  - To schedule a vaccine at Winn Dixie**, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

SENIORS FIRST

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  - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

  - **Here in Citrus County, we have vaccinated approximately 23,000 seniors, which is 41% of the roughly 55,000 seniors living in the county.**

  - **While 41% of seniors is pretty good relative the rest of the country, it is our 11th lowest percentage in Florida – which is why we are here putting in the extra effort.**

- Beyond the announcements today, we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **Last week, I was excited to be in Jacksonville at Edward Waters College to announce the opening of six new permanent**

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vaccination sites throughout the state located in underserved communities that will offer 200 vaccines per day.

  - **In addition to the site at Edward Waters, there are now permanent vaccination sites at:**
    - FAMU in Leon County;
    - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
    - Broward College in Broward County;
    - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
    - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

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- We have worked with county health departments to **stand up 87 permanent community vaccination sites, which are offering vaccines 7 days per week.**

  - **In Citrus, the permanent vaccination site is located at the Citrus County Health Department** and offers 2,800 Moderna vaccines per day.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities like the one here today. To date, we have done events at **25 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 104,000 vaccinations.

- **We continue to move forward with our** vaccination pilot program for homebound seniors. We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

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NEW 76 CVS LOCATIONS

Alachua – 1
Broward – 4
Charlotte – 1
Columbia 1
Duval – 5
Escambia – 1
Gulf – 1
Hamilton – 1
Hernando – 2
Hillsborough – 7
Lee – 7
Leon – 5
Marion – 2
Miami – 4
Orange – 6
Osceola – 2
Pasco – 1
Pinellas – 13
Polk – 6
Putnam – 2
Seminole – 1
St. Johns – 1
Volusia – 1

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference

Lehigh Acres, March 9, 2020

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin I would like to recognize:
  - Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health*
  - Commissioner Brian Hamman
  - Commissioner Frank Mann
  - Chairman Kevin Ruane *(Invited Not Confirmed)*

- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today I am excited to announce a major expansion of our partnership with CVS Pharmacy to increase the number of their stores that offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Beginning Thursday, eligible Floridians will be able to make appointments at **76 additional CVS pharmacies**. This brings CVS's total toan impressive **157 stores** that will now be offering the vaccine across **30 counties**.

- **And 7 of these stores will be right here in Lee County:**
  - 1350 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres
  - 11300 State Rd 82, Ft. Myers
  - 16950 Pine Ridge Rd., Ft. Myers
  - 15550 San Carlos Blvd., Ft. Myers
  - 4710 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers
  - 737 Cape Coral Pkwy E., Cape Coral
  - 11241 Miromar Square Blvd., Estero

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- The rest of the 76 stores are located as follows:
  - 1 in Alachua
  - 4 in Broward
  - 1 in Charlotte
  - 1 in Collier
  - 1 in Columbia
  - 5 in Duval
  - 1 in Escambia
  - 1 in Gulf
  - 1 in Hamilton
  - 2 in Hernando
  - 7 in Hillsborough
  - 5 in Leon
  - 2 in Marion
  - 4 in Miami
  - 6 in Orange
  - 2 in Osceola
  - 1 in Pasco
  - 13 in Pinellas
  - 6 in Polk
  - 2 in Putnam
  - 1 in Seminole
  - 1 in St. Johns
  - 1 in Volusia

- CVS's current footprint of stores offering the vaccine is mostly in Miami-Dade County, where all of their 31 Navarro Discount Pharmacies and all of their 36 CVS yMaspharmacies offer the vaccine.

- Those stores have had a major impact in Miami-Dade County, and we fully expect them to have that same impact here in Lee.

- **Appointments will open Thursday morning for shots to go in arms on Friday.**

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- **To make an appointment for a COVID vaccine at a CVS Pharmacy visit CVS.com.**

- We appreciate CVS' partnership and look forward to their continued success in efficiently getting shots in arms.

Seniors First

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**

  - Cases for seniors 65 and older have decreased by nearly 75% since the peak wave from December 31 through January 6;

  - COVID hospitalizations among seniors are down more than 75% since February 3; and

  - 40 states have suffered higher COVID mortality overall for seniors per capita.

- To date, we have vaccinated nearly **2.7 million seniors**, which is over **70% of the 3.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **57%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

  - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

  - **Here in Lee County, we have vaccinated approximately 118,000seniors, which is 52% of the roughly 225,000 seniors living in the county.**

- And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

- **In addition to the now 157 CVS Pharmacies, every single one of the 730 Publix Pharmacies in the state of**

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Florida are offering vaccinations along with 12 Walgreens, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- **In Lee, beyond the new 7 CVS Pharmacies**, **there are 32 Publix Pharmacies and 2 Walmart Pharmacies offering the vaccine.**
    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit**Publix.com/covidvaccine.**
    - To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.
- We have also set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
    - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
    - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
    - FAMU in Leon County;
    - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
    - Broward College in Broward County;
    - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
    - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.
- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 20 counties and have completed more than 58,000 vaccinations.**
    - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**
- We have a program underway to increaseaccess to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:
    - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam,**

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Dixie and Gilcrest counties – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce yesterday **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference

Duval, March 11, 2020

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin I would like to recognize:
  - Sally West, *Regional Director, Walgreens Government Relations*
  - Representative Jason Fischer

- Thank you for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today I am excited to announce a major expansion of our partnership with **Walgreens** to increase the number of their stores that offer the COVID-19 vaccine **from 12 to 97.**

- **And 16 of these stores will be right here in Duval County.**

- **The rest of the stores are spread across 18 additional counties:**
  - 3 in Alachua
  - 1 in Bradford
  - 5 in Charlotte
  - 5 in Citrus
  - 1 in Clay
  - 9 in Collier
  - 1 in Escambia
  - 1 in Hendry
  - 1 in Lake
  - 8 in Manatee
  - 12 in Marion
  - 1 in Nassau
  - 4 in Palm Beach
  - 13 in Pasco
  - 8 in Polk
  - 2 in Santa Rosa

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- 5 in Sarasota
- 1 in Sumterk

- **Appointments are open today for shots to go in arms tomorrow.**

  - **To make an appointment for a COVID vaccine at a Walgreens, visit Walgreens.com.**

- We appreciate Walgreens' partnership and look forward to their continued success in efficiently getting shots in arms.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**

  - Cases for seniors 65 and older have decreased by nearly 75% since the peak wave from December 31 through January 6;

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- To date, we have vaccinated over 2.7 million seniors, which is over 70% of the 3.7 million people who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over 58% of the roughly 4.4 million seniors living in the state.

  - **That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.**

  - **Here in Duval County, we have vaccinated approximately 90,000 seniors, which is 62% of the roughly 145,000 seniors living in the county.**

- And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.

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- **In addition to the now 97 Walgreens Pharmacies, every single one of the 730 Publix Pharmacies in the state of Florida are offering vaccinations along with 157 CVS Pharmacies, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- **In Duval, beyond the new 16 Walgreens**, **there are 25 Publix Pharmacies, 5 CVS Pharmacies, 18 Walmarts, and 5 Winn Dixies offering the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at CVS, visit **CVS.com.**

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    - This includes a site here in Jacksonville at Edward Waters College, which I announced last month.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 20 counties and have completed more than 58,000 vaccinations.**

    - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway increasing access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

    - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and**

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Gilcrest counties – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce earlier this week **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility up to additional ages as demand softens.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Columbia

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INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Thomas Moffses, *Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Columbia and Hamilton Counties*

- Thank you for being here.

COLUMBIA VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today that we are surging this vaccination site with 1,000 doses of **Johnson and Johnson one-shot vaccine**.

- This surge is part of our efforts to increase vaccinations in areas that have lagged a bit relative to the rest of the state.

SENIORS FIRST

- To date, we have vaccinated over **2.7 million seniors**, which is over **70% of the 3.7 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **58%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

  - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.

  - **Here in Columbia County, we have vaccinated approximately 6,000 seniors, which is 45% of the roughly 13,500 seniors living in the county.**

  - **While 45% of seniors vaccinated is high compared to the rest of the country, it is the 9th lowest here in Florida – so we're here to change that.**

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- **And we continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Earlier this week, I was excited to announce an expansion of our partnership with CVS Health to increase the number of CVS pharmacies offering the vaccine **by 76 stores to 157 across 30 counties.**

- These **157 CVS Pharmacies** offering the vaccine is in addition to every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **12 Walgreens, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- And we will have more announcements soon on further expansions with our pharmacy partners.

- **Here in Columbia, 1 Publix Pharmacy and 1 Walmart are offering the vaccine.**

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Governor DeSantis Press Conference: BREVARD

3/12/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*
  - Debbie Mayfield, *Senator, Florida's 17th Senate District*
  - Randy Fine, *Representative*, *Florida's 53rd House District*
  - Tyler Sirois, *Representative, Florida's 51st House District*

- Thank you all for being here.

BREVARD VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at **the Concordia Lutheran Church in the Barefoot Bay Community**, where we will be offering the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to 1,000 seniors each day for the next **four** days.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered through community outreach and from the county waiting list.

- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this happen.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**

  - Rolling 7-day case average of seniors 65+ is down 84% from January 6 (2,473) to March 8 (397)

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- Rolling 7-day hospitalization average of seniors is down 79% from February 3 (136) to March 8 (28)

- Florida continues to rank 41st in senior COVID-19 mortality rate with 40 states having a higher rate per capita as of the latest CDC update to provisional deaths on March 10

- To date, we have vaccinated **2.8 million seniors**, which is over **70% of the 3.9 million people** who have received their vaccine in Florida, and over **59%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.

    - **Here in Brevard County, we have vaccinated approximately 77,000 seniors, which is 52% of the roughly 148,000 seniors living in the county.**

- **And continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Just yesterday, I was excited to announce an expansion of our partnership with Walgreens to increase the number of Walgreens Pharmacies offering the vaccine **from 12 to 97, spanning across 19 counties.**

- These **97 Walgreens** offering the vaccine is in addition to every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **157 CVS Pharmacies, 119 Walmart and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies**.

- **In Brevard, 22 Publix Pharmacies, 6 Walmart Pharmacies, 1 Sam's Club and 2 Winn Dixie's offer the vaccine.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at a Sam's Club, visit **Samsclub.com/covid**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Winn Dixie**, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
  - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
  - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
  - FAMU in Leon County;
  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- **Here in Brevard**, the permanent site is in Viera at the Brevard County Health Department and offers 3,500 Moderna vaccines per week.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 65 faith-based events in 19 counties and have completed more than 65,000 vaccinations.**

  - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

  - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and**

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Gilcrest counties – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 27 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 121,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 1,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I was pleased to announce earlier this week **that beginning next Monday, March 15**, **the age of eligibility to receive the vaccine down to 60 years and older.**

- **My administration will continue to monitor vaccine demand closely and open eligibility as demand softens.**

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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: VOLUSIA

3/12/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Kevin Kucinski, *Incident Commander*
  - Tom Wright, *Senator, Florida's 14th Senate District*
  - Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*
  - Webster Barnaby, *Representative, Florida's 27th House District*

- Thank you all for being here.

VOLUSIA VACCINE EVENT

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at **Crane Lakes**, where we will be offering the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine to 1,000 seniors each day for the next **four** days.

- Individuals that will receive the shot were registered through community outreach and from the county waiting list.

- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this happen.

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    - That is the most seniors vaccinated in any state by far.

    - **Here in Volusia County, we have vaccinated approximately 77,000 seniors, which is 56% of the roughly 138,000 seniors living in the county.**

- **And continue to find more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

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    - To make an appointment for a COVID vaccine at a CVS**, visit CVS.com.**

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- **Here in Volusia**, the permanent site is at the County Fairgrounds and offers 4,000 Moderna vaccines per week.

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Strickland, Katie
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:27:00 AM
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: ESCAMBIA

3/23/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning!
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize **Michael Rushing, Incident Commander.**
- Thank you for being here.

VACCINE SITE

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church, which will offer 2,000 one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccines over the next 3 days.
- The site is open to individuals aged 50 and older. While our priority remains seniors 65 and older, we just reduced the age requirement to 50 this Monday.
- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this site happen.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**
- The 7-Day rolling average for cases among seniors ages 65 and over is down **87.2%** from 2,532 on Jan. 7 to 323 as of March 21
- The 7-Day rolling average for senior hospitalizations is down **85.1%** from 141 on Feb. 3 to 21 on March 21 and **92%** since Jan. 7

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- And Florida continues to rank No. 41 in senior mortality per capita with 40 states having a higher rate of deaths for seniors in CDC provisional deaths count by age throughout the pandemic.

- To date, we have vaccinated over **3 million seniors aged 65 and older**, which is over **67%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - We have also vaccinated over 488,000 individuals aged 60-64, which is 34% of the 1,400,000 individuals in that age group.

    - Here in ESCAMBIA County, we have vaccinated approximately 36,000 seniors, which is 66% of the roughly 56,000 seniors aged 65 and older living in the county.

    - For ESCAMBIA, we have vaccinated nearly 7,000 in the 60-64 age group - 32% of the roughly 22,000 total.

- **And we are finding more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Most importantly, we continue to expand the number of pharmacies offering the vaccine in Florida. **Beginning last weekend,** Walgreens is increasing the number of their stores offering the vaccine from **126 to 223** and CVS is increasing from **157 to 182.**

- In addition to the 223 Walgreens and 182 CVS**,** every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **204 Walmart Pharmacies and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies are offering the vaccine**.

- **In ESCAMBIA, vaccines are available at 7 Publix Pharmacies, 9 Walgreens 2 CVS, 1 Winn-Dixies, and 5 Walmart Pharmacies.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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    - To schedule a vaccine at CVS, visit **CVS.com**.

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    - Broward College in Broward County;
    - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
    - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- Also, last Friday I announced we would be opening 9 additional locations in underserved communities:
    - One in Hialeah
    - One in Miramar
    - One in Opa Locka
    - One in Tampa
    - One in Orlando
    - One in Kissimmee
    - One in Ft. Pierce
    - Two in Duval

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 71 faith-based events in 22 counties and have completed more than 73,000 vaccinations.**

    - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

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- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

    - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilchrist counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 31 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 144,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 5,000 seniors through the pilot.**

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- We have made great progress and I look forward to continuing to work hard to make sure every senior in Florida who wants a shot gets a shot**.**

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From: Gambineri, Mara
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Sun City Center

1/27/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize:
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx
  - Xxx

- Thank you all for being here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today, I am excited to announce that we are hosting a vaccination site here at Sun City Center to vaccinate **5,000** seniors age 65 and older over a **five-day period.**

- Registrations are being coordinated through **the Sun City Center Community Association.**

- This site represents the latest action we have taken to further our strategy of putting **Seniors First**.

- As of today, we have vaccinated 1,001,087 seniors in Florida: the most of all states by far.

  - This number accounts for roughly 70% of the 1,446,580 people that have received a vaccination in Florida – also the highest among all states.

- Beyond seniors, it is important to note we are getting shots in arms at a rapid pace: Of the ten most populous states, we have vaccinated the most people per capita at 6,576 per 100,000.

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- The next closest state is New York State at 6,401 per 100,000.

VACCINE UPDATE

- When I issued an Executive Order to give seniors the next priority with our vaccine in just the second week of the vaccine's first arrival in Florida, the CDC had recommended we start with individuals 75 years and older and younger workers.

- I knew that was the wrong approach and we went ahead with the Seniors First strategy – the first state to do so.

- Since then, the CDC and many other states have followed our lead.

- And we continue to plow ahead, finding new ways to ensure seniors have access to the vaccine.

- Yesterday, I announced the expansion of our partnership with Publix to offer the vaccine at their Pharmacies bringing the total to 261 stores across 20 counties.

- We have also worked with county health departments to stand up 77 community vaccination sites.

- And now offer vaccinations at our major COVID-19 testing site at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami – another model we plan to replicate.

- We also continue to partner with places of worship to bring vaccines to underserved areas. So far, we have held **19** vaccination events at places of worship in **12 counties** and vaccinated almost **10,000 individuals (9,962).**

- **In the coming weeks, we will continue full speed ahead with our Seniors First strategy.**

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- **While supply remains limited, we will not stop working as hard as we can to use the supply we do have efficiently.**

- **And we are ready when supply does increase.**

- **If you are waiting for a vaccine, please know we will get to you as soon as possible.**

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Goode, Joseph L.
Subject: Meeting Forward Notification: CVS / Florida COVAX News Conference Prep Call

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Meeting

CVS / Florida COVAX News Conference Prep Call

Meeting Time

Monday, February 22, 2021 10:00 AM - Monday, February 22, 2021 10:30 AM

Recipients

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Meeting
Call with CVS Health President and CEO Karen Lynch

Meeting Time
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:00 PM-2:30 PM.

Recipients
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Moulton, Diane <mailto:Diane Moulton@eog.myflorida.com>
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Meeting

Vaccine discussion - CVS Health / State of Florida

Meeting Time

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:30 AM - Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:00 AM

Recipients

Coppola, Courtney <mailto:courtney coppola@flhealth gov> ,Moskowitz, Jared <mailto:jared moskowitz@em myflorida com> ,Bussey, Jon <mailto:jon bussey@em myflorida com>

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Coppola, Courtney; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: RE:
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:10:39 PM

This is different from the other address we had for the suntrust. The other one we had is in New Port Richey. Which is correct?

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

UPDATED:

- Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- Location: Pasco County
  SunTrust Bank Building
  5435 Gall Blvd,
  Zephyrhills, FL 33542
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander

  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Walk Up
- Registration: CDR Waiting List

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola
Chief of Staff
& Marijuana Coordinator
Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Health|4052 Bald Cypress Way|Tallahassee, FL 32399

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From: Coppola, Courtney
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:35 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara

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<Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see the updated schedule & place holders after the changes today:

Tuesday: Manatee County
Colony Cove Mobile Home Park
101 Amsterdam Avenue
Ellenton , FL 34222

Wednesday: Polk County
Four Lakes Golf Club
990 La Quinta Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Wednesday: Pasco
SunTrust Bank Building
6128 US-19
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Thursday: Citrus County
Crystal Square Shopping Mall
579 SE US HWY 19
Crystal River, FL

Thursday: **NEW** Putnam 55+ POD
Location and Time TBD

Friday: Marion County
On Top of the World
8395 SW 80th St
Ocala, FL 34481

Friday: **NEW** Polk
LEO Vaccination event

Thank you,

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From: Gambineri, Mara
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Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:16:50 AM

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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

There is a site at Putnam County Fairgrounds that is currently being used. The proposal would be to increase the size of the site and do 1,000 per day for 2/3 days.

Putnam County Fairgrounds
Address: 118 Fairgrounds Rd, East Palatka, FL 32131

They currently produce 800 per day, 2 days per week 1,600 (Monday and Tuesdays only). If this is a go, we'll get the team working on this.

Thank you,

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To: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

Okay – where is the current POD location we're looking at extending just so I can map out timing for tomorrow?

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:49 AM

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To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re:

We are working on it. The best option currently appears to be extending a 2 day POD to 5 days with additional vaccine. We are having trouble finding a new location.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:32:15 AM
To: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

Sorry to be a pest – do we have a location for Putnam for tomorrow?

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
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To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see below:

- Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 4th, 5th, and 6th
- Location: Citrus County
  Crystal Square Shopping Mall
  579 SE US HWY 19
  Crystal River, FL
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander
  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Drive Thru
- Registration: Waiting List/Tidal Basin

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- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander

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8395 SW 80th St
Ocala, FL 34481

Friday: **NEW** Polk
LEO Vaccination event

Thank you,

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To: Coppola, Courtney; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:32:17 AM

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Subject:

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- Location: Citrus County
  Crystal Square Shopping Mall
  579 SE US HWY 19
  Crystal River, FL
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander
  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Drive Thru
- Registration: Waiting List/Tidal Basin

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Subject: RE:

UPDATED:

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  SunTrust Bank Building
  5435 Gall Blvd,
  Zephyrhills, FL 33542
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander

  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Walk Up
- Registration: CDR Waiting List

Thank you,

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Four Lakes Golf Club
990 La Quinta Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Wednesday: Pasco
SunTrust Bank Building
6128 US-19
New Port Richey, FL 34652

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Coppola, Courtney; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:44:06 PM

Courtney,

We just met with the boss – here is the feedback. (Adrian please correct me if any of this is different from what you were thinking.

Week of March 8 – 14

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Tuesday, March 9
CVS Expansion Announcement
Time TBD (afternoon)
CVS 11241 Miromar Square Blvd., Estero, FL (Lee County)

Wednesday, March 10
55+ POD – Sumter
Time TBD (afternoon)
Option 1: Continental Country Club - Wildwood
50 Continental Blvd., Highway 44 East, Wildwood, Florida 34785

Option 2: Village of Parkwood 5000 N. E. 123rd Trail Oxford, FL 34484

Thursday, March 11
LEO POD – Pasco County
Pasco County Sheriff's Office
Time TBD (morning)

LEO POD – Seminole County
Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Time TBD (afternoon)

Friday, March 12

55+ POD – Brevard
Barefoot Bay, 625 Barefoot Blvd., Barefoot Bay, FL 32976

Time TBD (morning)

55+ POD – Volusia
Crane Lakes - Port Orange, 1850 Crane Lakes Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32128
Time TBD (afternoon)

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>

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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see updates below:

1. Charlotte for **Wednesday** below (if approved):
    a. 55+ Option:
        Centennial Park Recreation Center
        1120 Centennial Blvd.
        Port Charlotte, FL 33953

2. Volusia
    a. The county is vaccinating K-12 today and next Monday with Moderna (all ages per Federal guideline)
    b. 55+ Option: Crane Lakes - Port Orange
        Crane Lakes Golf & Country Club
        1850 Crane Lakes Blvd.
        Port Orange, FL 32128

3. Sumter
    a. 55+ POD potentials:
        i. Continental Country Club - Wildwood
        Home - Continental Country Club FL
        50 Continental Blvd., Highway 44 East,
        Wildwood, Florida 34785

        ii. Village of Parkwood
        Villages of Parkwood | Community in Oxford, FL (communitysite.com)
        5000 N. E. 123rd Trail Oxford, FL 34484

4. Brevard
    a. K-12 scheduled for Saturday/Sunday at Viera High
    b. 55+ Option: Barefoot Bay
        Barefoot Bay FL | (bbrd.org)
        625 Barefoot Blvd.
        Barefoot Bay, FL 32976

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From: Coppola, Courtney
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Good afternoon,

Below are the counties that were allocated for LEO/K12 Pods:

1. Broward
2. Palm Beach
3. Lee
4. Seminole
5. ~~Polk~~
6. Pinellas
7. Volusia
8. Brevard
9. Pasco

Additional counties:
*Sumpter
*Brevard
*Charlotte
*Volusia

The counties in yellow have received the J&J allocations as part of the original 9 LEO/K12 counties:

We have a tentative location for 55+ Charlotte for Wednesday below:
Centennial Park Recreation Center
1120 Centennial Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Let me know if you would like us to focus the LEO/K12 for Brevard & Volusia since they overlap from the original list and Charlotte +2 others for 55+.

Thank you,

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Bussey, Jon
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:16:18 PM

Yes thank you!

From: Bussey, Jon <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

Apologies.

The ones in yellow will be transferred to CDR, Dowa that answer the strike team question?

From: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Bussey, Jon <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE:

Are state strike teams taking any of the facilities?

From: Bussey, Jon <Jon.Bussey@em.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Jon C. Bussey
Chief of Staff
Florida Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100
850-815-4178 Office
850-544-6044 Cell
Jon.bussey@em.myflorida.com

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Coppola, Courtney; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:54:47 AM

Okay – where is the current POD location we're looking at extending just so I can map out timing for tomorrow?

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re:

We are working on it. The best option currently appears to be extending a 2 day POD to 5 days with additional vaccine. We are having trouble finding a new location.

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey
Subject: RE: 01262021 Vero Publix
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:03:49 PM

Excellent!! Please bring everything upstairs – thank you!

From: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: 01262021 Vero Publix

The shells are done and the briefs are put in. Also, the shells for the state of the state stories are done too. Let me know if you need me to do anything else with them.

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>; Jones, Morgan <Morgan.Jones@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: 01262021 Vero Publix

Brief for binders

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Spencer, Chris
Subject: RE: 2-9 Gov. Ron DeSantis TTH Outbound Calls.docx
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:16:15 PM

I think all you need to do is **delete** these three lines:

Beginning tomorrow, the Florida Department of Health will be holding a vaccine event at _____

To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine.

To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit Publix.com/covidvaccine.

From: Spencer, Chris <Chris.Spencer@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: 2-9 Gov. Ron DeSantis TTH Outbound Calls.docx

Let's discuss when you have more info.

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Jones, Morgan
Subject: RE: ALT SCENARIO FOR WEDNESDAY
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:07:32 AM

Thank you

From: Jones, Morgan <Morgan.Jones@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: ALT SCENARIO FOR WEDNESDAY

Attached

Morgan R. Jones | Director of Scheduling
Florida Executive Office of the Governor
morgan.jones@eog.myflorida.com
D: 850-717-9275
400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Jones, Morgan <Morgan.Jones@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: ALT SCENARIO FOR WEDNESDAY

Event #1 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: 10:30 – 11
Location: Publix 1243 – 120 Marketside Avenue, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
St. Johns County
Regional: Morgan Jones

Event #3 Publix Vaccination Event
Time: TBD
Location: Naples, Collier County (we don't have an exact store location yet so maybe just use this store as a placeholder 1981 Tamiami Trail N, Naples, FL 34102)
Regional: TBD

Mara Gambineri
Director of External Affairs
Governor Ron DeSantis
407-575-4966

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Mara.Gambineri@EOG.myflorida.com

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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	"Burke, Tara"; Castellanos, Silvia
Cc:	Goode, Joseph L.
Subject:	RE: Announcement Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, March 8, 2021 3:46:43 PM

That is correct – Silvia will be my boots on the ground so I will defer to her on what time she will arrive.

From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Hi Mara,
To confirm you want to do the presser inside the store and what time do you plan to arrive for a 1:30 start?

Thanks,
Tara

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From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>; Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Tiner, Brooke F <TinerB@aetna.com>; Glunz, Christine <Christine.Glunz@CVSHealth.com>
Cc: Rosenbaum, Amy D <Amy.Rosenbaum@CVSHealth.com>; Gassaway, Leanne D <Leanne.Gassaway@CVSHealth.com>; Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>; McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Announcement Tomorrow

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We are good with the location discussed - 1350 Lee Blvd in Lehigh Acres (Lee County)

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From: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:11:56 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Beatrice, Meredith M.

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<Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Tiner, Brooke F <TinerB@aetna.com>; Glunz, Christine <Christine.Glunz@CVSHealth.com>
Cc: Rosenbaum, Amy D <Amy.Rosenbaum@CVSHealth.com>; Gassaway, Leanne D <Leanne.Gassaway@CVSHealth.com>; Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>; McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Hi Mara – this is becoming a weekly occurrence

Can I call you shortly to discuss? What number can I reach you?

Joe Goode | Senior Director, Corporate Communications
p 401-378-5220; joseph.goode@cvshealth.com
CVS Health | One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895
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From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>; Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Tiner, Brooke F <TinerB@aetna.com>; Glunz, Christine <Christine.Glunz@CVSHealth.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Announcement Tomorrow

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Good afternoon CVS Team,

I have received word that we are looking to announce the expansion of COVID-19 vaccine availability at CVS stores in Florida tomorrow. The idea is to announce at a press conference at one of the new stores – we're particularly interested in the store located at 11241 Miromar Square Boulevard, Estero, FL 33928 at about 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. We understand appointment windows won't open until Thursday. I wasn't sure who from CVS was the appropriate person to tag up with so I figured I would reach out to all of you.

Thank you,
Mara

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Thank you, Aetna

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Cc: Goode, Joseph L.
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:41:33 PM

Thank you!

From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Paul Barnes is the store manager, his mobile is 941-626-3768. He is aware that you will be arriving around 11 AM. The phone number for the store is 239-369-2163.

CVS Health leaders who are planning to attend the presser:
Brian Bosnic, Division Vice President
Joshua Epstein, Region Director
Nicole Katz, district leader

We're still working on finalizing our spokesperson.

Please let me know if you need anything else!
T.

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From: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
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My cell is (786) 531-9842.

Silvia Castellanos
South Florida Regional Representative
Governor Ron DeSantis

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From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:04:02 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Thank you. I am working on getting you a contact on site. Can you send me your mobile number?

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Good afternoon all,

I should be arriving on site between 11 and 11:30.

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To: "Brumley, Fabiola N"
Subject: RE: Bank of America 2020 look back
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 6:11:19 PM
Attachments: image003.png
image005.png

Hello Fab,

Great to hear from you! I'll be sure to share your message with the Governor.

All the best for a better 2021! Call if you ever need us.

Shane

From: Brumley, Fabiola N <fabiola.n.brumley@bofa.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Bank of America 2020 look back

Dear Shane,

Hoping you're having a great Holiday season and we look forward to working together in 2021. Please share the following letter and video with our Governor and thank you for all you do to make Florida a great state.

Kind regards,

Fab

Thank you for helping move our community forward

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Thank you for continuing to serve Floridians! As we approach the end of the year, I want to personally thank you for the important work we've done together in support of the people who live and work in Florida. Working with leaders like you, we've been able to drive responsible growth, invest in our community, support the health and wellbeing of our employees and our neighbors, and meet the financial needs of our clients.

Bank of America in Palm Beach County *
**** Please view video in a Google Chrome browser***

Supporting our community
In response to the health crisis, and the impact it's having on our communities – including the disproportionate impact on communities and people of color – we made a series of investments this year:

- Committed **$100 million to support and address pressing needs related to the coronavirus**, including healthcare, food, education and needs in vulnerable communities, in addition to the $250 million provided each year in philanthropic giving.
- Provided **more than $250 million in capital to community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and minority depository institutions (MDIs)** to facilitate lending through the Paycheck Protection Program, on top of $10 million in philanthropic grants to help fund the operations of CDFIs and MDIs.
- Made a **$1 billion, four-year commitment to help drive racial equality and economic opportunity**, focusing particularly on affordable housing, job training/reskilling, support to small business and health. We've already directed one-third, or $300 million, of the $1 billion commitment across the U.S. and globally. For instance, we recently announced our **efforts with CVS Health to fund a no-cost flu voucher program for under-resourced communities** across the U.S., including Black/African American, Native American and Hispanic-Latino populations that may not have access to low- or no-cost preventative flu shots.
- **Donated more than 15 million personal protective equipment masks and more than 7,000 cases of sanitizer** to the most vulnerable populations by partnering with local organizations across the country. In the coming weeks, we will distribute an **additional 5 million masks, 2.5 million pairs of gloves and 160,000, 8-ounce bottles of hand**

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Here in Palm Beach County, we've supported the Black Business Investment Corporation (Palm Beach BBIC), Caridad Center, FoundCare, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Urban League of Palm Beach County and many more partners. And we are partnering with United Way of Palm Beach County / Clinics Can Help and others to provide more than 72,000 masks and 400 hand sanitizers to those who need them most. All the while, we have continued to support longstanding partners to help them continue their operations, including arts and culture nonprofit organizations. In Palm Beach County, that means the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society and our Museums On Us ® partners South Florida Science Center and Aquarium and the Norton Museum of Art.

Supporting our employees
We've continued our focus on being a great place to work by investing in the health and wellbeing of teammates and their families, including:

- Providing **no-cost coronavirus testing; no-cost virtual general medicine and behavioral health consults; mental health resources.**
- Provided **over 1.7 million days of back-up child and adult care** and invested **more than $200 million in child and adult care reimbursements** through September.
- Helped our employees manage their stress, build resiliency and avoid burnout, **offering new training programs created in partnership with Thrive Global.**

This focus also includes our longstanding work to ensure a diverse and inclusive workplace, including:

- Encouraging employees to talk about what they are experiencing, including helping our teammates have conversations about racial, social and economic injustices, with more than **165,000 employees participating in virtual courageous conversations in the first half of the year alone**.
- Increasing diverse representation in nearly every area of the company, starting with a Board of Directors and management team that are nearly 50% diverse. Within the top three levels of our company, more than 40% are women and nearly 20% are people of color. I invite you to view our 2020 Human Capital Management Report to see a details of all we do to invest in our teammates.
- After just three years, we surpassed our five-year goal to hire 10,000 people from low- and moderate-income communities across the country as part of our Pathways Program. To do this, we work with local partner organizations to build a pipeline of talent.

Supporting our clients
This year, we've provided critical financial relief to clients, and have been a trusted source of advice, guidance and capabilities. This includes:

- Supporting more than 2 million payment deferrals through our Client Assistance Program, including for mortgages, credit cards and auto loans.
- Helping small businesses access more funds than any other bank through the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program. Here in Palm Beach County, we have helped more than 6,011 small businesses access $381 million in funding.
- Expanded on our solutions to help clients build financial wellness, by introducing Balance Assist, a new low-cost, short-term loan designed to help clients budget, spend, save and borrow responsibly and achieve financial stability. With Balance Assist, clients can borrow up to $500, for up to 90 days, for a flat $5 fee. Balance Assist joins products like SafeBalance, Keep the Change and Secured Card, helping clients develop good financial habits.
- Continued our focus on affordable homeownership through our Community Homeownership Commitment, which includes down payment assistance and closing cost help combined with low down payment mortgages to help low- and moderate-income (LMI) clients buy homes. Since its launch in 2019, it's helped nearly 13,000 homebuyers with more than $130 million in grants.

As we look to the future, **I invite you to view the Outlook 2021 Webcast, available Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. ET.** It will feature experts from the Chief Investment Office and Bank of America Global Research who will share their perspective and analysis about the year ahead.

Thank you again for your ongoing partnership and leadership in our community. We'll continue to keep you updated on our activities, and please stay in touch with any feedback or ideas as we work together to help move Florida forward.

Standing together,

Fab Brumley
Palm Beach County President
Vice Chairman, Business Banking

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey
Subject: RE: Bios
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:15:55 PM

Thank you!

From: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:14 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Bios

Here are all the bios.
-Casey

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Bios

Monesia Brown, *Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Walmart*
Monesia Brown is the Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Walmart. She is responsible for advocating on behalf of Walmart and Sam's Club in Florida. In addition to engaging legislative and executive officials on issues of importance to Walmart, she is also responsible for supporting the company's growth in communities across the state and directing Walmart Foundation funds.
Monesia joined Walmart after working as an attorney/government consultant focusing in the areas of economic development, state procurement and education. Prior to joining the private sector, she worked for the State of Florida in several capacities including General Counsel to the Department of Management Services, Director of Legislative Affairs and Chief Cabinet Aide to the Attorney General and concluded her public service as the Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation, Florida's labor agency. As a member of the executive branch, her career focused in the areas of legal, policy and management.
Monesia is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and Illinois State University with a degree in English. She is a member of the Florida and Wisconsin Bar Associations. In addition, she is the Chairwoman for the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, a member of the Board of Directors Maclay School and the Florida History Museums. She is married to Junious Brown, a mother to two children – Jay and Evan. Their family resides in Tallahassee where they have lived since 1999.

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Justin Senior, *CEO, Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida*
Justin Senior was named Chief Executive Officer for the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida effective January 7, 2019. Before joining the Safety Nets, Senior served as the Secretary at Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, from October 2016 to January 2019. Additionally, Mr. Senior served as Florida's Medicaid Director from 2011 to 2016, overseeing the procurement, implementation, and operation of Florida's Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program.

Mr. Senior grew up in Gainesville, Florida. He has a B.A. in history from McGill University and a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law. Before joining the Agency for Health Care Administration, Mr. Senior practiced as a litigation attorney in the private sector for over 11 years.

From: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Bios

Justin Senior, Safety Net Hospitals
Monesia Brown, Walmart

I'm working on the Publix guy if you want to do these last two.

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Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Bios

I'm finished with my other stuff can I help with bios?

From: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: RE: Bios

I will work on all these now. I'll send them to you when done.

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
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To: Smith, Casey <Casey.Smith@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Bios

Can you help with bios for these folks:

Associated Industries of Florida	Tom Feeney	Brewster Bevis
Disney	Adam Babington	Jose Gonzalez
Duke Energy	Chris Flack	
Florida Bankers Association	Alex Sanchez	Anthony DiMarco
Florida Chamber	Mark Wilson	
Florida Hospital Association	Mary Mayhew	
Florida Power & Light	John Holley	
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association	Carol Dover	
Florida Retail Federation	Scott Shalley	
General Motors		Al Saikali (attorney)
JM Family	Sonya Hartley	
League of Southeastern Credit Unions	Jared Ross	
Publix	Tommy Culligan	
Safety Net Hospitals	Justin Senior	
Walmart	Monesia Brown	

Mara Gambineri
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Subject:	RE: Brief for Today
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Subject: Brief for Today

Please see attached the brief for today:

- CVS

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Press Conference Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in Partnership with CVS

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:25 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.
CVS Pharmacy, 1350 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Silvia Castellanos, (786) 531-9842
EOG Communications: Cody McCloud, (850) 241-3728
Store Contact: Paul Barnes, (941) 626-3768

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will host a press conference regarding expansion of the partnership with CVS Pharmacies to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to Florida seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Indoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Pharmacy
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	75F / Mostly Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Brian Bosnic, *Division Vice President, CVS Health*
2. Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health*
3. Joshua Epstein, *Regional Director, CVS Health*
4. Nicole Katz, *District Leader, CVS Health*
5. Brian Hamman, *Commissioner, District 4, Lee County*
6. Frank Mann, *Commissioner, District 5, Lee County*
7. Kevin Ruane, *Chairman and Commissioner, District 1, Lee County (Invited Not Confirmed)*

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TIMELINE:

1:25 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** arrives at CVS Pharmacy

Met by: Brian Bosnic, *Division Vice President, CVS Health* and Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health*

1:30 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks

Behind the Podium:

- Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health*
- Brian Hamman, *Commissioner, District 4, Lee County*
- Frank Mann, *Commissioner, District 5, Lee County*
- Kevin Ruane, *Chairman and Commissioner, District 1, Lee County (Invited Not Confirmed)*

1:45 p.m. Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health,* delivers remarks

1:55 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press

2:10 p.m. Press conference concludes and **Governor DeSantis** departs

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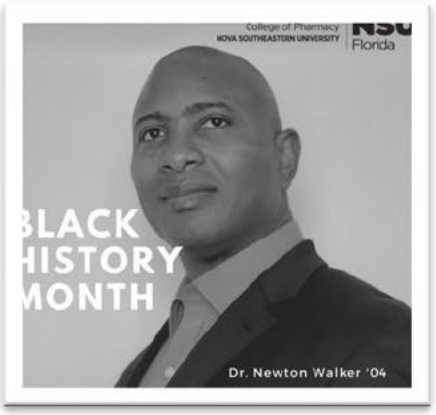
BIOGRAPHIES:

Brian Bosnic, *Division Vice President, CVS Health*

Brian has served as senior vice president for CVS pharmacies for nearly five years. Previously he served as an area vice president.



Newton Walker, *District Leader, CVS Health*

Newton has climbed the ranks from pharmacy intern to district leader with CVS Health over the last 16 and a half years. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University, graduating with honors.

Joshua Epstein, *Regional Director, CVS Health*

Joshua has been part of the CVS Health team for more than five years, serving in his current role as regional director for 18 months. Prior to joining CVS, he served as in various roles as part of Target's pharmacy team. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida.

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Nicole Katz, *District Leader, CVS Health*

Up until July 2020, Nicole was a pharmacy supervisor at CVS Health in Palm Beach County. She is currently a district leader in the Sarasota, Ft. Myers area for CVS Health. Prior to joining the CVS team, she was a pharmacy manager and healthcare business partner with Target pharmacies for over four years. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida.

Brian Hamman, *Commissioner, District 4, Lee County*

Commissioner Brian Hamman is a proud Lee County native. A graduate of Cape Coral High School, Brian earned an associate's degree from Florida Southwestern State College (formerly Edison State College) and a bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University.

In the private sector, Brian is a licensed realtor and spent 10 years in television working his way up from the “camera guy” to a news anchor on the nightly news. In addition, he worked as a financial advisor for Edward Jones and oversaw market development for CenturyLink.

Brian has spent years working and living in our community, listening to people and understanding firsthand what it takes to make Lee County a great place to live, work and raise a family. Brian's priorities are to bring jobs to our community, keep taxes low and protect the beautiful environment that draws so many to Lee County.

Brian and his wife Rebecca reside in Cape Coral with their two children, Kaitlyn and Jacob. Brian remains active in the community, serving on various boards and volunteering at his church, Crosspoint Christian.

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Frank Mann, *Commissioner, District 5, Lee County*

Commissioner Frank Mann is a lifelong resident of Lee County and received his degree in political science from Vanderbilt University in 1964. He has spent 45 years in the business community and was founder of his own insurance agency in 1967.

Frank's career in public service began in 1974. He served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives and four years in the Florida Senate, representing Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties. In 1986 he was his party's nominee for Lt. Governor of Florida.

During his 14 years of service on the Commission, he has served as chairman of the Lee County Commission, the Lee County Port Authority and Tourist Development Council. His priority during his career in public service has been the preservation of our quality of life in the face of almost overwhelming growth.

On June 1, 2020, Frank and his wife, Mary Lee, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Frank enjoys spoiling his three beautiful grandchildren. He is an active member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. As part of his church activities, he has been a choir member for over 50 years and also plays baritone horn in the church orchestra.

Kevin Ruane, *Chairman and Commissioner, District 1, Lee County (Invited Not Confirmed)*

Kevin Ruane was elected to the Lee Board of County Commissioners after serving as the Mayor of Sanibel for more than a decade.

He had visited Sanibel for 20 years with his family before purchasing a home there in 2004. Hurricane Charley quickly turned Kevin's attention to becoming a public servant. He signed on as a member of the Hurricane Damage Assessment Team in Sanibel.

Kevin was appointed to the Sanibel City Council to serve an interim position in February 2007. In May 2007, he was elected for a seat on the City Council. He was re-elected in March 2009 and was appointed Mayor in March 2010.

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Kevin has served as a voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities. In 2016, he was instrumental in forming the largest compact for water quality in the organization's history with more than 165 mayors participating. In 2020, he was awarded the Florida League of Cities E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Award.

In 2014, Gov. Rick Scott appointed Kevin to the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. He was re-appointed in 2019 by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Kevin attended both undergraduate and graduate schools at Pace University with a concentration in accounting and taxation. He took over for his father at his family's CPA firm and his corporate career included various senior executive positions with a subsidiary of a Fortune 100 company.

Today, his company, Castleton Capital, provides financing to small businesses throughout the United States. It's a family affair: wife Doreen, daughter Shannon and son Kevin Jr. also work at the firm.

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Subject:	RE: Briefs for Tomorrow
Date:	Friday, March 12, 2021 9:18:59 AM
Attachments:	03122021 Bike Week.docx 03122021 Little league.docx 03122021 Brevard.docx 03122021 Volusia.docx

Updated briefs attached.

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Subject: Briefs for Tomorrow

Please see attached the briefs for tomorrow:

- Brevard
- Volusia
- Bike Week
- Little League

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Visit to Daytona Bike Week

Friday, March 12, 2021 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Destination Daytona Pavilion, Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson, 1637 US-1,
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Alex Cronin, (561) 313-0239
EOG Communications: Cody McCloud, (850) 241-3728

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will meet visitors of Daytona Bike Week.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR, THE FIRST LADY, MADISON DESANTIS, MASON DESANTIS**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Visit
Press:	Closed
Visual:	Bike Show
Attire:	Operational
Podium:	No
Weather:	74°F / Mostly Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Southeast Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony

Friday, March 12, 2021 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex, 1800 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Chelsea Aaron, (954) 328-2047
EOG Communications: Cody McCloud, (850) 241-3728
On-site Contact: Judge Wesley Heidt, (386) 451-7141

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis with throw out the ceremonial first pitch and speak to players and their families at the South Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR, THE FIRST LADY, MADISON DESANTIS, MASON DESANTIS**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Remarks
Press:	Open
Visual:	Football Stadium
Attire:	Operational
Podium:	No
Weather:	70°F / Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Judge Wesley Heidt, *President, Southeast Volusia Babe Ruth*
2. Tom Wright, *Senator, Florida's 14th Senate District*
3. Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*
4. Webster Barnaby, *Representative, Florida's 27th House District*
5. Russ Owens, *Mayor, New Smyrna Beach*

NOTE: There will be 17 teams on the field and families in the stands

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Southeast Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony

Friday, March 12, 2021 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex, 1800 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

TIMELINE:

5:30 p.m. **Governor DeSantis, The First Lady, Madison DeSantis, Mason DeSantis** arrive at Southeast Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony

5:35 p.m. **Governor DeSantis, The First Lady, Madison DeSantis, Mason DeSantis** meet and greet with players and families

6:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony begins:

- Teams are announced
- Sponsors are announced
- Mayor Russ Owens speaks
- League President Heidt speaks
- **Governor DeSantis** speaks
- **Governor DeSantis** throws out the first pitch

6:45 p.m. **Governor DeSantis, The First Lady, Madison DeSantis, Mason DeSantis** departs

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Southeast Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony

Friday, March 12, 2021 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex, 1800 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

BIOGRAPHIES:

Judge Wesley Heidt, *President, Southeast Volusia Babe Ruth*

Volusia County Court Judge Wesley Heidt was appointed to the bench in 2020 and began his term in January 2021. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1988 and served as the bureau chief of the Florida Attorney General's office in Daytona Beach prior to his appointment. He earned his undergraduate degree from Valdosta State College and his law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Judge Heidt currently hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex on City Island in Daytona Beach.

Tom Wright, *Senator, Florida's 14th Senate District*

- Elected to the Senate in 2018
- Volusia County Code Enforcement, Board Member
- Volusia County Affordable Housing Authority, Board Member
- Domestic Abuse Council, former Board Member
- Volunteer Police K9 Officer
- Halifax Urban Ministries, Board Member
- The Chase Academy, Board Member

Biographical Information

Occupation: Retired Businessman

Spouse: Cindy L. Copeman of Wykoff, MN

Education:

Stewartville Public Schools, High School, 1970

Born: in Rochester, Minnesota. Moved to Florida in 2004.

Religious Affiliation: Lutheran

Recreation: Collecting classic cars

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Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*

City of Residence: Ormond Beach

Occupation: Chief Legal Officer

Spouse: Michelle of Delaware

Child(ren): Alexandria J. Leek, Sarah E. Leek

Education: University of Central Florida, BA, 1992; Stetson University College of Law, JD, 1997

Born: August 6, Columbus, OH

Religious Affiliation: Presbyterian

Recreational Interest: boating, college football, fishing

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, reelected subsequently

Webster Barnaby, *Representative, Florida's 27th House District*

City of Residence: Deltona

Occupation: President of an LLC

Spouse: Silvia

Child(ren): Britney, Adrian

Education: Birmingham Metropolitan College, Matthew Boulton Technical College Campus, Birmingham, England, AA, Business

Born: December 9, 1959, Birmingham, England

Moved to Florida: 1991

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020

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Southeast Volusia Little League Opening Ceremony

Friday, March 12, 2021 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex, 1800 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Russ Owens, *Mayor, New Smyrna Beach*

Russ Owen was elected as the Mayor in the Nov. 6, 2018 General Election and sworn into office on Nov. 13. This is his first experience as an elected official, and he looks forward to the many opportunities he will have to help the citizens of New Smyrna Beach.

Russ and his family has been a part of the New Smyrna Beach community since he was 11 years old. Russ and his wife Katie have three children, Grayson, Elizabeth, and Rose and reside in Hidden Pines.

His professional career has been centered in serving higher education. Currently, he works as a software consultant for Kaufman, Hall & Associates. In this role, he supports colleges and universities as they implement Axiom, Kaufman Hall's proprietary budgeting and planning software suite. Prior to joining Kaufman Hall, he spent 9 years at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in a variety of finance and budget roles. Most recently, he served as the Executive Director of Finance and Budget and supported the Chief Financial Officer and senior administration in the management of ERAU's operating and capital budgets.

Russ has a Master's in Business Administration and Bachelor's in Finance both from the University of Central Florida, and an Associate's degree in Mathematics from Daytona State College.

When not working on a citizen or client need, he enjoys quiet time with family and seeking out some new adventure.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Press Conference Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in Brevard County

Friday, March 12, 2021 12:55 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
Barefoot Bay Community @ Concordia Lutheran Church, 300 Barefoot Blvd., Sebastian, FL 32976

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Chelsea Aaron, (954) 328-2047 and Alex Cronin, (561) 313-0239
EOG Communications: Cody McCloud, (850) 241-3728
On-site Contact: Rick Stilp, (407) 342-5306

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for Florida's seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Walk up Vaccine Site
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	74°F / Mostly Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*
2. Debbie Mayfield, *Senator, Florida's 17th Senate District*
3. Randy Fine, *Representative*, *Florida's 53rd House District*
4. Tyler Sirois, *Representative, Florida's 51st House District*

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Press Conference Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in Brevard County

Friday, March 12, 2021 12:55 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
Barefoot Bay Community @ Concordia Lutheran Church, 300 Barefoot Blvd., Sebastian, FL 32976

TIMELINE:

12:55 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** arrives at the Barefoot Bay Vaccination Site

Met by: Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*

1:00 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** tours vaccination site

1:05 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks

At the Podium:

- Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*
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Barefoot Bay Community @ Concordia Lutheran Church, 300 Barefoot Blvd., Sebastian, FL 32976

BIOGRAPHIES:

Rick Stilp, *Incident Commander*

Richard Stilp is the owner of Emergency Management Systems, Inc. a consulting firm specializing in Hazardous Materials coursework and incident command training. He recently served as the Fire Chief of St Cloud Fire Rescue. He began his career in the fire service in 1976 on Orlando Fire Department where he rose in rank to District Chief. Richard served as an incident commander and also managed the dive team and hazardous materials team. After retirement, Richard became the Corporate Director for Safety and Security for Orlando Regional Healthcare, a group of seven hospitals. In 2005 Richard returned to the fire service when he took over as the Executive Director of the Central Florida Fire Academy (CFFA). After retiring from the CFFA, Richard became the Regional Hazardous Materials Coordinator for UASI Region V. As the Regional Coordinator, he assists six regional hazardous materials teams with equipment purchases and training. Richard has authored a number of books technical text/reference books and a number of articles for trade magazine and professional publications. He holds an Associate in Arts, and Associates in Science in Nursing, a Bachelors of Arts in Business, and a Masters of Arts in Management. He enjoys teaching and has taught EMS, Hazardous Material and fire officer course and is currently an adjunct instructor for Valencia College. He is a Florida Professional Emergency Manger and a Master Exercise Practitioner.

Debbie Mayfield, *Senator, Florida's 17th Senate District*

Legislative Service

- Elected to the Senate in 2016, reelected subsequently
- House of Representatives, 2008-2016

Other Public Service

- Brevard County Legislative Delegation, Chair, 2017
- Indian River County Legislative Delegation, Chair, 2015, 2016, 2018
- Indian River County Economic Development Council

Honors and Awards

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- Manufacturing Champion Award, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Statesman of the Year Award, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, 2019
- Legislative Champion Award, Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida, 2019
- Champion for Dentistry Award, Florida Dental Association, 2019
- Defender of Democracy Award, League of Women Voters of Florida, 2019
- Fighting for Kids Award, Florida Coalition of School Board Members, 2019
- Champion for Agriculture Award, Florida's Farm Bureau, 2013-2016, 2018-2019
- Defender of Home Rule Award, Florida League of Cities, 2018
- "A" Rating, Florida Chamber of Commerce, 2009-2014, 2016-2019
- "A" Rating, Foundation for Florida's Future (FFF), 2016. 2018, 2019
- "A" Rating, Associated Industries of Florida (AIF), 2009-2019
- "A" Rating, Recognized as Champion for Economic Freedom, Americans for Prosperity, 2015-2019
- "A" Rating, Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida, 2018
- Legislator of the Year Award, Florida Society of Rheumatology, 2018
- Fiscal Conservative of the Year Award, Taxpayer Association Indian River County, 2017
- Champion of Liberty, Liberty First Network, 2016
- Legislator of the Year, Community Advocacy Network, 2016
- Champion of the Family Award, Florida Family Policy Council, 2016

Affiliations

- Republican Women of Indian River County
- Brevard Federated Republican Women
- Professional Republican Women and Mothers
- Ascension Catholic Women
- NRA

Biographical Information

Occupation: Retired Banking Executive

Spouse: Dr. Robert P. Scaringe of Wantagh, NY

Children: Evan Mayfield, Samuel Mayfield, Coleman Mayfield

Education:

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Florida Banking School

Santa Fe Community College

Born: in Pensacola, Florida

Historical: Stan Mayfield, late husband, Florida House of Representatives, 2000-2008

Religious Affiliation: Roman Catholic

Recreation: Family activities, sailing, boating, fishing

Tyler Sirois, *Representative, Florida's 51st House District*

City of Residence: Merritt Island

Occupation: Executive Director, Office of the State Attorney for Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

Spouse: Katy Lynn Sirois of Tallahassee, FL

Child(ren): Emma Kate, Jack

Education: Florida State University, 2006

Born: August 5, 1984, Cape Canaveral, FL

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Recreational Interest: boating, cooking, fishing, history, time with family

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018, reelected subsequently

Affiliations

- Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Randy Fine, Representative, *Florida's 53rd House District*

City of Residence: Unincorporated South Brevard County

Occupation: Businessman

Spouse: Wendy Fine of Kansas City, Missouri

Child(ren): Jacob, David

Education: Harvard College, AB, magna cum laude, 1992-1996; Harvard Business School, MBA, with high distinction, 1996-1998

Born: April 20, 1974, Tucson, AZ

Moved to Florida: 2006

Religious Affiliation: Jewish

Recreational Interest: Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting with my two sons; teaching Junior Achievement in my sons' school; traveling to all 417 National Parks with my family

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, reelected subsequently

Affiliations

- Brevard Delegation, Chairman, 2017-present
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- Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Advisory Board member, 2016-present

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Press Conference Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in Volusia County

Friday, March 12, 2021 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Crane Lakes, 1850 Crane Lakes Boulevard, Port Orange, FL 32128

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Silvia Castellanos, (786) 531-9842
EOG Communications: Cody McCloud, (850) 241-3728
On Site Contact: Kevin Kucinski, (850) 815-6879

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will host a press conference regarding expansion of the partnership with CVS Pharmacies to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to Florida seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Walk Up Vaccination Site
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	72°F / Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Kevin Kucinski, *Incident Commander*
2. Tom Wright, *Senator, Florida's 14th Senate District*
3. Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*
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TIMELINE:

3:15 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** arrives at the Crane Lakes Vaccination Site

Met by: Kevin Kucinski, *Incident Commander*

3:20 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** tours vaccination site

3:25 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks

At the Podium:

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- Volusia County Code Enforcement, Board Member
- Volusia County Affordable Housing Authority, Board Member
- Domestic Abuse Council, former Board Member
- Volunteer Police K9 Officer
- Halifax Urban Ministries, Board Member
- The Chase Academy, Board Member

Biographical Information

Occupation: Retired Businessman

Spouse: Cindy L. Copeman of Wykoff, MN

Education:

Stewartville Public Schools, High School, 1970

Born: in Rochester, Minnesota. Moved to Florida in 2004.

Religious Affiliation: Lutheran

Recreation: Collecting classic cars

Tom Leek, *Representative, Florida's 25th House District*

City of Residence: Ormond Beach

Occupation: Chief Legal Officer

Spouse: Michelle of Delaware

Child(ren): Alexandria J. Leek, Sarah E. Leek

Education: University of Central Florida, BA, 1992; Stetson University College of Law, JD, 1997

Born: August 6, Columbus, OH

Religious Affiliation: Presbyterian

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Recreational Interest: boating, college football, fishing

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, reelected subsequently

Webster Barnaby, *Representative, Florida's 27th House District*

City of Residence: Deltona

Occupation: President of an LLC

Spouse: Silvia

Child(ren): Britney, Adrian

Education: Birmingham Metropolitan College, Matthew Boulton Technical College Campus, Birmingham, England, AA, Business

Born: December 9, 1959, Birmingham, England

Moved to Florida: 1991

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Jones, Morgan; Castellanos, Silvia; Himrod, LeAnna; Thorpe, Amanda; Aaron, Chelsea
Subject: RE: Tomorrow and Next Week
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:18:37 AM
Attachments: Week of January 4 thru 8 Draft Outline v4.docx

Updated outline for the week. More to come.

From: Gambineri, Mara
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 5:53 PM
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Subject: Tomorrow and Next Week
Importance: High

Please see attached the event list for this coming week.

For tomorrow we will have 2 events (Morgan will let me know exact timing, but our limiting factor is Miami, that has to be at 3 p.m.)

Monday, January 4
Event #1
Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital
555 W FL-434, Longwood, FL 32750
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2
Miami
Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33136
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

These will both be press conference format with patients getting shots.

More to come.

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Tuesday, January 5

Event #1

Publix Announcement
Marion County Location
Regional: Amanda Thorpe
Options:

1365	2765 NW 49TH AVE, SUITE 301	OCALA	34482	MARION
1201	8075 SW HIGHWAY 200, UNIT 111	OCALA	34481	MARION
419	303 SE 17TH STREET	OCALA	34471	MARION
438	10135 US HWY 441	BELLEVIEW	34420	MARION
404	2655 NE 35TH STREET	OCALA	34479	MARION
733	7578 MARICAMP ROAD STE 100	OCALA	34472	MARION
856	5400 S.W. COLLEGE RD STE 200	OCALA	34474	MARION
1616	11352 NORTH WILLIAMS ST, SUITE 400	DUNNELLON	34432	MARION
1477	2575 SW 42ND ST., SUITE 100	OCALA	34471	MARION

Event #2

Tampa
Tampa General is partnering with DOH-Hillsborough to launch their vaccination efforts on Wednesday.

OR Brooksville Publix Highlight
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Wednesday, January 6

Event #1

Sacred Heart in Pensacola
They have partnered with Olive Baptist Church to vaccinate 1,000 per day beginning Wednesday.
Regional: Morgan Jones

Event #2

Hard Rock Miami
Conversion of COVID-19 test site to COVID-19 vaccination site
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

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Thursday, January 7
Event #1
Sarasota/Manatee County

There are two active sites we could visit:
Tom Bennett Park
Manatee County Public Safety Center

Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2
TBD
Regional: Amanda Thorpe

Event #3
TBD
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

Friday, January 8
Event #1
Jacksonville

UF Jax will be opening a site at Riverside in Jacksonville doing 1000 day on Friday
Regional: Morgan Jones

Event #2
Naples

Three PODs opening in Collier County this week:

Collier County	Winn Dixie Immokalee Mall
Collier County	DOH Collier - Naples
Collier County	Sun & Fun Lagoon (N. Regional Park)

Regional: LeAnna Himrod

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Vause, Tiffany; Beatrice, Meredith M.; Mahon, Jason
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Follow-Up
Date: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 6:07:19 PM

Also, shouldn't we say that the CDC's deal with CVS and Walgreens required them to prioritize SNFs over ALFs?

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Hope my questions make sense. Thank you!
Allison

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Date:	Monday, February 8, 2021 12:00:33 PM

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Date:	Monday, January 4, 2021 1:46:27 PM

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To: _Leadership Team <_LeadershipTeam@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: _Press <_Press@eog.myflorida.com>; Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>
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Governor DeSantis said, "Florida is putting Seniors First and I'm pleased to announce four new actions that will continue our aggressive approach to offering the vaccine to Floridians 65 and older, as well our continued efforts to vaccinate frontline health care workers and long-term care facility residents. Partnerships with Florida hospitals remain critical to our efforts, but this alone is not enough to reach our vaccination goals.

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“To that end, I am directing the Florida Division of Emergency Management to partner with the Florida Department of Health to identify additional sites to administer the vaccine and to be open 7 days per week, including the conversion of state-supported testing sites and partnerships with places of worship in underserved communities. I am also directing the Division to hire additional nurses to support these sites and accelerate vaccinations in Florida’s over 3,000 assisted living facilities. We will continue to build on these efforts in the coming weeks.”

The Governor was joined at today’s event by Orlando Health CEO David Strong, State Senator Jason Brodeur and State Representative Scott Plakon, where he also helped kickoff the opening of Orlando Health’s seven new community vaccination sites.

Watch the full press conference by clicking the image or clicking **HERE**.

FOUR NEW ACTIONS TO CONTINUE FLORIDA’S AGGRESSIVE APPROACH TO VACCINATIONS

1) **Expanding access to vaccine with additional state-supported sites.**
Governor DeSantis has directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to work with the Florida Department of Health to identify state-run COVID-19 testing sites that can convert into vaccine sites. Additional information regarding the locations of these sites will be available in the coming days.

2) **Deploying the vaccine into underserved communities.**
Governor DeSantis has directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to identify places of worship and other locations in underserved communities where the vaccine may be administered. Florida has already begun a pilot program in Escambia County, where over 500 seniors have received their vaccine and have been scheduled for their booster shot, which they will receive at the same location.

3) **Reinforcing vaccination efforts with additional staff.**
Governor DeSantis has directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to immediately hire 1,000 contract nurses to support vaccination efforts. These nurses will be deployed throughout the entire state to help run vaccination sites, including public sites run by the state or counties and private sites such as South Seminole Hospital. These nurses will supplement the many personnel already in the field, including 800 Florida National

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Guardsmen, who have been supporting the state's response since the beginning of the pandemic.

4) **Continuing to prioritize long-term care facility residents.**
There is no time to waste to vaccinate Florida's most vulnerable residents. Governor DeSantis is directing the Florida Division of Emergency Management to assume additional responsibilities regarding the administration of vaccines in Florida's over 3,000 assisted living facilities, supplementing and accelerating the efforts being undertaken by CVS and Walgreens, pursuant to their agreement with the federal government.

STATE OF FLORIDA VACCINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO-DATE

The opening of hospital vaccination sites along with these four new actions are a timely complement to our first three weeks of vaccinations, which included the following accomplishments:

- **Florida was the first state in the nation to:**
  - Begin offering vaccines to staff and residents of our over 4,000 long-term care facilities.
  - Begin offering vaccines to EMTs and paramedics; and
  - Mobilize our county health departments and county emergency managers to actively vaccinate seniors in the community.

Week One

- Five pilot hospitals received an allocation of the Pfizer vaccine for frontline health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities. At the Governor's direction, they shared with neighboring hospitals.
- The Governor directed the Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management and Florida National Guard to mobilize EMS strike teams to immediately begin offering vaccines to staff and residents of long-term care facilities to supplement Operation Warp Speed partner efforts a week ahead of schedule.
- Florida offered vaccines to all staff and residents at over 100 facilities in Pinellas and Broward Counties in just 6 days.

Week Two

- Florida received the first shipment of the Moderna vaccine, which was immediately sent to over 170 hospitals that spanned the entire state.

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- The Governor also signed an executive order to give next vaccination priority to seniors over the age of 65, as well as highlighting the start of CVS and Walgreens' administration of vaccines at long-term care facilities.

Week Three

- Florida remained full speed ahead at vaccinating the state's most vulnerable residents and sent doses of vaccine to all 67 county health departments.
    - Florida received over 127,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine and distributed doses to the remaining county health departments and hospitals that had not received the vaccine to-date.
- Florida received over 118,900 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which is being used to administer the second dose at the original five pilot hospitals, and long-term care facilities in Broward and Pinellas Counties who received their first dose through Florida Department of Health and Florida National Guard strike teams.

Week Four (Underway)

- As Florida enters Week Four, Governor DeSantis' administration is taking the necessary steps to ensure the vaccine - that is now present in every corner of the state - gets administered as quickly as possible.

ORLANDO HEALTH VACCINATION SITES

- Today, Orlando Health announced the opening of the following community vaccination sites:
    - Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital
    - Orlando Health Dr. P. Phillips Hospital
    - Orlando Health Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies
    - Orlando Health – Health Central Hospital
    - Orlando Health South Lake Hospital
    - Orlando Health St. Cloud Hospital
    - Bayfront Health St. Petersburg

- Orlando Health has the capacity to administer over 10,000 vaccines per

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week. As is the case with all vaccinations in the state of Florida, vaccines will be reserved for individuals 65 years of age and older, frontline healthcare workers, staff and residents of long-term care facilities and individuals hospitals deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.

- To receive a vaccine at one of the Orlando Health locations, please visit **vaccine.orlandohealth.com** to register.

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Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:38:59 AM

Please do not add. Thank you!

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
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Casey please add Robert and Katie to the line by lines. Appreciate your help!

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

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9:00-10:00am **CABINET MEETING**
Location: Cabinet Meeting Room, The Capitol

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10:00-10:30am **MEETING WITH POLICY AND BUDGET DIRECTOR CHRIS SPENCER**
Location: The Governor's Office, The Capitol

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Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 7:08 PM
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Cc: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Re:

Evening Courtney,

Thank you for all your work with Publix. It looks like a good pilot project with a trusted name throughout Florida. Let's continue to look at every possible opportunity to get the vaccines distributed.

Shane

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Cc: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Fwd:

Please add to calendar of events.

From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 7:08 PM
To: Strum, Shane; Lukis, Adrian
Subject:

Please see attached.

Thank you,

Courtney F. Coppola
Chief of Staff
& Marijuana Coordinator

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Coppola, Courtney
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:47:10 PM

Hey when I google Crystal Square Shopping mall it comes up with a different address. Just want to double check

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From: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.Coppola@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:00:58 PM
To: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject:

Please see below:

- Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 4th, 5th, and 6th
- Location: Citrus County
  Crystal Square Shopping Mall
  579 SE US HWY 19
  Crystal River, FL
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander
  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Drive Thru
- Registration: Waiting List/Tidal Basin

Thank you,

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Subject: RE:

UPDATED:

- Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- Location: Pasco County
  SunTrust Bank Building
  5435 Gall Blvd,
  Zephyrhills, FL 33542
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander

  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Walk Up
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Subject:

Please see the updated schedule & place holders after the changes today:

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Tuesday: Manatee County
Colony Cove Mobile Home Park
101 Amsterdam Avenue
Ellenton , FL 34222

Wednesday: Polk County
Four Lakes Golf Club
990 La Quinta Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Wednesday: Pasco
SunTrust Bank Building
6128 US-19
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Thursday: Citrus County
Crystal Square Shopping Mall
579 SE US HWY 19
Crystal River, FL

Thursday: **NEW** Putnam 55+ POD
Location and Time TBD

Friday: Marion County
On Top of the World
8395 SW 80th St
Ocala, FL 34481

Friday: **NEW** Polk
LEO Vaccination event

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Cc:	Rosenbaum, Amy D; Gassaway, Leanne D; Castellanos, Silvia; Smith, Casey; McCloud, Cody
Subject:	Re: Announcement Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, March 8, 2021 3:38:31 PM

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Thank you,
Mara

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From: Strum, Shane
To: McCloud, Cody; Beatrice, Meredith M.; Strickland, Katie; Marquez, Jonas; Armbrister, Robert
Subject: Re: Approved tweets
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:39:12 PM

Looks good. Can you check that it's 18 counties. Thanks.

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From: McCloud, Cody <Cody.McCloud@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:34:45 PM
To: Beatrice, Meredith M. <Meredith.M.Beatrice@eog.myflorida.com>; Strickland, Katie <Katie.Strickland@eog.myflorida.com>; Marquez, Jonas <Jonas.Marquez@eog.myflorida.com>; Armbrister, Robert <Robert.Armbrister@eog.myflorida.com>; Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Approved tweets

Publix thread:

Great to visit several @Publix pharmacy vaccination sites today in Lee County. Publix pharmacies are creating greater access to the vaccine for seniors in FL's communities. Keep up the fantastic work!
(+photos)

Vaccines are being offered at nearly 250 @Publix locations in 18 counties across the state. These sites bolster our effort to put Florida's #SeniorsFirst! For more info on appointments, visit https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine

Restaurant:

Enjoyed stopping by Begonia's Restaurant off Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers. Great Cuban food isn't limited to Miami and Tampa! Check it out if you are in the area.
(+photo)

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Burke, Tara; Castellanos, Silvia
Cc: Goode, Joseph L.
Subject: Re: Bio and photo
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:25:04 PM

Thank you!

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From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:24:14 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: Bio and photo

Hi,
Attached is Newton Walker's photo and bio is below.

Newton Walker is a District leader and Pharmacist at CVS Health. Prior to this role, Newton served as a District Manager, Pharmacy Supervisor and Pharmacy Manager. He joined CVS in 2004 as a Pharmacy intern. Newton graduated from Nova Southeastern University, FL with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

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From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Announcement Tomorrow

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Thank you!

From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>

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Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Paul Barnes is the store manager, his mobile is 941-626-3768. He is aware that you will be arriving around 11 AM. The phone number for the store is 239-369-2163.

CVS Health leaders who are planning to attend the presser:
Brian Bosnic, Division Vice President
Joshua Epstein, Region Director
Nicole Katz, district leader

We're still working on finalizing our spokesperson.

Please let me know if you need anything else!
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From: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Announcement Tomorrow

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My cell is (786) 531-9842.

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Governor Ron DeSantis

From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:04:02 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>; Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Thank you. I am working on getting you a contact on site. Can you send me your mobile number?

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From: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:03 PM

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To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>; Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Announcement Tomorrow

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Good afternoon all,

I should be arriving on site between 11 and 11:30.

Silvia Castellanos
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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:46:41 PM
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Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

That is correct – Silvia will be my boots on the ground so I will defer to her on what time she will arrive.

From: Burke, Tara <BurkeT1@aetna.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Goode, Joseph L. <Joseph.Goode@CVSHealth.com>
Subject: RE: Announcement Tomorrow

Hi Mara,
To confirm you want to do the presser inside the store and what time do you plan to arrive for a 1:30 start?

Thanks,
Tara

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Thank you, Aetna

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From: Moulton, Diane
To: Marquez, Jonas
Cc: Strum, Shane; Beatrice, Meredith M.; Gambineri, Mara; McCloud, Cody
Subject: Re: *FOR APPROVAL* DeSantis/Nuñez Administration Schedule for Saturday, January 23, 2021
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:00:53 PM

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GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
FOR
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

8:00am **CALL WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**

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Location: Publix Super Market at Summerlin Crossings
Address: 15880 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers, FL 33908

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Location: Publix Super Market at University Crossing
Address: 13401 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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Location: Publix Super Market at Southpointe Commons
Address: 5997 South Pointe Boulevard Suite 106
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Location: Publix Super Market at Colonial Crossings
Address: 4600 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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LT. GOVERNOR JEANETTE NUÑEZ SCHEDULE
FOR
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

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From: Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com
To: Marquez, Jonas
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Subject: Re: *FOR APPROVAL* DeSantis/Nuñez Administration Schedule for Saturday, January 23, 2021
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:00:50 PM

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Cc: McCloud, Cody
Subject: Re: *FOR APPROVAL* DeSantis/Nuñez Administration Schedule for Saturday, January 23, 2021
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021 4:05:25 PM

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To: Marquez, Jonas
Subject: Re: *UPCOMING 5 MIN* DeSantis/Nuñez Administration Schedule for Saturday, January 23, 2021
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:18:08 PM

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Fort Myers, FL 33908

1:40pm **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at University Crossing
Address: 13401 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers, FL 33919

2:05pm **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Southpointe Commons

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Address: 5997 South Pointe Boulevard Suite 106
Fort Myers, FL 33919

2:25pm **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Colonial Crossings
Address: 4600 Summerlin Road
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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FOR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

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For Immediate Release: March 25, 2021

Contact: Governor's Press Office, (850) 717-9282, Media@eog.myflorida.com

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces New Eligibility Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccinations

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced new eligibility guidelines for COVID-19 vaccinations in Florida.

Beginning Monday, March 29, all individuals age 40 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning the following Monday, April 5, all individuals age 18 and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

Floridians are encouraged to pre-register at www.myvaccine.fl.gov. Once pre-registered, they'll be contacted when the vaccine is available in their area.

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Floridians can also call the vaccine preregistration phone number for their county, listed here.

Vaccines are also available at 150 CVS locations, 125 Wal-Mart and Sam's Club locations, more than 70 Winn Dixie locations, soon-to-be over 600 Walgreens pharmacies, and every single one of the 730 Publix pharmacies across the state.

Watch the Governor's announcement by clicking the image below or clicking **HERE**.

Text from Governor DeSantis' video message as delivered is provided below:

Hi, this is Governor Ron DeSantis.

Florida's Seniors First vaccine strategy is paying off — more than 3.2 million seniors age 65 and older have received shots.

We've been able to expand eligibility to those age 50 and above and we've seen additional success.

Now because of this success, I am pleased to announce additional vaccine eligibility expansions.

While the Biden administration set a May 1st target date for vaccine eligibility for all adults, Florida is pleased to announce that all adults in the state age 18

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and older will be eligible for the vaccine beginning Monday, April 5th.

And this coming Monday, March 29th, the age of eligibility for the vaccine will be reduced from 50 to 40.

We have now vaccinated over 70% of the roughly 4.4 million seniors living in the state.

We have also made great progress on those age 60 to 64 and those age 50 and older.

And we are ready to take this step.

If you look at the hospitalization and case rates for senior citizens, they have plummeted since the start of our Seniors First strategy.

And we want to keep up that momentum as we expand eligibility to other age groups throughout the state of Florida.

Florida continues to rank 41st in senior mortality per capita, with 40 states having higher mortality for COVID on a per capita basis than the state of Florida.

We've stood up more than 100 county sites and state sites. We've also brought the vaccine directly to underserved communities.

We've partnered with pharmacy retailers to offer the vaccine. There are now 1,600 pharmacies located throughout the state of Florida offering COVID vaccines.

730 Publix pharmacies.

More than 150 CVS locations.

More than 125 Sam's Club and Walmart locations.

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More than 70 Winn-Dixie locations.

And in the coming days, Walgreens will be expanding to more than 400 additional locations, bringing their total to more than 600 Walgreens pharmacy locations statewide.

We've established a program for homebound seniors and have vaccinated more than 5,000 seniors, including holocaust survivors and World War II veterans.

We've held 71 faith-based events in 22 counties and have completed more than 73,000 vaccinations at those events.

We've also held events at 31 senior communities across the state, which account for over 140,000 vaccinations.

We have made great progress and I look forward to continuing to work hard to make sure everyone in Florida who wants a shot, can get a shot.

No mandate, but access for all.

God bless you and thank you very much.

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GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SCHEDULE
FOR
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

8:30am **CALL WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHANE STRUM**

10:00am **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Brooksville Square
Address: 19390 Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601

10:45am **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Shoppes at Avalon
Address: 13455 County Line Road
Spring Hill, FL 34609

11:15am **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Seven Hills
Address: 160 Mariner Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34609

11:45am **PUBLIX VACCINATION SITE VISIT**
Location: Publix Super Market at Mariner Commons
Address: 4158 Mariner Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34609

2:00pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	McCloud, Cody; Strum, Shane; Beatrice, Meredith M.
Cc:	Moulton, Diane; Marquez, Jonas; Strickland, Katie; Schmitt, Christina
Subject:	Re: *for approval* MEDIA ADVISORY: Governor Ron DeSantis to Hold a Press Conference in Jupiter
Date:	Monday, January 18, 2021 7:34:48 PM

Good with me

Mara Gambineri
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Subject: *for approval* MEDIA ADVISORY: Governor Ron DeSantis to Hold a Press Conference in Jupiter

For Immediate Release: January 19, 2021
Contact: Governor's Press Office, (850) 717-9282, Media@eog.myflorida.com

MEDIA ADVISORY

Governor Ron DeSantis to Hold a Press Conference in Jupiter

Jupiter, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis will hold a press conference in Jupiter on Tuesday, January 19th.

All interested credentialed media must RSVP at Christina.Schmitt@eog.myflorida.com

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Event Details:

WHAT: Press Conference
WHO: Governor Ron DeSantis
WHEN: Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 8:30 AM
Media Arrival Time: 8:00 AM
WHERE: Publix Super Market at Sea Plum Town Center
123 Honeybell Way
Jupiter, FL 33458

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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	Jones, Morgan; Castellanos, Silvia; Himrod, LeAnna; Thorpe, Amanda; Aaron, Chelsea
Subject:	Tomorrow and Next Week
Date:	Sunday, January 3, 2021 5:52:55 PM
Attachments:	Week of January 4 thru 8 Draft Outline v4.docx

Please see attached the event list for this coming week.

For tomorrow we will have 2 events (Morgan will let me know exact timing, but our limiting factor is Miami, that has to be at 3 p.m.)

Monday, January 4

Event #1

Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital
555 W FL-434, Longwood, FL 32750
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2

Miami
Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33136
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

These will both be press conference format with patients getting shots.

More to come.

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Week of January 4 – January 8

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Event #2

Miami
Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33136
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

Tuesday, January 5

Event #1

Publix Announcement
Marion County Location
Regional: Amanda Thorpe
Options:

1365	2765 NW 49TH AVE, SUITE 301	OCALA	34482	MARION
1201	8075 SW HIGHWAY 200, UNIT 111	OCALA	34481	MARION
419	303 SE 17TH STREET	OCALA	34471	MARION
438	10135 US HWY 441	BELLEVIEW	34420	MARION
404	2655 NE 35TH STREET	OCALA	34479	MARION
733	7578 MARICAMP ROAD STE 100	OCALA	34472	MARION
856	5400 S.W. COLLEGE RD STE 200	OCALA	34474	MARION
1616	11352 NORTH WILLIAMS ST, SUITE 400	DUNNELLON	34432	MARION
1477	2575 SW 42ND ST., SUITE 100	OCALA	34471	MARION

Event #2

Tampa
Tampa General is partnering with DOH-Hillsborough to launch their vaccination efforts on Wednesday.

OR Brooksville Publix Highlight
Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Wednesday, January 6

Event #1

Sacred Heart in Pensacola
They have partnered with Olive Baptist Church to vaccinate 1,000 per day beginning Wednesday.
Regional: Amanda Thorpe

Event #2

Hard Rock Miami
Conversion of COVID-19 test site to COVID-19 vaccination site
Regional: Silvia Castellanos

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Thursday, January 7
Event #1
Sarasota/Manatee County

There are two active sites we could visit:
Tom Bennett Park
Manatee County Public Safety Center

Regional: LeAnna Himrod

Event #2
TBD

Friday, January 8
Event #1
Jacksonville

UF Jax will be opening a site at Riverside in Jacksonville doing 1000 day on Friday
Regional: Amanda Thorpe

Event #2
Naples

Three PODs opening in Collier County this week:

Collier County	Winn Dixie Immokalee Mall
Collier County	DOH Collier - Naples
Collier County	Sun & Fun Lagoon (N. Regional Park)

Regional: LeAnna Himrod

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From: Gambineri, Mara
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: ESCAMBIA

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INTRODUCTION

- Good morning!
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize **Michael Rushing, Incident Commander.**
- Thank you for being here.

VACCINE SITE

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church, which will offer 2,000 one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccines over the next 3 days.
- The site is open to individuals aged 50 and older. While our priority remains seniors 65 and older, we just reduced the age requirement to 50 this Monday.
- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this site happen.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**
    - The 7-Day rolling average for cases among seniors ages 65 and over is down 86.6% from 2,531 on Jan. 7 to 338 as of March 15

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- The 7-Day rolling average for senior hospitalizations is down 81.3% from 139 on Feb. 3 to 26 on March 15 and 90% from January 7

- And Florida continues to rank 41 in senior mortality per capita with 40 states having higher a higher rate of deaths for seniors in the CDC provisional deaths throughout the pandemic.

- To date, we have vaccinated over **3 million seniors aged 65 and older**, which is over **63%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

  - We have also vaccinated over 332,000 individuals aged 60-64, which is 23% of the 1,400,000 individuals in that age group.

  - Here in ESCAMBIA County, we have vaccinated approximately _____ seniors, which is ___ of the roughly _____ seniors aged 65 and older living in the county.

  - For ESCAMBIA, we have vaccinated _____ in the 60-64 age group - ___% of the _____ total.

- **And we are finding more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Most importantly, we continue to expand the number of pharmacies offering the vaccine in Florida. **Beginning last weekend,** Walgreens is increasing the number of their stores offering the vaccine from **126 to 223** and CVS is increasing from **157 to 182.**

- In addition to the 223 Walgreens and 182 CVS**,** every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **204 Walmarts and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies are offering the vaccine**.

- **In ESCAMBIA, vaccines are available at __ Publix Pharmacies, __ CVS, __ Winn-Dixies, and __ Walmart Pharmacies.**

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- To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

- To schedule a vaccine at CVS, visit **CVS.com**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
  - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
  - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
  - FAMU in Leon County;
  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 71 faith-based events in 21 counties and have completed more than 71,000 vaccinations.**

  - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

  - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

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- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 31 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 125,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 4,000 seniors through the pilot.**

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- We have made great progress and I look forward to continuing to work hard to make sure every senior in Florida who wants a shot gets a shot**.**

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For Immediate Release: December XX, 2020
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Governor Ron DeSantis Highlights Administration's Major Accomplishments of 2020

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis highlighted the efforts his administration has taken on behalf of Floridians over the past year. ~~Major initiatives included delivering on critical issues such as education, the environment, public health and more.~~

Governor Ron DeSantis said, "This has been a year of challenges, but it has also been a year of historic feats, innovation and resiliency. With record investments in education and the environment, continued funding for mental health and substance abuse initiatives, a seamless and successful election season, increased support for Florida's military and veterans and more, 2020 was yet another successful year for our state.

"As we look toward 2021, I firmly believe Floridians have every reason to be optimistic. The vaccine has arrived in Florida and we have started vaccinating frontline health care workers, and we were the first state in the nation to begin vaccinating residents of long-term care facilities. As more vaccine supply becomes available, we will continue to prioritize Floridians most vulnerable to the virus to reduce the impacts of social isolation and support our state's ongoing economic recovery.

"The First Lady and I would like to thank all Floridians for their hard work and perseverance during a year unlike any of us have ever experienced before. Rest assured, there ~~are rays of hope on the horizon, and~~is a light at the end of this tunnel~~, if we all keep working together~~."

Putting Students, Families and Teachers First

- Historic Investments in Florida's Education System:
  - Called for and secured the highest ever per-pupil spending totals at $7,793 per student, an increase of more than $137 per student over the previous year.
  - Secured the highest ever K-12 public school funding, with $22.5 billion in state and local funding, including $100 million for mental health initiatives.

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- Increased the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten budget for a total of more than $400 million.

- Pay Raises for Florida teachers:
  - Championed and secured $500 million to raise the minimum teacher salary and provide raises for veteran teachers and other instruction personnel, boosting Florida to top five in the nation for starting teacher pay.
  - Maintained $10 million in funding to support teacher bonuses and professional development in computer science.

- Expansion of school choice options for students:
  - Championed and signed legislation to increase the enrollment of the Family Empowerment Scholarship by nearly 30,000 students.
  - Secured an increase of $42 million for a total of nearly $190 million in funding for the Gardiner Scholarship, clearing the scholarship waitlist.
  - In October, Step Up for Students awarded their one millionth school choice scholarship since the organization's founding in 2001. During the 2019-20 school year, the Florida Department of Education, Step Up for Students, and AAA Scholarships collectively funded over 180,500 scholarships for students with special needs, students from low-middle income families, students who have endured bullying, and students who struggle with reading.

- Elimination of Common Core from Florida's classrooms and replaced with Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking).
  - The State Board of Education formally adopted Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards. They will be fully implemented by 2022.

- Flexibility for families and educators during the COVID-19 public health emergency:
  - Directed school districts throughout the state to provide parents with the option of in-person or remote learning for their children.
  - Extended the deadline for students to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to obtain a Bright Futures scholarship.
  - Created an outreach and incentive-driven effort to reward childcare programs that remained open to support the families of Florida's first responders and health care workers, so they could continue to serve all Floridians.
  - Provided comprehensive distance learning resources in partnership with Florida Virtual School to ensure students continued learning while school campuses were closed and followed best practices for distance learning.
  - Provided more than 32,000 laptops to 34 small and rural school districts to quickly serve Florida's students as they transitioned to distance learning.

- Created the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FDCI), through a partnership between the Florida Department of Education and The Marcus Foundation, to elevate civic knowledge, civic skills and civic disposition for middle and high school students. The initiative, which includes a multiyear, $5 million grant from The Marcus Foundation, promotes the expansion of middle and high school debate and

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speech programs to all of Florida's public-school districts and support for high-quality teachers that are catalysts for students becoming great citizens who can preserve our constitutional republic for future generations.
    - Almost 700 students throughout 105 Florida schools have participated in 9 regional competitions. Additionally, 12 regional educators were named statewide ambassadors, and over 80 Florida educators have become coaches. Since the inception of FCDI, there has been an 83% average increase in participation in speech and debate in the South and Central Florida regions combined.

- Maintained Florida's higher education system standing in national rankings:
    - Florida was ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as the top state in the nation for higher education for the fourth consecutive year.
    - Three universities were ranked in the top 50 public universities by *U.S. News and World Report:* The University of Florida (6), Florida State University (19) and the University of South Florida (46).

- Endorsed and signed legislation allowing college student-athletes to be compensated for the use of their name, image and likeness.

- Successfully advocated for the return of college and high school sports throughout the state as well as activities such as youth sports leagues and summer camps.

- Secured $180 million for the safe schools' component of the Florida Education Finance Program and over $40 million in school hardening grants.

- Invested more than $124 million for Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universitates to advance the academics, research and education of students.

- First Lady Casey DeSantis announced a partnership between the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Florida Department of Children and Families to provide nearly 1,000 devices to Florida children in foster care who are in need of a mobile technology device, such as a laptop or notebook, to help address the unique challenges to educational stability that these students confront.

- Maintained $10 million in funding for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program to establish or expand pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for high school and college students.

Supporting Floridians Through Mental Health & Substance Abuse Initiatives

- Announced $23 million in funding to bolster Florida's mental health services system derived from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to reinforce mental health support available in Florida and allow the Department of Children and Families to continue providing mental health and substance abuse treatment for Floridians in need. Of the $23 million in funding, $18 million was

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provided for Community Based Services by expanding the capacity of the Florida Assertive Community Teams (FACT), Community Action Teams (CAT) and the Family Intensive Treatment Teams (FIT) to serve an additional 300 adults and 375 youth with severe mental illness needing crisis intervention.

- Additionally, the Governor and First Lady announced that Florida is working with federal partners to set aside a portion of a previously announced $4.9 million federal grant to be used for peer-to-peer counseling services for Florida's first responders through the state's 2-1-1 support system.

- Through her *Hope for Healing* campaign, First Lady Casey DeSantis made several announcements regarding funding, and spearheaded multiple initiatives to support Florida families, including:
  - $2 million to 18 rural Florida school districts to increase students' access to mental health and student support services and to enhance access to school and community-based providers.
  - $5.2 million for counties in Northwest Florida to support continuing efforts to expand telemental health services and rebuild early education facilities following Hurricane Michael.
  - Nearly $5 million to implement a Crisis Counseling Program to help Floridians respond to the behavioral health impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  - Nearly $700,000 to extend Hurricane Michael crisis counseling services in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties.
  - $2 million for a Preschool Development Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Grant to provide mental health sub-grants to enhance the skills of the early childhood workforce for improved classroom environments and individualized mental health services to children.
  - Launched "The Facts. Your Future." statewide campaign which aims to provide Florida's youth with the facts surrounding substance abuse and how it negatively impacts their lives.
  - Established the H.O.P.E. Innovators initiative, a statewide community-based team tasked with developing innovative ways to connect Florida students and parents with mental health information and resources.
  - Created Hope Ambassadors, a youth peer-to-peer student mentorship program that will recruit student volunteers to work with their peers and help create an environment of kindness and compassion in their schools.

- First Lady Casey DeSantis announced that the Florida Department of Children and Families awarded a $1.2 million, three-year grant to Gadsden County for a new Criminal Justice Diversion Project.
  - This project will provide a comprehensive array of services and support for residents with untreated mental health and substance abuse challenges that too often trap them in the criminal justice system.

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- Governor DeSantis and First Lady DeSantis announced that Florida has been awarded $5 million to create a new pilot program, *Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery through Workforce Development.*
  - The program and funding will be used to provide wrap-around services, including recovery and support services, career training and employment services to participants directly impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Practicing Good Governance ~~Through Executive Action~~

- Appointed 312 individuals across 57 boards, commissions, and executive agencies throughout the state. These appointments represented a diverse group of qualified individuals carrying on important leadership roles in state government and across the state.

- Made 55 judicial appointments across various courts throughout the state and expanded representation of historically underrepresented groups, including women and racial minorities, on the bench.
  - Of the newly appointed judges, 40% are female and nearly 30% are minorities.

- Championed and signed Senate Bill 1326, the Department of Children and Families Accountability Act, which reinstates a system of accountability within Florida's child welfare system and restores the department's role in driving performance internally, as well as among all community-based care (CBC) lead agencies and managing entity providers.
  - The DCF Accountability Act established an Office of Quality Assurance within the department, responsible for developing and implementing a measurable grading scheme to monitor both internal programs and contracted vendors throughout state.
  - This legislation also encourages representatives from local churches and community organizations to engage in the state's child welfare system and advise DCF on outreach efforts. With their extensive networks, grassroots perspective, and innate compassion, these individuals have an unparalleled ability to support initiatives like foster parent recruitment.

- Led the charge to initiate, and eventually sign, legislation removing the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence from Florida Statutes following exposure of egregious corruption and spending practices.
  - The legislation allows the Department of Children and Families to administer all programs related to domestic violence services, restoring accountability in government for our most vulnerable residents and survivors of domestic violence.

- Announced that the Agency for Health Care Administration officially submitted its Section 804 Importation Proposal (SIP) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Florida's Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program. This

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marked another milestone in Governor DeSantis' pioneering efforts to lower the high cost of prescription drugs for Floridians.

- Recognized and participated in a virtual celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, Governor DeSantis recognized July 24 as "Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day" with an official proclamation affirming Florida's position as an accommodating state for more than three million individuals who live daily with some form of physical or mental disability, and our dedication to supporting individuals with unique abilities and their families as they work to achieve their dreams.

Protecting and Restoring Florida's Environmental Resources

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- Secured over $625 million for the protection of water resources for the second consecutive year, putting Florida on track to invest $2.5 billion over four years. Totals included:
  - Over $322 million for Everglades restoration
  - $50 million for springs restoration
  - $160 million for targeted water quality improvements
  - $40 million for alternative water supply
  - $25 million to combat harmful algal blooms and red tide
  - Over $28 million in local water projects

- Directed the Department of Environmental Protection to purchase 20,000 acres of critical wetlands in the heart of the Everglades, protecting the lands from oil drilling.

- Successfully advocated for President Trump to include $250 million for Everglades restoration in his 2021 budget request.

- Announced $50 million for more than 20 statewide springs restoration projects to aid the recovery and provide additional protection for Florida's springs.

- Championed and signed legislation known as the "Clean Waterways Act" to minimize the impact of known sources of nutrient pollution, realigns the State's resources to enhance the protection of Florida's environment, and strengthens regulatory requirements. ~~among other provisions~~.

- Spearheaded an effort to hold municipalities, entities and individuals accountable for violating our state's environmental laws and signed legislation increasing fines for sanitary sewer overflows by 100 percent, and all other fines for environmental crimes by at least 50 percent, to deter bad actors and ensure environmental investments are safeguarded.

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- Announced additional plans to use Volkswagen Settlement dollars to add 34 electric fast-charging stations along interstates across Florida to encourage electric mobility and reduce fuel emissions.

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- Approved the acquisition of 15 Florida Forever parcels totaling more than 42,000 acres in conservation lands, to preserve Florida's natural treasures and lands for future generations of Floridians.

- Expedited and helped secure the required federal permit to begin work on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project 6,500-acre Stormwater Treatment Area. One of the most important Everglades restoration projects in history, the Project provides ecological benefits, reduces harmful discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries and sends more clean water south to the Everglades.

- Announced more than $5 million in grant funding for the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute to protect and study water quality.

Fostering Economic Development & Prosperity

- Championed and signed "The Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act," which eliminates barriers of entry to certain professions licensed by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

- Collaborated on the successful passage of legislation to establish a regulatory sandbox for FinTech companies in Florida to create an environment where companies that disrupt the status quo have regulatory flexibility to operate and provide new types of products and services.

- Secured $145 million to fund workforce and affordable housing programs.

- Spearheaded Florida's economic recovery following the worst financial impacts resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency and affirmed Florida's commitment to protecting residents' right to earn a living and operate a business.
  - In April, Governor DeSantis announced the formation of, and convened several meetings of, the Re-Open Florida Task Force, comprised of top state leaders in business, tourism, education, local and state government and the medical community. Following completion of the Task Force's work, the state pursued three phases to safely re-open Florida's economy and schools ~~were recommended~~..
  - By September, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-244, moving all of Florida's 67 counties into the final Phase 3 of economic recovery. The order~~, which removed state-level restrictions on businesses, such as restaurants, and~~ provides that no COVID-19 emergency ordinance may prevent an individual from working or operating a business, giving Floridians and business owners needed certainty and the ability to provide for themselves and their families.
  - Thanks to these efforts, Florida has had seven consecutive months of month-over-month job growth. From May-November, Florida gained 721,500 private

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sector jobs. Florida's unemployment rate for November 2020 held steady at 6.4 percent from the revised October unemployment rate.

- Secured $40 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Labor Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant in response to COVID-19.
  - This funding is administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and provides disaster-relief employment in the form of temporary jobs, employment and training services, and supportive services to eligible Floridians.
  - Individuals who qualify for disaster-relief employment include dislocated workers, workers who have been temporarily or permanently laid off as a result of COVID-19, self-employed individuals who have lost work due to COVID-19, and individuals who experience long-term unemployment.

- Signed legislation establishing an Office of Broadband in the Department of Economic Opportunity to support the development of more broadband capability in Florida's underserved areas.

- Collaborated with several private-sector companies and recruited them to relocate or expand their presence in Florida.
  - Scotlynn USA, a transportation and logistics company, opened a new U.S. headquarters in Fort Myers.
  - Synergy Technologies, a global IT consulting firm, will add 300 new jobs in downtown Jacksonville with a major expansion.
  - Lloyd's of London, a London-based insurance market, expanded to Miami, as did Aberdeen Standard Investments. SIMCOM International, a pilot and maintenance training firm, announced it would expand its Orlando footprint with a new $109 million worldwide headquarters and training facility, creating 50 jobs over two years.

- Made multiple announcements regarding commercial aerospace companies relocating to Florida:
  - Announced that Made In Space will relocate their headquarters and satellite manufacturing operations from California to Florida.
  - Announced that Aerion Supersonic will construct a new state-of-the-art campus in Melbourne, Florida.

- Signed legislation giving Space Florida additional flexibility to provide financing for commercial space and aerospace projects to further bolster the state's capabilities.

- Participated in several launches from Kennedy Space Center on Florida's Space Coast:
  - The launch of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, carrying NASA Astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken aboard the Crew Dragon spacecraft, the first crewed mission since the retirement of the Shuttle in 2011.

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- The launch of NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover, part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program, that will return critical information about the potential for life on the Red Planet.

- Successfully advocated for Florida to be named a finalist to host the U.S. Space Command.

- Signed legislation reauthorizing VISIT FLORIDA for three years and obtained $50 million in funding for this fiscal year.

- Launched a new VISIT FLORIDA marketing campaign to encourage Floridians to travel within the state to help the tourism industry recover.

- Continued to foster a strong economic climate resulting in nearly 1,000 people moving to Florida every day.

Keeping Florida Moving

- Directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to accelerate key construction projects as traffic slowed due to COVID-19, providing gainful employment to Floridians and saving the state more than 650 calendar days of construction. These projects include:
  - The Howard Frankland Bridge project in the Tampa Bay area.
  - The widening of Southern Boulevard (S.R. 80) in western Palm Beach County.
  - In Miami-Dade, the I-395/S.R. 836/I-95 Design Build Project in coordination with the local expressway authority.
  - The project at Sand Lake Road (S.R. 482), near the heavy tourist area of International Drive and Universal Boulevard in Orlando.
  - Phase one of construction on the US-1 Cow Key Bridge in Monroe County.
  - The Diverging Diamond Interchange on S.R 200 (A1A) at I-95 in Nassau County, the first of its kind in Northeast Florida.
  - Five new I-4/S.R. 408 flyover ramps for the I-4 Ultimate Project in Orlando.

- Secured over $9 billion for the State Transportation Work Program to implement and complete transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state, including:
  - $2.5 billion for highway construction to include 101 new lane miles.
  - Over $120 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.
  - $400 million for aviation improvements, including $85 million for spaceports.
  - $885 million in rail and transit projects.
  - Over $430 million to repair and replace bridges.

- Improved safety through Operation STRIDE (Statewide Traffic and Railroad Initiative using Dynamic Envelopes), established by FDOT in December 2019 with the goal of preventing additional fatalities on or near rail crossings on state roads and state-owned land crossings.

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- Launched a Statewide Workforce Development Program to create career paths in the transportation construction industry.

Maintaining Florida's Fiscal Health & Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars

- Secured over $350 million in tax relief for Florida families, including property tax relief, a 3-day back-to-school sales tax holiday and a 7-day disaster preparedness holiday.

- Took decisive fiscal action to mitigate the financial effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency by vetoing $1 billion of the state's fiscal year 2020-2021 budget and instituting agency budgetary holdbacks to ensure Florida's financial position remained strong.

- Maintained Florida's strong 'AAA' bond rating through fiscal conservancy amidst financial uncertainty from COVID-19.

Recovering from & Safeguarding Against Disasters

- Secured $1.3 billion in federal and state funding for communities throughout the state to assist in their efforts to respond to, recover from and mitigate against major disasters and emergencies.

- Secured over $730 million for federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds to be directed to the counties affected by recent hurricanes for recovery efforts.

- Relaunched the Hurricane Michael Recovery Homebuyer Loan Program to provide $10 million in down payment assistance to Floridians impacted by Hurricane Michael.

- Directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to continue expediting hurricane recovery funds to support counties and communities impacted by hurricanes. As a result, Florida crossed the $3 billion mark in distributed hurricane recovery funds since January 2019, including $2.6 billion in FEMA Public Assistance funding, which helps counties rebuild quicker after a disaster.

- Established an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to administer over $380 million in grant funding for Florida's timber industry following the impact of Hurricane Michael.

- Provided more than $84 million to 21 communities impacted by Hurricane Irma through the Department of Economic Opportunity's Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program.

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- Secured approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Individual Assistance for counties impacted by Hurricane Sally.

- Coordinated statewide response efforts for several storms during the record-breaking 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season, including Hurricanes Isaias, Laura, Sally and Eta.

- Launched a "Know Your Zone, Know Your Home" campaign, including radio and television ads, to educate Floridians on Hurricane safety during COVID-19

Protecting Floridians Through the Rule of Law

- Proposed the "Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act," which will create new criminal offenses and increase penalties for those who target law enforcement and participate in violent or disorderly assemblies.

- Devoted significant resources to support local law enforcement efforts, including 700 Florida National Guard soldiers and 1,300 sworn Florida Highway Patrol troopers, to protect Florida communities and businesses.

- Called for and signed legislation requiring government employers and businesses to use the "E-Verify" electronic verification system to ensure a safe and legal labor market in Florida.

- Implemented the Federal 287(g) Program between the Florida Department of Corrections and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enhance public safety and identify criminal illegal aliens received into correctional facilities.

- Created the Florida Foundation for Correctional Excellence (FFCE), a direct support organization designed to strengthen public and private partnerships to increase investment in re-entry programs and workforce training for inmates.

- Secured over $2 million and 10 positions to implement the Statewide Behavioral Threat Assessment Strategy within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

- Highlighted that crime is down across Florida according to the 2020 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report issued by FDLE, with crime volume dropping 11.7 percent, or 31,348 fewer reported index crimes, compared to the first six months of 2019.

Ensuring Elections Security and Efficiency

- Partnered with local governments and Supervisors of Elections to successfully administer three statewide elections in 2020, including the general election.

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- Applied improvements from lessons learned and increased communication as a result of the Joint Election Security Initiative (JESI) between counties and the Department of State.

- Issued Executive Order 20-149 to address critical issues identified by Supervisors of Elections heading into the 2020 election season, including maximizing voter safety, increasing poll workers and increasing polling locations.

    - Secured $10 million for state-level election oversight activities, with a focus on cybersecurity enhancements to Florida's election system, including:
        - $1.3 million used for ten positions dedicated to cyber security section who will provide Supervisors of Elections with support and recommendations to combat cyber-security threats.
        - $1 million available to Supervisors of Elections to continue cybersecurity initiatives and improvements to their systems.
        - $1.4 million for list maintenance services and voter outreach (ERIC)
        - $1.5 million for reimbursements to counties for the cost of special elections, pursuant to Section 100.102, Florida Statues.
        - $1.3 million utilized to advertise constitutional amendments prior to the general election.
        - $3.5 million for election security grants.

Assisting Florida's Military and Veterans

- Continued to provide pro bono legal services to Florida's active duty service members through the Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) program, which has served more than 120 individuals to date.

- Participated in the "Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families," a national call to action aimed at implementing suicide prevention best practices and policies.

- Secured nearly $30 million in the state budget for Florida's military presence and families, including:
    - $2 million for the Florida Defense Support Task Force.
    - $6.2 million to rebuild the Panama City Armory due to Hurricane Michael destruction.
    - $4.2 million to support Florida National Guardsmen and women seeking higher education degrees.
    - $8.4 million to support scholarships for children and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans.

- Signed legislation creating a new specialty license plate with an annual use fee benefiting the non-profit Florida Veterans Foundation.

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- FDVA joined the American Legion of Florida to create the COVID-19 Project Vet Relief Fund, which provides emergency assistance for veterans who are affected by the public health emergency.

- Launched Paychecks for Patriots hiring fairs in conjunction with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to connect veterans and military family members with hundreds of employers throughout the state.

- Secured $2 million for *Veterans Florida* to meet the duties and responsibilities established by the legislature for the VETS Program, which includes career, workforce and entrepreneurship training.

- Signed legislation allowing veterans and service members on active duty to achieve their degrees quicker and without having to take redundant course requirements.

- Announced $8 million for the "Salute Our Soldiers" Military Loan Program, providing down payment and closing cost assistance, coupled with low-interest rate first mortgages, for veterans and active duty military personnel.

- Secured over $20 million for the final stages of construction, inspections and recruitment of health care staff of the Ardie R. Copas State Veterans Nursing Home, and the Lake Baldwin Veterans Nursing Home.

Leadership During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

In 2020, Governor DeSantis has overseen the largest statewide emergency activation response in Florida history. During the public health emergency, the Governor protected our state's most vulnerable residents and spearheaded a series of executive orders establishing common-sense, data-driven policies to ensure a thoughtful and targeted approach to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in Florida.

By mobilizing all resources of state government, Governor DeSantis charged the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration with an all hands-on-deck approach to supporting Florida's hospital system, 67 county health departments and to 4,000 long-term care facilities to mitigate the spread of the virus. These agencies worked with federal, private and non-profit partners to support the needs of Floridians.

Since the beginning of the public health emergency in Florida, Governor DeSantis has taken swift and decisive action to protect our state's most vulnerable populations, including those over the age of 65, residents of long-term care facilities and individuals with underlying health conditions. The Governor's early actions during the public health emergency saved thousands of lives and have inspired similar policies in other states and at the federal level.

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Prioritizing Public Health Through Decisive Action

- Established a unified command structure through the Florida Division of Emergency Management to secure resources, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 testing materials, to deploy statewide to protect Florida's most vulnerable populations.

- Activated the Florida National Guard to support in various COVID-19 missions, including establishing and running Community Based Testing Sites across the state.
  - To date, Florida Guardsmen have assisted in the testing of nearly 2 million Floridians, both at testing sites and in long-term care facilities statewide.
  - At the height of the response in April, approximately 3,000 Florida Guardsmen were on duty for COVID-19 response operations.
  - Approximately 1,000 Guardsmen continue to provide support.

- Allowed for out-of-state medical personnel to practice in Florida and allowed pharmacists to issue emergency 30-day prescriptions.

- Worked with private labs and the state universities to expand Florida's capacity to process testing.

- Charged the Florida Department of Health with developing a dashboard to provide Floridians with daily reports regarding COVID-19 in Florida.
  - The dashboard includes current data, reports, recommendations, frequently asked questions and other information. This information is also available in Spanish and Haitian Creole languages.

- Charged the Agency for Health care Administration with developing a data dashboard of current hospital bed availability to provide the public with greater visibility on hospital capacity and census.
  - This vital statewide resource is comprised of self-reported bed availability by all Florida hospitals. The dashboard provides critical, real-time information to better inform state and local planning and response to the need for more hospital beds.
  - The dashboard is supported with data from the Emergency Status System, where facilities enter emergency planning and response information and report situational awareness information during emergency events, such as hurricanes

- Worked with the Florida Department of Health to issue a series of public service announcements reminding residents and visitors of the importance of following public health guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, hand washing and protecting the most vulnerable.
  - Developed and distributed over 200 different educational resources and public service announcements addressing COVID-19. These materials have been made available in Spanish and Haitian Creole languages.

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- Provided over $16 million in CDC grant funding to county health departments to coordinate local preparedness activities.

- Supported County Health Departments in responding to questions about COVID-19, monitoring testing methods and identifying key local resources to support mobile teams for long-term care facilities.

- Partnered with regulated entities, stakeholders and the public to increase the availability of qualified medical personnel and facilities by expediting the application and licensure processes.

- Worked with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to secure Florida's ability to be the first state to receive federal approval for a federal Section 1135 waiver to provide greater flexibility and reimbursement for hospitals providing inpatient services to long-term care residents.
  - In addition, Florida Medicaid implemented other flexibilities to ensure critical coverage and access to health care services, such as waiving co-pays and lifting key service limits, extending pharmacy refills and significantly expanding access to service through telehealth.

- Deployed more than 2,500 nurses to hospitals and clinics throughout the state to supplement health care staffing.

- At the peak of the COVID-19 response, the Division of Emergency Management operated more than 85 state-supported COVID-19 testing sites statewide. These sites have conducted more than 2 million tests to date.

- Worked with the White House and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to secure over 400,000 portable Abbott BinaxNow 15-minute rapid tests per week and over 6 million by the end of the year.
  - The Division of Emergency Management has received **2,276,160** rapid tests to date from HHS and is expected to receive more than 6 million tests by the end of the year. These tests are also being sent to state-supported testing sites, long-term care facilities and senior living communities daily to ensure all Floridians have access to this critical resource.
  - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also shipped BinaxNow rapid tests directly to over 800 long-term care facilities throughout the state.
  - Set aside an additional 500,000 rapid tests for Florida's long-term care facilities in November.

- Delivered PPE to health care workers and first responders statewide. To date, the state of Florida has delivered:
  - More than 76.2 million masks
  - More than 21 million gloves
  - More than 6.3 million gowns
  - More than 2 million face shields

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- More than 1.2 million shoe covers
- More than 112,000 goggles
- Nearly 80,000 coveralls

- Directed the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to distribute PPE to protect vulnerable residents and staff at APD-operated facilities including, 66,155 gowns, 264,620 surgical masks, and over 220,000 cloth face covers to 13,231 group home residents, thousands of providers, APD-operated facility staff and independent living customers around the state.

- Procured and distributed Personal Protective Equipment for officers, staff and inmates at Florida's correctional institutions and probation offices, acquiring more than 250,000 N95 masks, 2.5 million surgical masks, 430,000 boxes of gloves, 5,000 pairs of eye protection, more than 50,000 units of gowns and overalls, 60,000 testing kits and 6,000 gallons of hand sanitizer.

- Introduced self-swab tests to state-supported COVID-19 testing sites and prioritized testing for symptomatic individuals, individuals 65 and older and children under the age of 18.

Protecting Florida's Most Vulnerable & Spearheading Florida's Vaccine Distribution Plan

- During the height of the public health emergency, directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Agency for Health Care Administration to issue an Emergency Order restricting visitation and requiring comprehensive screenings of staff and visitors at long-term care facilities.
  - The Governor directed the Division of Emergency Management to secure testing every two weeks for the over 200,000 members of staff of long-term care facilities, resulting in a first-of-its-kind testing mission that was also the largest and most complex in the entire nation.~~, through these agencies, also ordered that staff members of long-term care facilities submit to testing every two weeks.~~
  - The agencies ordered facilities to require staff to implement universal use of face masks while in the facility and wearing gloves when providing direct care to a patient or resident.
  - ~~During the height of the public health emergency, visitation restrictions were also implemented at group homes operated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, as well as Florida's Correctional Institutions.~~

- Deployed Florida National Guard and Florida Department of Health Strike Teams to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to mitigate long-term care facility outbreaks by proactively testing staff and residents and launched Florida's mobile testing lab, which allowed Florida to exponentially increase these proactive testing efforts.

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- Established 23 COVID-19 dedicated nursing facilities across the state to support long-term care providers, help with hospital decompression and protect long-term care patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- Required hospitals to test all individuals discharged to long-term care facilities and required these facilities to transfer COVID-19 positive residents if the facility is not equipped for appropriate care.

- Established telemedicine capabilities for certain services such as behavioral analysis, early intervention, therapy and medical services to ensure continuity of care for long-term care facility residents.

- ~~Urged all Floridians, especially the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, to social distance, wear facial coverings and practice good hand hygiene to minimize risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.~~

- ~~Established *Florida's Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities* to combat the effects of months of isolation.~~
  - ~~Members of the task force met five times and worked together to develop guidelines to safely allow family members to visit and reconnect with their loved ones in Florida's long-term care facilities.~~
  - ~~The state also provided personal protective equipment to long-term care facilities to assist with safe re-openings.~~

- Directed the Department of Elder Affairs to work with the Aging Network and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers to step up telephone reassurance calls and averaged more than 50,000 calls a month over a three-month period through both responsive and proactive calls to check on the unmet needs, well-being and safety of older residents.

- Ensured older individuals remaining at home continued to receive nutritious meals through a partnership between the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, resulting in the delivery of more than 3 million home-delivered meals to older adults and persons with disabilities.

- Launched the Florida SAFE Survey in August through the Department of Elder Affairs to help seniors during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  - By taking the survey, designed by BellAge, respondents discover how their behaviors affect their own health and the health of those around them.
  - The survey is free and may be taken multiple times so a person can see how different actions may impact their risk factors and SAFE behavior scores.
  - To date, over 12,000 individuals have visited www.FloridaSAFESurvey.com.

- Spearheaded Florida's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan and worked with the federal government to secure therapeutic treatments for those most vulnerable to the virus:

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- Met with key federal officials involved in Operation Warp Speed including U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar; Operation Warp Speed Director for Supply, Production and Distribution Paul Ostrowski; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Director Dr. Robert Redfield; HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Dr. Robert Kadlec and Director of the CDC Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response Dr. Stephen Redd.
- Distributed 43,120 doses of lifesaving Remdisivir to Florida facilities between May 4 and June 29 in support of the COVID-19 response and coordinated the distribution of more than 3,800 doses of Bamlamnivmab.
- Secured over 3,000 doses of the Eli Lilly therapeutic treatment directly to Florida hospitals and spoke with hospital CEOs to ensure qualifying individuals had access.
- Actively planned and prepared for vaccine distribution, including purchasing necessary supplies. To date, Florida has purchased 5 million syringes, 5 million needles and 5 million alcohol swabs.
- Worked with Florida's hospital systems who have the ability to store safe and effective vaccines that receive FDA approval to administer to qualifying individuals.
- Prioritized residents of Florida's over 4,000 long-term care facilities and health care workers who are in high risk and high contact environments to be the first to receive the vaccine in Florida.
    - As the vaccine supply increases in 2021, Florida will start getting it out to elderly residents as well as those who may have significant comorbidities.
- Mobilized EMS strike teams to supplement vaccination efforts by Operation Warp Speed partners CVS and Walgreens to vaccinate residents of Florida's long-term-care facilities. The Governor directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Florida Department of Health and the Florida National Guard to partner on this effort.
    - As a result, Florida was the first state in the nation to begin vaccinating staff and residents of long-term care facilities. As of December 22nd, strike teams visited 111 facilities in a six-day period.
    - Thanks to the Governor's leadership, Walgreens began their mission to vaccinate staff at long-term care facilities three days ahead of schedule.
- Over 20,000 Floridians have received the vaccine since December 14th.

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Assisting Floridians Financially Impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

- Directed an all-hands-on-deck effort across multiple state agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity in processing reemployment assistance claims, resulting in 2.1 million Floridians receiving more than $18.8 billion to date.

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    - In May, the Governor called for an Inspector General investigation into CONNECT, Florida's unemployment system, when increased traffic caused significant website delays.
- Directed the Department of Economic Opportunity and Department of Children and Families to waive work search requirements for reemployment assistance and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Programs (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Issued an executive order suspending evictions and foreclosures against those economically impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Provided $250 million in CARES Act funding for rental and mortgage assistance for Florida families that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Secured $40 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Labor Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant in response to COVID-19.
    - This funding is administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and provides disaster-relief employment in the form of temporary jobs, employment and training services, and supportive services to eligible Floridians.
- Directed the Department of Economic Opportunity and CareerSource Florida to partner on providing vitally needed workforce services during the public health emergency, resulting in the following to-date:
    - 2,984,878 services were provided by the CareerSource Florida Network virtually, over the phone, via email, by appointment and through Employ Florida to 1,080,369 individuals and employers.
    - 43,067 job seekers secured employment through the CareerSource Florida Network.
    - 7,826 new participants were enrolled in training through the CareerSource Florida Network.
    - 435,897 business services were provided by the CareerSource Florida Network to 37,189 businesses.
    - 150,242 jobs were posted on Employ Florida.

Supporting Mental Health During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

In addition to announcing $23 million in funding to bolster Florida's mental health services system derived from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Governor and First Lady DeSantis spearheaded a multi-agency effort across Florida to offer mental health and substance abuse support:

- Encouraged Floridians to take advantage of free national and local mental health resources, including the National Disaster Hotline through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline, the Florida 211 network and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
    - Recognizing the important role of health care workers, and the way that their mental health is impacted by their experiences, the Department of Health recommended the use of supportive mental health resources for frontline

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health care professionals, such as Talkspace, which donated free therapy for medical and healthcare workers and the Physician Support Line.

- Directed the Florida of Division of Emergency Management, including Florida's Mental Health Coordinator Darcy Abbott, to support mental health statewide during COVID-19:
  - Coordinated with representatives from state agencies, non-profit organizations, treatment providers, health care associations, universities, faith-based organizations and other community partners to engage ongoing coordination and collaboration with mental health, emotional and spiritual care providers to support accurate information, messaging and access to ongoing support during the Covid-19 outbreak.
  - Generated and disseminated a directory of available local, state and national crisis counseling helplines, shared resources, training opportunities, identified areas of concern for mental health services and shared best practices.
  - Worked with DOH to identify resources for free of charge counseling services for health care providers in Florida.
  - Collaborated with the Department of Children and Families, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health on the Covid-19 SAMHSA funded Disaster Crisis Counseling Grant application for Florida.
  - Supported weekly conference calls for behavioral health providers and the Florida Behavioral Health Association with the Secretaries of the Department of Children and Families, AHCA and DOH through identifying agenda items and issues faced by these providers as they worked to serve Florida's communities and maintain standards of care.
  - Worked with other states, as well as federal, state and local partners, to develop and share best practices on responding to mental health impacts of COVID-19.

- Directed the Department of Children and Families to initiate the following actions to support mental health during the COVID-19 public health emergency:
  - In alignment with the First Lady's *Hope for Healing Florida* initiative, which emphasizes the importance of telehealth as a service delivery method, Florida's managing entities reported a shift to telehealth from traditional face-to-face services. This resulted in a more than 3,000 percent increase in telehealth utilization.
  - In May 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded DCF a $1.9 million emergency grant to address behavioral health disorders resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funding provides crisis intervention services, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and other related recovery supports for children and adults via telehealth technology.
  - A Crisis Counseling Program was established through a nearly $5 million grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in response to the public health emergency. The funding expands the capacity of Florida's network

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of 2-1-1 community helplines – a resource that the First Lady has championed – to provide brief crisis counseling services and make referrals for long-term treatment as needed.

- Directed the Department of Education to support school districts in their efforts to connect with students using virtual practices with school support services personnel, including school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists and school nurses and:
  - Hosted virtual webinars for district leaders, school nurses, school social workers, school counselors and school psychologists on how to better connect students and families with health care professionals and mental health services through web-based online platforms.
  - Connected districts, schools and educators with professional development on strategies for providing virtual services for students.
  - Collaborated with districts and schools on engaging local mental health providers and stakeholders to assist in providing services and support to families in need.
  - Partnered with the Department of Children and Families to encourage districts to prominently display the DCF Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-962-2873, to their virtual platforms so that students and families had easy access.
  - Developed and disseminated a list of community resources for families and educators in support of student needs.

- Directed the Agency for Health Care Administration to waive service limits and expanded coverage for Medicaid recipients to help ensure they could continue to receive their medically necessary behavioral health services without concern of their services ending because they reached a service limit or because they required a new prior authorization. The agency's Florida Medicaid program:
  - Waived service limits (frequency and duration) for all behavioral health services (including targeted case management services) covered under the Medicaid program.
  - Expanded coverage of behavioral health services provided via telemedicine to services including, but not limited to, mental health or substance abuse psychotherapy services, individual or family therapy services and medication-assisted treatment services.
  - Waived prior authorization requirements for all behavioral health services (including targeted case management services) covered under the Medicaid program.

- Recognized social isolation for residents of nursing facilities and assisted living facilities needed to be addressed during the COVID-19 public health emergency. With facility visitors restricted to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, there was widespread concern that residents would become more at risk for depression and mental decline. In addition to offering Florida's Toll-Free Elder Helpline, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs worked to engage residents in thoughtful ways to keep individuals connected and hopeful:

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- **Project: VITAL for Long-Term Care Residents**: Project: VITAL utilizes is a partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. The project supports the well-being of seniors, their families, and caregivers by allowing them to remain virtually engaged and connected through specially created tablets designed to access resources like music, books, games, and the ability to video chat and email with family outside. It also facilitates educational and support opportunities for staff through a video-based learning platform and offers opportunities for virtual and online education and support for families and caregivers at home. During the initial pilot phase in April, 150 care communities were identified and supplied two tablets per community, as well as virtual training on how to use the equipment and platform. To date, there are 600 tablets in 300 facilities and more than 20,000 interactions have taken place.
- **MP3 Players for Home-Bound Seniors**: In partnership with the Florida Alzheimer's Association, DOEA delivered over 1,000 pre-loaded MP3 players to socially isolated seniors and adults living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD).
- **Robotic Pets for Home-Bound Seniors:** DOEA delivered over 375 therapeutic robotic pets to socially isolated seniors and adults living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD). The interactive pets help combat social isolation and depression among older individuals and people living with ADRD by improving overall mood and quality of life. Robotic pets remain available through DOEA's online application and are available for any older adult. DOEA has distributed over 4,000 robotic pets within a six-month period.
- **The Talk It Out Mental Health Initiative:** Created mental health messaging through the Talk It Out Campaign and placed flyers in the bags of home-delivered meals. Social networking reiterated the fact that depression is not a normal part of growing older and listed numerous resources at #TalkItOutFL. Most recently, over 32 Talk It Out billboards have gone up throughout the state.

- Collaborated with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to share several resources with veterans in crisis, including the Veterans Crisis Line (www.VeteransCrisisLine.net) and the *Florida Veterans Support Line* at 1-844-MyFLVet (693-5838).
    - FDVA also shared resources made available through the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay (https://www.crisiscenter.com/) and the VA COVID Coach app which was created to support self-care and overall mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/appvid/mobile/COVID_coach_app.asp.

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Coppola, Courtney; Gambineri, Mara
Subject: also need these tonight
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:36:32 PM
Attachments: PUBLIX vaccine event TWO_Naples_1_13.docx
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: Publix NAPLES

January 13, 2021 ***(Publix Event 2 of 2)***

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.

- **I'd like to recognize the elected officials here:**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **Xxx**
  - **xxx**

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- And the Publix leadership here today:

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  - **xxxx**
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CLOSE

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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: Gambineri, Mara
Subject: beginning needs your edits
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 6:21:50 PM
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Governor DeSantis Press Conference: BAY
3/18/21

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning!
- Before I begin, I'd like to recognize **xxx.**
- Thank you for being here.

VACCINE SITE

- I am excited to announce today the opening of this vaccine site here at A.D. Harris Learning Center, which will offer 1,500 one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccines over the next ___ days.
- The site is open to individuals aged 60 and older. While our priority remains seniors 65 and older, we just reduced the age requirement to 60 this Monday.
- I appreciate the county and local partners for coming together to make this site happen.

SENIORS FIRST

- **We are full speed ahead with our *Senior's First* vaccination strategy, and it is working:**
    - The 7-Day rolling average for cases among seniors ages 65 and over is down 86.6% from 2,531 on Jan. 7 to 338 as of March 15
    - The 7-Day rolling average for senior hospitalizations is down 81.3% from 139 on Feb. 3 to 26 on March 15 and 90% from January 7

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- And Florida continues to rank 41 in senior mortality per capita with 40 states having higher a higher rate of deaths for seniors in the CDC provisional deaths throughout the pandemic.

- To date, we have vaccinated over **3 million seniors aged 65 and older**, which is over **63%** of the **roughly 4.4 million** seniors living in the state.

    - We have also vaccinated over 332,000 individuals aged 60-64, which is 23% of the 1,400,000 individuals in that age group.

    - Here in BAY County, we have vaccinated approximately 18,991 seniors, which is 57% of the roughly 33,126 seniors aged 65 and older living in the county.

    - For BAY, we have vaccinated 2,948 in the 60-64 age group - 23% of the 8 12,621 total.

- **And we are finding more and more ways to reach our seniors.**

- Most importantly, we continue to expand the number of pharmacies offering the vaccine in Florida. **Beginning this weekend,** Walgreens is increasing the number of their stores offering the vaccine from **126 to 223** and CVS is increasing from **157 to 182.**

- In addition to the 223 Walgreens and 182 CVS**,** every single one of the **730 Publix Pharmacies** in the state along with **204 Walmarts and Sam's Clubs**, and **43 Winn Dixies are offering the vaccine**.

- **In BAY, vaccines are available at 5 Publix Pharmacies, 1 CVS, 6 Winn-Dixies, and 5 Walmart Pharmacies.**

    - To schedule an appointment for a vaccine at Publix pharmacy, visit **Publix.com/covidvaccine.**

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- To schedule a vaccine at CVS, visit **CVS.com**.

- To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, visit **Walmart.com/covidvaccine**.

- To schedule a vaccine at **Winn Dixie, visit winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine.**

- In addition to our growing pharmacy partnerships, we have set up **87 permanent state-supported vaccine sites - 7 of which we set up in underserved communities. These include:**
  - Anquon Boldin Stadium in Pahokee;
  - Edward Waters College in Jacksonville;
  - FAMU in Leon County;
  - Kissimmee Community Center in Osceola County;
  - Broward College in Broward County;
  - Oak Grove Park in Miami-Dade County; and
  - Overtown Youth Center also in Miami-Dade County.

- We continue to hold vaccine events at places of worship. **To date, we've held 71 faith-based events in 21 counties and have completed more than 71,000 vaccinations.**

  - **And we have organized a lot of these through the help of the legislative black caucus.**

- We have a program underway to increase access to the vaccine in the most rural areas of the state:

  - The program will result in doing 300-500 additional vaccines per day in **Highlands, Glades, Levy, Putnam, Dixie and Gilcrest counties** – where Senior vaccination numbers had been lagging relative to the rest of the state.

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- We continue to hold vaccine events at senior living communities. To date, we have done **events at 31 senior communities** across the state, which account for over 125,000 vaccinations.

- **And we have a homebound senior pilot program.** We started the pilot with Holocaust survivors and veterans of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and then I directed the Department of Health and the Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to identify **veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are not able to travel to receive a vaccine.**

    - **We have now vaccinated over 3,500 seniors through the pilot.**

CLOSE

- In light of our progress through all of these efforts, I look forward to lowering the age to 55 in the near future – so please stay tuned**.**

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: O"Steen, Kyndall
Cc: Smith, Casey
Subject: binders
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:45:15 PM

Hi Kyndall,

Please make binder shells for tomorrow.
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3. Press Conference: Walgreens
4. The Players Championship

Thank you,
Mara

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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	Jones, Morgan; Tweed, Christina; Thorpe, Amanda; Beatrice, Meredith M.; Lukis, Adrian; Moulton, Diane; Spencer, Chris; McCloud, Cody; Marquez, Jonas; Kopelousos, Stephanie; Aaron, Chelsea; Himrod, LeAnna; Castellanos, Silvia; Meiner, Drew; Schmitt, Christina
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Please see attached the briefs for tomorrow:

- Palm Beach
- Funeral
- Lee
- Brevard

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Funeral for Master Corporal Brian LaVigne

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Idlewild Baptist Church, 18333 Exciting Idlewild Boulevard, Lutz, Florida

EXTERNAL ACTIVITY TYPE:

☐ **Meeting** ☐ **Lunch** ☐ **Dinner**

☐ **Call** ☐ **Photo-op** ☒ **Other**

EOG POINT OF CONTACT:

Chelsea Aaron, (954) 328-2047

PURPOSE:

The Governor will attend the funeral for Master Corporal Brian LaVigne.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Principals:	THE GOVERNOR
Format:	Ceremony
Time:	11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Location:	Church
Press:	Closed
Attire:	Business

PARTICIPANTS:

1. Chad Chronister, *Sheriff, Hillsborough County*

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BACKGROUND:

Master Corporal Brian LaVigne was killed when his patrol car was intentionally rammed by another vehicle on West Lumsden Road, near South King's Avenue, in Brandon.

Deputies had responded to an apartment complex nearby after a man started throwing furniture and clothing off his balcony. A short time later, the man disrobed and started throwing food at neighbors. The man attacked responding deputies, striking one of them multiple times in the head. Attempts to stop the attack with electric control weapons failed. The subject broke free, got into a car, and drove through a closed gate.

The man intentionally drove across multiple lanes of traffic and struck Corporal LaVigne's patrol car on the driver's door at a high rate of speed. Deputies were unable to free Corporal LaVigne, and he had to be extricated by rescue units. He was transported to Tampa General Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The subject was arrested following the collision.

Corporal LaVigne had served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for thirty years and was killed the day before his last scheduled shift before retirement. He is survived by his wife and two children.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Tuesday, January 18, 2021 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Publix Super Market at Stadium Corners at Viera, 5380 Stadium Parkway #100,
Rockledge, FL 32955

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Amanda Thorpe, (904) 962-4416
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the state's partnership with Publix for COVID-19 vaccinations for Florida's seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Publix Storefront
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	68°F / Mostly Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

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Tuesday, January 18, 2021 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Publix Super Market at Midpoint Center, 2420 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Cape Coral, FL 33914

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: LeAnna Himrod, (863) 781-2355
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

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Weather:	69°F / Mostly Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

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Tuesday, January 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Publix Super Market at Sea Plum Town Center, 123 Honeybell Way, Jupiter, FL 33458

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Silvia Castellanos, (786) 531-9842
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

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Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Publix Storefront
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	59°F / Mostly Sunny, 5% chance of precipitation

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Please see attached the brief for tomorrow:

- Press Conference – Vero

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Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza, 415 21st St, Vero Beach, FL 32960

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: LeAnna Himrod, (863) 781-2355
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

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Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza, 415 21st St, Vero Beach, FL 32960

TIMELINE:

8:00 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza
	Met by: John Provenzano and Dain Rusk
8:03 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** goes inside to greet pharmacy staff
8:06 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves outside to the Podium and delivers remarks
8:15 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press
8:20 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** departs

BIOGRAPHIES

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza, 415 21st St, Vero Beach, FL 32960

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Subject:	Briefs for Tomorrow
Date:	Monday, January 4, 2021 8:56:12 PM
Attachments:	01052020 Tampa General.docx 0152020 Publix Announcement.docx

Please see attached briefs for tomorrow:

- Meeting – Tampa General
- Press Conference – Publix

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Meeting with Tampa General Hospital Leadership

Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Tampa General, 1 Tampa General Circle, Tampa, FL 33606

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: LeAnna Himrod, (863) 781-2355
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Tampa General Contact: Laurie Slater, (813) 730-3445

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will meet with the CEO and leadership team from Tampa General Hospital to receive an update on COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Indoor
Format:	Meeting
Press:	Closed
Visual:	Hospital
Attire:	Business
Podium:	N/A
Weather:	70°F / Sunny - 10% chance of precipitation

POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS

(to be confirmed in the morning)

1. John Couris, *CEO, Tampa General*
2. Tapan Padhya, M.D., *Chief of Staff, Tampa General*
3. Seetha Lakshmi, M.D., *Hospital Epidemiologist, Tampa General*
4. Jason Wilson, M.D., *Emergency Medicine, Tampa General*
5. Kelly Cullen, *Chief Operating Officer, Tampa General*
6. Stacey Brandt, *Chief Strategy Officer, Tampa General*
7. Sally Houston, M.D., *Chief of Medical Officer, Tampa General*

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Tampa General, 1 Tampa General Circle, Tampa, FL 33606

TIMELINE:

10:30 a.m. **Governor DeSantis** arrives at Tampa General

Met by: John Couris, CEO, Tampa General

10:35 a.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to private meeting in the board room

In the meeting:

(to be confirmed in the morning)

- **Governor DeSantis**
- John Couris, *CEO, Tampa General*
- Tapan Padhya, M.D., *Chief of Staff, Tampa General*
- Seetha Lakshmi, M.D., *Hospital Epidemiologist, Tampa General*
- Jason Wilson, M.D., *Emergency Medicine, Tampa General*
- Kelly Cullen, *Chief Operating Officer, Tampa General*
- Stacey Brandt, *Chief Strategy Officer, Tampa General*
- Sally Houston, M.D., *Chief of Medical Officer, Tampa General*

11:30 a.m. Meeting concludes; **Governor DeSantis** departs

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Tampa General, 1 Tampa General Circle, Tampa, FL 33606

BIOGRAPHIES

John Couris, *President and CEO, Tampa General Hospital*

John D. Couris is the president and CEO of Tampa General Hospital, a nationally renowned nonprofit academic medical center. As a recognized leader in the health care industry, John has achieved tremendous success through innovation, technological integration and strategic collaborations.

He writes about these experiences in leadership and some of the most critical and relevant issues facing the health care industry today on his blog, posted here at www.changewithcouris.com. John also shares his experience and perspective on health care innovation and management at conferences across the country. Currently, over 30,000 individuals across the health care sector, as well as lawmakers, public policy advocates, and executives, have engaged with John via LinkedIn.

Prior to joining Tampa General Hospital, John served as president and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center, the region's leading medical center. During his tenure, the organization expanded its services and forged innovative partnerships with some of the leading providers in the nation, including Mount Sinai New York and Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. Under John's leadership, Jupiter Medical Center developed a partnership with IBM Watson, becoming the first community regional medical center in the country to adopt IBM Watson for oncology.

John also led efforts to raise over $170 million to support technological investments, critical care services and new centers of excellence.

John's career began at Massachusetts General Hospital, one of the premier academic medical centers in the country. From there, he spent the next ten years with BayCare System, rising from vice president of ambulatory care at Morton Plant Mease Health Care in Clearwater to chief operating officer.

Throughout his over twenty-year career, John has demonstrated a unique ability to lead organizations and empower individuals to reach their fullest potential while generating high levels of return on investment and developing innovative programs that consistently deliver on results.

John is a graduate of Boston University and holds a Master's of Science in management from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Beginning in

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February 2019, John will pursue his Doctor of Business Administration at the University of South Florida Muma College of Business. He resides in Tampa, Florida, with his wife, Dianne, and their two children, Benjamin and Isabelle.

Tapan Padhya, M.D., *Chief of Staff, Tampa General*

- MD, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1992
- Chair, College of Medicine Otolaryngology
- Professor & Chair, College of Medicine Otolaryngology
- Vice Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
- Member, Florida Center of Excellence for Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics
- Member, Medical Staff Cancer Committee
- Division Director, Head and Neck Oncology
- Director, Medical Student Education
- Member, Research Committee
- Medical Liaison / Advisor, Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network
- Co-Director, Ent Sleep Disorders Clinic
- Member, Billing Integrity Committee, USF Physicians' Group
- Member, Sleep Center Committee
- State Physician Consultant, Kepro South
- Member, Education Committee
- Clinical Cooridinator, Resident Research
- Reviewer, Residency Position Applications

Seetha Lakshmi, M.D., *Hospital Epidemiologist, Tampa General*

- Assistant Professor - Id, College of Medicine Internal Medicine
- Associate Hospital Epidemiologist, Tampa General Hospital
- Assistant Program Director, Infectious Disease Fellowship Program
- Fellowship, Infectious Disease, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2016
- Residency, Internal Medicine, Cleveland Clinic - Florida, 2014
- MBBS, Medicine, Mysore Medical College, 2009

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Jason Wilson, M.D., *Emergency Medicine, Tampa General*

Dr. Jason Wilson, MD is an emergency medicine specialist in Tampa, FL and has been practicing for 9 years. He graduated from University of South Florida College of Medicine in 2008 and specializes in emergency medicine.

- Affiliate Associate Professor, Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine
- Other Hourly Prof Support/Svc, College of Medicine Internal Medicine
- Courtesy Faculty, Anthropology
- Associate Medical Director of Adult Ed, Division of Emergency Medicine
- Medical Director, Clinical Decision Unit, Emergency Medicine
- Director of Clinical Research, Department of Internal Medicine
- Research Director, Division of Emergency Medicine
- MD, Medicine, University of South Florida, 2008
- MA, Anthropology, University of Michigan, 2004
- BA, Anthropology, University of South Florida, 2000

Kelly Cullen, *Chief Operating Officer, Tampa General*

Kelly Cullen serves as executive vice president (EVP) and chief operating officer (COO). In this role, Cullen manages partnerships with key constituents, while overseeing clinical and operational strategies for the organization.

Cullen has more than 27 years of experience in the health care industry. She came to Tampa General in 2018 from the BayCare Health System, where she started as a nurse before taking on several leadership roles, including director of nursing and director of operations.

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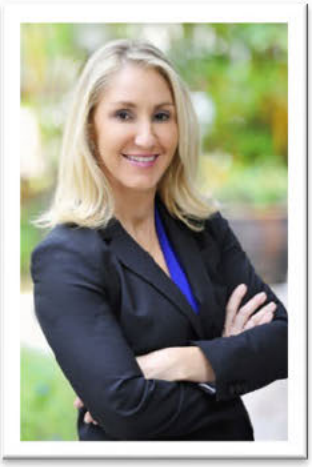

Stacey Brandt, *Chief Strategy Officer, Tampa General*

Brandt joined Tampa General in 2018, serving as Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer. Brandt brings nearly 20 years of health care strategy, business development, marketing and communications experience to her role at Tampa General. In her new position, she will be responsible for the organization's communications and marketing efforts, which include launching a new brand campaign; developing and launching new service lines; developing the organization's strategic plan; leading the organization's digital and consumerism efforts; and developing strong strategic partnerships across the region.

Brandt began her career in healthcare administration at Jupiter Health, where she held many key roles before serving as vice president of marketing and strategic planning. In this position, she provided strategic direction and oversight of the organization's long-term, short-term and service line strategy, as well as the organization's marketing, advertising, public relations and outreach activities.

Sally Houston, M.D., *Chief of Medical Officer, Tampa General*

Dr. Sally Houston is the executive vice president and chief medical officer at Tampa General Hospital (TGH), a nationally renowned nonprofit academic medical center.

Prior to her appointment to EVP and CMO in 2007, Dr. Houston held the chief of staff role at TGH. She brings more than 26 years of experience in the medical industry to the healthcare organization. Before joining TGH, she served as an Associate Professor at the University of South Florida Division of Infections Diseases and Tropical Medicine for more than 15 years.

Dr. Houston received her Bachelor of Science at Vanderbilt University and her Doctor of Medicine from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine, Fellowship and Chief Fellowship in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Press Conference with Publix Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Publix Super Market at Canopy Oak Center, 8075 SW State Rd 200 #111, Ocala, FL 34481

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Amanda Thorpe, (904) 962-4416
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will host a press conference to announce an innovative partnership with Publix.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Indoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Pool
Visual:	Publix Pharmacy
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	70°F / Mostly Sunny, 5% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*
2. Dain Rusk, *Vice President of Pharmacy, Publix*
3. Maria Borus, *Director of Communications, Publix*
4. Tommy Culligan, *Director of Government Relations, Publix*
5. District Manager
6. Store Manager

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Publix Super Market at Canopy Oak Center, 8075 SW State Rd 200 #111, Ocala, FL 34481

TIMELINE:

2:15 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** arrives at the Publix Super Market at Canopy Oak Center

Met by: John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*

2:16 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to hold room for private meeting

In the meeting:

- John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*
- Dain Rusk, *Vice President of Pharmacy, Publix*
- Maria Borus, *Director of Communications, Publix*
- Tommy Culligan, *Director of Government Relations, Publix*

2:30 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** moves to podium staged in front of pharmacy

Standing behind the Podium:

- John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*
- Dain Rusk, *Vice President of Pharmacy, Publix*
- District Manager
- Store Manager

2:31 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** delivers remarks

2:50 p.m. **Governor DeSantis** opens for questions

3:00 p.m. Press Conference concludes and **Governor DeSantis** departs

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Tommy Culligan, *Director of Government Relations, Publix*

Tommy Culligan has served in government relations for Publix for more than five years. Previously he served as the manager for state policy for the National Federation of Independent Businesses in Georgia for three years. For four years he served in the election's office for the Georgia Secretary of State. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Mercer University.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Please see attached the briefs for tomorrow:

- Ponte Vedra
- Naples

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Publix Super Market at The Shoppes at Pebblebrooke, 15265 Collier Boulevard, Naples, FL 34119

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: LeAnna Himrod, (863)
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the state's partnership with Publix for COVID-19 vaccinations for Florida's seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Publix Storefront
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	68°F / Mostly Cloudy, 15% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. John Provenzano, *Vice President of Public Affairs, Publix*
2. Dain Rusk, *Vice President of Pharmacy, Publix*

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Publix Super Market at The Shoppes at Pebblebrooke, 15265 Collier Boulevard, Naples, FL 34119

TIMELINE:

12:15 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at Publix Super Market at Sawgrass Village
	Met by: John Provenzano and Dain Rusk
12:17 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** visits Publix Pharmacy staff
12:21 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks
12:40 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press
12:45 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** departs

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Publix Site Visit and Press Conference Regarding COVID-19

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Publix Super Market at Sawgrass Village, 220 Front Street, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Morgan Jones, (954) 822-7306
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Publix Contact: John Provenzano, (202) 351-9863

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the state's partnership with Publix for COVID-19 vaccinations for Florida's seniors.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Publix Storefront
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	57°F / Patchy Fog, 10% chance of precipitation

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TIMELINE:

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	Met by: John Provenzano and Dain Rusk
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9:06 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves to the Podium and delivers remarks
9:20 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press
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Please see attached the brief for tomorrow:

- Niceville Assembly
- Press Conference – FDOT

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Visit to Niceville High School

Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Central Time
Niceville High School, 800 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville, FL 32578

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Morgan Jones, (954) 822-7306
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
School Contact: Principal Charlie Marello, (850) 496-5964

PURPOSE

To speak to the football players and cheerleaders of Niceville High School and present Trey Wainright, "Mr. Football" with the Governor's Sport Award.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Indoor
Format:	Assembly
Press:	Invite-only
Visual:	Gymnasium
Attire:	Business
Podium:	No
Weather:	60°F / Sunny - 15% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Marcus Chambers, *Superintendent, Okaloosa County Schools*
2. Charlie Marello, *Principal, Niceville High School*
3. Grant Thompson, *Football Coach and Athletic Director, Niceville High School*
4. Trey Wainwright, *Quarterback, Niceville High School*
5. Tanya Herndon, *Coach, Cheerleading*
6. Rachel Wandric, *Senior Leader, Cheerleading, Niceville High School*
7. Addie Grandy, *Senior Leader, Cheerleading, Niceville High School*
8. Ellie O'Laughlin, *Senior Leader, Cheerleading, Niceville High School*

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Central Time
Niceville High School, 800 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville, FL 32578

TIMELINE:

10:30 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at Niceville High School
	Met by: Superintendent Chambers and Principal Marello
10:32 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves to gymnasium
10:35 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** delivers remarks
	In the gymnasium will be the Girls Cheerleading Team and the Boys Football Team, along with their coaches and school administrators.
10:35 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** calls up Trey Wainwright to center court
	NOTE: Trey's parents will also be in attendance
10:36 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** presents Trey Wainwright with the Governor's Sports Award medal
10:40 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** takes photo with Trey Wainwright
10:41 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** takes group photo with Boys Football Team and Coaching Staff
10:42 a.m.	**Governor DeSantis** takes group photo with Girls Cheerleading Team and Coaching Staff
10:45 a.m.	Event concludes and **Governor DeSantis** departs

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Visit to Niceville High School

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Niceville High School, 800 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville, FL 32578

BIOGRAPHIES

Marcus Chambers, *Superintendent, Okaloosa County Schools*

Marcus Daniel Chambers, Superintendent of Schools, Okaloosa County (FL) Schools, has passionately served students, parents, his community, and fellow public educators for more than 21 years. Before assuming the role of Superintendent, Mr. Chambers served in multiple school-based leadership positions in Okaloosa County.

Mr. Chambers is proudest of his years spent in the English Language Arts Classroom from 1998-2003 because it is there that he learned the foundations of helping students achieve their educational goals, which, even today as the Superintendent, influences the decisions he makes. His peers recognized this remarkable capacity to help students achieve their best and named him First Year Teacher of the Year in 1999 for Ruckel Middle School.

By working in a number of other significant school and district leadership positions, Mr. Chambers has built a comprehensive understanding of K-12 public education. These positions include serving as Okaloosa County's Safe School's Specialist from 2003-2005. Driven to learn more about every facet of K-12 public education, Mr. Chambers then served as an Assistant Principal at Niceville High School before being named the Principal at Longwood Elementary School from 2006-2008. During his tenure, Longwood Elementary earned the coveted No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award, which recognizes public schools for their progress in closing achievement gaps in student subgroups. His knowledge of classroom and school leadership in both the elementary and high school arena would prove invaluable as his leadership at Pryor Middle School helped to significantly improve student achievement scores each year in spite of the school's rapidly growing Free and Reduced Lunch Rate. Because of his extensive knowledge of public education and student achievement, Mr. Chambers was named principal of Niceville High School in 2011 and served until he was asked to fill the role of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in 2012. He also served as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources in 2018.

It is this comprehensive K-12 leadership experience that gives Mr. Chambers the full picture of K-12 education, allowing him the ability to understand the unique needs of each level in public schools. Mr. Chambers believes in the power of effective training and his extensive professional training and development have been ongoing throughout his educational career. Awards such as the Okaloosa County Reading Leader of the Year in 2010 and the Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Achievement Award in 2013 are

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testimonies to this training and development. Mr. Chambers' professional organizational involvements include The Chambers of Commerce in Crestview, Fort Walton Beach and Niceville-Valparaiso, ASCD, and The Okaloosa County Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Chambers learned early in his life the direct and powerful impact an individual can have on his society through lessons from his father, a decorated Veteran in the United States Air Force and after retirement, an ROTC Instructor. Mr. Chambers' father, Chief Les Chambers, was even recognized in the Florida House of Representatives in 2009 for his dedicated service to his community and country. Chief Chambers passed this commitment and passion to give back to his community on to his son. Mr. Chambers, like his father, is passionate about helping his community and was awarded the Southern Hero Award for Outstanding Community Service and Leadership in 2010. Mr. Chambers coaches children's teams in basketball and baseball and is a Mentor in Okaloosa County Schools.

Mr. Chambers has been happily married to Krissinda, an English and Leadership Teacher at Niceville High School, for 19 years. Together, they have two wonderful children, Peyton, 16, and Camden, 14.

Charlie Marello, *Principal, Niceville High School*

Charlie Marello has been a resident of Niceville for over 30 years. He is a graduate of Niceville High School, Okaloosa Walton Community College, and The University of West Florida. He served his first 15 years in education in the Walton County School District progressing from a teacher and coach, to a teacher-on-assignment with administrative duties, to an assistant principal and then principal of Emerald Coast Middle School. ECMS earned an A+ School of Excellence rating every year during Mr. Marello's three-year tenure as principal.

In 2013, Mr. Marello joined the Okaloosa County School District and accepted the principal position at Destin Middle School. DMS has also been an A+ school of excellence every year during Mr. Marello's three-year term. He was appointed principal of Niceville High School in May 2016. He is married with two children.

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Press Conference Regarding 23rd Street Flyover Completion

Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CENTRAL TIME
One Seaport Drive, Panama City, FL 32401

EVENT POC/STAFFERS

EOG Regional Representative: Amanda Thorpe, (904) 962-4416
EOG Communications: Jonas Marquez, (850) 687-0579
Onsite Contact: Ian Satter (850) 260-4064

PURPOSE

Governor DeSantis will hold a press conference regarding the completion of the 23rd Street Flyover project. The flyover will elevate SR 30 over SR 368, Collegiate Drive, Seaport Drive and the Bay Line Railroad.

EVENT INFORMATION

Principals:	**THE GOVERNOR**
Indoor/Outdoor:	Outdoor
Format:	Press Conference
Press:	Open
Visual:	Flyover
Attire:	Business
Podium:	Yes
Weather:	53°F / Sunny, 0% chance of precipitation

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

1. Kevin J. Thibault, P.E., *Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*
2. Phillip Gainer, *District 3 Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*
3. George Gainer, *Senator, Florida's 2nd Senate District*
4. Tommy Ford, *Sheriff, Bay County*
5. Wayne Stubbs, *Director, Port Panama City USA*
6. Commander Kevin Christenson, *Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Panama City (Tentative)*
7. Greg Brudnicki, *Mayor, Panama City (Tentative)*
8. Chuck Purdue, *Tax Collector, Bay County (Tentative)*

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TIMELINE:

1:00 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** arrives at the 23rd Street Flyover Project Site
	Met by: FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault
1:03 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** moves to the podium and delivers remarks
1:20 p.m.	Secretary Thibault delivers remarks
1:30 p.m.	Senator Gainer delivers remarks
1:40 p.m.	**Governor DeSantis** opens for questions from the press
2:00 p.m.	Press conference concludes and **Governor DeSantis** departs

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BACKGROUND:

The 23rd Street Flyover project will elevate State Road (S.R.) 30 (U.S. 98) over S.R. 368 (23rd Street), Collegiate Drive, Seaport Drive, and the Bay Line Railroad. These improvements will provide continuous movement along U.S. 98 as well as U.S. 98 and 23rd Street. The 23rd Street Flyover project will improve safety, commerce, reduce travel delays, and improve access to Port Panama City, Gulf Coast State College, and Florida State University Panama City. Additional improvements include bicycle lanes, sidewalks, drainage, stormwater treatment facilities, enhanced intelligent transportation systems, signalization upgrades, utility relocation, lighting, new signage, and minor side road improvements. The $67.9 million project is one mile in length, from the east end of the Hathaway Bridge to west of Michigan Avenue.

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BIOGRAPHIES:

Kevin J. Thibault, P.E., *Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*

Kevin J. Thibault was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Ron DeSantis on January 18, 2019. As Secretary, Thibault oversees the lead agency in state government with the statutory responsibility to coordinate the planning and development of a safe, viable, and balanced transportation system serving all regions of the state, and to assure the compatibility of all components, including multimodal facilities.

Secretary Thibault has spent half of his professional career in the private sector providing transportation engineering services for a number of states, including Florida, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Indiana, and California, as well as several Canadian transportation entities. For over 16 years, Thibault has served in various roles within FDOT from project management to executive leadership and has consistently focused on the importance of partnerships to deliver the transportation needs of the state.

Secretary Thibault has prioritized the implementation of several initiatives centered on improving safety, enhancing mobility, and inspiring innovation within the agency. He has also ensured that FDOT remains an active partner with national and industry associations. To that end, Secretary Thibault serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO), where he also serves as Chair of the Council on Water Transportation, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), the nation's leading advocate in the deployment of transportation technology.

Secretary Thibault is passionate about mentorship and building a diverse workforce for the future of Florida's transportation system. His involvement with the academia community includes serving on the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Council, the UF Transportation Institute's External Advisory Board, the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research, and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's Dean's Advisory Council for the University's College of Engineering.

Secretary Thibault received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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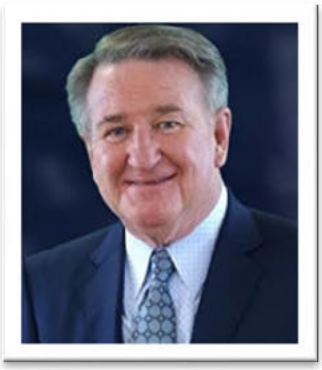

George Gainer, *Senator, Florida's 2nd Senate District*

George Gainer is an American politician who has served as a Republican member of the Florida Senate since 2016. He represents the 2nd district, encompassing Bay, Holmes, Jackson, Walton, Washington, and part of Okaloosa Counties, in the Florida Panhandle. He previously served as a Bay County commissioner, representing Tyndall AFB and other parts of southern Bay County, from 1968 to 1972 and 2002 to 2016.

Gainer was born in Jackson County and attended Gulf Coast Community College. His career in the automobile business began in 1966 and he is currently owner of Bay Lincoln Mercury Dodge Hyundai, Bay Suzuki, and Bay Ford in Blountstown. He is a member of the Panama City New Car Dealers Association and past officer of the Chrysler and Ford Dealer and Advertising Councils. In 1968, at age 24, he became the youngest person elected to the Bay County Commission. Gainer then took time off to develop his businesses, and returned to the commission in 2002.

Tommy Ford, *Sheriff, Bay County*

Sheriff Tommy Ford was appointed Sheriff of Bay County by Governor Rick Scott on August 1, 2016 and began a four year term of office in January 2017.

Sheriff Ford grew up in Port St. Joe, Florida and attended Gulf Coast Community College. He graduated in 1992 from the University of West Florida with a Bachelors of Arts in Accounting and Finance.

In 1992, Sheriff Ford began an eighteen year career with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement serving as Special Agent investigating violent crime, major drug crimes, public integrity issues and officer involved shootings. He served for eleven years on the FDLE Special Operations Team and as Team leader for two years. In 2003, he was promoted to the Resident Agent in Charge of the FDLE in Panama City's, supervising investigations in the six county 14th Judicial Circuit.

In 2009, he was hired by Sheriff Frank McKeithen at the Bay County Sheriff's Office serving as the Operations Commander and Chief Deputy. In 2014, Sheriff Ford graduated the 258th session of the FBI National Academy and received a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia. He was

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appointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2018 to serve on the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and currently serves as Chairman of the CJSTC. Sheriff Ford is the Co-Chair of the Northwest Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force, and serves on the statewide Domestic Security Oversight Council. Sheriff Ford has served on Governor DeSantis Public Safety Transition Committee and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Statewide Opioid Task Force. He is an executive board member of the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

Wayne Stubbs, *Director, Port Panama City USA*

Wayne Stubbs began his career in 1979 as a boarding agent with Harrington and Co. in the Port of Savannah. From 1982 to 1986, he managed the export of wood chips to Scandinavia as Executive Vice President of Savannah Sales Corporation.

In 1986, he moved to Fernandina Beach to develop and manage a new deepwater port. There he served as the President of Nassau Terminals until 2001.

Mr. Stubbs came to Panama City in August 2001 to serve as the Executive Director of the Panama City Port Authority. During his tenure, the Port has invested over $75 million dollars in new facilities, and achieved a threefold increase in cargo activity.

Commander Kevin Christenson, *Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Panama City*

CDR Kevin Christenson hails from Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Benson Polytechnic School and enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1988. Christenson completed the Naval Nuclear Power pipeline and was detailed as a submarine nuclear propulsion operator. After his first sea tour, Christenson was selected for instructor duty at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando, Florida. In 1995 while on instructor duty, he was selected for the enlisted commissioning program. Christenson graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Florida and was commission as an ensign in May 2000. In May 2008, CDR Christenson earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Florida.

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At sea, CDR Christenson has served on ships and air squadrons in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets with deployed operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Baltic Sea, and Western Pacific areas of operation. His sea assignments include Engineering Watch Supervisor on the USS Michigan (SSBN 727). During his first operational flight tour with Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light Four Four – the world famous Swamp Foxes, he served as Air Detachment Training Officer on the USS Philippine Sea (CG 58); Air Detachment Maintenance Officer on the USS Churchill (DDG 81); Air Detachment Maintenance Officer on the USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and HSL 44's Squadron Quality Assurance Officer. While attached to the Vipers of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light Four Eight, he served as Air Boss on USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) and HSL-48's Squadron Operations Officer.

Christenson's assignments ashore include Naval History and Ethics Instructor at the University of Florida; Tomahawk mission planner and Deputy Joint Strike Officer at COMUSNAVCENT; Navy Region Southeast's Deputy Operations Officer; Executive Assistant to Commander, Navy Region Southeast; NSA Bahrain's Executive Officer; Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City Division's Executive Officer. On March 19, 2019 CDR Christenson became the eighth commanding officer of Naval Support Activity Panama City. CDR Christenson is a shore installation management community officer. His personal decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, an Air Medal, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit citations and campaign medals.

Greg Brudnicki, *Mayor, Panama City*

Panama City's mayor, Greg Brudnicki, has lived in Panama City since 1965. He has a background as accountant and is a local business owner. Serving as mayor since 2011, Brudnicki has started his fifth term in office, doubtlessly his most-challenging.

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Chuck Perdue, *Tax Collector, Bay County*

In November 2016, Chuck Perdue was elected Bay County Tax Collector. He was sworn into office on January 3rd, 2017. Chuck Perdue was born in Albany Kentucky but relocated to Bay County, Florida in 1984. He attended Bay High School, Gulf Coast Community College, Florida State University earning a Bachelor Degree in Accounting, and Troy University earning his Master's Degree in Taxation.

Perdue has worked as a tax consultant for the past 20 years, representing companies in front of the Internal Revenue Service. He is also a founding member of a local CPA firm, specializing in accounting, tax preparation, and problem resolution.

Perdue brings a unique skill set to the Tax Collector's office. His education combined with corporate and private business experience has allowed him to work towards a customer centered office focused on efficient and effective operations.

Married to wife Charla for 25 years, they have two boys. Zac is an airborne medic in the United States Army and his spouse Raquel is a medic in the North Carolina Army National Guard. Caleb is a junior at Florida State University. Chuck is actively involved in his church and the family is frequently involved in local and international mission projects. Together, they are actively involved in their church, enjoy traveling, boating, and spending time with family and friends.

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MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET

December 15, 2020 at 9:00 am

Cabinet Meeting Room – Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

INVOCATION, *TBD*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, *TBD*

RESOLUTION – FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER OF THE YEAR, *Governor Ron DeSantis*

RESOLUTIONS – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS, *Attorney General Ashley* Moody

RECOGNITION - VETERAN OF THE MONTH, *Commissioner Nikki Fried*

APPOINTMENTS – COMMISSIONER, FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW
CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR, FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

2021 CABINET MEETING SCHEDULE

DIVISION OF BOND FINANCE , *Director Ben Watkins*

1. Minutes – September 22, 2020
2. Reports of Award
3. Bond Issuance – Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Reimbursement Revenue Bonds
4. Refunding Bond Issuance – Board of Governors, Florida International University
5. Refunding Bond Issuance – Board of Governors, Florida State University
6. Refunding Bond Issuance – Board of Governors, Florida State University
7. Refunding Bond Issuance – Board of Governors, Florida State University

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, *Executive Director Ash Williams*

1. Minutes – September 22, 2020
2. Fiscal Determination – Florida Housing Finance Corporation
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4. Fiscal Sufficiency to Bond Finance Item
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9. Joint Legislative Auditing Committee Letters
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11. Quarterly Report – Protecting Florida's Investment Act
12. Rule – Notice
13. Appointment – Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology
14. Appointment – Investment Advisory Council
15. Appointment – Investment Advisory Council

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16. Appointment – Investment Advisory Council
17. Quarterly Reports
18. Quarterly Reports
19. Evaluation and Reaffirmation of the Executive Director

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FINANCE CORPORATION

1. Minutes – May 28, 2020
2. Resolution Appointing Gina Wilson as President and Joel Meyer as Treasurer of the Corporation

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE , *Executive Director Jim Zingale*

1. Rule - Notice

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, *Commissioner Rick Swearingen*

1. Minutes – February 4, 2020
2. Contracts Agreements and Purchases over $100,000 for FY 19-20 3rd Quarter, FY 19-20 4th Quarter and FY 20-21 1st Quarter

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION , *Commissioner Russell Weigel*

1. Rules – Final Adoption
2. Rules – Final Adoption
3. Rules – Final Adoption
4. Rules – Final Adoption
5. Rules – Notice
6. Rules – Notice

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND, *Secretary Noah Valenstein*

1. Minutes – May 28, 2020
2. Lease Modification – Brevard County
3. Purchase Agreement – Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
4. Land Acquisition – Washington County
5. Land Acquisition – Hendry County
6. Sovereignty Submerged Land Aquaculture Management Agreement
7. Rule - Notice

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION, *Mark Kruse*

1. Interviews and Appointment – Chief Judge and Executive Director, Division of Administrative Hearings

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J. BEN WATKINS III
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF BOND FINANCE

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

NIKKI FRIED
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

CABINET MEETING AGENDA

December 15, 2020

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1. Approval of minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2020.

   Attachment #1

2. Report of Award on the following competitive bond sales:

   A. $397,440,000 Full Faith and Credit, State Board of Education, Public Education Capital Outlay Refunding Bonds, 2020 Series D (Taxable)

   Bids were received by the Division of Bond Finance on October 1, 2020. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, which submitted a bid at an annual true interest cost rate of 0.4690%. The bonds were delivered on October 22, 2020.

   The bonds were issued to refund the outstanding callable Public Education Capital Outlay Refunding Bonds, 2008 Series G, 2011 Series D, 2012 Series A, and 2012 Series B. The average interest rate on the refunded bonds is 4.78% compared to the interest rate of 0.47% on the refunding bonds. The bond proceeds will be invested with the State Treasury until the refunded bonds are redeemed on June 1, 2021. The refunding will generate gross debt service savings of $51.3 million, present value savings of $50.6 million, or 13.1% of the principal amount being refunded.

   A report on the sale and tabulation of bids is attached.

   Attachment #2

   B. $19,025,000 Board of Governors, University of Florida Clinical Translational Research Building Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2020A (Taxable)

   Bids were received by the Division of Bond Finance on October 6, 2020. The bond was awarded to the low bidder, Bank of America, N.A., which submitted a bid at an annual true interest cost rate of 1.5455%. The bond was delivered on October 14, 2020.

   The bond was issued to refund the outstanding Board of Governors, University of Florida Clinical Translational Research Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2011. The average interest rate on the bonds being refunded is 4.43% compared to the interest rate of 1.55% on the refunding bond. The refunding will generate gross debt service savings of $2.9 million, present

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value savings of $2.7 million, or 14.3% of the principal amount being refunded.

A report on the sale and tabulation of bids is attached.

Attachment #3

C. $187,550,000 Department of Transportation, Full Faith and Credit, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction Bonds, Series 2020A

Bids were received at the office of the Division of Bond Finance on November 10, 2020. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, which submitted a bid at an annual true interest cost rate of 1.9297%. The bonds were delivered on December 8, 2020.

The bonds were issued to reimburse the Department of Transportation for expenditures to acquire right-of-way for the construction of state roads or bridges.

A report on the sale and tabulation of bids is attached.

Attachment #4

D. $71,800,000 Board of Governors, Florida International University Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A

Bids were received at the office of the Division of Bond Finance on November 18, 2020. The bonds were awarded to the low bidder, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. which submitted a bid at an annual true interest cost rate of 2.5805%. The bonds will be delivered on December 15, 2020. The bonds are being issued to finance construction of a 700-bed dormitory on Florida International University's main campus.

A report on the sale and tabulation of bids is attached.

Attachment #5

3. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of $1,500,000,000 Department of Transportation Federal Highway Reimbursement Revenue Bonds and a resolution authorizing the competitive sale of $152,000,000 Department of Transportation Federal Highway Reimbursement Revenue Bonds.

The bonds will be payable from federal highway aid reimbursements received each year for eligible highway projects. The bonds will not be secured by the full faith and credit of the State. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of projects that are eligible to receive federal-aid highway funds.

(Recommend)

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4. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of $54,100,000 Board of Governors, Florida International University Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds.

   The bonds will be payable from the net revenues of the housing system. The bonds will not be secured by the full faith and credit of the State. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund certain outstanding dormitory bonds of the University for debt service savings.

   (Recommend)

5. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of $17,500,000 Board of Governors, Florida State University Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds.

   The bonds will be payable from the net revenues of the housing system. The bonds will not be secured by the full faith and credit of the State. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund certain outstanding dormitory bonds of the University for debt service savings.

   (Recommend)

6. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of $20,0000,000 Board of Governors, Florida State University Mandatory Student Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds.

   The bonds will be payable from the student health fee charged to each student at the University. The bonds will not be secured by the full faith and credit of the State. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund certain outstanding mandatory student fee bonds of the University for debt service savings.

   (Recommend)

7. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and competitive sale of $12,000,000 Board of Governors, Florida State University Parking Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds.

   The bonds will be payable from the net revenues of the parking system including the university's transportation access fees. The bonds will not be secured by the full faith and credit of the State. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund certain outstanding parking facility bonds of the University for debt service savings.

   (Recommend)

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MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNOR DESANTIS AS CHAIR
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY

December 15, 2020

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ITEM 1. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

(See Attachment 1)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 2. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF FLORIDA MAKING THE FISCAL DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $450,000,000 FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION HOMEOWNER MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 2021 PHASE ONE (MULTIPLE SERIES TO BE DETERMINED)**

(See Attachment 2)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 3. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF FLORIDA MAKING THE FISCAL DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $12,000,000 FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, 2020 (SERIES TO BE DESIGNATED) (JACKSON FOREST)**

(See Attachment 3)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVING THE FISCAL SUFFICIENCY OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $152,000,000 STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021A**

(See Attachment 4)

ACTION REQUIRED

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ITEM 5. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVING THE FISCAL SUFFICIENCY OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $54,100,000 STATE OF FLORIDA, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DORMITORY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES (TO BE DETERMINED)**

(See Attachment 5)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 6. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVING THE FISCAL SUFFICIENCY OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $17,500,000 STATE OF FLORIDA, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY DORMITORY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES (TO BE DETERMINED)**

(See Attachment 6)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 7. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVING THE FISCAL SUFFICIENCY OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $20,000,000 STATE OF FLORIDA, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY MANDATORY STUDENT FEE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES (TO BE DETERMINED)**

(See Attachment 7)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 8. **A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPROVING THE FISCAL SUFFICIENCY OF AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $12,000,000 STATE OF FLORIDA, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY PARKING FACILITY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES (TO BE DETERMINED)**

(See Attachment 8)

ACTION REQUIRED

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ITEM 9. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF DRAFT LETTERS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE AFFIRMING "THE SBA TRUSTEES HAVE REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE MONTHLY FLORIDA PRIME SUMMARY REPORTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN, IF ANY, TO ADDRESS ANY IMPACTS" FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2020, (SECTION 218.409(6)(a)1, F.S.)**

(See Attachment 9)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 10. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF A DRAFT LETTER TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE AFFIRMING "THE SBA TRUSTEES HAVE REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURPLUS FUNDS TRUST FUND (FLORIDA PRIME) Report No. 2021-054 AND ACTIONS TAKEN, IF ANY, TO ADDRESS ANY IMPACTS." (SECTION 218.409(6)(a)1, F.S.)**

(See Attachment 10)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 11. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF SBA QUARTERLY REPORT REQUIRED BY THE PROTECTING FLORIDA'S INVESTMENTS ACT (PFIA).**

Pursuant to sections 215.442, 215.473, 215.4725, 215.4702, and 215.471 Florida Statutes, the SBA is required to submit a quarterly report that includes lists of "continued examination" and "scrutinized companies" with activities in Sudan and Iran, Anti-BDS, Northern Ireland, Cuba and Syria, and Venezuela.

(See Attachment 11)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 12. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF, AND AUTHORITY TO FILE, A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE FOR FLORIDA HURRICANE CATASTROPHE FUND RULE 19-8.029, F.A.C., INSURER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO FILE THIS RULE FOR ADOPTION IF NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TIMELY REQUESTS A RULE HEARING OR IF A HEARING IS REQUESTED AND NO NOTICE OF CHANGE IS NEEDED.**

(See Attachment 12)

ACTION REQUIRED

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ITEM 13. REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HURRICANE LOSS PROJECTION METHODOLOGY.

Each year, the SBA is required by Section 627.0628(2)(d), F.S., to appoint a Commission member to serve as Chair. It is recommended that Floyd Yager be reappointed to serve as Chair. A copy of Mr. Yager's biography and a list of all Commission members are provided.

(See Attachment 13)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 14. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBB TURNER TO THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (S. 215.444, F.S.).

(See Attachment 14)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 15. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PETER JONES TO THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (S. 215.444, F.S.).

(See Attachment 15)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 16. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PETER COLLINS TO THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (S. 215.444, F.S.).

(See attachment 16)

ACTION REQUIRED

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ITEM 17. QUARTERLY REPORTS (Q2) PURSUANT TO SECTION 215.44 (2)(e), FLORIDA STATUTES

- Executive Director & CIO Introductory Remarks and Standing Reports
- Major Mandates Investment Performance Reports
  - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (DB)
  - Florida Retirement System Investment Plan (DC)
  - Florida PRIME (Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund)
  - Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund (LCEF)
  - Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF)

(See Attachment 17)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 18. QUARTERLY REPORTS (Q3) PURSUANT TO SECTION 215.44 (2)(e), FLORIDA STATUTES

- Executive Director & CIO Introductory Remarks and Standing Reports
- Major Mandates Investment Performance Reports
  - Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (DB)
  - Florida Retirement System Investment Plan (DC)
  - Florida PRIME (Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund)
  - Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund (LCEF)
  - Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF)

(See Attachment 18)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 19. EVALUATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

F.S. 215.441 provides that the State Board of Administration's Executive Director must be reaffirmed annually by the Board of Trustees following the original appointment. Mr. Williams was appointed Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer in 2008.

(See Attachment 19)

ACTION REQUIRED

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MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FINANCE CORPORATION

Governor DeSantis, Chair
Chief Financial Officer Patronis
Attorney General Moody
J. Ben Watkins, III
Anne Bert, President

December 15, 2020

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AGENDA

ITEM 1. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2020 MINUTES.**

(See Attachments)

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM 2. **REQUEST ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GINA WILSON AS PRESIDENT AND JOEL MEYER AS TREASURER OF THE CORPORATION.**

(See Attachments)

ACTION REQUIRED

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AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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December 15, 2020

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9:00 A.M
LL-03, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

ITEM	SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION

1. Respectfully request approval of and authority to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule in the Florida Administrative Register, for rules relating to Property Tax Oversight and further request approval to file and certify with the Secretary of State for final adoption under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, if the substance of the proposed rules remains unchanged upon reaching the date applicable for final adoption.

(ATTACHMENT 1) **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

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AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
December 15, 2020

Attachments to the items below can be viewed at the following link:
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ITEM 1 Respectfully submit the **Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Cabinet Meeting.**

(See Attachment 1)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ITEM 2 Respectfully submit **Department's Contracts Agreements and Purchases over $100,000 for FY 19-20 3rd Quarter (January 1 to March 31, 2020), FY 19-20 4th Quarter (April 1 to June 30, 2020) and FY 20-21 1st Quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2020).**

(See Attachment 2)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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AGENDA

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

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December 15, 2020

MEMBERS

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9:00 A.M.
LL-03, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

ITEM	SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION

1. The OFR respectfully requests approval to file for final adoption new Rules 69V-559.1000, 69V-559.1012, 69V-559.1013, 69V-559.102, 69V-559.1021, 69V-559.103, 69V-559.104, 69V-559.105, 69V-559.200, 69V-559.201, 69V-559.300, and 69V-559.800, to amend rules 69V-40.0312, 69V-40.0321, 69V-40.036, 69V-40.0611, 69V-40.066, 69V-45.005, 69V-85.002, 69V-85.003, 69V-160.030, 69V-180.020, and 69V-180.030, Florida Administrative Code, and to repeal Rule 69V-50.080, Florida Administrative Code.

   (ATTACHMENT 1) **FOR APPROVAL**

2. The OFR requests approval to file for final adoption amendments to Rules 69W-200.001, 69W-200.002, 69W-500.010, 69W-600.001, 69W-600.0012, 69W-600.0013, 69W-600.0015, 69W-600.0016, 69W-600.0017, 69W-600.0019, 69W-600.002, 69W-600.0022, 69W-600.0023, 69W-600.0024, 69W-600.013, 69W-600.0131, 69W-600.0132, 69W-600.014, 69W-700.001, and 69W-1000.001, Florida Administrative Code, and to adopt Rule 69W-600.0141, Florida Administrative Code.

   (ATTACHMENT 2) **FOR APPROVAL**

3. The OFR respectfully requests approval to file for final adoption amendments to Rules 69U-100.003, 69U-100.004, 69U-100.03852, 69U-100.045,69U-100.0451, 69U-100.057, 69U-100.600, 69U-100.948, 69U-100.956, 69U-100.963, and 69U-100.964, Florida Administrative Code and to repeal Rule 69U-100.002 Florida Administrative Code.

   (ATTACHMENT 3) **FOR APPROVAL**

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4. The OFR respectfully requests approval to file for final adoption amendments to Rules 69U-120.001, 69U-120.004, 69U-120.005, 69U-120.045, 69U-120.330, and 69U-120.670, Florida Administrative Code and to create Rule 69U-120.003, Florida Administrative Code.

(ATTACHMENT 4) **FOR APPROVAL**

5. The OFR respectfully requests approval to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule to amend Rules 69V-40.002 and 69V-40.0331, Florida Administrative Code.

(ATTACHMENT 5) **FOR APPROVAL**

6. The OFR respectfully requests approval to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule to amend Rules 69W-600.0151 and 69W-600.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

(ATTACHMENT 6) **FOR APPROVAL**

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AGENDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND
December 15, 2020
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Item 1 Minutes

Submittal of the Board of Trustees' Minutes from the September 22, 2020 Cabinet Meeting.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

(See Attachment 1 at https://floridadep.gov/cab/cab/content/agendas)

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Item 2 River Walk Marina Partners, LLC Recommended Consolidated Intent/ Lease Modification

REQUEST: Consideration of an application for a modification of a ten-year sovereignty submerged land lease to (a) increase the preempted area from 129,487 square feet to 331,168 square feet, more or less, for a commercial docking facility; and (b) increase overall slip number from 81 to 227 slips.

COUNTY: Brevard

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Three votes

APPLICANT: River Walk Marina Partners, LLC
Lease No. 050000924
Application No. 0268899-007-EI

LOCATION: 705 S Harbor City Blvd.
Melbourne, Florida 32901

CONSIDERATION:
Lease Fee: $51,564.85, representing (1) $60,504.39 as the initial lease fee, computed at $0.1827 foot, discounted 30 percent, because 90 percent of the slips are open to the public for rent on a first come, first served basis, pursuant to Rule 18- 21.011(1)(b)2., F.A.C.; and (2) $9,211.78 as the one-time 25 percent surcharge payment for the additional lease area of 201,681 square feet, pursuant to Rule 18-21.011(1)(b)3., F.A.C. Sales tax and county discretionary sales surtax will be assessed pursuant to sections 212.031 and 212.054, F.S., if applicable. The lease fee shall be adjusted based on six percent of the annual income if it proves to be greater than the fee computed at the base rate, pursuant to Rule 18-21.011(1)(a)1, F.A.C.

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STAFF REMARKS: In accordance with rules adopted pursuant to sections 373.427(2) and 253.77(2), F.S., this "Recommended Consolidated Notice" contains a recommendation for issuance of both the permit required under part IV of chapter 373, F.S., and the authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands under chapter(s) 253 and 258, F.S. The Board of Trustees is requested to act on those aspects of the activity which require authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands.

The project is required to demonstrate that it is "not contrary to the public interest," pursuant to Rule 18-21.004(1)(a), F.A.C. The lessee has provided reasonable assurance that the proposal will maintain essentially natural conditions; will not significantly impact fish and wildlife and other natural resources, including public recreation and navigation; and will not interfere with the riparian rights of adjacent property owners.

Therefore, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is of the opinion that the proposal is "not contrary to the public interest" and otherwise meets all applicable requirements for a proprietary authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands.

Background
The upland parcel associated with this project was created by filling the submerged bottom of the Indian River (Board of Trustees Deed 23521, November 6, 1963). In 1970, Jim Rathman Enterprises, Inc. built an 81-slip marina that preempted 129,487 square feet. This facility was later brought under lease (BOT #050000924) including an additional associated 250 dry slips in February 1987. Subsequent marina modifications and leases were permitted and authorized under delegation. By 2007, those marinas were destroyed by hurricanes. On December 5, 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a 308,995 square foot preempted area (combined BOT 050000924 and BOT 05156694) associated with permit number 026899-001 for 45 slips for powerboats and the installation of a perimeter breakwater. On July 12, 2011, a modification was issued (0268899-002) for a transfer of ownership, time extension and the lease was modified back to an 81-slip marina.

Project Detail
The applicant acquired the upland property in 2018 and is proposing to reconfigure the previously authorized 331-slip combined wet and dry slip commercial facility to a 227-wetslip facility. The applicant has removed the dry storage facility and is proposing upland construction of a commercial marina facility, restaurant, and hotel. The proposed facility is for recreational vessels with slips ranging in lengths from 30 to 50 feet with the ability to accommodate drafts no greater than 4.2 feet.

A submerged lands lease was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 5, 2006 which authorized the preemption of 308,995 square feet of sovereignty lands. However, this lease was subsequently divided, and the most recent lease modification was approved by the department under delegation on May 28, 2014 which authorizes the preemption of 129,487 square feet of sovereignty submerged lands for 81 slips.

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This lease modification was transferred to River Walk Marina Partners, LLC on June 29, 2018. The proposed lease modification under consideration is for a total of 331,168 square feet.

The project includes the removal of an existing boat ramp and the installation of an additional 31-foot seawall along the eastern shoreline. The project also includes the installation of riprap along the existing and expanded seawall.

The ERP application was submitted on December 4, 2019, which proposed 235 slips, a total of 47,055 square feet of overwater structure, and dredging to -7 feet mean low water (MLW). Following the request for elimination of reduction of impacts, the total number of slips was reduced to 227, the total overwater structure was reduced to 39,620 square feet, and all dredging proposals were eliminated from the project during the review period.

Noticing/Interested Parties
On October 30, 2020, the lease modification request was noticed to 144 property owners, within a 500-foot radius of the project, pursuant to Rule 18-21.004(1)(m), F.A.C. No objections were received by November 20, 2020, the end of the comment period.

(See Attachment 2, Pages 1-27)

RECOMMEND **APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL LEASE CONDITIONS AND PAYMENT OF $51,564.85**

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Item 3 **Platinum Center, LLC Purchase Agreement/ Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Florida Highway Patrol/ Designation**

REQUEST: Consideration of (1) a purchase agreement to acquire approximately 2.57 acres for the benefit of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Florida Highway Patrol from Platinum Center, LLC; and (2) designate the Florida Highway Patrol as the manager of the property and improvements.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

COUNTY: Orange

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APPLICANT: The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

LOCATION: Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 29 East

CONSIDERATION: $5,200,000

PARCEL	ACRES	APPRAISED BY Marshall (07/21/20)	DeRango (07/21/20)	APPROVED VALUE	SELLER'S PURCHASE PRICE	TRUSTEES' PURCHASE PRICE	CLOSING DATE
Platinum Center LLC	2.57	$5,200,000	$5,250,000	$5,250,000	$2,700,000*	$5,200,000** (99%)	90 days after BOT approval

*Seller purchased the subject property in April 2011. The two-story 29,857 gross square foot office building was built in 2005.
**$174.16 per gross square foot

STAFF REMARKS: The subject property was negotiated by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). Funds for the acquisition of the subject property were appropriated during the 2020 Legislative Session. This purchase agreement is being presented for the Board of Trustees' consideration at the request of DHSMV.

Project Description
During the 2019 Legislative Session, DHSMV received $3,147,439 of Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) funding for the design and construction of a roof replacement for the current facility occupied by Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop D. This funding also provided an architectural and engineering assessment, testing, survey and design for major interior renovations.

The architectural and engineering assessment was conducted, and a comprehensive report of the findings was forwarded to DHSMV for review at the end of October 2019. The assessment revealed multiple, major issues within the facility, concluding that the necessary renovations far exceeded what was financially responsible for DHSMV to pursue. DSHMV's Legislative Budget Request (LBR) was originally for $5,000,000 in FCO funding to cover what was anticipated to be Phase I of the renovations and repairs to the DOT facility. However, with the assessment findings concluding nearly total reconstruction of the facility would be necessary, the 2020 LBR was amended to request $5,950,000 to purchase a new facility and building upgrades for FHP Troop D's Headquarters. Section 100 of Chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, reverted the unexpended balance of the renovation funds (Line item 2700 of Chapter 2019-115, Laws of Florida) and appropriated $5,950,000 for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of a facility for the Headquarters of Florida Highway Patrol Troop D.

Property Description
The subject property is located in Orlando's metropolitan area and is 19 miles southwest of the current FHP Troop D Headquarters, serving four counties along the I-4 corridor: Orange, Osceola, Lake and Seminole. In addition to the counties it serves, the subject property provides easy and quick access to many of FHP's main roadways, including the Florida Turnpike, Interstate 4, State Road 528 and U.S. Highway 441, allowing for a timely call response.

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The two-story 29,857 gross square foot office building would serve as headquarters for Troop D's administration, a central location for field operations personnel, and storage of supplies and records. This location would house Troop D's specialty sections, which include traffic homicide investigators, legal attorneys, and evidence. In addition to day-to-day operations, Troop D Headquarters hosts annual troop trainings, such as CPR/first aid, defensive tactics, taser recertification, and active shooter training. Two troop-wide meetings are facilitated in the building each year, as well as the Troop D Auxiliary monthly meetings, press conferences, and numerous law-enforcement events, which include community traffic safety team meetings, promotional ceremonies, evidence/property custodian meetings, physical abilities testing, and applicant processing.

The subject property provides a variety of space to meet troop needs, including specialized features, such as a call center and training rooms. In addition, the subject property comes fully furnished, which provides for an estimated cost savings of over $285,000 in the purchasing of office furniture and equipment that would be needed for an unfurnished facility. These furnishings were considered personal property in the appraisal and no value was assessed or included in the valuation of the subject property.

Mortgages and Liens/Encumbrances
All mortgages and liens will be satisfied at the time of closing. On June 22, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved a staff recommendation to delegate to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the authority to review and evaluate marketability issues as they arise on all chapter 259, F.S., acquisitions and to resolve them appropriately. Therefore, DEP staff will review, evaluate, and implement an appropriate resolution for these and any other title issues that arise prior to closing.

Closing Information
A title insurance commitment, a survey, and an environmental site assessment will be provided by the purchaser prior to closing.

Management
The subject parcel will be managed by FHP as Troop D headquarters, through lease to DHSMV.

Comprehensive Plan
This acquisition is consistent with section 187.201(15), F.S., the Land Use section of the State Comprehensive Plan.

(See Attachment 3, Pages 1-36)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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Item 4 Washington Crossing, Inc. Option Agreement/ Survey Waiver/ Seven Runs Creek Final Phase Florida Forever Project

REQUEST: Consideration of (1) an option agreement to acquire approximately 628 acres within the Seven Runs Creek Final Phase Florida Forever project from Washington Crossing, LLC and (2) the authority to waive the survey requirement, pursuant to Rule 18-1.005, F.A.C.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

COUNTY: Washington

LOCATION: Section 12 and 13, Township 01 South, Range 17 West

CONSIDERATION: $2,100,000 (If U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Land Acquisition grant funding is approved, the Board of Trustees' consideration would be reduced as much as $1,100,000. The Board of Trustees' portion would be $1,000,000 or 48 percent.)

PARCEL	ACRES	APPRAISED BY Marr (4/21/2020)	APPROVED VALUE	SELLER'S PURCHASE PRICE	TRUSTEES' PURCHASE PRICE	OPTION DATE
Washington Crossing LLC	628	$2,200,000	$2,200,000	$2,000,005*	$2,100,000** (95%)	120 days after BOT approval

*Seller purchased property in 2004
**$3,343 per acre

STAFF REMARKS: The subject property is located within the Seven Runs Creek Final Phase Florida Forever project, ranked number 9 in the Florida Forever Less-Than-Fee project category, approved by the Board of Trustees on May 28, 2020. The project contains 7,398 acres, of which 7,157 acres have been acquired or are under agreement to be acquired.

Project Description
Seven Runs Creek Final Phase covers 7,398 acres in Walton and Washington Counties. The parcels border the Choctawhatchee River and Pine Log Creek for about 1.4 miles and .3 miles, respectively. It is a series of disjunct parcels that fill in gaps in the existing 53,505-acre Nokuse Plantation conservation area, all of them contiguous to conservation easements or existing state-owned lands.

Property Description
The subject property, purchased in 2004 for investment and future development purposes, is owned by Washington Crossing, LLC and is currently utilized as a hunting tract. It is located in Washington County and borders Pine Log State Forest (PLSF) to the west and Pine Log Creek to the North. The site does have improvements which include two cabin homes and two artesian wells. However, these improvements have no contributory value to the overall property value and were not included in the valuation of the subject property.

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The subject property was submitted as a boundary amendment to the Seven Runs Creek Final Phase Florida Forever project and was approved by the Board of Trustees as an addition to this project on May 28, 2020. It serves as a large connector parcel, nearly bringing together the boundaries of PLSF to other nearby state-owned lands and would enhance the wildlife connectivity across this portion of the Panhandle landscape. Natural features include stands of older growth longleaf pine, planted slash and sand pine, and native hardwoods, contained within primarily upland pine, upland mixed woodland, sandhill, and pine flatwoods communities.

Besides being an extension of the PLSF, the subject property will also be utilized by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service to provide opportunities for other recreational activities such as boating, hiking, camping and hunting to include Operation Outdoor Freedom (OOF) events for disabled veterans. With expected funding from the United States Fish and Wildlife Services' Recovery Land Acquisition grant program, the property will also be managed for the benefit of rare, threatened, and/or endangered species, such as Gopher Tortoise, Florida Black Bear, Barbour's Map Turtle, Pine Snake and Pine Barrens Treefrog to name a few. The existing structures may be used for staff housing or to host OOF events.

Mortgages and Liens/Encumbrances
All mortgages and liens will be satisfied at the time of closing. On June 22, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved a staff recommendation to delegate to DEP the authority to review and evaluate marketability issues as they arise on all chapter 259, F.S., acquisitions and to resolve them appropriately. Therefore, DEP will review, evaluate, and implement an appropriate resolution for any title issues that arise prior to closing.

Survey Waiver
It is the opinion of DEP's Bureau of Survey and Mapping that the available boundary information is sufficient to protect the public's interest, and any additional benefit derived from a survey is minimal relative to cost. Therefore, a waiver of the requirement for a survey of this property is being requested, pursuant to Rule 18-1.005, F.A.C.

Closing Information
A title insurance commitment and an environmental site assessment will be provided by the buyer prior to closing.

Managing Agency
The subject property will be managed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service as part of the Pine Log State Forest.

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Comprehensive Plan
This acquisition is consistent with section 187.201(9), F.S., the Natural Systems and Recreational Lands' section of the State Comprehensive Plan.

(See Attachment 4, Pages 1-38)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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Item 5 Alico, Inc. Option Agreement/ Devil's Garden Florida Forever Project

REQUEST: Consideration of an option agreement to acquire approximately 5,804 acres within the Devil's Garden Florida Forever project from Alico, Inc.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

COUNTY: Hendry

LOCATION: Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 45 South, Range 31 East

CONSIDERATION: $14,625,000

		APPRAISED BY			SELLER'S	TRUSTEES'	
		String	Holden	APPROVED	PURCHASE	PURCHASE	OPTION
PARCEL	ACRES	(12/12/19)	(12/12/19)	VALUE	PRICE	PRICE	DATE
Alico, Inc.	5,804	$15,950,000	$16,250,000	$16,250,000	$82,828,250*	$14,625,000** (90%)	120 days after BOT approval

*Seller purchased 91,397.47 acres, including the subject property, in 1960.
**$2,519.81 per acre.

STAFF REMARKS: The subject property is located within the Devil's Garden Florida Forever project, ranked number 16 in the Critical Natural Lands project category, approved by the Board of Trustees on May 28, 2020. The project contains 82,995 acres, of which 33,690 acres have been acquired or are under agreement to be acquired.

Project Description
Devil's Garden includes 82,995 acres in Hendry and Collier Counties. The project is named after a wetland slough in the eastern portion of the overall project. The central portion, the focus of this acquisition, is comprised of a mosaic of natural lands used primarily for cattle grazing.

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The connectivity of uplands and wetlands draining both to the north and south are important to protecting the state's water resources. The natural systems of Fakahatchee Strand and Big Cypress National Preserve are dependent on the water supplied from this area, and a majority of the Devil's Garden project lies within the Western Everglades Restoration project planning boundary.

A landscape connection with other conservation lands, including federal ownership, ensures longevity for a wide range of species including the Florida panther, and provides opportunities for wetlands and watershed protections.

Property Description
The 5,804-acre subject property shares its western boundary with the Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area and its southern and eastern boundary with a United States Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve Program conservation easement. Serving as a primary and secondary zone for the federally endangered Florida panther, numerous records of panther use, as well as other rare and threatened plants and animals, have been noted throughout the subject property. Increasing the conservation land footprint, stretching from the Caloosahatchee River to Big Cypress National Wildlife Preserve, provides habitat critical to panther recovery and their long-term survival.

Preservation of the subject property will contribute to increased protection of Florida's biodiversity at the species, natural community, and landscape levels; additionally, it will reduce potential nutrient impacts within the Caloosahatchee River Watershed and Western Everglades Basin; enhance the hydrologic connection of conservation land within the South Florida ecosystem; and provide additional recreational opportunities.

There is one hunt camp on the subject property. Any improvements associated with this camp are considered tenant improvements and were not included in the valuation of the subject property.

Mortgages and Liens/Encumbrances
All mortgages and liens will be satisfied at the time of closing. On June 22, 1999, the Board of Trustees approved a staff recommendation to delegate to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the authority to review and evaluate marketability issues as they arise on all chapter 259, F.S., acquisitions and to resolve them appropriately. Therefore, DEP staff will review, evaluate, and implement an appropriate resolution for these and any other title issues that arise prior to closing.

Closing Information
A title insurance commitment, a survey, and an environmental site assessment will be provided by the purchaser prior to closing. Active hunting leases will be terminated by closing and the current tenant, with an active cattle lease on the property, will be issued a termination notice prior to closing.

Management
The subject parcel will be managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as part of Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

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Comprehensive Plan
This acquisition is consistent with section 187.201(9), F.S., the Natural Systems and Recreational Lands' section of the State Comprehensive Plan.

(See Attachment 5, Pages 1-32)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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Item 6 Manatee County Aquaculture Management Agreement

REQUEST: Approval to issue new, 0.036-acre and 0.133-acre, five-year sovereignty submerged land aquaculture management agreements to authorize use of the full water column for seaweed research and demonstration.

VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Three votes

LOCATION: Manatee County, Florida

APPLICANT: Marine Biological Laboratory

CONSIDERATION: Management agreement areas for public research institutions are fee waived, pursuant to Rule 18-21.022(8), F.A.C.

STAFF REMARKS:
The requested parcels are approximately 0.036 acres and 0.133 acres and are located off Anna Maria Key and Longboat Pass. The applicant is requesting authorization from the Board of Trustees, pursuant to section 253.68(1), F.S., for new aquaculture management agreements to conduct research on the culture of seaweed using the full water column.

The applicant will be required to apply for an Aquaculture Certificate of Registration and comply with all Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (FDACS) Aquaculture Best Management Practices. The proposed management agreements will be subject to the terms and conditions applied to other aquaculture management agreements issued throughout the state.

Agency Review
FDACS has conducted a resource assessment and determined that the proposed management agreements and associated aquaculture activities will not result in adverse impacts to seagrasses, existing shellfish

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beds, natural reefs or other sensitive habitats. Additionally, FDACS has coordinated the review of the applications with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, and the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Rule 18-21.021, F.A.C.

Special Conditions
The proposed management agreements will be subject to the terms and conditions applied to other aquaculture management agreements issued throughout the state for the same purposes. The requirement to obtain a permit from the USCG for Private Aids to Navigation will be a special condition of the management agreements. The applicants have applied for and been issued a Letter of Permission from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for their proposed activities.

Public Interest
The proposed parcels are not in an aquatic preserve; therefore, the activity does not have to be found to be in the public interest. The projects are, however, required to demonstrate that they are "not contrary to the public interest," pursuant to Article X, Section 11 of the Florida Constitution, chapter 253, F.S., and Rule 18-21.004(1)(a), F.A.C. Because the Legislature has declared aquaculture to be in the public interest, according to section 253.68(2)(a), F.S., FDACS is of the opinion that the activities meet the test of being "not contrary to the public interest" and otherwise meet all applicable requirements for a proprietary authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands.

Noticing
The proposed management agreements were noticed pursuant to section 253.70, F.S., and no objections were received.

Comprehensive Plan
A consideration of the status of any local government comprehensive plan was not made for this item. FDACS has determined that the proposed action is not subject to the local government planning process.

(See Attachment 6, Pages 1-33)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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Item 7 Chapter 18-21, F.A.C., Notice of Proposed Rule Development

REQUEST: Consideration of a request to (1) publish a Notice of Rule Development for Rules 18-21.003, 18-21.021 and 18-21.022, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

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VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL: Two members, one of whom is the Governor, when four members are voting; or any two members, when three members are voting.

COUNTY: Statewide

APPLICANT: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

STAFF REMARKS: In accordance with subsection 253.03(7), Florida Statutes (F.S.) FDACS requests the Board of Trustees approve a Notice of Rule Development to the following Rules:

18-21.003 Definitions
The terms "Aquaculture Restoration" and "Restoration Organization" are defined, and three terms are renumbered in order to be correctly alphabetized.

18-21.020 Aquacultural Activities.
Aquaculture Restoration is added as an activity eligible for a management agreement in Chapter 18-21.020(2)(c). Chapter 18-21.020(6)(a) and (b) is modified to allow Restoration Organizations, which may also operate adjunct commercial shellfish lease(s) or hatchery, to attain an aquaculture management agreement. Chapter 18-21.020(6)(e) is modified to provide an exemption from marking requirements for restoration aquaculture management agreement sites which only utilized the submerged bottoms and less than six inches of the water column. This exemption is important for providing enhanced security to the non-commercial, aquaculture products present on the lease site and will not impact navigational safety.

18-21.021 Applications for Aquacultural Activities.
Chapter 18-21.021(6)(e) is modified to exempt aquaculture products used for restoration purposes from being removed from the lease following termination or cancellation of the management agreement. While lessees are required to remove any improvements from the site following termination, the purpose of restoration activities is to establish populations of marine organisms which can proliferate in the area in the long-term. The removal of aquaculture products that are a result of restoration activities is therefore counterproductive to this purpose.

(See Attachment 7, Pages 1-4)

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ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
AGENDA

December 15, 2020

1. **Report and discussion on the applications received for the position of Chief Judge/Executive Director of the Division of Administrative Hearings.**

   Applicants:

   Colin Mark Roopnarine
   Patrick Wheeler – Application Withdrawn
   Mary Li Creasy
   Tom Thomas
   Anthony Penoso – Application Withdrawn
   James D. Molenaar
   J. Bruce Culpepper
   Elizabeth Renee Dilts
   Derek Gordon
   Nina Lorraine Moody
   Christopher Claudio Torres
   Robert R. Ward – Application Withdrawn
   Peter Antonacci
   John G. Van Laningham

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From: Moulton, Diane on behalf of Schedule, Gov
To: Strum, Shane; FDLE, Mansion; Lukis, Adrian
Subject: Call with CVS Health President and CEO Karen Lynch

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From: Beaubien, Beau
To: Troop, Kyle; Williams-Potts, Lasha; Cooper, Tanya; Erin Sumpter; Daniel Olson
Subject: Citizens IG Application Packets
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:05:25 AM
Attachments:
Buccini Resume.pdf.docx
CHRISTOPHER A BATY for LEO Resume 2018.doc
Douglas Wiener IG 122820.pdf
Douglas Wiener IG Cover Ltr 122820.pdf
E.Lingerfelt Cover Letter.01.10.20.docx
E.Lingerfelt Resume.11.13.20.docx
Edgar Griffin Cover Letter.doc
Edgar Griffin Resume.doc
Eugene Quinn Cover Letter.docx
Eugene Quinn-7pgResume_EIG.pdf
Fred Doggett Resume.doc
Hartman Resume 2021.docx
HNwachukwu Cover letter Citizens.pdf
HNwachukwu Resume1.pdf
Jesse BottcherResume.docx
John Waugh Resume Inspector General.docx
Joseph A. Spinelli CV 12_20.pdf
JOSEPH SPINELLI INSPECTOR GENERAL-CITIZENS LETTER OF INTEREST.pdf
Mark Kagy Cover Letter.pdf
Mark Kagy Resume.pdf
Marquita Warren cover letter.docx
Marquita-Warren (2).pdf
Mordy Mandelbaum Resume r.pdf
Patricia Blackman Resume - Paralegal.pdf
Rennae Ralph RESUME 02 15 2021 General Business.docx
Richard Tischner Resume.pdf
Richard_M_Smith_Resume_2016.pdf
Robert Weiner CV-Resume.pdf
Steven Petty Cover Letter.docx
Steven Petty Resume.pdf
Theodore Kruger.docx
Thomas Sellers Resume7.doc
AB Mannes Citizens Cover letter.pdf
ABMannes CV (3).pdf

Good Morning All,

Attached please find the below application packets for the Citizens IG position. This includes the previous files that I sent that had to be printed and scanned, so now you should have all of the original electronic copies. I edited the file names on a few of them to clarify which applicant they belonged to. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Christopher Allen Baty [Only Resume Attached]
Ariel Benjamin Mannes [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Barbara J Buccini [Only Resume Attached]
Earl Lingerfelt [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Edgar Griffin [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Eugene Quinn [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Frederick Doggett [Only Resume Attached]
Horace Chijioke Nwachukwu [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Janet Elizabeth Hartman [Only Resume Attached]
Jesse David Bottcher [Only Resume Attached]

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John Waugh [Only Resume Attached]
Joseph Spinelli [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Mark Kagy [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Marquita Warren [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Milton Douglas Wiener [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Mordy Mandelbaum [Only Resume Attached]
Patricia Blackman [Only Resume Attached]
Rennae A Ralph [Only Resume Attached]
Richard Merrill Smith [Only Resume Attached]
Richard Tischner [Only Resume Attached]
Robert A Weiner [Only Resume Attached]
Steven Thomas Petty [Both Resume and Cover Letter Attached]
Theodore Kruger [Only Resume Attached]
Thomas Sellers [Only Resume Attached]

Beau Beaubien
Deputy Chief of Staff
Executive Office of the Governor

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BARBARA "B.J." BUCCINI

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Panama City Beach, FL 32413

EMAIL: bjbuccini51@gmail.com
CELL PHONE: (850) 980-2928

EDUCATION

Real Estate Sales Associate (Professional License)
Bob Hogue School of Real Estate Studies – Tampa, FL
Completed February 2015

Associate of Science Legal/Paralegal Studies (A.S.)
Tallassee Community College, Tallahassee, FL
Graduated May 2011

Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Nova Southeastern University – Davie, FL
Graduated February 2005

Master's Specialty Human Resource Development (MSHRD)
Nova Southeastern University - Davie, FL
Graduated September 2006

Bachelor of Arts Mass Communications (B.A)
University of Tampa – Tampa, FL
Graduated May 1995

Associate of Arts in Mass Communications (A.A.)
Polk State College – Winter Haven, FL
Graduated May 1993

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Business Administration/Operations
Contract Procurement/Negotiations/Management (RFQ,RFI,IFB)
Corporate Policy and Procedures Design
Professional Development Design
Inventory Design & Control
Human Resource Needs Analysis/Development
Executive Administrative Support
Purchasing
Budget Forecasting
Project Management/Oversite
Chair Ad Hoc Committees
Customer Service Resolution
Real Estate Sales & Development
Accounts Payable/Receivable

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Florida Real Estate Sales Associate – SL3316977
February 2015 – Present (Active)

Florida Notary Pubic – FF198339
March 2006 – Present (Active)

ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS

National REALTORS® Association
Florida Association of REALTORS® Association
Emerald Coast Association of REALTORS®
American Cancer Society
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office
Publisher
Outlook
KRONOS
Ten Key
DotLoop
FacilityDUDE
TimelineTRAC
Copier/Printers/Cash Register
Internet Research
Technical Writing
Multiple Listing System (MLS)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Family Mediation (40 hrs)
Sourcing in the Public Section (NIGP -24 hrs)
Contract Mgmt. (NIGP)
George Washington University
Contract Negotiations (NIGP)
Contract Administration (NIGP)

WORK HISTORY TIMELINE

02/2015–Present	Buccini on the Gulf, LLC
08/19-04/20	QLM/City of Panama City
10/18 – 05/19	ResortQuest Real Estate
11/17 – 10/18	Publix Super Markets, Inc.
05/16 – 10/17	Delta Global Systems
01/15 – 08/16	Home Depot, Inc.
09/11 – 10/14	Wal*Mart Stores, Inc.
10/14 -02/15	Attending School
01/10 – 05/11	Leon County BOCC
08/09 – 10/10	NovaSkies Cleaning/Unemployed
02/07 – 08/09	State of Florida DCF
08/07 – 04/09	Florida State University – Adjunct Professor
05/06 – 03/07	Finishing School/ Unemployed
10/02 – 05/06	School District of Pa/m Beach County

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CHRISTOPHER A BATY
119.071(4)(d) F.S.
[redacted]
Phone: 119.071(4)(d) F.S.
wolfnarc1@yahoo.com / wolfnarc1@gmail.com

Objective

Apply for employment with your agency to enhance my career opportunity and my professional capabilities to your organization.

Desired Goals:
Retirement with your Agency. To assist the agency in Serving and Protecting the citizens in the area. To help better the agency in any way I can.

Abilities

General Instructor, Taser Instructor, Radar certified, Radar Laser Certified, Breath Alcohol Tester Certified, Hostage Negotiator Certified, Traffic Homicide Investigator Certified , Narcotics Investigator certified, FCIC/NCIC Certified, Sex Crimes Investigator , IS-100 IS-200 IS-700 IS-800B, Weapons of Mass Destruction, FTO Trainer, Highway Interdiction Certified, Able to control Departmental Budget and Finance Management, Install Hardware on any Computer, Install Software, Work with all Microsoft Software, Inspector General Academy, Certified in CVSA (Vipre), CVSA III

Approximately 1800 Hours in the area of Law Enforcement training, can supply certificates.

Duties: Senior Law Enforcement Inspector / Contact: IG Supervisor Brown 863-767-3047

07/31/15 - Present	Office of the Inspector General 6901 State Road 62 Internal Affairs & Criminal Investigator	Bowling Green, FL 33834

Duties: Officer / Contact: Captain Svendsen 863-767- 4500

8/15/14 – 7/31/15	Hardee State Corrections 6901 State Road 62 Care, Custody, Control of Inmates	Bowling Green, FL 33834

Duties: Det. Sgt / Contact: Chief Chester Ford Contact 870-919-4702

1/10/2010 – 03/23/2013	Marked Tree Police Department 1 Elm St Narcotics Officer, Detective Sergeant (CID)	Marked Tree Ark 72365

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Duties: Chief of Police / Contact : Mayor

62/17/2006 - 11/10/2008 ZOLFO SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT Zolfo Springs, FL
104 W 5th St 33890

Supervise and Coordinate activities of members of Police Force.
Budget Management
Supervisor over Police Department

Duties: Ptl Officer / Ptl Sgt./ Narcotics / Contact: Lt. Matt Whatley 863-773-3265

4/29/1997 - 10/3/2005 WAUCHULA POLICE DEPARTMENT Wauchula, FL
128 S 7th Ave 33873

Narcotic Investigator, Patrol Cpl., Patrol Sgt., Supervisor over Patrol

Duties: Officer / Contact: Sergeant Reardon 863-767-4500

10/18/1996 - 7/17/1997 HARDEE STATE CORRECTIONS Bowling Green, FL
6901 S.R. 62 33834

Supervise Inmates and control movement

Duties: Officer / Contact: Sergeant Talbot 813-671-5022

7/7/1995 - 10/17/1996 HILLSBOROUGH STATE CORRECTIONS Riverview, FL
11150 S.R 672 33569

Supervise Inmates and control movement

Duties: Deputy Sheriff / Contact: Major Bill Davis 813-247-8000

4/9/1993 - 5/15/1995 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE Tampa, FL
2008 8th Ave 33605

Enforced the state laws of Florida
Made arrest
Investigated crimes

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Duties: Detention Deputy / Contact: Lieutenant Fitch 813-247-8000

5/11/1990 - 4/8/1993	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 2008 8th Ave Supervise Inmates and control movement	Tampa, FL 33605

Duties: Officer / Contact: Sergeant Talbot 813-671-5022

10/21/1988 - 5/4/1990	HILLSBOROUGH STATE CORRECTIONS 11150 S.R 672 Supervise inmates and control movement	Riverview, FL 33569

Education History

Completion Date	Issuing Institution	Qualification	Course of Study
12/2008	Ybor City HCC	1 Year at College or a Technical or Vocational School	General High School Curriculum
8/1988	Plant City High School	General Equivalency Degree (GED)	General High School Curriculum

Certifications

Certification Title	Issuing Organization	Completion Date	Expiration Date
Department of Corrections	State of Florida	01/1989-2014	06/2099
Law-Enforcement	State of Florida	04/1993-2014	06/2099
Inspector Academy	State of Florida	01/16	2099

Honors

Numerous commendations in Law Enforcement

Additional Information

Have 6 years' experience in Corrections and 24 years in Law Enforcement, 8 years of the 30 years in Management.

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References

Barry Schnable – Polk County Deputy
4146 Dinner Lake Way Lake Wales Fl 33859
863-605-8709
Personal reference known for 19 year(s).

Jeremy Winkles – Retired Police Officer
302 Garden Dr Wauchula Fl 33883
863-781-1154
Personal reference known for 20 year(s).

Eric Fotheringham -Correctional Officer
101 Hwy 27 South Lot 2 Sebring Fl, 33870
863-231-2545
Personal reference known for 11 year(s).

Mark Willis - Florida Department of Law Enforcement,
P.O Box 104 Wauchula Fl 33873
Home# 863-448-2650 Work #863-214-7116
Personal reference known for 20 year(s).

Mark Gizas, Police Officer
P.O Box 801 Moorcroft,Wy 82721
307-299-6660
Personal reference known for 15 year(s).

Ron Luke, Retired Police Officer
1305 Knollwood Circle Wauchula Fl 33873
863-773-2803
Personal reference known for 20 year(s).

Family Information

Father: John S Baty/ 12-24-27	Deceased	
Mother: Johnnie M Baty/ 9-4-32	Deceased	
Sister Patricia Decker/ 6-10-50	Plant City Fl	813-659-6427
Brother: John Jr Baty/ 11-3-53	Apollo Beach Fl	813-664-3509
Brother: Mike Baty/ 8-5-55	Deceased	

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	My Children	
119.071(4)(d) F.S. [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
119.071(4)(d) F.S. 101 Hwy 27 South Lot #2 5202 Agora St	**Residences 10 Years** 119.071(4)(d) F.S. Sebring Florida Sebring Florida	6/15/2019 to Present 06/2015 to 6/15/2019 04/2014 to 06/2015
904 Terrier Dr 301 Dawson St 102 W 1st St	Zolfo Springs Florida Marked Tree Arkansas Marked Tree Arkansas	03/2013 to 04/2014 08/2010 to 03/2013 02/2010 to 08/2010
7769 McClelland Lane	Harrisburg Arkansas	02/2009 to 02/2010
143 Golden Oaks Rd	Zolfo Springs Florida	06/2006 to 02/2009
719 Green St	Wauchula Florida	07/2004 to 06/2006
2599 Schontag Rd	Wauchula Florida	07/1997 to 07/2004

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Chief Douglas Wiener
Tallahassee, Florida
ChiefDouglasWiener@gmail.com
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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION

Dynamic, transformational and accomplished law enforcement and Inspector General senior executive with extensive expertise & experience in strategic leadership and large-scale criminal justice agency program management of major law enforcement agencies. Strong knowledge and abilities in protecting and promoting operational integrity & accountability and identifying operational internal control deficiencies that solve problems, resolve inefficiencies or add economy and integrity in departmental operations with an emphasis on transparency, accountability and stakeholder engagement and responsiveness. This includes years of criminal investigation leadership experience involving complex financial crimes including fraud, bribery, and theft. A Former Special Deputized FBI Federal Officer and Former US Customs Special Designated Federal Officer. Distinguished visionary leader in the law enforcement and Inspector General community.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief/Director of State Investigations/Law Enforcement **April 2015 – Present**
State of Florida-Office of the Inspector General-FDC, Tallahassee, Florida
40 + hours per week

Manages and provides executive leadership to a 100 plus member department of sworn IG law enforcement investigators and civilian IG staff; responsible for all criminal and administrative law enforcement investigations, fraud, waste, abuse and corruption detection and investigation, comprehensive management reviews, cooperative joint audits, identification of internal control deficiencies and overall administrative law enforcement functions statewide. This inspector general office is the largest in the State of Florida and performs oversight over the largest state agency.

- Managing, leading, directing and commanding between 100-150 Sworn IG Inspectors and non-sworn IG staff, including 12 IG Supervisory Law Enforcement Inspectors and 4 IG Assistant Chiefs' (L.E.) in ten district geographically dispersed field offices throughout the entire state plus headquarters operations. A substantial and multi-cultural diverse team committed to the rule of law and devoted to public service.

- Responsible for overseeing hundreds of administrative, misconduct, corruption, inspection, management review and collaborative audit reviews over a 24,000-employee department statewide (which includes 17,000 sworn officers), dozens of multi-million-dollar financial contracts & law enforcement services/investigative function at approximately 56 FDC or private contracted facilities / 143 total FDC facilities/locations statewide. The parent agency budget exceeds 2.4 billion dollars. Routinely demonstrating special talents in identifying organizational internal control deficiencies within an agency, overseeing the identification of insider threats and routinely overseeing management reviews of internal processes.

- Performs significant administrative management duties and ensures proper training and development of all subordinates by mentoring, developing, providing complex skill set enhancement training and recommending and instituting new directives, policies and procedures to increase economy & efficiency in operations. Manages daily operations of the office, designated liaison to Public Information Office for media inquiries and responses, designated liaison to legal department, responsible for coordinating all moral character violation submissions for the OIG to the (FDLE-CJSTC) Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission of Florida. Regularly communicate with and interact with elected members of the legislative body to resolve issues and concerns.

- Direct and coordinate wide-ranging complex state and joint federal investigations (primarily FBI/DOJ for a geographically dispersed organization in the third largest state by population in the United States and the largest state agency in Florida with a 2.4 billion-dollar budget in the parent agency. These complex OIG investigations include bribery, organized fraud, embezzlement / insider theft, procurement/contract fraud, sexual misconduct, deprivation of civil rights under color of law & other federal and state violations.

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- Responsible for evaluating, directing and managing all resources & personnel/human capital within the OIG Bureau of Statewide Investigations/Law Enforcement. Completely re-directed investigative direction & focus of investigative staff creating top performance and new direction. Ensuring stakeholder satisfaction always and the proper & professional delivery of law enforcement-Inspector General work product. Strategic analysis of program issues to recommend policy changes to senior executive leadership or the legislative body. Implementing personnel management related policies and procedural changes to improve effectiveness and efficiency of operations.

- Possess the following certifications- Certified Inspector General, Certified Inspector General Auditor, Certified Inspector General Investigator, Florida Certified Contract Manager with a strong understanding of performance audits, compliance audits, information system audits, operational audits, entrance/exit conferences & work papers.

Internal Affairs Law Enforcement Investigator **February 2013 – April 2015**
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach, Florida
40 + hours per week, 29 hours a week
Conducted complex law enforcement investigations and audit reviews in the Internal Affairs Division.

- Performed complex background investigations, CJIS/FBI/FDLE compliant investigations on new hires, promotional candidates or special investigations that were assigned.

- Performed largescale audit duties involving a wide-ranging public corruption case and in-depth audit/inspection reviews of approximately 1,000 criminal cases to determine if policies were violated, if drugs were or were not in evidence and/or any other operational issues or internal control deficiencies that were detected in the agency programs involving this special subject/project.

Captain/Commander-Department of Law Enforcement **May 1988 – December 2012**
Broward County Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
40 + hours per week

Managed and provided executive/operational leadership for a team of approximately 125-150 law enforcement personnel regularly and approximately 350 personnel in an acting capacity when requested to serve as the Acting Regional Major of Law Enforcement. Promoted through the ranks and held the following positions including; Deputy Sheriff, Field Training Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, Executive Officer and then Captain. The position of Captain at the Broward Sheriff's Office is the equivalency of a Police Chief in major metropolitan police departments. BSO is the largest Sheriff's Office in the State of Florida and has approximately 6,000 members, an 850+-million-dollar budget and serves approximately 1.8 million residents countywide.

Over a twenty-four year plus career, performed the following operational and administrative leadership duties:

- Managed all patrol, criminal investigations, community policing and Area One full-service police operations in a multi-cultural and diverse city with more than 100,000 residents.

- Responsible for managing personnel and operations in Area One for a city that had a total budget of approximately $38 million for policing, investigations and the communications center.

- Worked closely with and regularly communicated with city commissioners, mayors, city managers, city attorneys, county mayor/commissioners and other local, state and federal elected and appointed officials.

- Initiated/instituted numerous operational, procedural and organizational changes including homeless outreach program citywide, surveying stakeholders to determine satisfaction level, auditing operations to enhance economy and efficiency, community policing initiatives restructured, and assisted executive leadership in successfully negotiating the retention of police contractual services to the city from the Sheriff's Office for almost 200 million dollars and a five-year contract.

- Extensive experience in dignitary protection/protective ops and security operations at large-scale city/county events, cultural events and elected officials/congressional town hall meetings. Well versed on CCTV surveillance utilization.

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- Led major city and county law enforcement operations involving significant protests, hurricanes, officer involved shootings, plane crashes and other catastrophic events or man-made disasters.

- Ensured customer and stakeholder satisfaction always and the proper & professional delivery of law enforcement services in multi-culturally diverse cities, county and the state while focusing on inclusion.

- Managed complex wide-ranging criminal investigations as a Supervisor of Detectives (Detective Sergeant), Lieutenant/ Executive Officer and as a Captain/Commander.

- Managed multiple Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement Investigative Task Forces or BSO Strategic Investigations Units during BSO career including; Traditional Organized Crime (La Cosa Nostra), Domestic Interdiction Unit (Money Laundering and Drug Smuggling Investigations), Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations, Multi-Agency Auto Theft Task Force / Cargo Hijacking / Interstate Cargo Theft Investigations & Strategic Intelligence Analysts. A former Federal Special Deputized 1) FBI Federal Officer and 2) US Customs Officer.

- Tasked as one of the main Supervisors to dissolve the prior Metropolitan Intelligence Unit and then Create a new large Strategic Investigations Division with all new unit budgets, personnel and investigative direction. This massive undertaking involved creating budgets for multi-million-dollar operations and long-term strategic planning and execution on all developed performance measures.

EDUCATION/ CERTIFICATIONS

Masters' Degree in Executive Management, St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida GPA-3.9

Bachelors' Degree in Business, Barry University, Miami, Florida GPA-3.83

Senior Management Institute of Police Executive Program/ Police Executive Research Forum, Boston, Massachusetts

Executive Law Enforcement Leadership Program/ Nova Southeastern University, Davie Florida

Certified Inspector General (CIG), Inspector General Institute® New York, NY 10019

Certified Inspector General Investigator (CIGI), Inspector General Institute® New York, NY 10019

Certified Inspector General Auditor (CIGA), Inspector General Institute® New York, NY 10019

Federal Inspector General Academy CIGIE/FLETC-Public Corruption Investigations Training (PCITP-1703

Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM), Comprehensive Contract Management, DMS, Tallahassee, Florida

State Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Trainer & Instructor, Florida Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission

FBI FEDS/Leeds Program, FBI LEEDA- Executive Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Managing & Conducting Internal Affairs Investigations

FBI Quantico Task Force Supervisory Training

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M. Douglas Wiener
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Pompano Beach, Florida 33061

December 28, 2020

Dear Hiring Executive,

As the current Chief/Director of State Investigations at the largest state agency in Florida (24,000 employees and a 2.5-billion-dollar operating budget) I lead a statewide geographically dispersed group of 100 plus sworn Inspector General Investigators, supervisory investigators, assistant chiefs and support staff who focus on preventing, detecting and investigating corruption, fraud (financial crimes), waste, abuse, misconduct and gross mismanagement in departmental programs and operations.

I was brought in five and a half years ago as an OIG change agent leader to address allegations of rampant corruption and criminal misconduct by employees. In the approximate sixty-six months I have led OIG operations at this department with redesigned priorities and new leadership direction, my personnel have criminally charged over four hundred plus employees and contractors with corruption or criminal misconduct violations and hundreds of others with administrative violations. I have created innovative law enforcement partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation that were essentially non-existent prior to my arrival. I have brought in a level of accountability and demonstrative results involving the rooting out of corruption, fraud and misconduct that has surpassed anything in the entire history of the department. These efforts were designed to increase accountability, transparency and ensure efficiency and effectiveness involving tax payer monies and maximizing public trust. The public and taxpayers deserve nothing less.

I am a Certified Inspector General, Inspector General Investigator and Inspector General Auditor through the AIG Institute. Additionally, I am a Certified Contract Manager through Florida Department of Management Services. I hold a Bachelors' degree in Business from Barry University, a Masters' degree in Executive Management from St. Thomas University and thousands of training hours in advanced investigations, leadership and federal training including CIGIE Public Corruption Training and FBI Leeds/Leeda and FBI Quantico Task Force Training.

Finally, I am a huge proponent of stakeholder education, anti-corruption training and presenting to residents/employee stakeholders with constant reinforcement of accountability and transparency. I currently possess one of the largest LinkedIn law enforcement social media platforms in the world with thousands of federal law enforcement partners, international law enforcement and hundreds of nationwide and national news reporters and journalists throughout the country.

I would be happy to discuss with you any additional questions you have regarding my skillsets or expertise that I can bring to your already very successful team. I have attached a reference letter from Mr. Gregory Hill, Esq, the current Executive Director of the Association of Inspectors General.

Sincerely,

M. Douglas Wiener

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EARL C. LINGERFELT
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To Whom It May Concern,

As indicated in the accompanying resume, I have earned an Individualized Bachelor of Arts degree from Metropolitan State University with an emphasis on Leadership and Management. Currently, I am seeking a Master's in Public Administration degree at Florida State University. I began my college education at Florida A&M University following my separation from the US Army. I have also completed extensive military training at the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (Boarding Officer), Coast Guard Contingency Planning School and U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, as well as many emergency management based courses. In addition to my academic credentials, I bring a positive and energetic work approach and an exemplary blend of talents in the areas of business development, international affairs coordination, and the various missions of the U.S. Coast Guard. Virtually all of my training and education have had some aspect of risk management or severe incident mitigation; these qualities enable me to work well under stress and/or arduous conditions.

To date, I have held progressively more responsible project management or emergency management positions, based on a demonstrated ability to meet and exceed established goals and manage diverse competing priorities, typically in fast-paced, time sensitive, and high stress situations. My most recent position has been as the Emergency Manager, Safety Manager and Law Enforcement Accreditation Manager at Tallahassee Community College, duties that have required great diligence and attention to detail as well as the ability to collaborate with a wide variety of partners. I am also known for strong leadership and management skills and for the ability to develop high performance teams. I possess superior time management, organizational, and multitasking skills, demonstrating an innate ability to respond swiftly and decisively to meet changing circumstances and handle complex issues. I bring proven experience with the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army, outstanding management expertise, and a strong blend of talents in managing challenging programs from concept to conclusion. While working as a Customized training Representative at two colleges in Minnesota, I earned the trust of my clients, managed dozens of staff members facilitated law enforcement training programs between 14 and 20 weeks in length.

If considered, as a proactive contributor and team member with your organization you will find me to be a self-motivated professional and leader committed to supporting you in achieving your objectives through dedication, diligence, and exemplary performance. I am confident that I could be a valuable asset to your organization and look forward to interviewing with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Earl C. Lingerfelt

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Highly accomplished, versatile, and dedicated former U.S. Coast Guard Officer with over 12 years of Emergency Management experience seeking an opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership abilities, experience in many fields, superior communication, networking and analytical skills in support of any organization in the achievement its goals.

VALUE OFFERED

- **Relationship Building –** merges solid interpersonal and communication skills to forge, nurture and maintain strong relationships within the government and higher education cultures. Enthusiastic about creating new connections and maintains existing relationships within the business, government and nonprofit communities
- **Knowledge and Expertise** – demonstrates expertise in sales, project management, training, employee coordination, leadership and management and continues to maintain relevance and knowledge of marine safety, criminal justice, and maritime intelligence analysis and investigations skills.
- **Leadership –** led teams of up to 40 Coast Guardsmen on month long deployments around the U.S.; coordinated and facilitated training for multiple law enforcement training sessions and blends integrity, innovative thinking, and leadership attributes to achieve established goals and objectives. Displays strong decision-making talents, critical thinking skills, a positive approach, and an unwavering drive to excel with an emphasis on goal attainment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WSP Global/USA, August 2020 to present

Logistics Management Specialist

- Acts as WSP's lead liaison at clients Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Interfaces primarily with State ESF-7 by receiving, processing, and providing subject matter expertise
- Inventory and asset management
- Provides development, training, and exercise development based on NIMS/ICS

Tallahassee Community College, November 2018 to August 2020

Emergency Manager, Safety Manager and Accreditation Manager

- Responsible for the College's 18,000 students, faculty and staff regarding Emergency Management functions in accordance with the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Response Framework (NRF), Chapter 252, F.S., direction from the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and guidance provided by local county Emergency Management officials.
- Provides or ensures provision of safety, health, sanitation, and hazardous material inspections, documentation, and training as required by any and all applicable federal, state, or other law(s), rule(s), or regulation(s); ensures the College is in compliance with federal and state environmental laws; develops, reviews, maintains, and submits the College's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), as required.
- Develops, coordinates, compiles, submits, and serves as custodian for College Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP).
- Regularly exercises and maintains all components of the TCC Alert systems and Emergency Operations Center; collects, distributes, and/or trains college staff on domestic security topics.
- Acts as liaison to federal, state, and local emergency management, domestic security, and first responder officials.
- Leads the department's Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation program.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College, March 2017 to March 2018

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Customized Training Representative, Business and Technology

- Sold, negotiated, secured, and administered multiple contracts and projects to deliver training, development, consulting, conferences and other events and services.
- Developed training programs and consultation services to businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations resulting in employee and organizational development that increases operational effectiveness.
- Developed a bicycle mechanic training program that will compete internationally securing funding from national industry leaders. Business plan available upon request
- Created opportunities for individuals and organizations to acquire state-of-the art learning, integrate technological advancements and innovations and share industry knowledge through hosting events such as seminars, conferences, symposia, and roundtables.

Penguin Storage and Transport, llc, July 2017 to May 2018

Owner/Operator

- Developed and implemented original entrepreneurial concept to store and deliver kayaks, paddle boards and canoes for urban clients

Hennepin Technical Coll., Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, February 2012 to May 2016

Customized Training Representative/CLA for Law Enforcement

- Managed the Law Enforcement recruit training accounts of the MN State Patrol, MN DNR Conservation Officer and Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis Police Department, meeting MN POST standards for Minnesota State certification. Achieved 100% POST exam pass rate for MN state agency recruits
- Hired all instructors and role players, purchases expendable training material and ammunition and schedules all training for contracted LE agencies and Metropolitan State University.
- Maintained various scenario labs for SKILLS law enforcement students, including CCTV, lighting, audio, judgmental training tools, and non-lethal control tools.

U.S. Coast Guard, Portsmouth, VA, June 2009 to November 2009

Lieutenant, International Affairs Coordinator, USCG Atlantic Area

- Advanced rapidly through a series of increasingly responsible roles over the course of a highly successful career with the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Functioned as an information resource and Maritime Security Specialist, provide advice and direction on foreign policy issues and ensure that USCG international activities comply with U.S. foreign policy.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures, facilitate U.S.C.G. international programs, and allocate international training quotas in accordance with established U.S.C.G. mandates.
- Collaborated closely with external agencies including key personnel from DHS, DoS, and DoD among others and demonstrated an innate ability to handle diverse competing priorities in fast-paced, time sensitive, and high stress situations, responding swiftly and decisively to meet changing objectives.

U.S. Coast Guard, St. Mary's, GA, 2005 to 2009

Lieutenant, Planning/Intel, WEPS Officer, Maritime Safety and Security Team Kings Bay

- Facilitated deployable team operational planning, managed a complex daily workload, fulfilling multiple roles including Federal Law Enforcement Officer (14USC89), Deployable Team Leader, Intelligence Officer, and Weapons Officer.
- Led deployable teams to New York, NY, Philadelphia, PA, and lead the first U.S.C.G. team into Hancock County, MS following Hurricane Katrina.
- Created, received, distributed and analyzed Field Intelligence Reports, aggregate intelligence, and open source information to write intelligence analysis reports.

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- Conducted or supervised required quarterly training for all 87 members of MSST Kings Bay on all weapons systems resulting in zero mishaps or safety issues.

U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., 2003 to 2005
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Marine Safety Intelligence Analyst, USCG Intelligence Coordination Center

- Top Secret/SCI clearance.
- Conducted daily intelligence briefing for the Commandant of the US Coast Guard and other high ranking members of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Utilized Intelligence Community resources to conduct criminal and terrorist analysis
- Collaborated closely with all members of the Intelligence Community (CIA, FBI, NSA, DIA, DHS NGA, etc).
- Received and analyzed Field Intelligence Reports, aggregate intelligence, and open source information to write intelligence analysis reports.

U.S. Coast Guard, Coram (Long Island), NY, 1999 to 2003
Marine Science Technician 2nd Class, Marine Safety Field Office Long Island, NY

- Qualified as Pollution Investigator, Facility Inspector, Boarding Officer (PSC), Federal On Scene Coordinator (Rep), Harbor Safety Officer
- Managed hundreds of pollution response and clean-up operations on the Long Island, Connecticut and NYC coastline
- Oversaw all Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training for USCG Long Island personnel.

EDUCATION

Metropolitan State University, B.A. Individualized Degree Program (Leadership & Management)
Hennepin Technical College, Emergency Management Certificate
Basic Boarding Officer Course, U.S.C.G. MLE Academy, FLETC, Charles., SC
Officer Candidate School Class 1-03, U.S.C.G. Academy, New London, CT
Florida State University, Masters in Public Administration with Emergency Management concentration, Tall. FL (currently in progress)

Texas A&M Coastal Oil Spill Control Course 09/29/2000
California Specialized Training Inst. HAZWOPER Train the Trainer 06/29/2001
NOAA Science of Oil Spills 06/14/2002
ICS 341 Incident Response Planning Workshop 10/21/2005
IS-800.b: National Response Framework, An Introduction 01/30/2006
Philadelphia PD Bomb Disposal Unit Terrorist Use of Explosives and Booby Trap Recognition and Response 04/18/2007
G-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 05/16/2007
IS-001 : Emergency Manager: An Orientation to the Position 09/12/2012
IS-22: Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness 09/22/2012
IS-230.d: Fundamentals of Emergency Management 09/25/2012
IS-241.a: Decision Making and Problem Solving 09/27/2012
EM-01: FEPA Intermediate (formerly titled Basic) Emergency Management Academy 03/15/2019
G-191: Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface 03/11/2019
G-272: Warning Coordination 03/12/2019
IS-700.b: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System 04/16/2019
IS-100 C.: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 04/16/2019

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IS-200 C.: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response 06/16/2019
IS-120.C: An Introduction to Exercises .C 06/03/2019
G-205: Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role 06/20/2019
MGT-323: Instructor Development Workshop 06/27/2019
L-146: HSEEP: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course 07/18/2019
IS-800.C: National Response Framework An Introduction 09/17/2019
G-400: Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents 09/20/2019
L-449: Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula Train-the-Trainer 12/13/2019

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From: Edgar Griffin
P.O Box 3570
Tallahassee, Fl. 32315

Re: Character Reference.

Please accept this letter as character reference letter for Edgar Griffin. This letter will serve notice of character, kindness , abilities and above all respect.

In my past fifteen years as a Behavior Specialist / Juvenile Court Liaison and Administrative Team member at Carter Parramore Academy, I had an excellent working relationship with staff and students. My ability to govern among different core groups in different settings showed I possessed a remarkable character. I am a zestful go-getter and ranks among the top ten in the ability to get the job done. I work well with all; moreover, I work beyond the call of duty and complete all of my work related tasks. My work ethics are well documented in assignments that call for attention to detail. I've, served as a role model on campus and in the community. I was asked to serve as Interm - Administrator at Gadsden Central Academy during the 2018-19 school year. I have worked on campus at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University for the Black Male College Explorers program under Tommy Mitchell and a brief stay under Ed Tolliver. I served as Lead Counselor and second in command to the Director in his absence. I return in 2015 as the Assistant Director during a difficult time for the program, I improved the program allowing for the grant funding to continue.

I will acknowledge along with my character reference this letter documenting my on-going support of the Gadsden County School District. I have served as Behavior Specialist, Juvenile Court Liaison, Administrative Team Member, Discipline Person, Student Code of Conduct Committee Member, Red Team Committee and recently Gadsden Central Academy. I have served on various committees in several organizations The 100 Black Men Tallahassee, Fl. Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. I, have worked in a variety of other organizations reference mentoring. I can assure you that if given the opportunity, as I have in the past when confronted with numerous tasks, I will overcome that obstacle or simply find a route to success. My ability to combine caring with a passion for people are proven in my treatment of family, friends and the community.

Please let this letter serve as notice of proven character and leadership abilities manifested in Mr. Edgar Griffin.

Sincerely,

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Edgar B. Griffin

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EDGAR B. GRIFFIN

OBJECTIVE

My vision is one that embraces a productive process. A proven record of leadership encompasses the following driving characteristics, a strong ethic, attends to detail, team focused and dedication to building a positive and productive outcome.

WORK OF EXPERIENCE

08/2004-Present ***Behavior Specialist/ Court Liaison:***
Gadsden County School District

Conducted Behavior modifications and behavior tracking of students. Monitor court records and behavior tracking for at risk students.

05/2015- 08/2015 ***Assistant Director of Black Males College Explorers Program:***
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Supervised staff for the Summer Program; ensured all proper procedures and guidelines were followed to ensure the safety of the students and staff members; ensured all shifts were adequately staffed to monitor the students

06/2004-08/2010 ***Student Services Coordinator/Lead Counselor of Black Male College Explorers Program, Annual: Summer Program:***
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Maintain student services for the students in the program. Monitor student's progress, monitor teacher progress with students, monitor progress of students. Serve as lead counselor insuring that staff and students smoothly transition through the program. The lead counselor duties include decision making, progress monitoring and tracking for assessment.

08/2002- 06/2004 ***Security/Behavior Analyst:***
Leon County School Board/Second Chance School

Maintained an active and productive learning environment by addressing student behavioral problems and discipline in the Office of the Dean of Student Life, updated student's records. Instructed Life Skills Management in the Leon County Juvenile Detention Center, monitored the daily progress of students who are at risk of behavioral Problems and who do not attend a traditional school setting.

11/2002- 03/2003 ***Florida Department of Corrections/Tallahassee Community College***
Adult Basic Education/General Education Instructor

Conducted guidance counseling to prospective and newly enrolled students, instructed Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Educational Development (GED) and Workforce

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Readiness courses. Registered students and performed pre and post test advising and counseling, analyze data, curriculum development, student recruitment and retention.

04/2001-11/2002 *Ounce of Prevention Program Specialist*
Leon County School Board- Riley Elementary School

Furnished research grant funded program to increase math and reading scores of lower functioning students. Maintained a systematic system of tracking student academic achievement of FCAT and STAR math scores. Maintained data management and report complications to the Ounce Prevention Office of Dept. of Education.

11/2000-04/2001 *Instructional Aide and Test Facilitator*
Leon County School Board- Riley Elementary School

Provided services to students for testing and placement, provided assistance to students with developmental needs and assisted with developmental needs and assisted with developing more hands on and classroom activities for students with developmental needs.

05/1999-06/2000 *Promotion Director/Counselor*
Superior Clinic Services
Bunkie, Louisiana

Counseled drug and substance abusers, served as a public relations information liaison, and coordinated counseling, extra-curricular and educational programming for the clinic.

08/1998-05/1999 *Seventh Grade Teacher*
Avoyelles Parish Schools
Bunkie, Louisiana

Monitored the daily progress of thirty plus students. Maintained records concerning absentees, analyze criterion references test results, weekly test scores, six weeks grade/averages at school to include maintaining a high student disciplinary action plan.

08/1997-08/1998 *Teacher, Alert School*
Avoyelles Parish Schools
Bunkie, Louisiana

Instructed of youthful offenders in an alternative school setting, behavior management for at risk youths, developed an individual education plan for marginal youth. Maintained records concerning absentees analyzed criterion references test results, weekly test scores, six weeks grades average at school.

10/1996-08/1997 *Assistant Developmental Needs Manger (ADNM)*
Westside Rehabilitation Center
Bunkie, Louisiana

Supervised the developmental needs of mentally ill patients, analyzed quality points for educational programming, managed and evaluated staff under my supervision.

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EDUCATION

August/1999- May/2000	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA Graduate coursework: Education Administration
May/1991	Bachelors of Science Degree Broadcast Journalism and Public Relations Southern University Baton Rouge, LA

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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Eugene Quinn Jr.

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July 9, 2021

Greetings:

For obtaining a position as an Inspector General and to show my interest in this, I am writing this letter to you. I have over 28 years of experience promoting efficiency and effectiveness within the government. I have over 10+ years in managing and supervising. Further, I have managed, supervised and conducted investigations and inspections into fraud, waste, abuse and gross-mismanagement. I have also transformed and built work forces which focus on the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, abuse and gross-mismanagement. I am a versatile leader with 25+ years of experience directing staffs and organizations through various types of oversight activities, from criminal investigations to robust compliance programs aimed at identifying fraud, waste, and abuse of government resources. My scope of responsibility spanned 600 organizations, 47,000 employees and $3B in procurement funds. Sterling reputation as a trusted expert advisor to senior executives, customers, and stakeholders. From the enclosed resume, you will read that I have a proper background for consideration to the Supervising Public-Defender Investigator.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTED

INVESTIGATION & AUDIT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT: Direct staff efforts in providing oversight support for 600 agencies, 47,000 people, and $3.1B in government funds. Oversee a wide range of related program activities, including investigative support work; criminal investigative operations; general investigative operations; security controls; administration of an Internal Review Program; performance, operational, and finance-related audits; attestations and reviews; and an external audit program. Provide managerial and decision authority for all internal review and external review and external audit and inspection control review and oversight programs. Oversee Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and ensure compliance with Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act.

LEADERSHIP & ADVISING: Lead a new staff of 3 personnel that is planned and budgeted to grow to a full 24 over the next two years. Advise senior officials on matters relating to the agency's investigations, inspections, and audit/review programs. Oversee the recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, training, administration, and assignment of investigations and audit personnel. Foster, develop, and maintain relationships with senior staff and stakeholders

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to foster information and resource sharing. Serve as focal point for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and other oversight bodies, Department of Justice and partner agencies with regard to criminal and administrative investigations, inspections, reviews, surveys, and audits. Keep senior officials and Congress fully informed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY DEVELOPMENT: Develop enterprise-level processes and systems reviews that optimize and integrate subordinate groups' investigation and internal review capabilities. Develop policy related to conducting internal Inspector General (IG) investigations, audits, and inspections, responding to GAO and other external audit requests. Report on and implement corrective actions taken in response to audit and inspection recommendations. Create and refine organizational structure as needed to achieve the effective delivery of IG services to customers. Continuously evaluate overarching strategic goals and develop action plans to achieve them. Establish guidelines for when financial statements are conducted. Ensure that any work performed by nonfederal auditors complies with applicable laws and standards.

Selected Accomplishments and Key Results:

- Spearheaded initial Office of the IG (OIG) stand up, hiring initial staff, planning and allocating budget, and developing the interagency relationships to support current and future auditing and investigations programs.
- Managed, supervised and lead Hotline Business Plan. Business plan implemented a cost saving design for the reporting of fraud, waste and abuse within the $3.1 B government funds program.
- Implemented a governing policy designed to promote the economy, efficacy, and effectiveness of programs and operations, and protect these programs and operations against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. As a result, senior leadership of the program tagged Internal Controls and Risk Management of the programs and operations as priority.
- Provided recommendations to Congress for improving language in National Defense Authorization Act. Changes will synchronize program activities and avoid duplication of effort.
- Initiated joint criminal investigations into approximately $300 million in fraud.
- Investigative supervision and management in first year of newly created OIG identified over $800,000 in questioned cost.
- Supervised over 200 felony investigations.
- Resolved over 260 felony narcotic investigations with a 100% solve rate.

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- Supervised/managed, selected, monitored, mentored, trained and organized a team of professional, technical, and clerical Special Agents/Investigators.

If you are available for an in-person meeting, I'd be happy to meet with you so we can discuss what I can bring to an Office of Inspector General, and what you would expect from me if considered for the Inspector General position. My enclosed resume will provide more details about my previous employment opportunities and how they dovetail with being an Inspector General.

Thank you very much for reading my cover letter and resume and giving me the chance to introduce myself to you. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Eugene Quinn Jr

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EUGENE QUINN JR.
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Versatile leader with 28+ years of experience directing staffs and organizations through various types of oversight activities, from criminal investigations to robust accuracy and compliance (audit) programs aimed at identifying fraud, waste, and abuse of government resources. Scope of responsibility spanned 600 organizations, 47,000 employees and $3B in procurement funds. Sterling reputation as a trusted expert advisor to senior executives, customers, and stakeholders.

~ Selected Areas of Expertise ~

Investigations (Criminal and Administrative)	Program Management	Strategic Planning & Oversight
Teambuilding & Professional Development Senior-Level Advising	Policy Development & Compliance Written/Verbal Communication	Financial & Resource Management Interagency Collaboration

CURRENT AGENCY

(03/2019-PRESNT), Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)
Position: Director, Office of Professional Responsibility
Duties, Accomplishments and Related Experience: As the Director, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), CSOSA, I provide the overall leadership, direction, program planning, and the coordination of the activities for the personnel of the OPR, 4 person staff. I report directly to the Agency Director and manage the investigative program within the CSOSA. I establish and implement procedures for receiving and investigating complaints or information about the possible existence of events that constitute a violation of laws or regulations, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or substantial and specific danger to public health and safety. I review allegations of non-compliance with Agency ethical and professional responsibility requirements and provide reports of the investigation to the requesting official. As the Director, I supervise, manage and conduct investigations of employee suitability issues and alleged employee misconduct, such as falsification of records, making false statements, attendance problems, sexual harassment, threats of violence, misuse of position or Government property, workers compensation fraud and similar matters, and provide reports of the investigation to the Executive Leadership. I perform the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised (supervising). I plan, schedule and assign work to subordinates. I establish guidelines and performance expectations for staff members; I provide feedback and periodically evaluated employee performance. I provide advice, counsel, and/or instruction to staff members. I recommend or approve appointments, selections, or reassignments to positions appropriate to the selection authority delegated. I affect disciplinary measures as necessary to the authority delegated in my area of responsibility as the Director, OPR. I carry out Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies and program activities. Further, I provide oversite to the production of written materials such as letters, opinions, reports, and recommendations on highly substantive investigative issues and findings. I research, analyze, and develop synopses of extremely sensitive investigations; and refer the documents to appropriate entities for administrative action. I ensure that all OPR reports are completed, accurate, and responsive to the request. I prepared a variety of special analyses reports on program issues and regular reporting of investigations trend analysis.

RELATED AGENCY/EXPERIENCE

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (CPPBSD), operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, is an independent executive branch federal entity responsible for administering the AbilityOne Program pursuant to the JavitsWagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act (41 U.S.C. §§ 8501–8506). Through the AbilityOne Program, over 46,000 Americans who are blind or have other

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significant disabilities are employed in the manufacturing and delivery of over $3.2 billion in federal contracts for products and services to the Federal Government. The AbilityOne Program is the single largest source of employment in the United States for people who are blind or significantly disabled.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

06/2016–02/2019, **Assistant Inspector General for Investigations & Acting Inspector General,** Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (U.S. AbilityOne Commission), Arlington, VA.

INVESTIGATION & AUDIT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT: Direct staff efforts in providing oversight innovative support for 600 agencies, 47,000 people, and $3.1B in government funds. Oversee/supervised a wide range of related program activities, including investigative support work; criminal investigative operations; general investigative operations; security controls; administration of an Internal Review Program (financial transactions, accounts and reports); analytics and predictive analytics; performance, operational, and finance-related audits; attestations and reviews; and an internal audit program. Provide managerial and decision authority for conducting audits (internal review and external review), follow-up, financial audits, performance audits, audit documentation, regulatory reviews, inspection control reviews and oversight programs. Oversee Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and ensure compliance with Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act.

LEADERSHIP & ADVISING: Lead/Supervised a new staff of 3 personnel that is planned and budgeted to grow to a full 24 over the next two years. Advise senior officials on matters relating to the agency's investigations, inspections, and audit/review programs. Oversee the recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, training, administration, and assignment of investigations and audit personnel. Foster, develop, and maintain relationships with senior staff and stakeholders to foster information and resource sharing. Review proposed and existing legislation and regulations to determine the impact towards OIG matters and priorities. Serve as focal point for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and other oversight bodies, developed statements of work and task orders for needed contracted services, provided oversight and management of those statements of work and task orders. Coordinated with the Department of Justice and partner agencies with regard to criminal and administrative investigations, inspections, reviews, surveys, and audits. Keep senior officials, the Council of Inspector General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and Congress fully informed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY DEVELOPMENT: Develop enterprise-level processes and systems reviews that optimize and integrate subordinate groups' investigation and internal review capabilities. Develop policy related to conducting internal Inspector General (IG) investigations, audits, and inspections, responding to GAO and other external audit requests. Develop policy related to insider threat activities and continuity of operations plan. Report on and implement corrective actions taken in response to audit and inspection recommendations. Create and refine organizational structure as needed to achieve the effective delivery of IG services to customers. Continuously evaluate overarching strategic goals and develop action plans to achieve them. Establish guidelines for when financial statements are conducted. Ensure that any work performed by nonfederal auditors complies with applicable laws and standards (GAGAS, GAAP and GAAS).

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- Implemented a governing policy designed to promote the economy, efficacy, and effectiveness of AbilityOne programs and operations, and protect these programs and operations against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. As a result, senior leadership of the AbilityOne program tagged Internal Controls and Risk Management of the AbilityOne programs and operations as priority.

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- Initiated joint criminal investigations into approximately $300 million in fraud.

- Investigative supervision and management in first year of newly created OIG identified over $800,000 in questioned cost.

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11/2015–06/2016, **Deputy Director/Supervisory Compliance Specialist**, U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Arlington, VA.

INVESTIGATION & AUDIT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT: Directed and conducted formal compliance reviews and investigations and oversaw assistance visits. Audited every agency with identified noncompliance issues, such as inefficient recordkeeping systems, incorrect evaluation of blind or other severely disabled individuals' capability for competitive employment, lack of professional evaluations of the physical or mental disabilities, Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Service Contract Act. Reviewed reports of internal audits conducted with the assistance of the Central Nonprofit Agency (CNA) and trained CNA reviewers through joint audits. Responded to requests for information pertaining to the compliance programs from the CNAs, the Department of Labor (DOL), and other government agencies on nonprofit agency compliance matters.

LEADERSHIP & ADVISING: Led a six-member staff in providing compliance oversight to 47,000 people across 600 organizations. Managed day-to-day division operations, such as assigning and monitoring quantity and quality of work being performed; undertaking corrective action to address policy problems, backlogs, and procedural difficulties; determining work priorities; and reporting progress on division activities. Oversaw the full spectrum of Human Resources and personnel administration, including hiring, training, performance appraisals, counseling, mentoring, and professional development. Provided expert advice and counsel on numerous decisions and approaches related to compliance goals and objectives and federal budgetary and economic realities. Frequently advised the Director of Compliance on highly controversial issues with national scope.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY DEVELOPMENT: Developed audit policy guidelines and procedures to ensure the proper employment of methodologies and audit techniques. Directed the implementation of new laws and regulations that impacted the mission of the division and the AbilityOne Program. Provided authoritative judgments, decisions, and recommendations for all reports of reviews, surveys, studies, investigations, or audits and for hotline allegation and complaint investigations of fraud, waste, and abuse.

COMMUNICATIONS & INTERAGENCY COORDINATION: Communicated effectively, both verbally and in writing, with a diverse group of stakeholders, senior officials, subordinates, and interagency partners. Represented the program with nonprofit agencies, the DOL, and other government agencies on nonprofit agency compliance matters. Provided presentations and briefings on strategic goals and mission statements. Served on the Senior Staff for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

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Selected Accomplishments and Key Results:

- Reenergized a team that was struggling with low morale and lack of direction. Within two months, led team in developing the division's vision, mission, function, and strategic goals.
- Championed development of a Concept of Operations that clearly presented the division's mission, function, and staffing requirements. -. As a result, more funding and additional inspectors were added to the division.
- Identified shortcomings in the Compliance Division inspection process, such as inspectors using a simple check list and failing to verify documents. Restructured the division and developed a new inspection process. Identified a multimillion-dollar contractor that was not adhering to policy.
- After reviewing existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to the Compliance Division programs and operations, developed and implemented internal controls to improve efficiency and create more accountability and transparency. As a result, the Commission's Staff is implementing and developing internal controls for the AbilityOne programs and operations.

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04/2015–10/2015, **Technical Advisor/Investigation Compliance Officer/Senior Staff Member**, U.S. AbilityOne Commission, Arlington, VA

Selected Duties & Accomplishments:

- Played a key role in developing a first-of-its-kind business case for the establishment of an OIG for the U.S. AbilityOne Commission Program. Business case included the appointment process of the IG; the organizational mission, function, and vision; IG duties and responsibilities; staffing, training, and budget requirements; high-risk areas to explore; reporting requirements; savings the OIG would bring to the agency; and other special provisions within the IG Act. The OIG was signed into law in December 2015 by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and by the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

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07/2012–03/2015, **Investigations Compliance Officer**, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), OIG, Fort Belvoir, VA

INVESTIGATION & AUDIT LEADERSHIP: Directed teams of up to 24 personnel. Reviewed reports and complaints within the Investigations Division, referred investigative actions, reviewed criminal vulnerability assessments and source files, and assessed investigative division's programs through inspections and quality process, including evidence, weapons, hotline, FOIA, investigative training, case file/records management, ensured compliance to requirements and accountability/property management. Sought to ensure accuracy, consistency, and adherence to policies. Assessed the OIG Deputy (GS15), Assistant Deputy (GS14), and other technical and subordinate staff members (GS7–GS13) in their respective areas of responsibility. Met or exceeded expectations in the areas of managing diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY ADVISING: Served as the principal advisor to the IG on various policy and program matters. Developed policy and procedures that governed all aspects of the Investigative Division operations and sought to align with DLA strategic goals,

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including internal/external investigative policies on fraud, waste, and abuse. Maintained productive relationships with other federal agencies, state and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental entities. Routinely briefed senior officials on findings from compliance inspections and investigations.

Selected Accomplishments and Key Results:

- Created, gained support for, and implemented a compliance program within the Investigations Division. Ensured that compliance reviews met requirements based on comprehensive knowledge of the laws, regulations, and policies governing general, criminal, and administrative investigations.

- Developed a strategy for establishing standards for investigation timeliness and thoroughness. New standards enabled special agents to produce more timely and relevant products that informed high-level decisions. Specifically, 130 investigations took place in 2013 with an average closing time of four months (a 50% improvement from 2012) and with zero in overtime costs (down from $140K).

- Conducted almost 20 comprehensive inspections with more than 50 recommendations of corrective action and subsequent progress reports on implementation of those corrective actions.

- Rewrote the policy governing the DLA Investigation Division. As a result, investigative activity improved and the organization had more accountability and transparency.

- Served on a high-level DLA planning team focused on compliance with standards established by the Comptroller General of the U.S. for audits of federal establishments, organizations, programs, activities, and functions.

- Rewrote the General Order for DLA OIG. As a result, adherence to Department of Defense policy accomplished.

- Formulated a human capital reorganization plan to balance staff and skill sets between offices in the U.S. and Germany

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11/2003–09/2012, **Special Agent/Polygraph Examiner/Supervisor**, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Schofield Barracks, HI.

INVESTIGATION & AUDITS: Coordinated, scheduled, and conducted polygraphs in support of 30,000 personnel throughout Hawaii and Asia-Pacific Region. Conducted administrative and Criminal investigations on agents and other personnel reported to be in violation of rules, laws, guidelines, policies, or regulations of the U.S. military, Department of Defense, or host nations. Conducted on site reviews of violations of process or quality systems. Conducted risk assessments and follow-up on completed corrective actions. Provided written and verbal briefings on finding and recommendation actions.

LEADERSHIP & ADVISING: Directed teams of up to eight personnel in a variety of programs and projects. Proactively mentored personnel to new heights of professionalism while cultivating an environment of continual learning and development. Served as staff adviser to commanders, operations officers, special agents, military police, and attorneys on proper protocol and application of forensic psychophysiological examinations (polygraphs). Scheduled, monitored, and conducted training for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel regarding interviews, interrogations, and polygraph utilization. Worked extensively with state and local government agencies to coordinate investigative

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activities. Routinely provided fraud, waste, and abuse awareness briefings to customer agencies.

Selected Accomplishments and Key Results:

- Investigated sensitive, difficult, and complex cases and testified in over 20 federal and military tribunals. Testimonial statement during a court proceeding led to a senior official in the military receiving a 20-year prison sentence for the crime committed.
- Administered over 500 felony-level criminal investigation polygraph examinations, maintaining an 85% confession rate and a 95% resolve rate.
- Conducted broad assessments of long-term objectives and then developed strategies to achieve them, such as forming stronger partnerships with customer organizations. Increased number of polygraph examinations from 40–50 in previous years to 80–90 each year.
- Trained and mentored over 100 special agents and law enforcement personnel in case management, interviews, interrogation, investigative process and polygraph utilization.
- Performance as a Special Agent was pivotal to many cases, such as helping to exonerate an individual who was facing 25 years to life and exonerating another individual from a $500K contracting theft investigation.

Additional Relevant Experience:

2000–2003; **Special Agent/Team Chief/Team Leader,** U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Schofield Barracks, HI.

- Served as the Team Chief for the 8-person General Crimes Team. I planned, directed and reviewed all aspects of the investigative process pertaining to felony criminal investigations including, Fraud, Theft, Homicide, Suicide, Murder Suicide, terrorist acts. Developed, coordinated, and implemented all activity policies pertaining to crime prevention surveys, vulnerability assessments, and logistical security operations in order to identify systemic weaknesses pertaining to fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement.
- Served as the Team Chief for the 7-person Drug Suppression Team. I planned, directed and reviewed all aspects of the investigative process pertaining to felony drug offense. Led a team of four undercover investigators in effecting controlled purchases of illicit drugs using US Government Contingency Funds; confidential sources; carrying out surveillance of criminals; infiltrating illicit drug channels; using undercover techniques; identifying and apprehending drug distributors; executing search warrants; confiscating illegal drug supplies; arresting law violators engaged in criminal drug activities; working closely with and debriefing confidential sources of information and managing the collection and processing of evidence.

Selected Accomplishments and Key Results:

- Supervised over 200 felony investigations involving property, sound responsibility and accountability supervision/management led to recovering over $162,000 in property
- Resolved over 260 felony narcotic investigations with a 100% solve rate, and recovered over $500,000 in illicit drugs.
- Pride and trust I supervised/managed, selected, monitored, mentored, trained and organized a team of professional, technical, and clerical Special Agents/Investigators
- Established a professional/highly cooperative relationship with local law enforcement; with an emphasis on teamwork.
- Procured mission essential equipment and furnishings to operate in an environment away from the main unit, thus ensuring the identities of the semi-covert investigators.
- Managed team was never questioned in regards to their integrity, tact, courtesy and mission

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accomplishment by executive leadership.
- Team was the focal point for criminal intelligence with local agencies.
- Maintained and held accountable for over $100,000.00 in equipment and supplies.

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Education:
Master's Degree in Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, 2004
Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ, 2000

Selected Professional Training:
Avoiding Costly Mistakes Supervisors Make, 2019
Whistle-blower Reprisal Investigations Course, 2018
Understanding and Working with Congress for CIGIE, 2018
Key Executive Leadership Certificate Program, American University, 2015/2016
Inspector General, Periodic Refresher Training, 2015
Contract and Grant Fraud Training, 2015
Department of Defense Joint Inspector General School, Specific Training on Administrative Investigations, In-take of Complaints and Inspections/Evaluations, 2013
Practical Kinesics Interview and Interrogation Level I and Level II, 2010
Advanced Sex Crimes Investigations, 2009
Supervisory Criminal Investigation/Investigator Advanced Course, 2007

Honors & Awards:
DLA Vice Director Coin for Outstanding Performance
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (2)
Army Achievement Medal (2)

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Summary

Enthusiastic and resourceful financial professional with extensive audit and investigative experience in non-profit and government entities, including the State of Maryland, Federal cabinet-level agencies and on behalf of the U.S. Congress. Proven team-building, analytical, and writing skills developed while directing dozens of single-site and nationwide financial and performance audits that have identified millions of dollars in savings to U.S. taxpayers.

Professional Experience

Maryland Department of Health, Baltimore, MD **2017-present**
Inspector General

Chief audit and investigative executive in $14 billion state agency responsible for Maryland's health care delivery system. Leads an office of 60 auditors, investigators, and other professionals with a budget of $5.6 million. Responsible for the coordination of Maryland's Medicaid program integrity audits and investigations to identify fraud, waste, and abuse by providers and recipients. Oversees multiple investigative efforts addressing aspects of the opioid crisis. Provides leadership and direction for audits of internal Department operations, as well as state-regulated health care providers, facilities, and organizations. Directs the Department's corporate compliance program, including the recent development of monitoring and tracking systems for Covid-19 related nursing home and congregate care compliance. Coordinates with Maryland's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and various law enforcement agencies. Developed first-ever audit manual; first-ever strategic plan; first-ever comprehensive annual report, as well as related training.

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Washington, DC **2004 - 2017**
Deputy Director, Internal Oversight and Performance Assurance

Senior financial executive in team that established startup office to ensure the efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of PCAOB programs and operations. Directed audit teams, wrote and reviewed audit reports, briefed management, PCAOB board members, and Securities and Exchange Commission staff on audit results.

- Planned and directed internal control and operational reviews of PCAOB programs established by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Management acted on these reviews and related recommendations to significantly enhance internal controls at the PCAOB.
- Planned and directed reviews of PCAOB's functional areas, including information technology, finance, and human resources, and facilities. These reviews and related recommendations resulted in process improvements and efficiencies as well as documented cost-savings.

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- Developed quality assurance structure and practices consistent with Government Auditing Standards. Independent reviewers have annually determined the quality assurance system meets all relevant standards and is operating as intended. Developed related manuals and training. Developed strategic plan and annual report of accomplishments.
- Developed audit reports with recommendations to management and on which the Securities and Exchange Commission has relied extensively in carrying out its own oversight responsibilities for the PCAOB.
- Investigated and reported on inquiries involving employee complaints and misconduct.

U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC **2001 - 2004**
Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services/Regional Manager (511-SES)

Part of senior executive leadership team responsible for planning, conducting, and reporting on financial and performance audits of a $20 billion Federal agency. Managed 150 professional audit staff in 15 offices nationwide, with an office budget of $15 million.

- Coordinated and reviewed the work of government staff and outside audit firm conducting the annual agency financial statement audit.
- Issued over 60 performance audits annually, covering major programmatic areas such as the nuclear weapons program, national security, environmental cleanup, information technology, and the $7 billion in research efforts conducted by the national laboratory system. Reports identified millions in available savings and questionable costs.
- Conducted audits of the agency's power marketing administrations and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Ensured that audits were conducted in accordance with GAO Yellow Book and other professional standards.
- Briefed senior agency and administration officials, congressional representatives, and other interested parties on the results of audit work.

Other Relevant Experience

1982-2004

Increasingly more responsible audit positions with the U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Government Accountability Office; and U.S. Department of Treasury.

- Supervised teams of 5 to 15 auditors.
- Prepared office budget submissions.
- Developed and conducted training for entry-level and intermediate auditors, with emphasis on writing clear audit reports.
- Developed audit manuals and procedures.
- Served on special audit assignments with U.S. House Appropriations Committee and Federal Election Commission.

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Education

Master of Public Administration
American University/Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science
Bradley University/Peoria, IL

Professional Certifications

Certified Public Accountant, Maryland
Certified Fraud Examiner
COSO Internal Control Certificate

Community Service

Former Board Member, Vice Chair, Chair of various boards associated with Asbury Communities, a multi-facility non-profit retirement system based in Germantown, MD.

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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

An accomplished and dedicated professional with over 20 years of leadership experience in the public service sector. A strong background in program enrichment, strategic planning, directive development, and accreditation achievement. Exceptional communication skills with a proven ability to build strong interpersonal business relationships.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director
Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Bureau of Healthcare Practitioner Regulation
March 2019 – Present

Executive director and administrator of the Florida Boards of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling; Podiatric Medicine; Opticianry; Orthotists & Prosthetists; Athletic Training; and Hearing Aid Specialists. Management of the board office team of 16 members who carry out the daily requirements of evaluating applications for professional licensure and renewal. Receive, review, and process complaints regarding violations of scope of practice and unlicensed activity. Provide final approval of agenda items for board meetings and ensure complainants are notified and public meeting notices are timely published. Coordinate board meeting logistics with the planning unit to ensure adequate public meeting space, audio-visual needs, court reporter presence, and security. Ensure board members are prepared in advance of scheduled meetings and maintains board meeting flow during meetings in coordination with the board chair and legal counsel. Project annual expenditures and manage the budget for six board offices and the administrative office. Review legislative bills, complete bill analysis as requested, and attend committee meetings related to legislative matters of interest to the boards. Provide informative updates to board members and associations of interest, prepare legislative implementation plans, and ensure streamlined implementation of laws. Work collaboratively with board counsel to evaluate existing rules, draft rule language, and provide recommendations to the board for rulemaking. Serve as board representative for inquiries related to rule making. Prepare action plans to implement adopted rules and ensure streamlined implementation of necessary procedural changes. Resolve constituent concerns in an amenable way while balancing the regulatory requirements of law and rule. Attend association meetings; provide presentations and participate in events as requested.

Deputy Director
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
July 2016 – January 2019

The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco licenses, collects, and audits excise taxes, surcharges, and fees paid by licensees, and enforces the laws and regulations of the alcoholic beverage and tobacco industries. With approximately 72,000 active alcoholic beverage and tobacco license holders, the Division generates nearly $2 billion in license fees, taxes, and fines annually. With the support of 334 dedicated employees, these responsibilities are carried out through three bureaus within the Division: Licensing, Auditing and Enforcement. Provided direct operational oversight to the three bureau chiefs. Managed the Division's personnel actions in cooperation with the human relations liaison ensuring compliance with three bargaining unit agreements, Florida Administrative Code, Florida Statutes, and federal laws. Ensured maintenance of state funds through oversight of the operations review specialist responsible for the Division's budget. Responsibilities also included management of public records requests and response to media inquiries in accordance with Florida's Public Records Laws. Coordinated development of Division publications and electronic media. Completed assigned legislative bill analysis and supported the management of the legislative implementation plan for the Division. Provided policy development contributions and completed a final editorial review prior to presentation for promulgation. In this role, significant management of agency priorities and business goals was necessary. Served as a Division representative with community coalitions, industry members, and national regulatory counterparts.

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Chief of Law Enforcement
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
Bureau of Law Enforcement
10/2015 – 07/2016

Command responsibility of a 188-member state law enforcement agency responsible for enforcement of Florida's alcoholic beverages and tobacco laws. Members routinely conduct criminal investigations, arrests, searches, and regulatory inspections throughout the state. Managed the Bureau's nearly 17-million-dollar annual budget in accordance with applicable law, rules, and policy. Ensured cooperative efforts with both external and inter-departmental resources to enhance partnerships and ensure open communications. Developed the IS II Enrichment Program designed to guarantee continued professional development of non- sworn inspections staff. Ensured direct collaboration with the PBA Bargaining Unit to establish a positive working relationship to manage contract related issues. Unified agency members to reengage with their community by joining coalitions and organizations to increase agency participation at the local level. Routine duties included oversight of human relations matters (including agency representation at Public Employees Relations Commission hearings and court proceedings); revision of written directives; compliance with established accreditation standards; external communications; and identifying and providing training and education opportunities for sworn and non-sworn personnel.

Major of Operations
Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF), Operational Support Services
10/2014 – 10/2015

Direct management responsibilities for three units responsible for supporting the investigative mission of the agency. The Administrative Unit, responsible for the Division budget, purchasing, personnel actions, administrative support, and managing confidential funds and forfeiture compliance. The Operational Support Unit, responsible for training initiatives, leadership, and mentoring programs for more than 200 Division members, the state accreditation function, staff inspections, property and evidence compliance, inventory, fleet, and distance learning. The Information Technology Unit, responsible for supporting the agency case management system (ACISS), website design and maintenance, hardware support and other related functions to support the technology needs of the investigative bureaus. Supervised an analyst responsible for development of outreach publications and statistical analysis. Completed maintenance and development of the Division's written directive system. Managed the Division's successful reaccreditation efforts for the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Administered the selection and promotional process for the Division including the development of assessment materials, administration of written and physical examinations, assignment of background investigations and completion of final selection documentation. Applied federal and state laws as it relates to selection processes involving sworn and non-sworn position vacancies. Compiled Division presentation materials, documents, process mapping exercises, and strategic planning documents.

Special Operations Captain
Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations
04/2009 – 10/2014

Supervised the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations (BFAI) Training Unit tasked with the development and delivery of training objectives for 105 sworn Bureau members. The unit developed, implemented, and maintained components of the fire investigation certification program for the Florida State Fire College. Provided oversight of the Criminal Intelligence Analyst (CIA) Unit who deliver essential analytical support to detectives on criminal investigations. Unit members contribute to the Florida Intelligence Unit, a statewide information network, and are actively involved in local task forces developed to solve major cases. Provided administrative oversight of the canine program comprised of six accelerant detection canine teams trained in the discernment of accelerants and one explosive canine team. Coordinated recruitment and selection of qualified team members, supported field operation initiatives and ensured compliance with annual recertification requirements. Managed the Bureau's initial Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation process. Implemented the electronic issuance of directives which reduced manual reproduction costs and ensured documented issuance and receipt of directives by members. Oversight of the selection and promotional process. Developed assessment materials, administered written and physical examinations, assigned background investigations and completed final selection documentation. Managed the property and evidence function including the daily operation of the state evidence facility and supervision of one evidence technician. Administered the Division staff inspection program including inspections, preparation of final reports and presentation of findings. Lead process mapping exercises and maintained tracking system for strategic planning goals.

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Law Enforcement Lieutenant
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Law Enforcement, Public Education and Training
09/2002 – 04/2009

Served in a sworn capacity as a law enforcement training lieutenant in the Office of Public Education and Training. Assigned to the State Emergency Operations Center and FDLE Tallahassee Mobile Area Command during activations of Emergency Support Function 16. Maintained asset rosters and coordinated the deployment of sworn members and specialized equipment to disaster areas. Established and coordinated the development of the DEP and CSX Railroad Environmental Crimes Training Center at the Florida Public Safety Institute. Managed the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation initial process. The process included an in-depth review of Division practices and existing procedures to coordinate changes necessary to meet accreditation standards. Collected documentation and prepared accreditation files for review by assessors. Reviewed, developed and implemented written directives. Conducted employment assessments for Bureau of Park Police and Bureau of Environmental Investigations. Coordinated the Field Training Officer program for the Florida Park Patrol. Served as the Division training coordinator. Florida Department of Law Enforcement certified instructor: General Instructor, Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations, Defensive Tactics and First Responder. Developed public informational items including convention displays, PowerPoint presentations and brochures. Represented the Division as spokesperson at public meetings, civic organizations, law enforcement academies and conferences. Experienced conference presenter in the subject areas of: Sexual Harassment, Human Diversity, Environmental Crimes Awareness and youth driven environmental crimes programs such as "Grime Crime Justin Tyme". Organized the National Park Law Enforcement Association conference hosted by the Department. Coordinated nationally recognized guest speakers and served as emcee for the three-day event. Represented the Office of Public Education and Training on the Use of Force Review Committee. Served as alternate member of the state law enforcement, Region 15 Trust Fund Committee. Supervised one training sergeant. Responsible for the training center's operation and executive team meetings in the Chief's absence.

Law Enforcement Sergeant
Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Capitol Police, Capitol Patrol Squad
07/2001 – 09/2002

Managed four Capitol Police officers accountable for patrol operations and professional response to calls for service within the Capitol complex. Oversight of the communications center; managed one supervisor and eight duty officers. Coordinated multi-jurisdictional assets at the complex during the events following destruction of the World Trade Center. Organized and deployed more than 40 law enforcement personnel daily and provided intelligence briefings as events evolved. Member of teams responsible for coordinating high profile events including the Florida Legislative Session, 2000 Florida vote recount, "March on Tallahassee", memorial service for Governor Lawton Chiles and other significant events. Completed operational plans as required for major events. Organized and completed dignitary protection operations within the complex. Liaison with the House of Representatives and Senate staff regarding Capitol complex security. Served at the State Emergency Operations Center during activations of Emergency Support Function 16.

Law Enforcement Sergeant
Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Capitol Police, Training Unit
10/1998 – 07/2001

Supervised a training unit responsible for both law enforcement in-service as well as public education. Completed recruitment, screening, and interviewing of applicants for the position of law enforcement officer. Completed background investigations as needed in coordination with Capitol Police Investigations Unit. Special Detail Coordinator for the Florida Legislative Session. Was responsible for fulfilling staffing requirements for daily session activities and special interest committee meetings. Developed promotional items to include convention displays, PowerPoint presentations and brochures. Photographed key events and wrote press releases for submission to the Communications Office. Training coordinator and facilitator to fulfill law enforcement in-service requirements. Oversight of Explosives Ordnance Device Team and Explosives Detection Canine. Supervised four law enforcement officers. Assisted with initial law enforcement accreditation process. Elected to Region II Director, Florida Crime Prevention Association. Served on local Crime Stoppers Committee.

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EDUCATION

Florida State University – Tallahassee Florida
Bachelor of Science – College of Social Sciences and Public Policy – April, 2021
Golden Key International Honour Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Tallahassee Community College - Tallahassee,
Florida Associate of Arts - December, 2013
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

Florida Police Accreditation Coalition
Board of Certification for Athletic Training – Regulatory Advisory Panel
Association for Social Work Boards - Regulation and Standards Committee - Chair
State Law Enforcement Chief's Association – Board of Directors
National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives
North Florida Child Abduction Response Team

AWARD RECOGNITION

2014 Law Enforcement Leadership Award – State Law Enforcement Chiefs Association
Award Recipient: Department of Financial Services Exceptional Contribution
2010 Davis Productivity Award – Plaque Award Recipient

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am requesting consideration for the position of Inspector General. My qualifications, coupled with my experience in managing organizations while interacting with stakeholders at the highest levels makes me the best candidate to occupy this position.

If given this opportunity, I will bring a 27 year private and public sectors experience in oversight of organizational units ranging from community and economic development, budgeting, finance and Human Services.

A results-oriented professional, I am adept at managing a dynamic work environments impacted by political, economic and community issues and I believe my leadership abilities combined with exceptional innovative spirit will work as an advantage to Citizens.

My strengths include great communication skills, prudent fiscal and resource management abilities, prioritizing conflicting demands, exercise of good judgment, delegating authority when necessary, and consistent development and application of innovative solutions to organizational problems.

Attached is a copy of my resume and I am available for an interview at any time and can be reached at +1-786-333-9749.

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CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE • PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Accomplished Executive with 27 year experience in oversight of organizational units ranging from community and economic development, budgeting, finance and Human Services; 20 of which is at a supervisory level.

Result-oriented, decisive leader with proven success in planning, directing, and coordinating various functional areas of agency operations.

Demonstrated knowledge and experience in governance, risk management and internal control systems and policy analysis.

Experience in designing, implementing and maintaining robust risk management policies and procedures.

Strong research, organizational, writing and verbal communication skills.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Administration, (D.P.A), Valdosta State University.
Diploma, Business/Information Technology, Florida A&M University.

Master of Applied Social Sciences (MASS), Public Administration, Florida A&M University.

Bachelor of Science (BSc.), Business Economics, Florida A&M University.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP)

Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 2011-Present ***The Office of Commission Auditor, Osceola County, Florida***
Position: *Commission Auditor*

As Head of the Internal Audit Function, I define governance and operational framework for Office of the Commission Auditor, Osceola County. Collaborate with Board of County Commissioners and other Charter Officers to define stakeholder expectations and design rigorous business monitoring processes to keep abreast of changing risk that may affect budgeting, finance, community and economic development goal of the County. Provide reliable, timely and useful information through audits, reviews and analysis to enable the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) make decisions on the effective and efficient use of approximately $1 billion of County resources. Provide opinion and advisory services to the Board on the status of the control environment to mitigate key risks impacting the County. Develop a Countywide risk-based audit work plan. Investigate whistleblower complaints of abuse and misuse of County resources. Directly accountable for the engagement and effective overall management of staff including recruitment, performance management, coaching and development.

Key Achievements

- Created a more customer-oriented collection and enforcement approach that resulted in a $1million increase in Tourist Development Taxes (TDT) collection.
- Introduced CAAT in the form of AutoAudit to OCA.
- Led the office through its first ever Peer Review which resulted in full compliance grade.

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January 2005 - December 2011 ***Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA), Miami-Dade County***
Position: *Audit Manager*

Designed audit strategy, planning, time and cost budget and execution of audit. Developed annual work plan and report using a comprehensive risk assessment. Supervised the conduct of financial, performance, and compliance audits and provided training, guidance and technical assistance to the OCA audit team to ensure timely completion of work; and assisted administration in the development and implementation of new and/or modified controls. Develop open and constructive working relationships with key stakeholders and keep abreast of relevant developments to ensure the completeness of OCA's audit universe and related risk assessment process, as well as to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness of the audit process.

Key Achievements

- Lead effort in staffing and start-up operations of Office of the Commission Auditor, Miami-Dade County upon creation.
- Key role in first ever peer review for the Office of the Commission Auditor which resulted in a full compliance grade.
- Selected by Association of Local Government Auditors to conduct Peer Reviews on government audit offices.

October 2003 - January 2005 ***Office of Inspector General, Department of Community Affairs, Tallahassee, FL.***
Positon: *Management Review Specialist*

- Planned and conducted performance, compliance and financial audits of the Department and Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) while serving as the Department's liaison to the Corporation;
- Tested and evaluated internal controls and prepared formal reports as to their adequacy or lack thereof;
- Performed program and operation evaluations for effectiveness and efficiency in the use of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), and State Apartment Incentive Loans (SAIL) funds allocated to Florida Housing Finance Corporation;
- Investigated alleged misconduct or misuse of funds at Florida Housing Finance Corporation;
- Reviewed grant recipients annual independent audit reports for compliance with OMB Circular A-133; and
- Assisted FHFC program management and administrative staff in developing and implementing problem solving strategies in different divisions

May 2002 – October 2003 ***MGT of America, Tallahassee, FL.***
Positon *Consultant*

- Initiated, planned, executed, controlled, and closed projects in the different practice areas of the organization;
- Supervised project staff on all aspect of project life which included collection and analysis of data; report writing phase and subsequent presentation of engagement conclusion to the clients;
- Collected and analyzed clients contractor utilization data to establish the presence or absence of disparity toward minority and women business enterprises as lead consultant of the Disparity Studies Practice Area;
- Researched and developed policies to redress discrimination and meet requirements of court decisions;
- Created independent quantitative and qualitative evaluations designed to assess program effectiveness and recommendation for program improvement

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November 2000 – May 2002 ***Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, Tallahassee, FL.***
Position: *Management Review Specialist*

- Planned and conducted financial, compliance, and performance audits with a goal to enhance governance within the organization;
- Evaluated internal controls in various divisions of the organization and made recommendations for improvement, if any;
- Assisted in the development of annual risk based audit plan for agency operations;
- Conducted or assist the Office of Inspector General staff in conducting special investigations of alleged violations of statutes or rules, mismanagement or significant deviation from accepted management or financial practices; and
- Made oral presentation and prepared written report to management that document the findings of the audit and include recommendations for corrective actions

May 1999 – November 2000 ***Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, FL.***
Position: *Internal Auditor II*

- Conducted audits to ensure adequacy of financial and operational controls in all divisions of the department;
- Ensured compliance with established laws and procedures of the department;
- Accountability and safeguarding of departmental assets;
- Made recommendation concerning the modification or establishment of internal controls;
- Established the objective and scope of audits and prepared the audit programs;
- Made oral and written presentations to management during and at the conclusion of audits; and
- Appraised the adequacy of the corrective action taken to improve deficient conditions.

September 1993 – May 1999 ***Florida Department of Revenue Tallahassee, FL.***
Positon: *Revenue Specialist II*

- Conducted audits on Consolidated Sales Tax Returns to ensure compliance with Florida Statutes and Rules;
- Assisted supervisors in strategic planning, assessing and analyzing policy and tax return in an effort to reduce non-value added sales tax bills and delinquencies;
- Assisted in designing computer-based training for Revenue Specialists in the Sales Tax audit section;
- Analyzed taxpayers' accounts for bills and delinquencies.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA)
International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
Project Management Institute (PMI)
Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

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JESSE BOTTCHER

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Education

Bachelor of Arts, Florida State University

Creative Writing Minor: Communications

Work Experience

Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Program Administrator 9/2018-Present

- Serves as the supervisor over the Primary and Preventative Care Unit. This includes determining all Medicaid coverage in Primary and Preventative Care services.
- Supervisor over Medicaid eligibility requirements for Florida Medicaid. Responsible for updating and maintaining Rule 59G-1.058 Eligibility.
- Determine coverage and develop official rules for coverage in the following facilities; Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics Nursing Facilities, County Health Departments, Dialysis Clinics, Intermediate Care Facilities, and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.
- Determine Medicaid Coverage and set rates for over 8,000 Common Procedure Codes for Medical Services.
- Determine coverage and set rates for Practitioners, including; Physicians, Advanced Practice Practical Nurses, Physicians Assistants, Licensed Midwives, Audiologists, and Laboratory services.

Program Operations Administrator 4/2017-9/2018

- Served as the supervisor over outpatient Hospital, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Hospice, County Health Departments, and school based reimbursement rates.
- Assist in the design and implementation of various cost reporting data collection techniques in order to monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of various Medicaid cost reimbursement plans and fee schedules.
- Analyze the fiscal effect of the primary features of the hospital, FQHC, RHC and Hospice cost reimbursement plans including the payment mechanism (settlement, payment period, prospective rate setting), rates caps, cost projections, rate allocation etc.
- Perform complex statistical and financial analyses of Medicaid provider cost facilities in order to assess their impact on overall Medicaid costs and for use in future Medicaid cost reimbursement.

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- Analyze current Medicaid cost reimbursement methodologies to determine the effect on provider participation, quality of care, efficiency, economy and compliance with federal and state laws.
- Represent the Agency in local and state meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars related to Medicaid cost reimbursement.
- Assist in coordinating and leading regular and special meetings within the Agency and between the agency and provider groups and associations in presenting and reviewing proposed cost reimbursement methodologies.

Government Analyst II 9/2015- 4/2017

- Reviewed cost reports for nursing homes under the Medicaid program for acceptability under AHCA and Federal guidelines.
- Assisted in the selection of cost reports for audit contract management for CPA firms contracted with AHCA.
- Reviewed and processed hospital audits.
- Delegated as unit supervisor when supervisor was absent.

Regulatory Analyst I, II and III 12/2012- 9/2015

- Responsible for setting nursing home reimbursement rates in accordance with Medicaid reimbursement plans, policies, and regulations.
- Established provider reimbursement rates for the annual rate setting of all nursing home providers enrolled in the Medicaid program.
- Processed rate changes based on audits, interim rate requests, amended cost reports, and all other conditions requiring retroactive rate changes.
- Assisted in preparing annual reports required by the Florida legislature.

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DIRECTOR OF FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

MAXIMIZING ORGANIZATIONS' INTERNAL CONTROLS, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & ETHICS

20+ years of award-winning expertise in assessing programs, policies, procedures, and processes to identify organizational risks. Savvy in uncovering weaknesses and vulnerabilities, defining problem scope, and offering high-impact solutions. Change leader with a track record of improving assessment approaches for uncovering compliance violations, ethics, misconduct, and fraud through methodologies adopted agency-wide in government organizations.

Named Investigator of the Year by International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.
Sought-out thought leader on regulatory compliance, assessment methodologies, and risk reduction tactics.
Awards from: Department of Justice ▪ U.S. Attorney's Office ▪ Dept. of Veterans Affairs ▪ U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Identified $67M in fraud, saved $35M in potential losses, and recovered $24.3M throughout career.

Leadership ▪ State and Federal Regulatory Compliance ▪ Data Analysis ▪ Quality of Service ▪ Recommendations ▪ Reporting
Program Assessment ▪ Risk Assessment ▪ Risk Reduction ▪ Internal Controls ▪ Ethics ▪ Ethical Cultures
Project Management, Timelines & Milestones ▪ Work Plan Development ▪ Document Review ▪ Interviews ▪ Communication

EXPERIENCE

Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Jun 2008 – Present

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, Washington, DC, Sep 2013 – Present

Manage Proactive Investigations program for healthcare fraud, waste, abuse, and criminal activity. Lead strategy for gap analysis of program controls and integration of known case results with predictive analytics to initiate complex investigations. Act as OIG's fraud SME to multi-directorate teams focused on data mining. Analyze and interpret data to develop cases related to health and benefits administration. Analyze Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) data to asses negative impacts of VA programs and employees. Oversee and coordinate complex criminal investigations.

- **Paved the way for an $8M savings on potential fraud, recovery of $2M,** and arrest/conviction of 30 defendants. Uncovered internal control gaps in e-Benefits authentication processes causing extensive identity theft and fraudulent benefit payment re-direction. Proposed solutions and created systematic, event-linking approach to identify organized criminal organizations.
- **Shifted agency approach from reactive to proactive** by recommending formation of a data-focused group; implemented by Office of Investigations, yielding a new division to identify risk indicators of program fraud, waste, and abuse.
- **Saved $7M by improving fraud prevention** to augment fraud detection for program that matches beneficiaries with Social Security Index. Enabled termination of benefits for deceased beneficiaries by discovering data retrieval process flaw.
- **Boosted quality of investigative leads from hotline, leading to 2 immediate staff arrests** related to theft of opioids and sexual assaults of patients. Assessed hotline call quality. Revamped call script to emphasize attribution of allegation. Initiated and led scenario-based staff training.
- **Strengthened capabilities in recovering overpayments to vendors** by instituting unused statute, Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, to assist in recouping losses administratively when court-ordered restitution or civil litigation is not an option.
- **In-demand expert on BSA materials,** frequently requested to deliver live and webinar training guiding the financial industry in adopting best practices for BSA material production, handling, and distribution.
- **As thought leader, serve as Directorate liaison** to OIG Data Analysis Division, DOJ Healthcare Strike Force, Health and Human Services OIG, and National Healthcare Anti-Fraud Association. Coordinate information exchanges and data-sharing among 51 partner agencies.
- **Garnered VA OIG Outstanding Initiative Award, VA OIG Outstanding Team Accomplishment Award, and U.S. Attorney's Office District of New Mexico Distinguished Achievement Award.**

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- **Facilitated 833% rise in annual monetary recoveries, raising ROI 85%. Improved agency risk assessment capabilities.** Prepared report for agency leadership on productivity and impact of field offices. Introduced training platforms focused on data analytics. Initiated education by Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and National Health Care Anti-Fraud Assoc.
- **Key role in uncovering exploitation of VA's Small Business Procurement Program.** Yielded arrests, convictions, and debarments from federal procurement. Launched project to identify and analyze $60M+ in fraudulent government contracts.
- **Empowered law enforcement to improve data mining quality** for cases of BSA/Anti-Money Laundering (AML). Hosted live and webinar training on end-user perspective, focusing on matters significant to law enforcement.

SPECIAL AGENT, PHOENIX, AZ Jun 2008 – Sep 2013

Conducted criminal investigations related to fraud, waste, and abuse at VA offices, medical facilities, and programs in Arizona and New Mexico. Reviewed medical, employment, financial, and other documentation. Interviewed VA employees, witnesses, victims, and suspects. Trained VA Contracting Officer Technical Representatives and field agents on identifying and reporting fraud.

- **Featured on TV show, "American Greed," for investigation and prosecution of Ponzi scheme fraudster.**

U.S. Postal Inspection Service – Merrifield, VA Mar 2007 – Jun 2008

POSTAL INSPECTOR

Investigated white-collar crimes, including mail theft, identity theft, credit card fraud, counterfeiting, and money laundering. Analyzed financial data. Trained inspectors on analyzing and leveraging financial data, including BSA data in financial investigations.

- **Upgraded fraud/identity theft investigation leads.** Introduced investigative methodology, protocol, and training on leveraging BSA material through Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN); **adopted organization-wide as national best practices.**

Additional Experience: SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. Secret Service – Washington, DC

Recognized SME for AML and white-collar fraud investigations. Conducted criminal investigations. Hosted multiple, interagency lectures on AML and white-collar cases and trends. Led financial crimes, money laundering, and asset forfeiture training to agents from USSS, ICE, IRS, and ATF during U.S. Treasury-sponsored training initiatives.

- **Triggered dozens of significant arrests and seizure and forfeiture of millions of dollars** for restitution to victims. Initiated and steered Secret Service-led, Inland Empire Financial Crimes Task Force that garnered **accolades from federal and local prosecutors for outstanding achievements in complex fraud.**
- **Served as international case coordinator** of Supernote counterfeit investigation, deemed **the largest and most significant counterfeit currency investigation in the agency's history.** Briefed U.S. Cabinet officials, including Secretary of State, Secretary of Treasury, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the National Security Council.
- **Assisted U.S Treasury Department to impose sanctions against foreign financial institutions** related to dealings with illicit activities conducted by North Korea.
- **As Inland Empire Task Force Coordinator, uncovered $7.9M in fraud losses; recovered $2.3M; prevented loss of $20M+.** Investigated 11 cases leading to 15 arrests.
- **Improved targeting of criminal cases with asset forfeiture potential** by implementing Suspicious Activity Review Program.
- **Three-time winner of Department of Justice Distinguished Achievement Awards** for Excellence in Criminal Investigations.
- **Earned Distinguished Achievement Award from U.S. Customs Service** for seizure of 28 lbs. of heroin from airline passenger.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
CERTIFIED ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING SPECIALIST, Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists
BACHELOR'S DEGREE, POLITICAL SCIENCE (MINOR IN ECONOMICS), Fordham University – Bronx, NY
National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA):

- Advanced Excel Techniques for Healthcare Fraud; National Healthcare Fraud

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE):

- Law Enforcement and Government Alliance Anti-Fraud Summit; International Fraud Conference; Utilizing Data Analytics and Predictive Reasoning to Combat Fraud; Bribery and Corruption; Combatting Fraud through Vendor Audits; Contract and Procurement Fraud; Identifying and Combating Healthcare Fraud

Analytics Tools: ESRI ArcGIS Essentials/ESRI ArcGIS Workflow; SAS Programing I/SAS SQL 1
USSS Special Agent Training (SATC), US Secret Service
Criminal Investigator Training Program (CITP), Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

Affiliations: ***Advisory Council Member & Career Mentor,*** *Association of Certified Fraud Examiners*

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EDUCATION
JD, John Marshall Law School
BA, Ricker College
FBI Academy

CERTIFICATIONS
Certified Fraud Examiner

AFFILIATIONS
Independent Association of Inspectors Generals of America. American Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Currently employed by New York State as the Deputy Secretary & Special Advisor to Governor Andrew Cuomo.
- New York State Inspector General: Supervised all fraud and corruption investigations for state government agencies and authorities and co-authored the New York State Internal Control Act of 1987.
- New York State Inspector General: Supervised the investigation and prosecution of the executive director of the New York State Thruway for Bribery and Conflicts of Interest.
- New York State Inspector General: Consulted with and assisted the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Lousiana in formulating their Inspectors General offices.
- Served as Co-Chairman for the first National Inspectors General Convocation at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.
- Served as a National Partner in charge for a Big 4 Health Care Compliance Practice & Public Services Practice.
- Served as Independent Review Organization (IRO) for Corporate Integrity Agreements imposed on numerous health care entities.
- New York Commission on Public Integrity: Served as the Acting Chairman of the New York State Commission on Public Integrity.
- Currently serves as a Board Member for the New York Racing Association.
- FBI: Served as case agent in the investigation and prosecution of a US Congressman in the FBI's "ABSCAM" investigation.
- FBI: Directed the FBI's Investigation of organized crime's involvement in professional boxing and testified before the US Senate Subcommittee on Permanent Investigations for the creation of a National Boxing Commission.
- FBI: Oversaw the federal investigation of the violation of civil rights involving hate crimes in a religious community.
- International Corporations: Conducted FCPA investigations and risk assessments in China, Korea, the Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, and Vietnam.
- Administration for Children's Services (ACS), New York City: Appointed by the Governor and Mayor of NYC and served as monitor on behalf of New York State and New York City in a review of ACS and its policies and procedures.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

STATE OF NEW YORK
-DEPUTY SECRETARY AND SPECIAL ADVISOR TO NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR
03/2020 - PRESENT

- Assisted America's bio-pharmaceutical companies to aid the Governor's office in securing solutions to test, diagnose, and treat those with COVID-19.
- Worked with a contractor to finalize a lab corporation deal to provide rapid screening in underserved communities for COVID-19.
- Secured "in-kind" donations to provide ventilators for hospitals throughout New York State.
- Drafted white papers for the Governor on "Police Reform in America" and "Police Reform in New York State".
- Oversaw State monitorships to ensure effectiveness.
- Drafted an Integrity Monitoring Plan for the N.Y. State Inspector General to monitor all COVID-19 Equipment Purchases.

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, ANKURA CONSULTING, NEW YORK, N.Y.)
03/18 - 3/2020)

- Provided solutions for clients in the area of anti-bribery and corruption.
- Worked with local government agencies on policies and procedures and cost effective measures to complete projects on budget.
- Served as an expert witness for multiple billion dollar litigations.

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR , KROLL ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK, N.Y.
07/2015 - 03/2018

- Served as a Monitor for the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), New York City, to review ACS' policies and procedures and IT capabilities.
- Designed and implemented an anti-bribery and corruption compliance program for a Brazilian Fortune 500 Company.
- Served as Financial Monitor for The Cooper Union, appointed by the New York State Attorney General to return Cooper Union to a tuition-free institution.
- Served as Financial Monitor for the Westchester Solid Waste Commission to ensure there was no dissipation of assets or organized crime involvement.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR, NAVIGANT CONSULTING, NEW YORK, N.Y. 07/2010 - 07-2015

- Conducted Mortgage fraud investigation for the Attorney General of Delaware that involved foreclosure schemes.
- Assisted counsel for a financial institution with a review of mortgage loans and evaluated relevant documentation in connection with allegations of fraud and misrepresentations at loan origination.
- Assisted the Attorney General of Arkansas with the investigation of alleged embezzlement of millions of dollars from several Arkansas school districts.
- Trained members of a Fortune 500 company on the Design and implementation of an **Anti-Bribery & Corruption** program.

DAYLIGHT FORENSICS AND ADVISORY LLC, NEW YORK, N.Y. 02/2006 - 07-2010

- Served as Chief Operating Officer and Board Member for an international consulting firm funded by private equity.
- Served as an independent Auditor for two stock exchanges for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to oversee trading transactions and compliance with SEC regulations.
- Assisted Counsel of a major healthcare system with a review of their compliance program and conducted a Qui Tam investigation.

KPMG LLC - PRINCIPAL, NEW YORK, N.Y. 09/1994 - 02/2006

- Began the New York forensic investigation practice and served as the national forensic partner in charge for the Public Services and Health Care Compliance Practices.
- Served as monitor for all the construction companies involved in the clean-up at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.
- Appointed by Miami-Dade County as the Independent Private Sector Inspector General for the Performing Arts Center.
- Served as the monitor for the Diocese of Manchester New Hampshire, appointed by the Attorney General to investigate child abuse allegations in that Diocese.
- Conducted global FCPA investigations and risk assessments in China, Korea, the Philippines, Brazil, Argentina and Vietnam.

COOPERS AND LYBRAND - DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, N.Y. 02/1993 - 09/ 1994

- Conducted an Internal Control Review for a Connecticut municipality.
- Conducted fraud investigations in several corporations.

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NEW YORK STATE - INSPECTOR GENERAL, ALBANY, NEW YORK, 01/1986 - 02/ 1993

- Served as the first ever Inspector General, New York State.
- Co-authored the N.Y. State Internal Control Act, which addressed the proactive enjoining of fraud in state government.
- Served as a consultant to the Governors of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Louisiana in establishing their inspectors general offices.
- Chaired the first National Inspector General Convocation at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland and was a keynote speaker on "Fraud in Government Agencies."
- Supervised all fraud and corruption investigations for N.Y. State agencies and authorities.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION - SPECIAL AGENT, NEW YORK AND NEW HAVEN DIVISIONS, 09/1975 - 01/1986

- Served as "Case Agent" in the investigation and prosecution of a U.S. Congressman in the FBI's "ABSCAM" investigation.
- Directed the FBI's investigation of organized crime's involvement in professional boxing and testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Permanent Investigations for the Creation of a National Boxing Commission.
- Conducted international investigations with Scotland Yard - New Scotland Yard in the Isle of Man and Oslo, Norway that involved fraud and corruption.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Boards, C Suites now want daily compliance reports," The FCPA Blog (June 21, 2017)
- "Joe Spinelli on Corruption, Risk and FCPA Due Diligence," Kroll (June 6, 2016)
- Joseph Spinelli: "Yes the Yates Memo is a watershed event." The FCPA Blog (May 18, 2016)
- Joseph Spinelli on the Yates Memo: "Expect DOJ Investigations to become very personal. "The FCPA Blog (March 16, 2016)
- "FCPA enforcement takes aim at financial services." The FCPA Blog (October 26, 2015
- "How should a risk assessment process address third party risk?", The FCPA Blog (June 25, 2015)
- "Best Practices for Risk Assessments", The FCPA Blog (June 23, 2015)
- "Recent Amendments to Canada's Corruption of Public Officials Act Mean Tough Bribery and Corruption Enforcement on Both Sides of the Pond," co authored with Ellen Zimiles and Jay Perlman, Navigant (July 22,2013)
- "FCPA Compliance Programs Best Practices" Navigant (2012)
- "SEC Commences FCPA Inquiry of Financial Institution", co authored with Ellen Zimiles, Scott Moritz, and Jay Perlman, (Navigant 2011)
- "Department of Justice (DOJ) Provides Guidance to Acquirers on Due Diligence Obligations under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)," co authored with Ellen Zimiles and Jay Perlman, Navigant (November 1, 2010).
- "Shadow Boxing", Sports Illustrated (November 4, 1991)
- "Can Baseball Be Saved? Only Through Zero Tolerance", May 25, 2011

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Joseph A. Spinelli

February 10, 2021

The State of Florida Financial Services Commission
Tallahassee Office of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (Citizens)
2101 Maryland Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

To Whom it May Concern;

Enclosed for your perusal, please find my curriculum vitae which I believe depicts my strengths that coincide perfectly with the requirements of the position of INSPECTOR GENERAL-CITIZENS. Having served eight years as the first ever Inspector General of New York State, I am certain that I possess the necessary experience to successfully serve in this position. Furthermore, for ten years, I had the privilege to serve as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation where I worked on some of the most important political corruption investigations ["THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION"] in the history of the Bureau. Distinct from my public service career which encompassed 18 years in both Federal and State Government, I was a partner for twelve years at KPMG where I started the Forensic and Investigations Practice in 1994 in the New York Office. While at KPMG, I served as the Integrity Monitor at Ground Zero post the 911 attacks for two years, with a mandate to uncover any fraud and corruption in the debris removal at that location. I also served as the Independent Private Sector Inspector General for Miami-Dade County Performing Arts Center, where my mandate was to ensure there was no corruption, fraud, waste or abuse pertaining to that construction project.

I am confident that the experience I bring to the position of INSPECTOR GENERAL-CITIZENS would serve CITIZENS and the State of Florida very well. I thank you in advance for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me at (917) 975-4525 with only questions you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

Joseph A. Spinelli

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February 13, 2021

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Financial Services Commission
The Capitol
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RE: Inspector General – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

Dear Financial Services Commission:

Please consider my application to serve as Inspector General of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. For the past six years I have been honored to serve as Citizens' first Director of Investigations for the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and as Acting Inspector General for the previous three years. I am exceptionally proud of Citizens' OIG and I have worked hard to build the office from only an enabling statute into a fully functional OIG.

We have accomplished a significant amount at Citizens' OIG. We have completed dozens of fact-based and objective investigations and a multitude of proactive projects all designed to assist Citizens in operating with efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency.

I am excited about our accomplishments but even more optimistic about the positive positioning within the corporation and future of the OIG. Specifically, the OIG is working hard towards full accreditation status from the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation and we are in line to achieve this status in the coming months. From creation, to corporate integration, and now to accreditation - in just six years we have built an OIG that Florida can truly be proud of and rely on for years to come.

For 18 years I have worked in Florida's OIG community conducting investigations, audits, and leading investigative offices. During this time, I have been at the forefront of new ideas, forward thinking, and moving the OIG community into the future. At DCF, as Operations Manager, I led an effort to build, integrate, and implement the Case Management and Tracking System. This fully customizable data system resulted in our team receiving a Davis Productivity Award, is still in use today, and has been shared with several Florida OIGs for ongoing use.

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While at the Florida Lottery, I built a proactive project designed to identify retailer staff defrauding Lottery players and winners. During its first operation, this program led to the arrest of 14 retailer staff members.

Additionally, I served on the first committee that established the accreditation standards which would lead to the first OIG accreditation program in the nation. As a member of this committee, we developed the standard principles by which future accredited OIGs would operate. I also served as Accreditation Manager and led the Lottery to becoming the fifth OIG to achieve the coveted accredited status from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

While at the Department of Transportation's OIG, I continued my accreditation service by becoming an Assessor and Assessment Team Leader. In these positions, I physically inspected the operations and reviewed the management of several state, county, and local OIGs around Florida. By inspecting other OIGs, I learned a significant amount of best-practices which resulted in a wealth of knowledge I would later use to build the OIG function here at Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

I have worked diligently for Florida's OIG community in various roles to identify and establish our industry's best professional practices. I believe, and I have witnessed, that the best OIG's have a seamless integration into their parent entities. I believe I have built that here at Citizens; and I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to lead the overall vision of serving Florida. I am committed to leading an organizationally independent OIG and operating with integrity, objectivity, and a commitment to do what is right.

Respectfully,

Mark Kagy

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Mark Kagy, CCEP, CIG, CFE, CIGI

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Education and Certification

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Florida State University
- Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional
- Certified Inspector General
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Inspector General Investigator
- Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Investigator

Experience and Accomplishments

Acting Inspector General – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation-OIG 2/2018 – Present

- Responsible for total office annual budget of $750,000
- Assumed all direct reports (5 full time positions and 1 contingent staff position) roles, and responsibilities for the Office Inspector General
- Contract Manager for all four external services contracts
- Responsible for presentations and providing reports to the Audit Committee and the Corporation's Board of Governors
- Serve on the Corporation's Executive Leadership Team
- Provide input and approval of corporate policies and mandatory training regarding ethics, conflicts of interest, fraud, discrimination, and standards of conduct
- Responsible for development of ethics opinions and compliance oversight

Director of Investigations – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation-OIG 12/2014 – Present

- Created the OIG by serving as Citizens' first Director of Investigations
- Supervision of two Senior Investigators responsible for conducting fraud, sexual harassment, discrimination, and misconduct investigations
- Created and maintains OIG policies, operational processes, and standards
- Development and implementation of the OIG compliance oversight program
- Responsible for office management and all daily operations for the OIG

Senior Investigator – Florida Department of Transportation-OIG 12/2012 – 12/2014

- Senior Investigator responsible for the highest-level investigations
- Oversight of three investigators including review and revisions for all casework
- Certified Assessment Team Leader for the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation
- Conducted presentations and training to department staff, contractors, and stakeholders

Senior Auditor and Senior Investigator – Florida Lottery-OIG 8/2007 – 12/2012

- Conducted and managed multiple and simultaneous audits and investigations
- Created and administered the Retailer Integrity Program leading to 14 criminal arrests
- Assisted in the creation of the first ever OIG Accreditation Program
- Certified Accreditation Manager and Accreditation Assessor
- Directed the Lottery OIG in becoming the fifth OIG to receive full accredited status

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Operations Manager and Senior Investigator – Fl. Dept. Children and Families-OIG 12/2003 – 8/2007

- Supervised two investigative staff members
- Senior Investigator responsible for the highest-level investigations and Whistle-blower cases
- Coordinated investigative actions and approved final investigative reports for all four field offices (14 investigative staff) prior to case submission to the Chief of Investigations and IG
- Led the design, development, and implementation of the Investigations Complaint Management and Tracking System (CMTS) which is still in use by multiple OIGs and won a Davis Productivity Award
- Actively led the effort to revise state law making falsification of child protective records a third-degree felony and consulted with State Attorneys to generate support for the law revisions

Consumer Protection and Regulatory Investigator – Department of Agriculture 3/2002 – 12/2003

- Commissioned Inspector for the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Conducted regulatory investigations, administered Final Orders and Administrative Complaints
- Issued fines and recovered funds for defrauded consumers, assisted in criminal federal investigations

Private Investigator – Facticon, Inc. 12/2000 – 1/2002

- Conducted fraud investigations, location services, and skip tracing services
- Investigator of the Month for February 2000 (out of 500 investigators nationwide)

Knowledge and Skills

- Operates with integrity, independence, and with high ethical standards
- Expertise in OIG roles, responsibilities, independence, accreditation, ethics, and compliance
- Detailed knowledge of multiple leadership and supervisory techniques
- Experienced in leading, supervising, conducting, and managing investigations involving fraud, waste abuse, misconduct, and Whistle-blower investigations
- Expertise in developing independent, objective, and fact-based investigative reports
- Skilled in oversight and management of multiple projects with strict attention to detail
- Experienced in conducting programmatic audits and compliance reviews
- Extensive experience in the creation and implementation of OIG policies, processes, and investigation manuals
- Knowledge of public records laws and “Sunshine” requirements
- Comprehensive knowledge of accreditation standards, best professional practices, Green Book, Red Book, and Yellow Book standards for OIGs
- Accreditation Team Leader responsible for conducting onsite inspections of multiple statewide and local OIGs

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February 9, 2021

Inspector General – Citizens
Tallahassee, FL

Dear Inspector General Office:

I have 8 years' experience in the department of corrections. I have almost two years' experience in Investigations and Disciplinary. My Bachelor's degree was completed in 2020 in Business Administration at Strayer University. I'm currently working on my Master's degree in Information systems. I'm a fast learner, multi-tasker and willing to learn whatever comes my way. I would be a great asset to the team.

Sincerely,

Marquita Warren

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Marquita Warren

Disciplinary Hearing Officer/Investigator
Headland, AL 36345
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(334) 791-7987

An enthusiastic professional with leadership abilities when working with a team, great at problem solving under pressure, multitasking, adapting to any environment, and very knowledgeable.

Work Experience

Disciplinary Hearing Officer Assistant/ Investigator

Geo Group - Graceville, FL
June 2019 to Present

Conducts institutional disciplinary hearings and imposes appropriate sanctions for inmate misconduct incidents following pre-established rules and guidelines. Prepares reports with recommendations to the Unit Disciplinary Committee (UDC) or facility management. In addition, performs correctional duties. Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

• Conducts disciplinary hearings on acts of misconduct referred by the UDC or facility management.
• Conducts administrative fact-finding hearings including acts which could result in criminal charges. Reviews disciplinary reports; makes decisions regarding witnesses; takes and records testimonies; obtains, reviews, and evaluates evidence; determines whether submitted evidence supports allegations of misconduct.
• Follows pre-established rules and guidelines to impose disciplinary sanctions.
• Composes written reports of findings.
• Assists in training institution staff in matters of inmate discipline.
• Conducts other due process hearings.
• Performs other duties as assigned

Conduct investigations on inmates to see if a form of separation from the general population for inmates requesting protection from other inmates for reasons of health or safety. The inmate's status is reviewed periodically by the classification committee or other designated group.

Correctional Officer

Geo Group Inc - Graceville, FL
February 2014 to Present

• Multitasking in the control room: answering phones and radio traffic, controlling accessible gates, key/ tool inventory, and monitoring security systems. Completing and typing an entire log for the facility using Microsoft Office, faxing, and filing.
• Respond to hostile and medical emergencies.
• Maintain security within the institution and oversee the health and safety of staff and prisoners.
• Physically patrol and visually inspect units, yards, buildings, prisoners, prisoner property and clothing, etc, to ensure the welfare, safety and security.

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Owner/Manager

Columbia Hwy Mini Mart - Dothan, AL
January 2012 to March 2020

• Completes store operational requirements by scheduling and assigning employees; following up on work results.
• Maintains store staff by recruiting, selecting, orienting, and training employees.
• Maintains store staff job results by coaching, counseling, and disciplining employees; planning, monitoring, and appraising job results.
• Identifies current and future customer requirements by establishing rapport with potential and actual customers and other persons in a position to understand service requirements.
• Ensures availability of merchandise and services by approving contracts; maintaining inventories.
• Protects employees and customers by providing a safe and clean store environment. Scheduling and conducting payroll and nightly deposits.

Correctional Officer

Cca - Graceville, FL
November 2012 to February 2014

• Multitasking in the control room: answering phones and radio traffic, controlling accessible gates, key/tool inventory, and monitoring security systems.
• Responded to hostile and medical emergencies.
• Maintain security within the institution and oversee the health and safety of staff and prisoners.
• Physically patrol and visually inspect units, yards, buildings, prisoners, prisoner property and clothing, etc, to ensure the welfare, safety and security.

Laborer

Local Union 559/Farley Nuclear Plant - Columbia, AL
April 2009 to March 2012

• Fire watch as welders completed job duties.
• Hole watch as welders completed job duties.
• Confined space attendant and cleaned facility.

Senior Care Representative

Vantage Sourcing/Verizon Wireless
November 2006 to January 2009

• Provided outstanding customer and financial service.
• Worked within a fast-paced environment, high-inbound call volume.
• Resolve customer issues regarding billing, products, and services.
• Provide basic troubleshooting on services and equipment issue.
• Provide wireless solutions to best suit the needs of the customers.

Education

Master's in Information Systems-Concentration Cyber Security

Strayer University-Global Region
July 2020 to Present

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Bachelor's in Business Administration-Concentration Human Resources
Strayer University
June 2015 to June 2020

Law Enforcement
Chipola College - Marianna, FL
March 2013

James Madison High School - Norcross, GA
March 2006

Skills

- Training and Investigations
- Management
- Time Management
- Data Entry
- Cash Handling
- Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word and Outlook
- Excel
- Cashier
- CPR
- Law Enforcement
- Security

Awards

Perfect Attendance Award
October 2007

Perfect Attendance for 3 years 2007-2010

Officer of the month
January 2016

Officer of the Month
November 2017

Certifications and Licenses

CPR/AED
March 2017 to March 2018

First Aid Certification

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Additional Information

OSHA CERTIFIED

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MORDY MANDELBAUM

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Talented and multi-faceted political professional pursuing an advanced degree in Global Affairs.
- Diverse experience in various political and government settings including campaigning, researching and preparing briefs.
- Proven ability to oversee projects and initiatives and cultivate relationships with key stakeholders.
- Demonstrated success at conducting targeted research and due diligence resulting in effective brief preparations on a variety of political and community topics.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Political Advocacy
- Project Coordination
- Staff Training
- Campaign Staffing
- Stakeholder Relations
- Due Diligence/Research
- Event Planning
- Public Speaking
- Legislative Activities
- Policy Development
- Non-profit relations
- Outreach and networking

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Coalition for Jewish Values, ***Rabbinic Outreach Coordinator*** **February 2021 – Present**

- Developed strategies for networking the organization nationally and internationally.
- Fostered relationships with rabbinic authorities with the purpose of promoting Jewish values.
- Created and managed international mentorship network.
- Facilitated meetings with stakeholders.

Republican National Committee, ***Campaign Associate*** **November 2020 – January 2021**

- Staffed the campaign for the Senate run-off election for the Republican candidates in Georgia.
- Day-to-day included political canvassing, strategizing, and collaborative teamwork.
- Conducted trainings for incoming deployment staff.
- Led discussion groups with voters about important issues regarding state and federal policy matters.

Trump Victory MI, ***Field Organizer & Deputy Regional Director*** **July 2020 – November 2020**

- Recruited and managed volunteer teams, coordinated and facilitated events.
- Managed the office in coordination with the Oakland GOP.
- Contributed to regional and state trackers.
- Conducted meetings with stakeholders and political candidates.

MBD International LLC, ***Manager of Government Sales*** **May 2020 – July 2020**

- Researched sales contracts for government and corporate entities for a wholesale distributor of durable medical equipment.
- Cultivated relationships with government representatives at the Board of Education and various Federal, State and Local Administrative Offices and Agencies.
- Drafted and executed sales proposals, facilitated shipping and customer service.

Executive Office of the President, ***White House Internship Program*** **January 2020 – April 2020**

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- Researched and prepared briefs for meetings concerned primarily with criminal justice policy, healthcare reform, community development, and environmental development.
- Assisted with daily office tasks such as preparing materials and documents, developing and conducting research and analysis, logging data, scheduling guests and visitors, and facilitated events.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Crisis Text Line, ***Part-time Crisis Counselor*** **Sept. 2016 – Present**

- Provided online crisis intervention to assess and deescalate crises ranging from minor to suicidal intention.

Video Activism, Jerusalem, Israel, ***Capstone Internship*** **Summer 2017**

- Created, edited, and produced video content for social media to advocate on behalf of the state of Israel.

Stevenson University, ***Research Assistant*** **Jan. 2017 – May 2017**

- Assisted Dr. Virginia Iannone with an independent research topic that involved a bias across a multicultural setting.

Stevenson University, ***Service Learning*** **Sept. 2017 – May 2018**

- Hosted events and sessions on campus that increased awareness to drug use and abuse in society.
- Event won an award for the Educational Program of the Year from Stevenson University.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA **Expected 2021**

M.A. – Global Affairs

STEVENSON UNIVERSITY, Stevenson, MD **2018**

B.S. – Psychology, Cum Laude

Awards and Honors

- The Dorothy Stang Award, *Stevenson University*
- National Engaged Leadership Award, *National Society of Leadership and Success*
- Educational Program of the Year Award for 'Drugs & Compassion', *Stevenson University*
- The National Society for Leadership and Success, *Sigma Alpha Pi*
- Psi Chi Honors Society, *Stevenson University*
- Dean's List, *Stevenson University*
- Congressional Leadership Conference

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Jewish Values and the American Conservative Movement. Discussion on behalf of Jewish Voices For Trump, in collaboration with Yehuda Freedom, 2020.

Mandelbaum, M. and Schurtz, D. R. (2018). Understanding Hate: The Emotional, Motivational, & Behavioral Outcomes. Senior research thesis presented at the Stevenson University Psychology Department Student Showcase.

Mandelbaum, M. (2018). Terror Management Theory on the Need for Attachment. Research project presented at the Stevenson University Psychology Department Student Showcase, Stevenson, MD.

Finding Courage and Opportunity Within. Talk delivered at TEDx StevensonU 2018: Inspiring Courage.

Mandelbaum, M. (2017). Helping behavior among multicultural injustices. Independent research project, poster presented at the Stevenson University Psychology Department Student Showcase, Stevenson, MD.

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Patricia Blackman, Sr. Paralegal - Curriculum Vitaé

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Summary

Proven track record in research, investigative, analytical and writing skills. Knowledge and experience in e-Filings in State and Federal courts; knowledge of e-discovery procedures. Excellent planning and organizational skills together with proven resourcefulness and initiative, which enable the successful management of numerous tasks simultaneously. A valued team member who is able to work independently and meet strict deadlines. Outstanding organizational skills. Discreet and resourceful team worker who thrives in a fast-paced working environment.

Expertise & Skills

- Document Management
- Medical Document Management
- Video/Document Review
- Trial Preparation/Attendance
- E-Discovery
- Prepare Discovery Requests
- Prepare Discovery Responses
- Organization & Attention to Detail
- Class Actions & Receivership Litigation
- Administrative Law Procedures
- Research laws, statutes, administrative orders & HIPAA Guidelines

Technology

- Westlaw
- E-Filing
- Accurint
- Pacer
- Trial Director & Relativity Training

Professional Qualifications

Medicaid Health Care Litigation and Medical Malpractice

Request medical records; review and organize medical records; prepare medical records timeline/chart using SOAP notes. Prepare for Administrative Hearings, Informal Hearings, and Fair Hearings (involving families & children). Research law and regulations that pertain to healthcare providers, such as hospice facilities, doctors, nurses, hospitals, long-term care facilities, nursing homes, pharmacies and behavior analysts. **Preparation for Trial:** Prepare responses to discovery invoking e-discovery case law. Review and analyze documents responsive to request for production. Prepare exhibits from Medicaid Program Integrity (MPI) demonstrating overpayments to facilities due to inaccurate and/or incomplete paperwork from providers; exhibits from Medicaid Program Finance (MPF) for fines past due and nursing home assessment fees; and exhibits from Medicaid Background Screening demonstrating reasons for denial of enrollment or reinstatement due to felony record. Prepare for attend depositions of Providers and Expert Witnesses. Attend and present exhibits at trial.

Complex Commercial Litigation

Responsible for document/evidence collection, organization and production, including redacting, scanning and indexing of documents of complex & high-volume cases; Prepared witness subpoenas, affidavits and privilege logs. Propounded discovery to plaintiffs and non-parties; Prepared for and attend depositions – gather documents relevant to the deponent and organize exhibits; Electronic searches through deposition transcripts for inconsistency of statements; interact with witnesses. Legal research of laws and statutes.

White Collar Crime Litigation & Receivership

Early case assessment by collaborating with e-discovery vendor to create 900 page index identifying relevant documents; interview e-discovery vendors; Knowledge of the federal litigation and judicial process, and procedures; Prepared and attended depositions; Prepared for Grand Jury and FINRA hearings; Interface between attorneys, FINRA, and SEC; Maintained receivership website with updated case information; Preparation of reports to forensic accountants and SEC.

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Professional Experience

State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) - Paralegal ……...09/17 - Present
Healthcare Litigation

Wolpe & Leibowitz – Freelance Paralegal ……..…….…….…….....….08/16 - 11/2016
Insurance Defense & Construction Defect

Legal Search Solutions & Masterson Recruiting - Contract Paralegal
Family Law, Insurance Defense, Medical Malpractice……...…….…….....02/13 – 07/2016
Roig, Tutan, Rosenberg; Restani, Dittmar et al, P.A, Boies Schiller, Wolpe & Leibowitz, Jay Cohen P.A.
Kubicki Draper, Hamilton Miller & Birthisel

E-Discovery Project – Freelance Paralegal (Washington, D.C.)…….05/12 – 12/2012

Broad & Cassel – Paralegal/Legal Assistant
Complex Commercial Litigation, White Collar Crime, Receivership…….…….....08/09 – 04/2012

Stearns Weaver et al. – Freelance Legal Assistant
Class Action Commercial Litigation & Insurance Defense.…….…….…...12/06 – 04/2008

Education
Barry University (3.5 yrs.)
Major: Administration
Minor: Legal Studies

Organizations
Women In E-Discovery

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Rennae Ralph

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Resume Profile:

MBA graduate; Twelve years of administrative experience; supervisory experience; program supervision experience; business leadership experience; operational supervision experience; former key advisor to physician; former key advisor to lead non-attorney representative; experienced team leader; excellent in leading technical projects; experienced in developing instructional material; working knowledge of human resource management, organizational behavior and strategic management; experience in medical staff administration; working knowledge of medical terminology; ability to motivate others. Diligent, energetic self-starter; excellent researcher; ability to excel in a fast-paced work environment; perceptive, analytical, and a team player; balancing self-discipline and the art of collaborating with others; competent typist (65 wpm); skilled in the use of Microsoft Office Suite-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access; outstanding communication, customer service, and interpersonal skills.

Additional Experience/Skills:

- Master's degree in business administration: knowledge of principles and processes involved in business and organizational planning, coordination, and execution.
- Six years of experience researching, analyzing, and evaluating complex issues or data to create documents and reports for alternative recommendations, problem solving and/or process improvement purposes.
- 9 years of experience Interpreting and applying Florida statutes, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- 12 years of experience in successfully overseeing operations and business activities.
- 12 years of experience in successfully developing high quality business strategies and plans; ensuring their alignment with short-term and long-term objectives.
- Ability to achieve long and short-term goals through use of strategy.
- Supervisory experience: Planned, directed, and coordinated work assignments and projects.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Design/Development and implementation of strategic plans.
- Saved office over $2000 per year through strategic reorganization.
- Ability to synthesize complex information in business-friendly and user-friendly language.
- Self-motivated and driven.
- Analytical; Excellent problem-solving skills; Attention to detail.
- Ability to motivate others and excel in a collaborative environment.
- Public Speaking.
- Excellent researcher: 12 years of experience researching and gathering information.
- 9 years of experience collaborating with subject matter experts.
- 9 years of experience leading teams and projects.
- Over 9 years of experience using Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point in a professional environment.
- Strong negotiating skills.
- Conducted internal auditing for office.
- Contract management experience.
- Experience working with children and families.
- Experience reviewing, monitoring, or auditing health care program for quality compliance.

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- Professional experience in a health program involving program evaluation, project management, and auditing.
- Analyzing information and conducting research/investigating.
- 8 years of experience writing and editing documents; proofread, editing, and verifying information for accuracy and compliance; Quality Assurance.
- Knowledge of Health care management.
- Ensured operations compliance with federal and state laws regarding Social Security Disability benefits; and Medicaid requirements of HEDIS measures.
- 8 years of experience in the health and human services field.
- Casework experience in a program involving adjusting, examining, investigating, and processing claims.
- Handling customer complaints and confidential information.

Education:

MBA August 2020
Southern Adv. University, Tennessee
B.A., May 2013
Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama

Florida Full Bright Futures Scholarship Recipient 2003

International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipient 2003

Relevant Employment Experience:

12/2020 **Revenue Specialist I; Florida Department of Revenue; Tallahassee, FL**
Review and process tax and remittance documents, research and post payments to accounts, research and create improvised tax returns, and prepare documents for processing, make improvement recommendations, document, and implement new procedures, and create and maintain statistical information.

2019-12/20 **Regulatory Specialist II; FL Dept of Business and Professional Regulations; Tallahassee, FL**
Review documents within the document imaging system and ensure that they are correctly indexed and profiled. Ensure that all documents profiled and records created or updated in the single licensing system are done so correctly and in accordance with established processing guidelines. Ensure that all validations are completed timely and accurately. Notify management team of any questionable submissions that are not identifiable through standard processes. Participate in meetings and attend training sessions as scheduled. Participate in the testing of new application software and changes in processing procedures. Report events, errors, or trends to management team. Perform other related duties as required.

2014-2018 **Medical Scribe/Receptionist/Records Consultant; Eastwood Medical Center; Tallahassee, FL**
Assisted with facilitation of Project Wellness, a non-profit organization committed to educating children and families about the benefits of exercise and healthy eating. Worked with children and families educating them about the benefits of healthy food choices; and led them through exercises twice weekly. Provided excellent customer service in a busy doctor's office; personal assistant to physician, charted physician-patient encounters in real time, documented notes in EMR; reviewed confidential patient records to ensure compliance of Medicaid policy regarding health-plan standards/HEDIS measures; studied and implemented accountability procedures pertaining to

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Medicaid eligibility/benefits and HIPPA requirements; kept abreast of most current rules and policies regarding Medicaid and Medicare benefits; as records consultant: verified accurate documentation for compliance with applicable quality measures – reviewed records to determine if physician met particular care goals according to Medicaid guidelines – ensured procedure codes for services provided were reflected in patients' records and coded correctly. Records management: identified records due for destruction according to federal and state statutes; documented destruction in accountability log. Job responsibilities also included scheduling of services to patients; listened to patient concerns and routed them to appropriate personnel; managed confidential patient records; abided by HIPPA guidelines; verified insurance enrollment; documented crucial patient interactions and inquiries; collected patient payments (cash, credit, debit, and check); verified collected funds for daily payment and deposit reports; scheduled appointments, responded to patient inquiries, routed messages for doctor and other staff members through electronic records software; maintained patient information database; utilized Microsoft Office Suite; email; and operation of multi-line phone system and multi-function office equipment (scanners, printers, and color copy machine).

2008-2012 **Assistant Non-Attorney Rep./Office Manager/Admin. Assistant; Disability Apex; Tallahassee, FL**
Researched and studied rules and policies regarding social security disability laws; drafted reports that were submitted to administrative law judge; represented client before administrative law judge; conducted research for lead NAR; investigated case files by researching and gathering information to determine eligibility for social security benefits; kept abreast of most current rules and policies regarding Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare eligibility requirements; kept abreast of Social Security law policies, practices, and procedures; supervised other employees; developed instructional material of company policies and practices for new employees; maintained confidential client records; scheduled appointments; assisted clients with the acquisition of Social Security Disability governmental benefits e.g. Social Security Disability Insurance, SSI, Medicare, and Medicaid; entered client information into the company's database system; conducted new client intakes; supervised other employees and assigned duties to other employees; planned office calendar; Additional duties: filing, copying, faxing, answering phones; and all other administrative and clerical duties.

2009-2010 **Teacher's Assistant and Tutor; Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL**
Researched best teaching methods for conveying material to students; assisted professor with the design and implementation of best teaching methods and strategies; developed instructional material to assist students; maintained confidential class records; assisted with the development and acquisition of course materials; kept abreast of current advances in both research and pedagogy; assisted with lecture preparation, assessment preparation, and grading assignments; worked with professor to determine best strategies and practices; reported concerns and necessary findings to professor; conducted assessments to determine best practices for individualized instruction; taught lab classes three days a week; and tutored students: one-on-one and in group sessions.

Specialized Training:

SUNTAX (System for Unified Taxation)/SAP, Versa Regulation, OnBase, InSync: electronic medical records software, and Prevail: electronic paralegal records software.

References:

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EDUCATION

J.D., June 1983. Pace University School of Law, White Plains, New York.

B.A., May 1980. State University of New York at Stony Brook.

ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

Admitted to New York State Bar.

EMPLOYMEN

Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, February 2019 to Present.

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
Assistant United States Attorney
October 1988 to February 2019

Chief, Superior Court Division, June 2011 to Present.
As the Senior Executive of the largest component of the United States Attorney's Office, my responsibilities include managing over 300 attorney and support staff, including 20 supervisory AUSAs, advising the United States Attorney on a wide variety of legal and non-legal matters, setting strategic goals and operational policies in a Division which handles 24-27 thousand criminal cases per year, supervisory oversight of a budget in excess of $30 million, building and maintaining coalitions with law enforcement partners, the court, agencies and community groups, information technology improvements, and developing and implementing training initiatives.

Chief, Felony Major Crimes Section, October 2007 to June 2011.
My responsibilities included supervising 36 AUSAS, including 6 supervisory AUSAs, and 25 support staff in a ligation section that handled violent felony crime cases. Many of these matters involved detained defendants and were on an accelerated track. As a result, the investigation, indictment and trial of these cases required and in-depth knowledge of hundreds of cases. My responsibilities also required managing the intake section and acting as a liaison to a number of local agencies, law enforcement partners and the courts, and keeping the Division Chief apprised of significant matters within

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the Section.

Chief, Grand Jury Section, October 2004 to October 2007.
As a section manager, I was responsible for the operation of a section whose work included the investigation and indictment of criminal cases for a high volume, litigating component that handled as many as seven to eight-thousand felony cases per year. I managed the case intake responsibilities for the entire Division and supervised supervision of approximately 65 attorneys, including 2 AUSA supervisors and support staff. I also served on multiple policy and training committees and provided information and advice to Division and Executive Office management.

Deputy Chief, Grand Jury Section, August 2001 to May 2002 and August 2003 to September, 2004.
This position included the supervision and management of over twenty Assistant United States Attorneys in the investigation and presentation of felony criminal cases, including white collar and violent crimes, to grand juries and petit juries. I also serve on multiple internal management and policy committees, and I have worked extensively with other federal, state and community agencies.

General Counsel's Office, Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA Detail), May 2002 to August 2003.
My responsibilities included providing legal advice and representation to United States Attorney's offices nationwide and EOUSA on a broad array of legal ethics and policy issues. I handled employment litigation matters, recusal matters, mediations arising from employee EEO complaints, and processed administrative claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Deputy Chief, Violent Crimes Section, November 1998 to September, 1999.
This position included the supervision and management of twelve Assistant United States Attorneys in the prosecution of violent crimes from the charging process through sentencing.

Assistant United States Attorney May 1988 to November 1998.
I served in the Misdemeanor Trial, Grand Jury, Felony Drug, U.S. District Court Narcotics, and Violent Crime Sections of the Office. I investigated, obtained indictments and tried numerous criminal cases involving violent and white collar offenders in the Federal District Court and the local court system.

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U.S. Federal Trade Commission, January to October 1988.
I served as an attorney advisor to the Director and Deputy Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection. Prepared legal memoranda reviewed and amended draft pleadings regarding civil actions to be initiated by the Commission, presented cases proposed by the various sections of the Bureau to the Director and Deputy Director.

U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of the Special Counsel
May 6, 1985 to January 1988.
Responsibilities included analyzing factual and legal issues, researching and preparing legal analyses and documents for submission to the Board, reviewing complaints and stay requests, preparing memoranda and letters, responding to Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act requests, conducting field investigations regarding violations of prohibited personnel practices and other violations of the Civil Service Reform Act.

Fine, Finkelstein, Olin and Anderman, P.C.
July 9, 1984 to May 4, 1985
Duties included preparation of legal memoranda, appeals and correspondence, reviewing and updating case files from intake to closure, participating in settlement conferences, client meetings and New York State Workers' Compensation Board hearings.

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RICHARD M. SMITH

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Office of Financial Regulation Tallahassee, FL

Financial Examiner/Analyst Supervisor – SES

- Supervise and train assigned personnel in the processing of applications, amendments, renewals, and other related filings required pursuant to Chapter 517, F.S.
- Supervise and train assigned personnel in the handling of routine general questions from attorneys, accountants, regulators and the investing public regarding laws, rules, regulations, and department policies under Chapter 517, F.S. and regarding the registration records maintained by the Office pursuant to Chapter 517, F.S.
- Approve attendance and leave for assigned personnel. Initiate and make recommendations relating to hiring, disciplinary actions, and rewarding assigned personnel, in compliance with application rules and Office policies.
- Prepare special reports, respond to request for opinions regarding registration matters, research cases for legal precedence and related subject material, and other staff projects. Correspond and confer with accountants, attorneys, and other affiliated persons regarding laws, rules, and regulations.

2013-2015 Office of Insurance Regulation Tallahassee, FL

Operations Review Specialist – Administrative Appointment

- Investigating Insurance Companies and Agents for business practices
- Assessing and analyzing market and proprietary data for Statute and Code compliance
- Initiating company examinations if investigations warranted such action and issue Reports
- Cite companies and write Consent Orders for issue from the Office

2011-2012 Office of Insurance Regulation Tallahassee, FL

Government Analyst II

- Triennial examinations of CCRC's for compliance of section 651, Florida Statute
- Assessing and analyzing all aspects of the CCRC
- Issue final Reports of Examinations to Administrator for continued licensing and receivership
- Cite companies and write Consent Orders for issue from the Office

2010-2011 Office of Insurance Regulation Tallahassee, FL

Insurance Analyst II – Administrative Appointment

- Investigating Insurance Companies and Agents for business practices
- Assessing and analyzing market and proprietary data for Statute and Code compliance
- Initiating company examinations if investigations warranted such action and issue Reports
- Cite companies and write Consent Orders for issue from the Office

2009-2010 Dept. of Financial Services Tallahassee, FL

Insurance Specialist III

- Handling consumer inquires for all lines of Florida insurance
- Assessing and analyzing Service Requests from consumers, agents and licensed entities
- Providing Notice of Issues to Agent and Agency Licensing when statutes are violated
- Providing Notice of Issues to Market Investigations when Entities violate Statutes

2009–2009 Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles Tallahassee, FL

Senior Consumer Services Analyst

- Daily contact with the public via automated phone system handling calls efficiently
- Assess and Analyze consumer inquiries to their driver's license, vehicle titles and registrations
- Update insurance information as it relates to Florida Financial Responsibility Laws
- Investigate and advise on interstate and international requirements relating to Florida laws

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RICHARD M. SMITH

1996–2009 Professional Educators Benefits Co. Tallahassee, FL

Financial Services Advisor/Registered Representative/MGA and Owner

- Daily operations of Main Agency and six satellite agencies throughout the State of Florida (Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami, Sarasota, Tampa and Gainesville)
- Create, develop and implement training programs for sales force
- Manage and train Call Center Representatives in sales of Financial Services Products
- Company liaison to home offices and responsible for reviewing and approving new products
- Train Call Center and Field Representatives in marketing and understanding of new products
- Responsible for Customer Relationship Management training
- Responsible for procuring, creating, submitting and presenting RFP's
- Telephone sales of Financial Services Products
- Top Sales Advisor and Qualifying Member MDRT 1998-2006

1990–1996 Public Employees Equity Services Co. Tallahassee, FL

Financial Services Advisor/Registered Representative

- Train Call Center Representatives in sales practices of Financial Services Products
- Train Call Center and Field Representatives in marketing of various products
- Team leader and trainer for Customer Relationship Management approach to marketing
- Contact members over telephone for sale of Financial Services Products
- Assist with the preparation of RFP's for counties throughout Florida
- Top Sales Advisor every year from 1991-1996

1986 - 1990 Benefit Programs Tallahassee, FL

Financial Services Representative

- Coordinate and contact prospective seminar attendees
- Assist in seminar presentation and data collection
- Follow-up with attendees with Data Analysis and Sales of Financial Products

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

Able to effectively communicate orally and in writing. Excellent writing and correspondence skills. Work well and effectively with others and draw co-worker skills out so they also work effectively within a group. Have been a team leader many times and trained in CRM. Effective trainer to individuals and groups with the ability to motivate trainees to implement new programs effectively and immediately. Able to resolve client concerns and issues. Excellent customer service skills. Self-motivated and able to complete tasks effectively and in a timely manner. Ability to produce and present RFP's. Excellent marketing skills including web design and online communications and able to develop effective marketing strategies. Able to analyze data and coordinate planning as it relates to individual retirement plans including FRS, DROP, and 501(c) organizations. Able to offer solutions based on that data utilizing spreadsheets and written explanations. Able to understand and interpret Statutes and Administrative Code. Able to communicate and market services and solutions over the telephone. Trained in Word, Excel, Lotus123, Publisher and PageMaker.

EDUCATION

1979 - 1985 University of Florida Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Science in Finance

- Some post graduate work in Finance and a minor in Statistics and Economics

AWARDS RECEIVED

Top Sales awards including conventions and bonuses and MDRT qualifier and member.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer extensively in public school system including School Advisory Council for 21 years, Chair for 7 years and P.T.O. Fundraising chair for 9 years. Volunteer of the year three different years.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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FINANCE & OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE

Drive Finance & Business Performances Into Competitive Advantages For Public & Private Entities Through Vision and Revenue–Generating Operational Leadership

Dynamic executive leadership career featuring international and domestic companies. Utilized knowledge and expertise of finance, operations, internal/external processes, technical savvy and business development for both in house and contract-based companies. Intimate knowledge of financial processes, operating results and profitability including experience with:

- ☑ Banking, Insurance, Construction
- ☑ Forensic Accounting/ GAAP
- ☑ SEC Matter & Compliance
- ☑ Mergers & Acquisitions
- ☑ ERP/BRP, KPI Tracking, FP&A
- ☑ Operations & Financial Training

EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Centric Learning Systems. - Michigan/ Florida 04/2020 to 11/2020

Chief Financial Officer - CFO

Recruited to Senior Management position to run all financial and accounting aspects of the company for the U.S., Brazil and U.K. divisions. Serve as top business advisor, identifying and curating outside investment and sale opportunities. Oversee and verify work done by outside accounting firm and designate best practices for transition to internal accounting and budgeting. Additional duties include:

- Producing financial models and forecasting budgets for the CEOs.
- Acting as direct manager for regional directors.
- Determining the viability of potential business opportunities both domestic and abroad.
- Establishing working budget, short term & long term, all AR's and AP's.
- Participating in all senior management meetings and decisions.
- Identifying U.S. Government grants and funding.

Litigation Lawyers P.A. - Fort Lauderdale, FL 09/2014 to 01/2020

Chief Operating Officer

Pending retirement of owner/principal & firm closure. Severance was issued. ***Corporate Structure for Operations Officer Included All Financial Oversight (CFO). Recruited to be the leader of the firms' operations and finance departments. Streamlined company by scaling infrastructure, developing sound financial models, restructuring firms financial systems and allocations, and assessing economic viability of mergers and acquisitions. Additional duties included:***

- Oversight of human resource department and employee relations.
- Forecasting all billing, budgeting, bank reconciliation, oversight and analytics.
- Collections, tax management issues, operational finance & asset management.
- Create and execute fee agreements and closing statements (Contracts).
- Establish working budget, short term & long term, all AR's and AP's.
- Worked with outside vendors and contractors for contracts and/or agreements.

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R.A. Weiner Economic & Financial Group 07/2009 to 08/2014

Principal Consultant, (CEO)

Independently contracted to evaluate companies issues, working with senior management to address financial and operational concerns. Provided financial executive leadership for international and domestic companies in sectors including law partnerships, general business, finance, technology, real estate, manufacturing/ distribution.

Traditional duties included:

- Directing financial support including financial Systems, procedures, personnel and policies.
- Forensic financial review & remedy.
- Increase revenue streams and distribution channels for companies operating in the U.S. and U.K.
- Improve and manage relationships with law firms, banks and accounting professionals.
- Create operational & analytical plans for properties valued over 50 million (CRE Dealings).

Supervisor of Elections Office - Palm Beach County, FL 03/2007 to 06/2009

Deputy Supervisor of Elections/

Director of Quality Improvement

Deputy Supervisor of Elections for the 3rd largest county in Florida. Recruited to take position based on track record of successful business and operations acumen. Developed and oversaw accounting measures of a budget in excess of 35 million dollars as well as supervised the hiring of personnel and employee relations. Other duties included:

- Intake and review candidate campaign finance reports for district and county offices and make them available to the public.
- Assist with maintaining public financial disclosure reports.
- Insured compliance with governmental protocols/ rules & regulations.
- Liaison between the office and the County Board of Commissioners, media and general public.
- Directed new voter and educational program.

Universal Express Corporation - Boca Raton, FL 02/2005 to 03/2007

Senior Vice President

Brought on to increase efficiency and economic output of the companies logistic and aviation divisions. Worked alongside other executives to increase profits and successfully stabilize underperforming aspects. Directly increased profits by targeting key waste expenditures and streamlining operations. Additional duties included:

- Creating financial models, forecasting & costing solutions.
- Directing Logistics and Aviation division with working budget in excess of 75 million dollars.
- Supervised divisions of labor including union based and corresponding contracts.
- Managed staff of 23 people.
- Drove profits and business share of market by no less than 23% per annum.

Ross- Palmer Corporation 03/1992 to 12/2004

Managing Director

Responsible for all primary treasury issues as well as corporate profit and structure dealings. Oversaw mergers and acquisitions as well as purchasing/development of property or established businesses. Additional information available upon request.

EDUCATION

Heriot Watt University - Edinburgh, Scotland

MBA, International Business Administration

MSc, Finance & Management

Lynn University - Boca Raton, Florida

BA, Business Administration

CERTIFICATIONS

Government Finance Officers Association - # 300239877

State of FL., Dept. Professional Regulation - - Licensed Community Association Manager, CAM 43133

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● https://www.linkedin.com/pub/steve-petty/53/840/801/

February 9, 2021

Financial Services Commission
200 E. Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider my credentials for the position of Inspector General – Citizens (position number 31000329). I am an economics and public policy/affairs professional that inspires excellence by articulating success in a compelling, heartfelt, and intelligent voice. My affinity for learning, leading, and teaching is backed by consensus-building expertise and effective action skills acquired in higher education, public affairs, and the business sector.

My ability to pinpoint crucial determinants of success, enliven interest, and drive results has been refined in past assignments as professor, business school manager, academic standards chairperson, senior research analyst, director of strategic planning, and chief economist.

My personal identity as an integrity keeper started long ago, as evidenced by my Eagle Scout award in 1980 and has continued throughout my professional career.

During my time at Florida TaxWatch as Chief Economist, my greatest achievements were in devising complex solutions to advance economic development and technology transfer in the State of Florida. My work resulted in two big wins for our clients, helping to make the case for the Florida legislature to provide funding for an advanced manufacturing consortium and to extend the manufacturing equipment sales tax exemption during the 2016 legislative season. In carrying out my duties, I reported to the Executive Vice President.

I have a further ten years of experience in the financial and research-related sectors. This includes Pension Consultants, Inc., a financial advisory firm in Springfield, Missouri, where assets under advisement rose from $0.9 billion to $1.7 billion during my time there as Senior Research Analyst during the Great Recession. This is where my skill at financial/investment due diligence became fully developed.

My time in the private sector also includes nearly three years as Director of Strategic Planning at MacFarlane Group, a financial services firm, in the Kansas City metro area. MFG is a large, complex, global corporation with operations in Kansas City, Las Vegas, London, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Red Rock, Oklahoma.

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I have over two decades of successful teaching, administrative, and leadership experience at 10 different higher education institutions – including community colleges. My academic career includes nine years at College of the Ozarks in southwest Missouri, including four years as Manager of the Robert W. Plaster School of Business, and most recently with Flagler College – Tallahassee as Adjunct and Visiting Assistant Professor in Business Administration.

The Manager position at C of O included the hiring, retention, and training responsibilities for 12 workers and coordinating the entire budget process at the school level. This position included oversight on all operational activities of the school, including assessment, accreditation, and fundraising, as well as other campus-wide duties. These duties included service on faculty (new hire) search committees, formulating recommendations to the executive officials, conducting meetings, and coordinating all aspects of course scheduling for the school of business.

My leadership, teaching, and communication skills were instrumental in developing the Business Administration program into the top field on campus in terms of enrollment, declared majors, and program matriculation. I rose quickly through the ranks, from Assistant to Full Professor in nine years. As a professor, I earned top teaching marks from students, faculty peers, and administrative superiors.

My current full-time work assignment is with HNTB Corporation in Tallahassee, Florida as Senior Marketing Coordinator and Technical Writer. My administrative and thought leadership work ensures the continued profitability of HNTB in the West Florida region of operations. Additionally, I am putting my background in economics to work in the applied field of infrastructure benefit/cost analysis.

In each of the roles outlined above, it was my academic curiosity and research skills, along with communications and leadership know-how that made the difference and brought about success. The value proposition I would bring to this role is rich and diverse. My skillset includes:

- The ability to frame/analyze issues that comes with earning a Ph.D. in Econ; life-long lover of learning
- Strategic & program planning know-how & success
- Excellent management and rapport with diverse & sundry groups
- Successful public policy leadership, stakeholder consensus building, and staff mentoring expertise
- Aptitude in crafting solutions to difficult administrative problems
- Effective writing/communication at all levels, for all audiences.

Thank you for your consideration. My family resides with me in Tallahassee and very much supports me in pursuing and achieving success in this role.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Petty, Ph.D.

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KEY SKILLS

Communications – High-level research, writing, and editing of white papers, technical guides, marketing decks, and other thought leadership materials.

Economic Research – Expert research, writing, and presentation of facts, findings, and theories in the areas of economic development, public policy, taxation, and industrial organization.

Strategic Planning – Business, product, marketing, sales, and distribution planning; strategy workshop and retreat scheduling and facilitation; and action item identification.

Financial Analysis – Market, equity, fixed income, cash equivalents research; data analysis and valuation; secondary and primary research; writing and presentation; and mutual funds.

Academic and Business Leadership – Management of an academic school of business, mentoring faculty and students, administration of programs, curriculum development, training, and assessment.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Marketing Coordinator – HNTB Corporation Tallahassee, Florida 2017 to present
Quality Control and Quality Assurance, research, and editing; merit pay recipient each year.

Chief Economist – Florida TaxWatch Tallahassee, Florida 2015 to 2016
Author of two research papers supporting projects that won legislative funding in 2016.

Director of Strategic Planning – MacFarlane Group Mission, Kansas 2012 to 2015
Strategy planner for two consecutive record-breaking years of lending profits.

Financial Writer & Economist – American Century Investments Kansas City, Missouri 2011 to 2012
First client communications member to earn byline credits for thought leadership pieces.

Senior Research Analyst – Pension Consultants, Inc. Springfield, Missouri 2008 to 2011
Oversaw assets under advisement growing from $0.9 billion to $1.7 billion during Great Recession.

Professor of Economics & Manager of the R.W. Plaster School of Business – College of the Ozarks,
Architect of business program growing to top major on campus. Pt. Lookout, Missouri 1998 to 2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics – Oklahoma State University Stillwater, Oklahoma
Primary Fields: Industrial Organization, Labor Economics
Secondary Fields: Urban & Regional Economics, Public Sector Economics

M.A. in Economics – University of Central Missouri Warrensburg, Missouri
Concentrations: Monetary Economics, History of Economic Thought, and International Economics

B.S. in Business Administration – Missouri Western State University St. Joseph, Missouri
Major: Economics Minor: Political Science – International Affairs

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RESEARCH AND WRITING SAMPLE LINKS

2015 to 2016 as Chief Economist

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2012 to 2015 as Director of Strategic Planning

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2011 to 2012 as Financial Writer

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2008 to 2011 as Senior Research Analyst

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1989 to 2001 as Instructor of Economics and as Assistant Professor of Economics

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Theodore J Kruger

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Professional Summary

The past 21 years I have been involved with the sales, installation and manufacturing of windows, doors and all applications of hurricane protection. During 12 of these years I also fill my professional career as a professional boxer.
Starting from a helper and working my way up to owner and operator of a door/window and hurricane protection sales and Installation Company. This was the similar rout I took when starting my boxing career as an amateur boxer to a professional boxer and now promoting boxing and MMA shows.
This growth process has helped me with the knowledge of growing within a company and helping others grow as well.
"Communication is a key ingredient to a success."

Employment

PGT Industries **March 2011 - Present**

S.W. Florida Region Field Service Group Leader

- Understand the needs of the PGT dealers and the manufacturing defects that delay completion of construction, resolving in delayed payment.
- control the daily operations of 16 technicians throughout he state
- Motivate my team of technicians to work promptly and efficiently while working safely.
- understand the mechanical components that are necessary to build a good team and sustain that team to perform their duties required.

Group Leader of Insulated Glass Department October 2016 – February 2 2017t

- Brought into the department to assist with building a team for a new c shift operation. Interview candidates to work well with existing team members to achieve a successful team to complete the obligations of our customers.
- Control the operations of multiple departments (Auto, Manual and all supporting departments within the building and shift.
- Understand the process and criteria and determine the necessary changes to produce quality product on time and in full to the customers.
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Maintenance Group Leader (Glass Operations) January 2016 – October 2016

- Recruited into the department to build a common goal between production and maintenance to understand the needs necessary to have 100% uptime on all equipment. Preventive, Corrective, Reactive and Maintenance
- Determine the priority of the issues presented and understand the time and needs necessary to complete the request in a timely manner not to effect production.

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Group Leader – Glass Operations (Cutting/Tempering/Laminating) September 2013 – January 2016

- Setting and prioritizing operations plan for cutting and tempering process.
- Managing daily requirements within two departments with span of 32 employees and two team leaders.
- Communicating with multiple departments (Quality, Material Handling, and Maintenance) on process requirements and completion of material
- Understanding my team members and communicating with them to reach a common goal.
- Motivating team members to rise to their leadership potential.

Service Technician

- Performed field service work to repair product defects or resolve product warranty claims. Directly interfaced with contractors, dealers, and homeowners in the process of investigating, assessing, and resolving problems.
- Geographic area of responsibility: Started as Charlotte county and grew to Charlotte, Hardee, Desoto, Some Sarasota (Venice, Osprey, North-port) to Cape Coral, North Fort Myers and Clewiston.
- Communicated with Technicians around the state in assessing and prioritizing job work load and work load.

***Team Leader - Assembly*:** Two manufacturing lines

- Managed all shift aspects for assembly of Vinyl non-impact windows.
- Lead up to 42 team members on a daily basis in the completion of scheduled builds.
- Managed all quality issues / glass inspection and employee administration requirements.

T K O Door and Window **Oct 2006 - Dec 2011**

Worked weekends and nights for one and a half years while working a full time job as a field supervisor of 12-22 installers.
Full time status from March 2008 – December 2011.

- Owner / Operator Oct 2006 - Dec 2011
  Sales lead development, interfaced with customers and assure them the proper product for the situation asked, measure for product (if not reading off blue print), ordering of materials for installation and scheduling the completion of the job between the customer, supplier and installer in a timely manner.
  With the completion of 1000-1200 jobs sold and completed, generating close to $250,000+ in sales revenue per year over a 5 year period of time.

Active Door and Window **May 1998 - 2008**

Apprentice ***May 1998 – Sept 1998***
Installer ***Sept 1998 – 2001***
Lead Installer ***2001 - 2004***
Field Supervisor / Schedule Coordinator ***2004 – 2008***

Installer duties: Material management and installation for window/door jobs.
Supervisor duties: Train employees on installation procedures/techniques . Resolve customer issues and follow-up with customers on job satisfaction.
Schedule Coordinator duties: To call customers and set up a date and time to start a project and an estimated time of completion. I had to be a mediator between the customer, installer, and sales.

Professional boxer **Dec 2002 - August 2014**

Turned professional in 2002 with 25 total bouts on my record. Self managed, requiring coordination of all physical, administrative, and contract requirements.

Co-owner of Charlotte Harbor Boxing and Fitness Club **Jan 2008 - 2012**

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Coordinated and completed training for youth and adults to compete in Amateur boxing / physical fitness. Often trained underprivileged youth, focusing on their development as young adults in respecting themselves and others.

Education

- Phoenix University Axia College
- Associates in sports management 2008-2011
- Bachelors in science of management 2015-current
- ITT Technical Institute 1993-1994
- Port Charlotte High School 1989 – 1993

Training

- I have 7 years of hands on training in door / window installation and production. I believe the hands on experience are important in developing team members.

- Working with the leaders of past and present employment has taught me several different ways to communicate with team members to get the results necessary for success.

- Excell training

- Promoting a boxing/MMA has given me the experience necessary to prioritize tasks that will give me a smooth transition at show time.

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Thomas H. Sellers, Jr.

Objective

To obtain the position of Inspector General.

Work Experience

03/17/14 – Present The Hartford Syracuse, NY

Investigator – Special Investigations Unit

Investigate workers' compensation, auto, property, general liability, and disability claims with identified suspicious loss indicators, definable inconsistencies, or those which otherwise require a high level investigative skill and/or local in person presence. Interview and obtain recorded statements of insureds, claimants, witnesses, experts and other professionals. Prepare and submit detailed investigative reports to Claims, NICB, the Frauds Bureau and law enforcement. Participate in industry meetings and effectively share and gather significant information. Attend depositions and assist counsel in directing sworn testimony. Provide training for personnel in fraud recognition and training.

02/08/13 – 12/19/13 Time Warner Cable Syracuse, NY

Senior Manager of Investigations – Security Operations

Assumed the responsibilities of the Director of Security, Northeast Market, in his absence. Planned, directed, developed and implemented the market's investigative program and strategy under the guidance of the Director of Security. Directed the activities of the investigators to ensure compliance with company policies, legal and regulatory requirements. Directly responsible for corporate compliance investigations within the market and region. Managed multiple types of investigations to include code of conduct, fraud, compliance, theft and work place violence. Represented the Security Department on various market and/or area committees and working groups. Conducted briefings with departmental management, corporate management and law enforcement.

06/15/98 – 02/07/13 Liberty Mutual Insurance Group Syracuse, NY

Senior Special Investigator – Special Investigations Unit

Responsible for conducting insurance fraud investigations involving workers' compensation, commercial auto and general liability claims. Communicated with policyholders, customers, witnesses and physicians to gather information. Conducted database searches in support of fraud investigations. Secured recorded interviews and obtained evidentiary documentation. Prepared detailed, comprehensive investigative summary reports. Prepared cases for referral to fraud bureaus, law enforcement and district attorneys. Testified, as required, in administrative, civil and criminal proceedings. Attended training, industry meetings and seminars. Developed and provided fraud recognition and prevention training to branch office personnel. Prepared annual fraud reports.

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05/15/97 – 06/12/98 State of New York Syracuse, NY

Investigator – Insurance Frauds Bureau

Conducted investigations of felonies, criminal law violations involving insurance fraud and related crimes; including, but not limited to: grand larceny, forgery and perjury. Secured evidence for use in court proceedings and administrative hearings. Conducted surveillance of suspected persons, locations, and equipment associated with cases under investigation. Interviewed witnesses and interrogated suspects. Served subpoenas and executed arrests. Prepared comprehensive investigative reports. Assisted district attorneys in the preparation and presentation of insurance fraud cases. Testified before the grand jury and in jury trials.

09/11/95 – 04/30/97 State of Florida Miami/Plantation, FL

Law Enforcement Lieutenant – Division of Insurance Fraud

Responsible for the direct supervision of law enforcement investigators to ensure that insurance fraud cases were properly assigned, completed and presented to the appropriate prosecuting agency. Provided direct supervision to clerical support staff. Provided training and direction in investigative techniques, report writing and Division Policy. Reviewed, analyzed and assigned investigative matters. Coordinated the gathering, evaluation and exchange of criminal intelligence with offices of the department and other law enforcement agencies. Briefed state attorneys as to issues, facts and testimony pertaining to insurance fraud cases. Administered educational programs addressing insurance fraud to industry and citizen groups.

12/02/91 – 09/11/95 State of Florida West Palm Beach, FL

Law Enforcement Investigator – Division of Insurance Fraud

Responsible for conducting felony investigations pertaining to workers' compensation insurance fraud and associated crimes. Conducted interviews to gather information relating to cases under investigation. Located, collected, evaluated and secured evidence. Conducted physical surveillance of suspects. Utilized sources of criminal intelligence. Prepared detailed investigative summary reports. Assisted state attorneys in the preparation and presentation of insurance fraud cases. Obtained and served warrants and subpoenas. Apprehended and arrested suspected law violators. Provided testimony before all appropriate forums.

03/03/91 – 11/30/1991 Jupiter Police Department Jupiter, FL

Police Officer

Assigned to Patrol Division. Patrolled assigned areas and responded to police calls for service. Enforced traffic regulations, state laws and town ordinances. Arrested and processed suspects. Aided in the settlement of civil matters by acting as a mediator and advisor of rights and processes.

10/03/1988–12/29/1990 M&T Bank Buffalo, NY

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Personal Bank Advisor

Promoted and marketed bank products and services as appropriate to meet customer needs. Prepared and compiled new customer applications and information to open new accounts. Completed consumer loan applications. Provided customer service and effective problem solving. Analyzed financial statements to determine cash flow and debt service in relation to lending decisions and collateral position. Provided loan prospect consultation. Prepared detailed reports to commercial loan files. Assisted in managing a 2.5 million dollar loan portfolio. Ensured compliance with operational, security and control policies/procedures, to prevent fraud and protect customer assets.

Education

August 1998 Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton, FL

Master of Arts, Public Administration

Grade Point Average: 3.68

May 1986 Canisius College Buffalo, NY

Bachelor of Science, Finance

Grade Point Average: 3.017

Professional Memberships

Member, The International Association of Special Investigation Units, January 1999 to Present

Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator, The International Association of Special Investigation Units, June 2008 to December 2017

Pi Alpha Alpha Member, The National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, Florida Atlantic University Chapter

Professional Development

Analyzing Financial Statements, American Institute of Banking, May 1989

Basic Recruit Law Enforcement Officer Training, State of Florida, The Commission On Criminal Justice Standards & Training, April 1991

Supervisory Responsibility & Liability Management, Criminal Justice Institute, Palm Beach Community College, June 1994

Line Supervision, Criminal Justice Institute, Broward Community College, September 1994

Financial Investigative Techniques, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, November 1994

Advanced Interviews & Interrogation Techniques, Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, May 1997

Principles of Fire Investigation, State of New York, Office of Fire

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Prevention And Control, July 1997

Advanced Training in Auto Crime & Fraud, New York Anti Car Theft & Fraud Association, Inc., April 2004

IASIU 20th Annual Seminar on Fraud, International Association of Special Investigations Units, September 2005

Building, Managing & Measuring Your SIU, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, May 2006

Principles of Fraud Examination, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, April 2007

Special Investigations Academy, Specialized Track, National Insurance Crime Bureau, October 2009

IASIU 26th Annual Seminar on Fraud, International Association of Special Investigations Units, September 2011

Vehicle Arson Awareness Program, State of New York, Office of Fire Prevention And Control, August 2012

Active Shooter Training, Better Business Bureau of Upstate, New York, April 2013.

Interview & Interrogation Techniques, Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, June 2014.

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A. Benjamin Mannes, MA, CPP, CESP

February 16, 2021

State of Florida
Financial Services Commission
Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (Citizens)
2101 Maryland Circle Tallahassee, FL 32303

RE: Inspector General
Position # 31000329

To Whom it May Concern:

I am contacting you regarding the Inspector General vacancy with the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. I believe that my combination of graduate education, certification and professional experience leading ethics and investigative operations in the public, private and nonprofit sectors makes me an *excellent* fit for this position.

As you will see from my enclosed application, I have more than 23 years of professional experience with a background stemming from municipal and federal government service to oversight and leadership roles in healthcare and compliance management. My background shows that I have been consistently rewarded with promotion and increased responsibility, resulting in my current role as the Chief Compliance Officer for a diversified, national firm with a $500M annual portfolio where I developed the compliance and operational risk management programs. In addition, I previously served for nearly nine years as a Director, Office of Investigations for the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM). In this role, I served in the Inspector General function, leading global investigations, operational risk management, security, ethics, and business continuity operations for North America's largest medical board - covering a footprint of 200+ employees and 225,000 physicians certifying at over 5,000 locations worldwide. Based on the expertise gained from my work, I have led consulting and expert witness engagements for a diverse clientele nationwide.

My continued career advancement is a result of my continued professional development & application of best practices from a variety of sources. In addition to my Master's degree in Organizational Leadership (*Summa cum Laude*); I possess professional certifications and a rich, two-decade cadre of specialized professional training. Furthermore, I possess unwavering professionalism, great analysis skills and excellent written & oral communication skills exhibited through published articles and professional speaking engagements.

If you would like to discuss, please contact me at (202) 413-2367. I look forward to meeting you to discuss ways I may be able to serve you in this vital capacity.

Sincerely,

A. Benjamin Mannes, MA, CPP, CESP

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Over 23 years of professional experience in ethics, compliance, operational risk management, and operations with an emphasis on the leadership of oversight, asset protection, investigations, and security leadership roles nationwide.
- Expert in building ethical and secure oversight programs from the ground up. Experienced in planning, implementation, and building partnerships between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.
- Graduate education with advanced certifications, and a myriad of specialized training to include the completion of both municipal & federal law enforcement academies, emergency management, and industrial safety institutes.
- Subject matter expert and expert witness, public speaker, collegiate and advisory board member with a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitive issues to diverse audiences through written, oral, & multimedia platforms.
- Noted contributor on public integrity and safety; published in trade journals, numerous news sources, and appearances on the History Channel, cable news networks, and radio broadcasts throughout the United States.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

June 2019 to the Present:
Full Spectrum Processing, Inc.
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Responsible for overseeing the development of internal policies, procedures, and training to ensure ethical corporate operations and regulatory compliance for a diversified company servicing a $500M annual clientele of financial services, real estate developers/property managers, healthcare, manufacturing, and logistics companies nationwide. Developed compliance policies for federal, state, and local laws, regulatory requirements, and industry best practices nationwide. Evaluated and recommended policy actions pursuant to security, employee/contractor ethics (*and conduct*), and compliance with rules, laws, policies, and personnel matters; rendering management opinions therein. Work with corporate officers to implement procedures to ensure that the compliance, operational risk management, crisis management, and fraud prevention programs throughout the organization are effective in identifying, preventing, detecting, and correcting noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations. Provided executive directors and clients with independent and objective assessments of programs and activities, citing potential risks and liabilities. Evaluated the activities of the senior management team for compliance with various regulations, recommending solutions. Conducted internal examinations; investigated allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse, malfeasance, mismanagement, employee misconduct, violations of corporate policies; and underwriting standards. Oversee and monitor the implementation of the compliance, life safety, workplace violence prevention and business continuity programs.

Provides guidance, advice, and/or training programs to improve business' understanding of related laws and regulatory requirements for banking, OSHA, EEOC, HIPAA, FAA, FINRA and SEC requirements. Coordinated with global insurance providers on credit, property, and casualty claims, underwriting criteria, and SIU investigations. Develop AML/BSA reporting procedures to assure law enforcement agency reporting, as appropriate, whenever staff has reasonable grounds to detect suspicious activity that may be a violation of criminal law. Coordinated activities with the Controller on annual Internal Audits. Coordinate efforts related to audits, reviews, and examinations. Develop policies and programs that encourage managers and employees to report suspected fraud and other improprieties, without fear of retaliation. Coordinate internal compliance review and monitoring activities, including periodic reviews of departments for liability avoidance, safety and business continuity.

Implemented corporate safety and regulatory reporting processes for corporate aircraft, assuring due diligence with outsourced pilot and maintenance contractors. Managed, supervised and directed tasks and assignments of staff assigned to oversight and compliance projects, including regular review and feedback regarding key performance indicators (KPIs) for work in progress, while providing policy and procedure recommendations regarding relevant training and staff development activities to increase staff efficiency. Developed and implemented business continuity & resiliency policies to assure seamless operations during the COVID-19 outbreak of 2020. Independently investigates and acts on matters related to compliance, workplace safety and security. Oversee the FDCPA, FCRA, COJ, and UCC compliance functions for a court-ordered receivership in cooperation with an SEC, FBI, FDIC and IRS action for a national business funding operation.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

September 2003 to June 2019:
Mannes & Associates, LLC
PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT
Consultant & Subject Matter Expert (SME) offering investigative, security, operational risk, and business continuity consulting services for a diverse clientele. Assisted clients in various sectors with evaluations and recommendations to prevent risks related to fraud, security, ethical behavior of organizational staff, vendor due diligence, safety, and compliance with rules, laws, policies, and personnel matters. Developed plans and assessments for regulatory compliance, industry standards, security, and business continuity / emergency management vulnerabilities. This included the evaluation of corporate codes of ethics, human resource policies, outsourcing relationships, operational plans, administrative policy compliance, management and operational matters, and emerging regulatory trends to provide reviews and recommendations on the design and content of ethics-related policy and training courses; to educate employees on appropriate conduct, and compliance reporting obligations. Led sensitive security planning projects; identifying and evaluating project opportunities, vulnerabilities, and threats; and managed individual plans & projects to ensure that goals, objectives, and deliverables are achieved for my clients nationwide. Provide clients with strategic management of natural and man-made (security) risks & threats towards personnel, facilities and other assets, as well as clients, contractors and visitors.

Extensive consulting in the education-sector on campus security, investigations and compliance assessment and planning projects for K-12 school districts, colleges, faith-based schools, sports & entertainment venues, and state education departments. Help clients develop and regularly update security and investigative policies and procedures, to include Title IX & Clery Act compliance, crime prevention, emergency management, evacuation plans, security operations manuals, public safety/law enforcement staffing, security training development, vendor oversight and disaster plans.

Am a registered expert witness with opinions entered in cases in federal and state jurisdictions throughout three states. Served as a nationally recognized subject matter expert (SME) in exam integrity, assisting test sponsors and government stakeholders who administer standardized tests with security audits and investigations; with a client base who includes medical boards, school admissions testing, licensing authorities, three state education departments, and the Administrative Offices of the United States Courts. As a result of my expertise in education, I have worked on benchmarking and best practices in school security and workplace violence prevention for clients like Andrew Pollack's Americans for CLASS foundation, SERAPH, and Cardinal Point Homeland Security Solutions; being featured in the August 2018 cover story in Security Magazine.

Worked to develop client strategic business plans, internal audits, and operational budgets related to compliance, operational risk management, asset protection, emergency management and fraud prevention. Submit related plans, reports and findings to client leadership to summarize and reach resolutions as required. Developed client KPIs to regularly update and track departmental performance reports. Lead consulting staff and the daily procedures of their operations. Led threat, risk, and operational vulnerability assessments in both policy reviews and on-site physical inspections; making recommendations for improvements where necessary. Continually maintain an expert base of knowledge of regulations, policy, equipment, technology, and processes. Conducted policy analysis, tabletop exercises and live tests of client business continuity plans.

Leverage technology where possible to streamline and minimize manual processes with a potential for error. Help clients conduct thorough internal investigations as needed with an ability to articulate evidentiary details to both executive management and/or law enforcement entities. Serve as liaison between clients and federal, state, and local government agencies to assist in preventing, detecting, protecting, responding to and recovering from incidents and disasters. Represent clients in regional or business sector group efforts to plan and prepare for incidents, attacks, fraud trends and all hazard emergencies through participating in information sharing working groups, tabletop exercises, drills and meetings.

Served as the Senior Government Accounts Consultant for SuperCom's Incident Response Management Systems, leading project management for Homeland Security and Emergency Management contracts for the City of Los Angeles, Columbus (OH), State of Delaware, and the Southeast Pennsylvania Counter-terrorism Task Force. Implemented large-scale projects, working together with agency and project engineering staff to develop and implement program assuring compliance with project specific deliverables, security, and emergency management plans. Served as a project management consultant to ensure that the contract was being executed in full compliance with the client agency's terms and conditions, security plans, policies and procedures submitted in Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

June 2008 to January 2017:
American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS
Led global investigations, asset protection, operational risk management, and emergency management for North America's largest medical board; responsible for over 200 employees and a stakeholder group of over 225,000 physicians certifying in 5,000 locations worldwide. Conducted internal examinations and investigations into fraud allegations raised by state medical boards, insurance providers and citizens reporting possible waste, abuse, malfeasance, mismanagement, employee misconduct, or violations of certification policies. Worked collaboratively with staff, consultants, and other stakeholder organizations to assist in achieving Board goals and objectives. Evaluated and recommended actions regarding security, the ethical behavior of ABIM staff and vendors, and compliance with healthcare industry rules, laws, policies, and personnel matters; rendering ethics opinions therein. Provided strategic management of risks/threats facing ABIM personnel, facilities, continuity of operations, and intellectual assets. Led planning and development of various plans, policies, training curriculum and procedures to enhance exam integrity, investigations, physical security, emergency management and business continuity functions. Evaluated the application of an organizational code of ethics, providing reviews and recommendations on the design and content of ethics-related policy and staff training, educating employees and vendors on the code and on appropriate conduct, assuring compliance and a transfer of risk/liability.

Developed and regularly updated security policies and procedures, to include evacuation plans, security policies, security training manual and disaster plans. Developed, tracked, and regularly updated departmental performance reports, plans and convened committees to participate in the development of the Office of Investigation's strategic business plan, test security audits, business continuity plans, capital improvement plans, and operational budget as related to security & investigations. Evaluated the activities of the board and senior management team's compliance with policies, conflict of interest standards, and recommended solutions to address potential liabilities and risks. Lead staff and daily procedures of the Corporate Security and Fraud Prevention operations. Provide expertise, direction and support on all matters relating to physical security, security risk identification and assessments, analysis and integration, security awareness, crisis management, safety intelligence, travel and site security, terrorism, and investigative matters.

Worked together with departmental staff to develop and implement a program for monitoring contractors for compliance with specific security plans. Evaluated vendor physical security systems, employee safety training programs, policies and procedures for over global contractor locations to maximize the department's effectiveness in mitigating risks and identifies opportunities for improved efficiency. Worked with vendor representatives to ensure contracts were executed in full compliance with the terms and conditions of ABIM security plans, KPIs, policies and procedures submitted during contract negotiations. Regularly used and continuously improved upon a knowledge of security access control software, equipment and processes. Leverage technology wherever possible to minimize manual processes. Created a web and telephone tip line to field reports from insurance, governmental, and public stakeholders. Developed a global "site visit" program to perform on-site physical inspections and procedural audits to develop and refine internal and external security check lists which identified contract violations and made recommendations for improvements where necessary.

Served as the board's Emergency Manager, leading business continuity and crisis management efforts experience dealing with issues arising from political unrest, workplace threats and environmental disasters. Led disaster mitigation, business continuity and resilience planning & response initiatives. Coordinated continuity of operations plans and policies with the CIO and Information Technology staff to ensure that physical and virtual plans were in sync. Managed a diverse, twenty-seven (27) member Emergency Response Team with tenacity, decisiveness, and diplomacy. Represented ABIM in all regional efforts to plan and prepare for all terrorist attacks and all hazard emergencies through participating in the Delaware Valley Regional Roundtable, industry table-tops drills and contingency planning exercises for details to include Occupy Philly, the World Meeting of Families, Hurricane Sandy, major holidays (as we were located on Independence Mall) and other potential large-scale operational disruptions in our headquarters region.

Led investigations resulting in the effective resolution of over 150 legal cases and/or administrative sanctions for inappropriate activity. Led expeditious reporting of potential violations criminal law to the law enforcement and inspector general communities. Conducted thorough internal investigations as needed with an ability to articulate evidentiary details to human resources managers, health system credentialing staff, payer special investigations units, regulators, executive management and/or law enforcement entities. Assisted in the formulation, presentation, and execution of an operational budget. Assisted in transformative Human Resource efforts to incorporate safety, security and intellectual property protection training into new hire orientation.

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June 1999 to June 2009
Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC (MPDC)
POLICE OFFICER / INSPECTOR (DHS) / INTELLIGENCE ANALYST (Highway ISAC)
Conducted law enforcement and crime suppression duties, performed criminal and civil (background/administrative) investigations, community policing strategies, and municipal anti-terrorism efforts in high-crime, heightened security locations. Initially assigned to the sixth police district in the busy Anacostia section of Southeast Washington. Conducted community risk assessments & communicated crime prevention strategies for commercial sectors, public schools, political wards, advisory neighborhood commissions and at community meetings.

Conducted special security assignments as a member of the nationally-recognized Civil Disturbance Unit; with joint law enforcement & emergency management deployments that included Y2K preparedness operations, Sports Arena (MCI Center) & RFK Stadium event protection details, Presidential protection details, violent WTO/IMF Protests, film & television productions and other large-scale events. In addition, I served investigative support details with the Synchronized and Joint Operations Command Centers (later to become the DC Fusion Center & Real-Time Crime Center), serving on rescue & recovery efforts for the 9/11 attacks, the 2002 DC-area sniper task force and other intelligence-led assignments. Served as liaison between MPD and the various DC-area Federal and local agencies that collaborated in preventing, detecting, protecting, responding to, and recovering from criminal and/or terrorist activity and other hazardous events.

NOTE: Served in external assignments w/ the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 6/04-11/05 in the ranks of Inspector & Contract Intelligence Analyst:

> Served in 2004 as a contract Intelligence Analyst relating to the US highway transportation sector at the US Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC). Analyzed suspicious activity reports (SARs). Wrote classified analyses and identified actions needed by federal, state, and local agencies in the field. Provided coordination for response, preventative measures, and safeguards. Monitored operations to forecast potential security threats or safety problems. Provided effective liaison with representatives of federal, state and local agencies dealing with public safety, anti-terrorism, and transportation security. Represented the highway sector in Homeland Security Emergency and Exercise Planning (HSEEP) compliant exercises, both in tabletop and live simulations, which included operations Determined Promise 04, Ardent Sentry and others. Worked collaboratively with DHS staff, State Agencies, contractors and other organizations to assist in achieving the ISAC's goals and objectives of sharing valuable homeland security information with the highway transportation sector.
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> I was later appointed to the rank of Inspector (for the DHS/TSA Surface Transportation Security Inspection Program); charged with homeland security directive compliance and risk assessment of the commuter, heavy, transit and light rail transportation sector throughout the region of DC, Maryland, Virginia & West Virginia. Worked collaboratively with the management of the Virginia Railway Express, WMATA (METRO-Transit Police), AMTRAK NE Corridor, MARC, MTA Baltimore subway & light rail and Morgantown Personal Rapid Transit (WVU People Mover) to ensure that their respective Security Emergency Preparedness Plans (SEPP) were reviewed, revised, and evaluated in compliance with FTA, FRA and TSA Regulations. Enforced new and emerging federal regulations such as TSA RailPax SD 1 & 2 and Buffer-zone Protection Plans relating to heavy rail HAZMAT movements through Baltimore & Washington, DC on CSX and Norfolk Southern track lines. Maintained daily collaboration with the transportation & law enforcement communities throughout the region. Participated in Homeland Security Emergency and Exercise Planning (HSEEP) compliant exercises, to include TOPOFF-3.
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> Managed three inspectors, supervising their operations in the field. Oversaw situational awareness for the region, identifying training with members of the law enforcement and intelligence communities. Personally, conducted threat assessments of transit systems in three states. Detailed to serve at emergency operations centers during the rescue and recovery efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; where I received a letter of commendation for my Emergency Management work in restoring power to MSY Airport via locomotive generator and evacuation train service between New Orleans and Lafayette.

Furthermore, from 3/02-6/04 I served P/T as the National Training Coordinator/Threat Assessment Lead for the Community Anti-Terrorism Training Program (CAT Eyes Program):

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Initially certified in 2002 as the CAT Eyes Master Instructor for the MPDC, I volunteered to lead national field instruction and train-the-trainer curriculum for law enforcement agencies, security firms, critical workplaces, and community groups. Established curriculum and personally taught a basic history and overview of terrorism and operational indicators of support and pre-event terrorist activity to a diverse audience ranging from neighborhood watch groups to collegiate intelligence studies classes. Certified law enforcement instructors for numerous agencies, from Boston to Washington, DC.

Was later tasked to lead threat assessment and risk analysis operations for the DHS-grant funded contract to provide homeland security and emergency management planning for Coach USA's numerous transportation commuter, charter, casino, NJ Transit and tour bus operations and their multiple high-profile facilities throughout New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania (Philadelphia). Conducted risk-based vulnerability analysis, identified security threats in each facility, developed tabletop exercises & simulations for training courses and conducted training for a variety of staff members ranging from drivers, dispatchers and maintenance staff to executives.

January 1997 to June 1999:
U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Protective Service (FPS)
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (GS-0083-06)
Enforced federal and state laws with an emphasis on force protection and anti-terrorism in the New York/New Jersey federal community. Was assigned to the New York Terrorist Trials Operations Command with the US Marshals Service, NYPD, FBI, and Federal Bureau of Prisons. Oversaw special security details during the trials of the 1993 World Trade Center Bombers, Sheik Omar Abdul Rachman, and the 1998 Al-Qaeda indictment for the twin embassy bombings in Africa. Strategically deployed to manage security risks/threats towards GSA-managed, US Courts and WTC personnel, facilities and other assets, as well as clients, contractors and visitors throughout the NYC, Brooklyn and Newark metro areas. Enforced contractor, tenant and visitor compliance with security policies and procedures, to include evacuation plans, security operations manual, security training manual and disaster plan. Detected operational indicators of waste, fraud, and abuse in large scale federal guard force contracts. Assisted personnel security specialists on assuring professional background screening and clearance updates for federal contract security and facilities service providers.

Compile and regularly update departmental incident reports. Displayed a great deal of knowledge regarding security access control software, equipment and processes at federal facilities. Performed site physical security audits using internal & external security checklists to cite contract security violations and/or make recommendations to GSA for improvement to physical security where necessary. Worked together with GSA and Department of Justice staff to develop and implement a program for monitoring contract guards for compliance with project specific security plans, policies, and post orders. Assisted court security officers and municipal police officers with community assistance for citizens in the busy New York and Newark metropolitan areas.

July 1994 to January 1997:
Long Beach, NY & New York City Police Departments (Concurrently)
SPECIAL/AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER
In Long Beach, I performed vehicular, foot, and traffic patrol functions in high-tourism areas of an oceanfront city outside New York City with a 20-50,000-person daily population influx during summer months. Enforced quality of life violations and issued summonses and notices of infractions.

Concurrently, I volunteered with the NYPD performing patrol functions and voluntary community policing support with the NYPD while receiving college credit at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Was a part of high-visibility NYPD policing and outreach efforts in the 20th Precinct, in the Upper West Side section of Manhattan.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- Columnist and contributor, numerous national, local, and trade publications, 2016 - Present
- Advisory Board Member, ConsumerAffairs.com, 2018 - Present
- Governor, Executive Board, Philadelphia InfraGard, 2012-2018 (currently an active member)
- Member, Criminal Justice Studies Advisory Board, Peirce College, 2016 – 2018
- Member, Homeland Security Program Advisory Board, St. John's University, Fall 2016
- Pennsylvania F&AM, Equity Lodge # 591, Raised 2011, Treasurer 2018 - Present

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

California Coast University, Santa Ana, CA
- Master or Arts, Organizational Leadership (Summa cum Laude), 2017
- Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice (Summa cum Laude), 2016 With transferred credits from:
  - John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY; Police Science, 1994-96
  - SUNY, Empire State College, New York, NY; Criminal Justice, 1998-99

American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS International), Alexandria, VA
- Certified Protection Professional (CPP), 2010 (exp.12/2022)

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA
- Mixed Agency Federal Law Enforcement Basic Training Program (MBPTP-705), 1997

Metropolitan Police/Turner Institute of Police Science, Washington, DC,
- D.C. Metropolitan Police Academy (99-3), 1999
- Civil Disturbance Unit (Gas/Tactical Weapons) Certified, 2000
- Higgins Foundation Counterterrorism Training, 2001-2003

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD
- Emergency Response to Terrorism, 1998
- National Incident Management System, Incident Command Structure, levels 100 to 800b, 2005-16
- Emergency Planning (IS-235), 2012
- Facility Security Committees (IS-893), 2012
- Active Shooter: What You Can Do (IS-907), 2012
- Special Event Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies, 2005
- Workplace Security Committees, 2016

New Jersey Regional Intelligence Academy (NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness), Trenton, NJ •
Developing Intelligence Programs for the Private Sector, 2012

US Department of Homeland Security, National Preparedness & Protection Division, Philadelphia, PA
- Surveillance Detection Course for Commercial Operators, 2010
- Workplace Violence Awareness & Response to Active Shooter Training, 2013

West Virginia University (Extended Learning), Morgantown, WV, 2010-11; certificates include:
- Forensic Epidemiology,
- Crisis Preparedness Planning for School Administrators,
- Campus Public Safety Response to WMD Incidents, and
- Hospital Emergency Management: Concepts/Implications of WMD Incidents

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Harrisburg, PA
- Certified Instructor, Terrorism Awareness and Prevention Program, 2003

Community Antiterrorism Training Institute, McGuire AFB, NJ
- CAT Eyes Program Master Instructor, 2002

Commonwealth of Virginia Dept. of Criminal Justice Services, Richmond, VA
- Certified Private Security Compliance Agent, 2004
- ABC Police Club Drugs & Rave Enforcement Training, 2001

US Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, OKC, OK.
- Surface Transportation Security Specialist & Rail Inspector Basic Training, 2005

U.S. Department of Transportation, Transportation Safety Institute, OKC, OK, 2005
- Threat Management & Emergency Response to Rail Hijackings,
- Transit System Security (FTA/FRA/TSA Regulations),
- Transportation of Hazardous Materials, and
- Transit Industrial Safety Management

Association of Inspectors General, New York, NY

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- Over 100 CPE hours of training at annual conferences, 2010-2016

New York State Municipal Police Training Council, New York, NY
- Part-Time Peace Officer's Course/NYPD Auxiliary Police Basic Training, 1995

American College of Forensic Examiners, Springfield, MO
- Board Certified in Homeland Security Level III (CHS-III) & Sensitive Security Information (SSI), 2008-10

Philadelphia Dept. of Behavioral Health & Intellectual Disability Services
- Mental Health First Aid, 2013

Caveon Test Security/Institute for Exam Integrity (I4ES)
- Certified Exam Security Professional (CESP Generalist), 2015

Microsoft Office Suite, 1996 – Present
- Proficient in relevant personal computer applications such as Word, Adobe PDF, Excel, PowerPoint

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Life Member, Fraternal Order of Police, D.C. Lodge # 1 (since 1999)
- Member, InfraGard (the FBI-coordinated public-private partnership, 2009-Present (elected Governor 2011-18)
- Member/Conference Speaker, Association of Inspectors General, 2010-16
- Member, Delaware Valley Intelligence Center Regional Security Roundtable, 2008 – 2017
- Member, Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club, 2011 - Present

AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS:

03/2016 – Peirce College; Outstanding Service to the Criminal Justice Profession
07/2015 – American Board of Pediatrics; Letter of gratitude for leading professional training in exam security
06/2014 - Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award (shared with the FBI)
02/2013 – Association of Test Publishers; Service as the chairman of the ATP Security Enforcement Subcommittee
09/2012 – American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM); for leadership & service to the Emergency Response Team
03/2012 – American Board of Radiology; in gratitude for leading training of Radiology Board test security personnel
07/2011 - InfraGard, Philadelphia Chapter; in appreciation for Board service and contributions to the Philadelphia Chapter
08/2011 – Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA; for coordinating community ethics events
06/2010 - ABIM; Board Resolution for leading an investigation into a nationwide theft of trade secrets case
09/2009 – American Board for Certification in Homeland Security; For Service on the Board, Board of Intelligence Analysts
09/2005 - Department of Homeland Security; Letter of Commendation for my recovery efforts to Hurricane Katrina
08/2004 – National Crime Prevention Council; Instructional service for the 10th National Refugee Crime Prevention Seminar
04/2004 – National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial; Certificate for service to National Police Memorial Week
03/2003 - Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC; Commanding Officer's Commendation (PD751)
07/2000 – International Law Enforcement Games; for outstanding sportsmanship at the 2000 games
11/1996 - New York City Police Department; Exceptional Performance of Duty Commendation

CLEARANCE HISTORY:

- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) (DHS-issued in 2018, valid through 2023)
- Pennsylvania State Higher Education Faculty Background Check (Neumann University, 2017)
- TSA PreCheck (2016, valid through 2021)
- Temporary access to classified information (FBI-issued for a classified briefing, 2015)
- InfraGard Membership screening (FBI-issued, 2009 - present)
- Secret Clearance (DHS-issued currently inactive, 2004-05)
- Public Trust background investigation (OPM-issued currently inactive, 1997-99)
- Numerous pre-employment & membership background checks

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

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REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

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From: Gambineri, Mara on behalf of Schedule, Gov
To: Moulton, Diane
Subject: Community Update Regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine in Broward, Duval, Lake, Manatee, Orange, Polk and Seminole Counties
Attachments: Gov. Ron DeSantis TTH Outbound Calls.docx

To Record the call:

800-619-5518

Code [redacted]

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* Record at the tone and press the # key when you are finished.
* The recording will stop and you will hear the following options:

* To listen to the recorded message press 1
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* To continue the recording press 3
* To finish recording press 4 or just hang up
* To save and record a new message press 5

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Live Answer

Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccination efforts in your area. Please stay on the line now to hear this important live update. Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Voicemail

Hello, this is Governor Ron DeSantis calling with an important update about COVID-19 vaccinations in your area. If you are on the line now press 1 to join the call. If you received this message in the last 10 minutes and would like to join in, please call 833-946-1542. Again that number is 833-946-1542.

Beginning Friday, 119 Walmart stores across 34 counties will offer the COVID-19 vaccine. And Publix will expand vaccine locations to 595 stores across 41 counties.

To schedule a vaccine at Walmart, please visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine.

To schedule a vaccine at Publix, please visit Publix.com/covidvaccine.

Thank you. This call is paid for by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Text Message link

Important: For new information on expanded COVID-19 vaccinations in your area, please listen to a live update from Governor Ron DeSantis at 3:30 PM.

Florida is expanding COVID-19 vaccination locations to multiple Walmart and Publix locations in your area. To schedule a vaccine, visit Walmart.com/covidvaccine or Publix.com/covidvaccine

To join this live call for a COVID-19 vaccination update:
Call 1-833-946-1542 or click <<audio url>>

Txt STOP to opt out.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey; Thorpe, Amanda
Subject: Details for tomorrow
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:13:38 PM

Press Conference 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

- Location: Pasco County
  SunTrust Bank Building
  5435 Gall Blvd,
  Zephyrhills, FL 33542
- POC: Region 4 Incident Commander

  Andy Fossa: (727) 359-3278
- Number of vaccines: 1,100/day
- Type of vaccine: Pfizer
- Walk up/Drive thru: Walk Up
- Registration: CDR Waiting List

Casey – please draft lines when you can. We will need a hold room in the FBO for him to do the Ben Shapiro interview.
Here is his full day for LBL/Outlook purposes:

Pasco Vaccination POD
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
SunTrust Bank Building, 6128 US-19, New Port Richey, FL 34652
Interview with Ben Shapiro (via phone)
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Call with CVS Health President and CEO Karen Lynch (via phone)
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
HOLD – Governor's Office
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meeting with DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Meeting with DOE Commissioner Richard Corcoran
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
HOLD – Tallahassee
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mara Gambineri
Director of External Affairs
Governor Ron DeSantis
407-575-4966
Mara.Gambineri@EOG.myflorida.com

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Jones, Morgan
Subject: Draft for tomorrow
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:07:45 AM

Good morning,

Here is the address for tomorrow:
Walmart Store 5054
11900 Atlantic Blvd
Jacksonville FL 32225

Security contact – Toby Holcomb 817-366-8468

Event from 10-11

He will go get a haircut afterwards so we'll need to account for drive to Ponte Vedra and haircut before wheels up back to Tallahassee

There is a small chance we will add a publix event but Diane wants to see this timing as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mara Gambineri
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Moulton, Diane
Subject: Draft for tomorrow
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 11:28:25 AM
Attachments: GD LBL 2.9.21.docx

Attached – I'm reaching out to Publix to see if they have anything new to roll out tomorrow that we could potentially add in the afternoon.

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GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS LINE BY LINE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

8:35-8:55am **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]

8:55-9:45am **TRAVEL TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]

9:45-10:00am **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]

10:00-11:00am **PRESS CONFERENCE**
Location: Walmart Store #5054
Address: 11900 Atlantic Boulevard, Jacksonville FL 32225

11:00-11:30am **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]

11:30am-12:00pm **HOLD**

12:00-12:30pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S. [redacted]

This document includes information that reveals the Governor's travel itinerary. The information may be confidential because it bears upon the Governor's security. Section 119.071(2)(d), Florida Statutes.

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12:30-1:15pm **TRAVEL TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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1:15-1:30pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S.
[redacted]

1:30-4:50pm **STAFF AND CALL TIME**
Location: The Governor's Office, The Capitol

4:50-5:00pm **DRIVE TIME** 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
119.071(2)(d) F.S.
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RON
Location: The Governor's Mansion

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DATE	COUNTY	Media Market	LOCATION	EVENT	GOVERNOR	LT. GOVERNOR	FIRST LADY	ATTORNEY GENERAL	CFO	AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
01/09/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	FGCU VESTER MARINE, BONITA SPRINGS	WATER DAY, ENVIRONMENT EVENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/09/19	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	MOTE MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM	ENVIRONMENT EVENT, WATER DAY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/09/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MIAMI FREEDOM TOWER ANNOUCEMENT	SUPREME COURT NOMINATION LAGOA	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
01/09/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	MEXICO BEACH	REBUILDING COMMUNITIES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/10/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	FLAGER PLACE, STUART	CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF SF WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND WATER QUALITY ANNOUCEMENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/11/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	BROWARD SHERIFFS OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, FT LAUDERDALE	ANNOUCEMENT SHERIFF SCOTT ISRAEL	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/11/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	PARDONED GROVELAND 4	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/14/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	SCHECK HILLEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL ANNOUCEMENT	SUPREME COURT NOMINATION LUCK	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
01/15/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY	ANNOUNCEMENT TRADE MISSION LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL SECURITY FUNDING, BDS STATUTE (AIR BNB)	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	CALHOUN	PANAMA CITY	CALHOUN COUNTY EOC	PANHANDLE TOUR WITH ADMINISTRATOR LONG EOC BRIEFING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	A.D. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BAY COUNTY ROUDTABLE AND PRESS CONFERENCE DISASTER RELIEF / RECOVERY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	CARVER GROUP HOUSING SITE	HOUSING SITE TOUR	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	TYNDALL AIRFORCE BASE	TOUR	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	MEXICO BEACH PIER	PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/16/19	GULF	PANAMA CITY	VETERANS PARK HOUSING SITE	HOUSING SITE TOUR	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/17/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	KRAFT AZALEA PARK, WINTER PARK	MEDICAL MARIJUANA ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/18/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	HISTORICAL CAPITOL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY	ANNOUNCEMENT WEST PALM BEACH SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/21/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	PINEY GROVES BOYS ACADEMY	MLK JR CELEBRATION BREAKFAST	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/21/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	SHADY PARK AT HANNIBAL SQUARE, WINTER PARK	UNITY HERITAGE FESTIVAL MLK CELEBRATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/22/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S MANSION	SUPREME COURT NOMINATION MUÑIZ	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
01/23/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	I-395 DESIGN BUILD SITE	LISTENING SESSION AND PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/23/19	POLK	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	SUNTRAX TEST FACILITY, AUBURNDALE, FL	LISTENING SESSION AND PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/23/19	HIGHLANDS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	PRESS CONFERENCE SEBRING SHOOTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/24/19	JACKSON	PANAMA CITY	JACKSON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, MARIANNA, FL	PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT RE FUNDING	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/29/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AIR BNB / BDS LAW VIOLATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/29/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	ROOKERY BAY, NAPLES, FL	ENVIRONMENT ANNOUNCEMENT; GOSS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/29/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE	ENVIRONMENT ANNOUNCEMENT; BERGERON APPOINTMENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/30/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA BAY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL	EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT EO FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE FOR DEGREES AND SKILL LABOR JOBS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/31/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	VALENCIA COLLEGE DEREGULATION EVENT	DEREGULATION	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/31/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	IDA S. BAKER HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION ANNOUCENMENT	ELIMINATE COMMON CORE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/01/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	CONFRENCE ROOM EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	BUDGET ROLL OUT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/01/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	IGLESIA DORAL JESUS WORSHIP CENTER VENEZULA SOLIDARY EVENT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT	PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/01/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	DISNEY YACHT CLUB FEDERALIST SOCIETY DINNER	REMARKS RE JUDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/04/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	NORTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, JACKSONVILLE, I	EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT VOUCHER-LIKE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/04/19	SEMINOLE	ORLANDO	PACE BRANTLEY SCHOOL	EDUCATION ANNOUCEMENT ELIMINATE WAITLIST FOR GARDINER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/07/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	FLORIDA STATE FAIR ,TAMPA, FL	OPENING DAY "FLIP THE SWITCH", FRESH FROM FLORIDA BREA	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
02/07/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	ARMWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	PRESS ANNOUCEMENT SALARY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS/PRINCIPALS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/13/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	BARBARA A. PILL LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY, TITUSVILLE, FL	ANNOUCEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY - EXECUTIVE ORDER CALLING FOR AN AUDIT OF THE SCHOOL PROMISE PROGRAM	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/13/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	BROWARD COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX, FORT LAUDERDALE,F L	ANNOUCEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY - STATEWIDE GRAND JURY	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
02/14/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	PINE TRAILS PARK AND MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	COMMUNITY VIGIL FOR PARKLAND SHOOTING	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/15/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	CALVARY CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	ANNOUCEMENT EDUCATION - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/15/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	GREATER MIAMI ADVENTIST ACADEMY, MIAMI, FL	ANNOUCEMENT EDUCATION - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/15/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL	LISTENING SESSION WITH VENEZUELAN EXILES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/17/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	KRAVIS CENTER, WEST PALM BEACH, FL	GOVERNOR'S BASEBALL DINNER TO KICK OFF 2019 SPRING TRAINING REMARKS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/18/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL	WHITE HOUSE VENEZUELA EVENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
02/19/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FAU SKYPE CALL AND NASA EDUCATION DOWNLINK, AND FLORIDA SPACE DAY RECEPTION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND FL CAPITOL	REMARKS TO FAU AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT STEM EDUCATION; REQUEST US SPACE COMMAND BE HEADQUARTERED IN FLOIRDA AND THE HOW VITAL THE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/20/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD, CABINET MEETING ROOM	REMARKS COMMENDING THE NOMINEES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO

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02/20/19	SUMTER	ORLANDO	THE SAVANNAH CENTER, THE VILLAGES, FL	ANNOUNCEMENT HEALTHCARE - PRESCRIPTION COSTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/21/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	NORTH COLLIER REGIONAL PARK, NAPLES, FL	ANNOUCEMENT ENVIRONMENT - WATER BOARD APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/21/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC COASTAL CENTER, STUART, FL	ANNOUCEMENET ENVIRONMENT - WATER BOARD APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/22/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	CITRUS CLUB, ORLANDO, FL	CENTRAL FLORIDA URBAN LEAGUE BLACK HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST AND REMARKS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/22/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION	ANNOUCEMENT PROJECT MARICOPA	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/22/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	THE BILTMORE, CORAL GABLES, FL	LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON AND REMARKS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/26/19	HERNANDO	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - BROOKSVILLE, FL	ANNOUCEMENT ON SANCTUARY CITIES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/27/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL, HOLLYWOOD, FL	ANNOUCEMENT ON HEALTHCARE SAVINGS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
03/05/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL, HOUSE CHAMBER	2019 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
03/12/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	UNIVERSITY CENTER CLUB - FSU	CHRISTIAN FAMILY COALITION LEGISLATIVE PRAYER BREAKFAST	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/12/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FlORIDA CAPITOL, CABINET MEETING ROOM	SPECIAL OLYMPICS MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
03/13/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB, TPC SAWGRASS	TPC SAWGRASS PLAYERS EVENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/14/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	VILLA FONRANA - 127 DUBBAR RD	ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT ANNOUCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/15/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	SIGNATURE GRAND - 6900 W STATE RD	BROWARD WORKSHOP	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/18/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	MARY GRIZZLE BUILDING	VISIT TO THE FL DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/18/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	INNISBROOK GOLF RESORT	VALSPAR PRO-CELEB-AM CHAMPIONSHIP	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
03/19/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL	CODING DAY AT THE CAPITOL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/19/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	DONALD TUCKER CIVIC CENTER	GREAT AMERICAN REALTOR DAYS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/19/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE EVERETT	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/26/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOODWOOD MUSEUM	NFIB BUSINESS AND BOOTS DINNER	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/27/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	APPOINTMENT OF MIAMI-DADE JUDGES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/27/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	HARD ROCK STADIUM	MIAMI OPEN	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/28/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON	FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/28/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	HISTORIC CAPITOL SENATE CHAMBER	FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES WATER POLICY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/28/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	STUDENT UNION BUILDING - FAMU	BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/28/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S MANSION	MENTAL HEALTH LISTENING SESSION	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
03/29/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	FORWARD MARCH	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
03/29/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	JUDGES APPOINTMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
03/29/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	HERBERT HOOVER DIKE	PRESIDENT TRUMP VISIT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/01/19	SEMINOLE	ORLANDO	SANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT	SURGEON GENERAL APPOINTMENT AND STEPS TO COMBAT OP	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/01/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	SOUTH FLORIDA SCIENCE CENTER AND AQUARIUM	CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER APPOINTMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	FIRST LADY APPOINTMENT AS CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA CHILDRE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL MONUMENT	RINGING OF THE BELL CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
04/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	AL LAWSON CENTER, FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	ENTERPRISE FLORIDA'S SPING BOARD MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S MANSION	GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND FIRST LADY OF VENEZUELA MEDIA A	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	ADJUTANT GENERAL OF FLORIDA APPOINTMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/03/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL, CABINET MEETING ROOM	LEGISLATIVE PRAYER BREAKFAST	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/03/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	SANDY CREEK AIRPARK	ALLANTON ROAD WILDFIRE BASE OF OPERATIONS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/03/19	OKALOOSA	PENSACOLA	EMERALD COAST CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU	CAPTAINS FOR CLEAN WATER SKIFF CHALLENGE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/03/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB	GOLF DAY RECEPTION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/06/19	BRADFORD	JACKSONVILLE	CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER	FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMON	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/06/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	AMALIE ARENA	2019 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/08/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	COMMUNITY HALL OF SUN CITY CENTER	LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/09/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF AND RECOVERY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/09/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	TEMPLE KOL AMI EMANU-EL	ISRAEL TRADE MISSION ANNOUCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/15/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	FREE SPEECH PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/15/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA BAY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	EDUCATION PRIORITIES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/15/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOURISM ANNOUCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/16/19	ALACHUA	GAINESVILLE	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/16/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MARATHON	AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE KEYS, HURRICANE IRMA FUNDS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/17/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	SPIDERMAN VISIT TO CHILDRENS HOSPITAL AND DONATIONS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/17/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	THE BILTMORE, CORAL GABLES, FL	BAY OF PIGS 58TH ANNIVERSARY	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO

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04/18/19	OKALOOSA	PENSACOLA	MIRAMAR BEACH	ECONOMIC SYMPOSIUM	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/18/19	OKALOOSA	PENSACOLA	EGLIN AFB	GI LAW	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/19/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	Amway Center	VISIT TO THE ORLANDO MAGIC	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/22/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	KEY BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER	MIAMI SUPERBOWL HOST COMMITTEE GREEN INITIATIVE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/23/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL COURTYARD	SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
04/23/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	AARP TOWN HALL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/24/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL	ALZHEIMER'S AWARD	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/25/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL	THIRD DISTRICT COURT APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/29/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	CAPITOL COURTYARD	LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
04/29/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	NAT P. REED NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	BLUE GREEN ALGAE TASK FORCE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/01/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	CAPITOL COURTYARD	CEREMONIAL BILL SIGNING - POLICE DOGS	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/01/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	BREVARD ATTITUDE MODIFICATION CENTER	DRUG BUST - OPIOIDS	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
05/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL 22ND FLOOR	25TH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/07/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	EMERGENT TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE, FGCU	CONGRESSMAN ROONEY ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/07/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL OF MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE	BOLD VISION FOR PROTECTING FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENT	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/08/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	PIER SIXTY-SIX HOTEL AND MARINA	KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE 2019 GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE A	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/09/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	BOLD VISION FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/09/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	MT. MORIAH CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTAL ACADEMY	BOLD VISION FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/09/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	WILLIAM J. KIRLEW JUNIOR ACADEMY	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/10/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CHURCH	KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE FHP 141ST RECRUIT CLASS GRADUA	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/10/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA SUPREME COURT	INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BARBA	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/11/19	OSCEOLA	ORLANDO	WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS AND TOWN CENTER	2019 WESTGATE RESORTS MILITARY WEEKEND	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/14/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/15/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	THE BILTMORE, CORAL GABLES, FL	REMARKS AT CONSULAR CORPS OF MIAMI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/15/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER	REMARKS AND SIGNING OF CS/HB 7123 AT THE 33RD ANNUAL (	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/16/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	ROLAND PARK K-8 MAGNET SCHOOL	FIRST LADY HOPE FOR HEALING ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
05/17/19	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/22/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	NORTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION	HIGHLIGHT EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/22/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	LAKE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	HIGHLIGHT EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/27/19			ARIEL, ISRAEL	RECEIVES HONORARY FELLOWSHIP	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/27/19			ARIEL, ISRAEL	MOU BETWEEN FAU AND ARIEL UNIVERSITY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/27/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	MOU BETWEEN SPACE FLORIDA AND ISRAEL SPACE AGENCY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/27/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	MOU BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA AND FLORIDA COLLEGES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/27/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	MOU WITH ISRAEL SUPPORTING TRAVEL AND TOURISM	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/28/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	EIGHT MOU SIGNINGS BETWEEN TEL AVIV UNI AND SIX FLORID/	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/28/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	RESEARCH COLLABORATION BETWEEN FIU AND TEL AVIV UNI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/28/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	MOU ON AGRICULTURE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/28/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON WATER CHALLENGES IN FL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/28/19			TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	MEETING WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL DAVID FRIEDMAN	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
05/29/19			AIRPORT CITY, ISRAEL	DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 2019 ISRAEL-AMERICA BUSINE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/29/19			GUSH ETZION, ISRAEL	HISTORIC VISIT TO GUSH ETZION REGION OF ISRAEL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/29/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	CEREMONIAL MEETING WITH FLORIDA CABINET MEMBERS	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
05/29/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	JFK TREE PLANTING IN PEACE FOREST	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/30/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	MOU BETWEEN UNI OF MIAMI AND HEBREW UNI OF JERUSALEI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/30/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT YAD VASHEM	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/30/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	MEETING WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAH	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
05/30/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY I	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
05/30/19			JERUSALEM, ISRAEL	VISIT TO WESTERN WALL AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPU	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
05/31/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	SIGNS ANTI-SEMITISM PROTECTIONS BILL HB 741	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
06/04/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA CAPITOL	MEDIA AVAILABILITY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/07/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S MANSION	ROUNDTABLE WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SONNY F	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/09/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	HYATT REGENCY ORLANDO	21ST ANNUAL FAMILY CAFÉ	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/11/19	SUMTER	ORLANDO	EISENHOWER RECREATION CENTER, THE VILLAGES	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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06/12/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	CENTERONE SURGERY CENTER	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/13/19	POLK	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	SUNTRAX TEST FACILITY, AUBURNDALE, FL	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/13/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT	19TH ANNUAL FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY CONFERENCE LUNCH	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/14/19	OKALOOSA	PENSACOLA	OKALOOSA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/17/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	HIGHLIGHT COMPUTER SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/17/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	ANNOUNCEMENT ELECTION CYBERSECURITY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/20/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MARATHON CITY HALL	ANNOUNCEMENT IRMA RECOVERY FUNDS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/20/19	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	MOTE MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/21/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE ON BUDGET SIGNING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/24/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	SPACE FLORIDA OFFICES	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/24/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	DOUBLETREE BY HILTON AT MIAMI AIRPORT AND CONVENTION CE	REMARKS TO INAUGURAL CLASS OF PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROG	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/25/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	AUDUBON'S CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY	HIGHLIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/25/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC COASTAL CENTER, STUART, FL	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/26/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	USF'S OFFICE OF VETERAN SUCCESS	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/27/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	A RICK CASE HABITAT COMMUNITY	REMARKS AND HOME DEDICATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/09/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	ANNOUNCED NONSTOP FLIGHT FROM FL TO ISRAEL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/24/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE HEADQUARTERS	ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/29/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	ONEWEB SATELLITES FACTORY	SCCAP SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/30/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA MARRIOTT WATER STREET	FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION SUMMER CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/31/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORLANDO CITY STADIUM	MLS ALL-STAR GAME	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/01/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER	UNIVERSAL'S EPIC UNIVERSE ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/02/19	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	SANDBAR TIKI AND GRILLE	RED TIDE TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/07/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE	PYTHON REMOVAL FROM EVERGLADES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/08/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	CHARTER'S REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER	SPECTRUM'S INAUGURAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/19/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	IRMA RELIEF ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/20/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	UNVEILING OF CARECOMM	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/21/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	ERIC ELECTION SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/23/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK	ADDRESS FLORIDA REALTORS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/26/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	STEVEN A. COHEN MILITARY FAMILY CLINIC	OPENING OF STEVEN A. COHEN MILITARY HEALTH CLINIC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/28/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	OMNI JACKSONVILLE HOTEL	EFI BOARD MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/29/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER	VISIT TO NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/29/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	BREVARD COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	VISIT TO BREVARD COUNTY EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/29/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	DUVAL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	VISIT TO DUVAL COUNTY EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/30/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/30/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	PALM BEACH COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	VISIT TO PALM BEACH COUNTY EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/30/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	VISIT TO ORANGE COUNTY EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/30/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMMAND CENTER	TOUR OF FPL COMMAND CENTER	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/30/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/31/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/31/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/01/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/01/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/02/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/03/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE W/ FEMA ACTING ADMIN GAYNOR	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/05/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE EOC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/09/19	ALACHUA	GAINESVILLE	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - SCHOOL RANKINGS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/09/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - SCHOOL RANKINGS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/10/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMMAND CENTER	BAHAMAS RELIEF ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
09/11/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	CONSERVANCY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA NATURE CENTER	$625 MILLION RECURRING AND INCREASED FINES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/12/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	BASS PRO SHOPS	ANGLERS FOR THE BAHAMAS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/16/19	VOLUSIA	ORLANDO	BUC-EE'S CONSTRUCTION SITE	BUC-EE'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/16/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	FINTECH ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/24/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA SUPREME COURT	JOINT INVESTITURE CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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09/24/19	INDIAN RIVER	WEST PALM BEACH	QUAIL VALLEY RIVER CLUB	CITRUS INDUSTRY ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/26/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	MEXICO BEACH CITY HALL	FUNDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
09/30/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	HYATT REGENCY ORLANDO	REMARKS AT 2019 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/30/19	VOLUSIA	ORLANDO	BRUSWICK CORPORATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER	TECHNOLOGY CENTER GRAND OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/04/19	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	CAE CONSTRUCTION SITE	CAE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/07/19	CLAY	JACKSONVILLE	MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL	MINIMUM SALARY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/07/19	BROWARD	MIAMI	BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MINIMUM SALARY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/07/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL	MINIMUM SALARY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/08/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	DEREGULATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/10/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	TOMMY OLIVER STADIUM	A NIGHT TO UNITE BAY COUNTY	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
10/10/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	PANAMA CITY CITY HALL	FIREFIGHTER ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
10/16/19	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT	WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/24/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	SUPPORT FOR ATHLETE BILL	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/25/19	HENDRY	FORT MYERS	C-43 RESERVOIR PROJECT SITE	GROUNDBREAKING ON EVERGLADES PROJECT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/29/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	SENATE OFFICE BUILDING	AP LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW DAY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/01/19	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	FIS BUILDING	FIS TO BE HEADQUARTERED IN JACKSONVILLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/04/19	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	WALMART SUPERCENTER	HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY IMPROVEMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/05/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	THE FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC COASTAL CENTER	WATER QUALITY WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
11/05/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	THE FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC COASTAL CENTER	WATER QUALITY WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
11/06/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE	GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/07/19	MARTIN	WEST PALM BEACH	C-44 STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA PROJECT SITE	HIGHLIGHT MAJOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/11/19	LEE	FORT MYERS	GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTER	HOME BASE SW FLORIDA MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/12/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	UCF MEDICAL SCHOOL AT LAKE NOVA	BUILD TRANSPORTATION DISCRETIONARY GRANT RECIPIENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/13/19	BREVARD	ORLANDO	ORLANDO MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	JOB GROWTH GRAND FUND AWARD	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/14/19	INDIAN RIVER	WEST PALM BEACH	VERO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL BONUS PROGRAMS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/15/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	EASTERN SHIPBUILDING SHIPYARD #2	LAUNCH OF SSG MICHAEL OLLIS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/18/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	BUDGET PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/22/19	ST. JOHNS	JACKSONVILLE	COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT CLINIC	GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/25/19	SUMTER	ORLANDO	THE VILLAGES	E-VERIFY ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/05/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA	PYTHON CHALLENGE 2020 PYTHON BOWL LAUNCH EVENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/06/19	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING NAS PENSACOLA SHOOTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/08/19	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	ESCAMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING NAS PENSACOLA SHOOTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/10/19	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	NORTH COLLIER REGIONAL PARK, NAPLES, FL	MAJOR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/16/19	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	OTTO G. RICHTER LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/17/19	ORANGE	ORLANDO	WORLD MARRIOTT CENTER, PALMS BALLROOM	REMARKS AT DCF CHILD PROTECTION SUMMIT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
12/18/19	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	MAJOR HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/19/19	GADSEN	TALLAHASSEE	GADSDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - HURRICANE RECOVERY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/19/19	CALHOUN	PANAMA CITY	SCOTT'S FERRY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - HURRICANE RECOVERY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/19/19	BAY	PANAMA CITY	BAY HIGH SCHOOL	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT - HURRICANE RECOVERY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/07/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	L3HARRIS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS	PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY ZONES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/09/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	SPIRIT AIRLINES HEADQUARTERS	GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/13/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE	FLORIDA PREPAID ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/14/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
01/15/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE	ACQUISITION OF 20,000 ACRES OF EVERGLADES WETLANDS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/17/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	MADE IN SPACE HEADQUARTERS	GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/23/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON MIAMI AIRPORT	ROUNDTABLE WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE POMPEO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/24/20	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	BAKER PARK	B.E.S.T. EDUCATION STANDARDS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/27/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	OMNI HIGH SCHOOL	CIVICS AND DEBATE INITIATIVE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/29/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	WALT DISNEY WORLD SWAN AND DOLPHIN RESORT	THREAT ASSESSMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/29/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAY	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
01/30/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE	CORAL REEF SUPER BOWL ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/30/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY	IRMA RELIEF FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/31/20	OSCEOLA	ORLANDO	OSCEOLA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	NICOLE MONTALVO CASE REASSIGNMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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02/06/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	OPERATION NEW HOPE	FDC DSO RE-ENTRY PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/12/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE	JOB GROWTH GRAND FUND FINTECH AWARD	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/14/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	DANTE FASCELL PORT OF MIAMI	MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/19/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	PENSACOLA AIRPORT	JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/19/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/24/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	FAMU CASS PREVIEW	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
02/27/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/02/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TAMPA BRANCH LAB	COVID-19	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/02/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FLORIDA DOH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	COVID-19	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/05/20	GADSEN	TALLAHASSEE	GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/06/20	COLLIER	FORT MYERS	FLORIDA DOH IN COLLIER COUNTY	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/07/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	PORT EVERGLADES	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/09/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/11/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/12/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/13/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WAREHOUSE	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/14/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/15/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/16/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/17/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/17/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/18/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/19/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	SINE DIE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/19/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	BROWARD MOBILE TESTING SITE	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/20/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/21/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/22/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	HARD ROCK STADIUM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/23/20	SUMTER	ORLANDO	THE VILLAGES	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/23/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/24/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/25/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	STATE LOGISTICS RESPONSE CENTER	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/25/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/27/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/28/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/30/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	HARD ROCK STADIUM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/30/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	FITTEAM BALLPARK OF THE PALM BEACHES	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
03/31/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/01/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LIVE STREAM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/02/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/06/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/07/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/08/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER	COVID-19 TESTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/09/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - EDUCATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/10/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	TIAA BANK FIELD	COVID-19 - TESTING SITE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/11/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - TRANSPORTATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/13/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - ELDERLY POPULATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/14/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/15/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	GOVERNOR'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/16/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL	COVID-19 - DEO UPDATE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/17/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	URBAN LEAGUE OF BROWARD COUNTY	COVID-19 - TESTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/18/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL	COVID-19 MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/20/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/21/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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04/21/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA HISTORIC CAPITOL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/22/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/22/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/22/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/23/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/23/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/24/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL	RE-OPEN TASK FORCE MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/24/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/25/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	FLORIDA CLEVELAND CLINIC	COVID-19 - TESTING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/26/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORLANDO HEALTH	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/27/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
04/29/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/01/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	LITTLE TALBOT ISLAND STATE PARK	COVID-19 - RE-OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/01/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA	COVID-19 - TESTING SITE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/02/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	OHSOOOJAZZT HAIR SALON	COVID-19 - RE-OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/03/20	VOLUSIA	ORLANDO	HALIFAX HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/04/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - DEO UPDATE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/05/20	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	SARASOTA COUNTY TESTING SITE	COVID-19 - TESTING SITE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/06/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	HARD ROCK STADIUM	COVID-19 - TESTING SITE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/08/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	DOLPHIN POINTE	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/08/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	FITTEAM BALLPARK OF THE PALM BEACHES	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/11/20	LEE	FORT MYERS	LEE HEALTH - GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTER	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/13/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/14/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	DOWNTOWN DORAL	COVID-19 - RE-OPENING	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/15/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	ASCENSION ST. VINCENT'S RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL CLINIC	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/18/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	DOWNTOWN ORLANDO	TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/19/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 - DEO UPDATE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/22/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	ED AUSTIN PARK	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/26/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
05/29/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	THE HOME DEPOT BOCA RATON	COVID-19 AND HURRICANE PREPARATION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/03/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	UNIVERSAL STUDIOS CITYWALK, NBC SPORTS GRILL AND BREW	COVID-19 - RE-OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/11/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	VIERA REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER	COVID-19 - RE-OPENING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/12/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY	BILL SIGNING CEREMONY	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/16/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL, CABINET ROOM	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/19/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/22/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ORLANDO HEALTH	COVID-19	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/24/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MATER ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	EDUCATION BILL SIGNING	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/25/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	CRISTO REY TAMPA SALSIAN HIGH SCHOOL	EDUCATION BILL SIGNING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/26/20	LEE	FORT MYERS	LEE MEMORIAL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/28/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	ASCENSION SACRED HEART	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
06/30/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	LOGGERHEAD MARINELIFE CENTER	ENVIRONMENTAL BILL SIGNING	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
07/01/20	VOLUSIA	ORLANDO	BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY'S MICHAEL & LIBBY JOHNSON CE	BUDGET HIGHLIGHT REGARDING HBCUS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/02/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	USF'S CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEDICAL LEARNING & SIMULATION	VP MIKE PENCE COVID-19 BRIEFING & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/06/20	SUMTER	ORLANDO	UF HEALTH AT THE VILLAGES	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/07/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	MIAMI CARE CENTER (FORMER PAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL)	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/08/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	REGENCY SQUARE MALL	COVID-19 - TEST SITE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/09/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY	U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR SECRETARY EUGENE SCALIA VISIT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/10/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	TURKEY LAKE SERVICE PLAZA	PRESS CONFERENCE - EV CHARGING STATIONS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
07/11/20	MANATEE	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	LEE MEMORIAL - MEDICAL ARTS BLDG. AT BLAKE MEDICAL CENTER	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/14/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	STEPHEN P. CLARK GOVERNMENT CENTER	COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/15/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	STRAWBERRY CREST HIGH SCHOOL	STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/16/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY	ROUNDTABLE ON MENTAL HEALTH & COVID-19	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
07/17/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	WELLINGTON PARK APARTMENTS	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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07/18/20	ST. JOHNS	JACKSONVILLE	FLAGLER HOSPITAL	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/20/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ONEBLOOD HEADQUARTERS	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/21/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	STATE CAPITOL CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/23/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	HEALTH FIRST'S HOLMES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/27/20	LEE	FORT MYERS	HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA	FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION SUMMER CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/27/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI - DON SOFFER CLINICAL RESEARCH BLDG.	OPERATION WARP SPEED ROUNDTABLE WITH VP PENCE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/28/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	ADVENTHEALTH	COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/29/20	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	PAUL B. STEPHENS SCHOOL	EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/30/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	SPACE FLORIDA	ROUNDTABLE WITH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY LEADERS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/30/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	KENNEDY SPACE CENTER	ULA ATLAS V MARS 2020 ROCKET LAUNCH	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
07/31/20	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	PELICAN GOLF CLUB	COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE WITH PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/03/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	BROWARD HEALTH	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/04/20	ST. JOHNS	JACKSONVILLE	ELDER SOURCE	ROUNTABLE REGARDING COVID-19 & RESIDENTS OF LONG ERM	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
08/06/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	UNF ARENA	ROUNDTABLE REGARDING COVID-19 & YOUTH SPORTS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/07/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	HILTON ORLANDO-BONNET CREEK RESORT	TRANSPORTATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/07/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	HILTON ORLANDO-BONNET CREEK RESORT	FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION 2020 ANN	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/10/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	WINTHROP COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY	EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/11/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	FSU MOORE ATHLETIC CENTER & ALBERT DUNLAP ATHLETIC TRAIN	FSU COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/13/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	STATE CAPITOL CABINET ROOM	COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE & CONVALESCENT PLASMA	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
08/14/20	SARASOTA	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS	MENTAL HEALTH & COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
08/17/20	BAY	PANAMA CITY	PANAMA CITY CITY HALL	HURRICANE MICHAEL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ANNOUNCEMEN	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
08/19/20	SEMINOLE	ORLANDO	ADVENTHEALTH ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	VISIT TO SEMINOLE COUNTY TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE ABUSE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
08/21/20	BREVARD	ORLANDO	CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION	FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD'S 114TH SPACE CONTROL SQUADR	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/24/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	HARD ROCK STADIUM	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH MIAMI DOLPHINS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/26/20	ORANGE	ORLANDO	UNIVERSAL STUDIOS	THEME PARK ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/27/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	PORT TAMPA BAY	BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/28/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	FT. LAUDERDALE AIRPORT CONCOURSE A	AVIATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/31/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	STATE CAPITOL CABINET ROOM	EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/31/20	SUMTER	ORLANDO	UF HEALTH AT THE VILLAGES	COVID-19 PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
08/31/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	USF MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE & HEART INSTITUTE	EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/01/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	ELDER SOURCE	COVID-19 ROUNTABLE & RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/01/20	CLAY	JACKSONVILLE	CLAY COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE NEW SHERIFF	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/02/20	VOLUSIA	ORLANDO	THE DAYTONA AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION	TOURSIM ROUNDTABLE & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/03/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	ONE OCEAN RESORT	FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE GRAND LODGE NATIONAL PRESI	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/03/20	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	GREEN BENCH BREWING COMPANY	ROUNDTABLE WITH BREWERIES & BAR OWNERS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/09/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	MIRAMAR CITY HALL	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING RENATHA FRANCIS	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/10/20	LEE	FORT MYERS	CONNOR'S STEAK & SEAFOOD	RESTAURANT INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/11/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE	COVID-19 PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/17/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	PENSACOLA AVIATION	AERIAL TOUR OF HURRICANE SALLY DAMAGE	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
09/17/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	PENSACOLA AVIATION	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING HURRICANE SALLY	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
09/17/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	ESCAMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	VISIT ESCAMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
09/18/20	CITRUS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	WEEKI WACHEE STATE PARK	SPRINGS ANNOUNCEMENT	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
09/18/20	CITRUS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL GAME	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
09/21/20	POLK	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	POLK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RIOT PREVENTION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/25/20	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	THE BIRCHWOOD	COVID-19 PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
09/29/20	PINELLAS	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	BAYCARE'S MORTON PLANT HOSPITAL	COVID-19 PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/06/20	SUMTER	ORLANDO	CENTER FOR ADVANCED HEALTHCARE AT BROWNWOOD	COVID-19 PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/09/20	BAY	PANAMA CITY	EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING EARLY LEARNING	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
10/09/20	CALHOUN	PANAMA CITY	CALHOUN LIBERTY HOSPITAL	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING CALHOUN-LIBERTY HOSPITAL	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
10/09/20	GADSEN	TALLAHASSEE	GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	MEETING WITH GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF & OFFICIALS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
10/20/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	JACKSONVILLE CLASSICAL ACADEMY	EDUCATION & COVID-19 ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/21/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	S-333N STRUCTURE	EVERGLADES GROUNDBREAKING EVENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10/22/20	LEE	FORT MYERS	AMAVIDA	LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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10/27/20	SEMINOLE	ORLANDO	SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	DEO OPIOID GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT & ROUNDTABLE	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
11/19/20	LAKE	ORLANDO	SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA HEADQUARTERS	SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA EVENT	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/27/20	INDIAN RIVER	WEST PALM BEACH	VERO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	BOONE HS VS VERO BEACH HS DIV. 8A SEMI-FINAL FOOTBALL G	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11/30/20	OSCEOLA	ORLANDO	BOGGY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING EDUCATION & COVID-19	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/04/20	COLUMBIA	JACKSONVILLE	COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL	ST. AUGUSTINE HS VS. COLUMBIA HAS FOOTBALL GAME	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/09/20	DUVAL	JACKSONVILLE	NEMOURS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	NAMING CEREMONY FOR THE DAILY'S FOUNDATION PAVILLION	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/11/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM	MENTAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE RE FIRST RESPONDERS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
12/11/20	OKALOOSA	PENSACOLA	NICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	EDGEWATER HS VS NICEVILLE HS FOOTBALL STATE SEMI-FINALS	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
12/14/20	HILLSBOROUGH	TAMPA / ST. PETERSBURG	TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL	VACCINE DELIVERY & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/14/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	THE SENATE CHAMBER	ELECORAL COLLEGE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/15/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	OKEECHOBEE STEAKHOUSE	PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING JOB PRESERVATION DURING C	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/16/20	BROWARD	MIAMI	JOHN KNOX VILLAGE OF POMPANO BEACH	VISIT TO JOHN KNOX VILLAGE OF POMPANO BEACH	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/16/20	LEON	TALLAHASSEE	DOAK CAMPBELL STADIUM	2020 FHSAA CLASS 3A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/21/20	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	BILL BAGGS FLORIDA STATE PARK	PRESS CONFERENCE REAGRDING BISCAYNE BAY RESILIENCY	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/22/20	SUMTER	ORLANDO	SHARON MORSE BUILDING	VACCINE DELIVERY & PRESS CONFERENCE AT UF HEALTH	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/23/20	ESCAMBIA	PENSACOLA	ASCENSION SACRED HEART PENSACOLA	VACCINE HIGHLIGHT & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12/30/20	PALM BEACH	WEST PALM BEACH	KINGS POINT CLUBHOUSE	VACCINE HIGHLIGHT & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/04/21	SEMINOLE	ORLANDO	ORLANDO HEALTH SOUTH SEMINOLE HOSPITAL	VISIT TO ORLANDO HEALTH SOUTH SEMINOLE & PRESS CONFEF	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/04/21	MIAMI-DADE	MIAMI	JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	VISIT TO JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL & PRESS CONFERENCE	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
01/05/21	MARION	ORLANDO	PUBLIX SUPERMARKET AT CANOPY OAK CENTER	PRESS CONFERENCE W/ PUBLIX RE VACCIMATIONS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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Location: Publix Super Market at Treasure Coast Plaza
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Cc:	courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov
Subject:	FW: Counties for Walgreens
Date:	Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:07:05 AM

From: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Coppola, Courtney <Courtney.coppola@flhealth.gov>
Cc: Lukis, Adrian <Adrian.Lukis@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Counties for Walgreens

Good morning,

Priority Counties based on data:

- Hernando
- Marion
- Charlotte
- Citrus
- Brevard
- Pasco

Thank you,
Mara

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Governor Ron DeSantis
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From: Lukis, Adrian
To: John Provenzano
Subject: FW: Director Moskowitz - Setting the Record Straight on Publix Distribution
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 5:11:03 PM

FYI see below

From: Mahon, Jason <Jason.Mahon@em.myflorida.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 5:10 PM
Subject: Director Moskowitz - Setting the Record Straight on Publix Distribution

Please see the following statement from FDEM Director Jared Moskowitz:

Recent articles regarding the state's vaccine agreement with Publix are false and misleading to the public. Here are the facts:

- The state knows exactly where shots are administered. Publix, like all providers and retail pharmacies, is required to enter the number of doses administered per day at each of their locations into Florida SHOTS. The Department of Health regularly reviews data entered by providers to ensure they are utilizing their vaccine efficiently and appropriately. The state provides input on which sites in which counties we would like for Publix to open locations and Publix then uses this direction to open the most locations it can to administer as many vaccines as possible. Again, this same process is applied to all partners, including the federal pharmacy program.

- Allegations that Publix is an outlier in how it administers and transfers vaccine or receives preferential treatment are false. Publix, like all vaccine providers in Florida - including hospitals - must agree to the terms of Florida SHOTS to provide any vaccine in Florida. Please find that agreement here - https://www.flshots.com/flshots/enroll/DH1479Agreement.csp. They must also enroll in Florida's Vaccines for Children (VFC)/Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program. There is not an application or form to enroll in this program. Additionally, all COVID-19 Vaccine Providers in Florida must complete a COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. Please find information about the agreement here - https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccination-provider-support.html.

- Suggestions that Publix is receiving vaccine because of political favoritism are unfounded and utter nonsense. When the vaccine first arrived in Florida, we reached out to all pharmacies and Publix was the only one who at the time could execute on the mission. The federal government delayed the federal pharmacy program and Publix joined the state to yet again step up first to serve more seniors. Obviously, since that time, several retail partners have joined the state including Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and Winn Dixie.

- The goal is to vaccinate as many eligible Floridians as possible, as quickly as possible, and working with retail partners, including Publix, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens and Winn Dixie, is a commonsense and efficient way to achieve this goal.

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- At the Governor's direction, the state has also diligently worked to increase vaccine access in underserved communities through dedicated PODs and by working with the faith-based community. Any other narrative is intentionally misleading and wrong.

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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Beatrice, Meredith M.
Subject: FW: Draft for tomorrow
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:36:56 AM

FYI

From: Gambineri, Mara
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Jones, Morgan <Morgan.Jones@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Draft for tomorrow

Good morning,

Here is the address for tomorrow:
Walmart Store 5054
11900 Atlantic Blvd
Jacksonville FL 32225

Security contact – Toby Holcomb 817-366-8468

Event from 10-11

He will go get a haircut afterwards so we'll need to account for drive to Ponte Vedra and haircut before wheels up back to Tallahassee

There is a small chance we will add a publix event but Diane wants to see this timing as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mara Gambineri
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From:	Gambineri, Mara
To:	Jones, Morgan
Subject:	FW: Draft schedule for tomorrow
Date:	Friday, January 8, 2021 3:11:21 PM
Attachments:	DeSantis Vaccine Visit Schedule.docx

From: John Provenzano <John.Provenzano@publix.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Draft schedule for tomorrow

Mara –

Let me know if this works.

J

John Provenzano
Vice President, Public Affairs
Publix Super Markets Inc
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DRAFT – 1/7/21 @ 1:00 PM

SCHEDULE FOR GOVERNOR DeSANTIS VACCINE DISTRIBUTION VISITS

Saturday, January 9, 2021:

Key Publix Contacts:	John Provenzano – VP Public Affairs:	202/ 351-9863
	Tommy Culligan – Dir. Gov. Relations:	678/ 717-7534
	Sam Pero – VP Lakeland Division:	407/ 718-8551
	Dain Rusk – VP Pharmacy:	301/ 408-9133
	Bruce Nelson – Publix LP/Security:	770/ 312-0147

NOTE: ***PUBLIX POLICY REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN OUR STORES AT ALL TIMES.***

10:00 A.M. **GOVERNOR DeSANTIS ARRIVES PUBLIX #1132.**
Publix CEO Todd Jones and Vice President of Public Affairs John Provenzano to greet Governor DeSantis.
Location: 19390 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601
Upon arrival, Governor DeSantis, Todd Jones and John Provenzano to move to breakroom for brief conversation.

10:10 A.M. **GOVERNOR DeSANTIS AND TODD JONES GREET CUSTOMERS AND VACCINE RECIPIENTS.**
Location: 19390 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601

10:25 A.M. Governor DeSantis departs Publix #1132 for
PUBLIX #1282, SPRING HILL, FL.
Drive Time: 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
Location: 13455 County Line Road, Spring Hill, FL 34609

10:40 A.M. **GOVERNOR DeSANTIS ARRIVES PUBLIX #1282.**
Publix President Kevin Murphy and Director of Government Relations Tommy Culligan to greet Governor DeSantis.

10:45 A.M. **GOVERNOR DeSANTIS GREETS CUSTOMERS AND VACCINE RECIPIENTS.**
Location: Publix #1282, Spring Hill, FL

11:00 A.M. Governor DeSantis departs Publix #1282 for
PUBLIX #411, SPRING HILL, FL.
Drive Time: 119.071(2)(d) F.S.
Location: 160 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL 34609

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11:10 A.M.	**GOVERNOR DeSANTIS ARRIVES PUBLIX #411.** Publix Vice President of the Lakeland Division Sam Pero and Vice President of Public Affairs John Provenzano to greet Governor DeSantis.
11:15 A.M.	**GOVERNOR DeSANTIS GREETS CUSTOMERS AND VACCINE RECIPIENTS.** Location: Publix #411, Spring Hill, FL
11:30 A.M.	Governor DeSantis departs Publix #411 for **PUBLIX #813, SPRING HILL, FL.** Drive Time: 119.071(2)(d) F.S. Location: 4158 Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL 34609
11:40 A.M.	**GOVERNOR DeSANTIS ARRIVES PUBLIX #813.** Publix Vice President of Pharmacy Dain Rusk and Director of Government Relations Tommy Culligan to greet Governor DeSantis.
11:45 A.M.	**GOVERNOR DeSANTIS GREETS CUSTOMERS AND VACCINE RECIPIENTS.**
12:00 P.M.	Governor DeSantis departs Publix #813.

End of Publix Vaccine Distribution Schedule

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From: DeCerchio, Anna
To: Schrader, Taylor
Cc: Gina Herron
Subject: FW: EQ Health and my autistic son Douglas
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:32:24 PM

Taylor – FYI. Gina is looking into this to see if provider is under contract with APD.

Anna

From: Michael Hayden <mike@sesaircraft.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:15 PM
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com; LtGovernorJeanette.Nunez <LtGovernorJeanette.Nunez@eog.myflorida.com>
Cc: Strum, Shane <Shane.Strum@eog.myflorida.com>; DeCerchio, Anna <Anna.DeCerchio@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: EQ Health and my autistic son Douglas

Dear Governor DeSantis,

My name is Michael Hayden, I'm an Orlando resident, and full-time single father of a nine year old boy with autism named Douglas.

Governor DeSantis, I am writing you today to let you know of a dangerous flaw in the Florida Medicaid system. It May not be the only flaw but it's the one that affects my family directly. As I am sure you are aware, Florida Medicaid has contracted with EQ Health to, for lack of a better term, cut the fat from the Medicaid system relating to children with autism and other disabilities. This letter is to report to you that they are failing miserably and their practices are grossly unprofessional. Over the last two years, EQ health has continually denied or reduced my sons medically necessary ABA therapy hours, delayed approvals for services for months at a time, had families jumping through hoops to maintain their medical diagnosis, and violated HIPAA regulations on many occasions with their flawed systems, inadequate personnel, and out of state doctors.

EQ conducts semi annual evaluations that are not based on any medical fact and are reviewed by a doctor that has never seen my son or any other child that he's making decisions for in person. The evaluations are based on points that are simply conjecture and opinion and not on factual medically necessary information.
And, when asked, EQ employees and management do not understand their own policies and guidelines relating to the patients that they are making decisions for so the answers we get from these so called experts are not only vague but are a completely inaccurate according to their own criteria.

Governor DeSantis I know this would be a big undertaking But I'm asking you to consider an audit of EQ Health, their cases, and their practices. I'm sure you would find children that have slipped through the cracks of the EQ system and parents that

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need help and don't know where to turn for answers. I understand that we will always have hiccups in the medicaid system but parents like myself should not have to jump through this many hoops to get medically necessary therapies for our children. Last year EQ Health requested an updated three hour evaluation from my sons doctor to make sure that his autism diagnosis was still valid And they delayed approval of therapy services by almost 2 months until he was "re-diagnosed". I'm not sure if that sounds odd to you or not but autism is a disorder and not a curable disease, My son will be autistic for life. This is not a condition that can be cured by pill or vaccine, but can get better through therapy so later in life he might resemble something that society considers "normal".

Every time we have EQ-imposed delays or only partial approvals we suffer setbacks both educationally and emotionally because the services we get from ABA therapy greatly reduce tantrums and emotional outbursts and greatly improve his attention in class and his ability to express him self on an educational and social level. We also don't qualify to play any after school sports due to the structure and regimen, nor do we qualify for, and are not accepted in, after school activities because most aftercare programs do not have autism certified personal. ABA therapy is the only "box" we fit in and the battle with EQ is one I will gladly fight but it's getting tiresome. Parents also turn to ABA therapy for help when discussions at home become difficult with topics such as death in the family, medical conditions and life's sometimes overwhelming emotions.

Governor DeSantis, On behalf of myself and other parents of autistic children in the state of Florida, any help regarding EQ Health's flawed policies would be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance from a Florida small business owner, registered Republican voter, and most importantly, single father to a child with autism.

Warmest Regards,

Michael Hayden
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From: Gambineri, Mara
To: Smith, Casey
Subject: FW: Everglades Field Trip
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:32:51 AM

PSRL

From: Castellanos, Silvia <Silvia.Castellanos@eog.myflorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:49 PM
To: Gambineri, Mara <Mara.Gambineri@eog.myflorida.com>
Subject: Fwd: Everglades Field Trip

Hi Mara,

Mikhael Elfenbein reached out to me about the Governor doing an airboat tour of the Everglades on March 16th with several stakeholders. Names of those attending are below. This was to be a congressional tour but apparently there has been a change in the committee meetings in Washington and several of the elected officials won't be able to make it. It's a full day ordeal but I'm sure they can make changes of Gov were to attend.

Silvia Castellanos
South Florida Regional Representative
Governor Ron DeSantis

From: MIKHAEL ELFENBEIN <mikeelf96@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Castellanos, Silvia
Subject: Everglades Field Trip

Hello,

I am extremely excited about our upcoming field trip on Tuesday, March 16th and would like to extend you an invitation to join us. We will launch from the boat ramp at Forty Mile Bend on Tamiami Trail at 10 AM, directions attached below. A lite breakfast will be provided at the boat ramp before we depart. Please let me know who will be attending from your office so that I may accommodate them.

We will be traveling by airboat through Water Conservation Area 3A to Miccosukee Tribal Lands before touring parts of Big Cypress National Preserve and then lunch at a back country camp. This will be an informative field trip with a bipartisan group of elected officials, Indian Tribes, agency leadership, and various stakeholders to discuss the ecological system and efforts to improve upon it.

Please dress comfortably and casual, light pants and long sleeves highly recommended. Wear

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something you're not afraid to get dirty. It will be chilly on the airboat in the morning, bring a jacket and/or sweater. Face masks for COVID precautions should be worn, however a buff/gaiter is suggested as it is difficult to keep a face mask on while moving on the airboats. Hats, sunglasses, camera and binoculars are great to bring along also.

Lunch will be a Publix sub, snacks and drinks will be provided. Please respond to this email with your Publix sub order as soon as possible. We should be back to the boat ramp by 4 PM. If you have any questions, concerns or necessary accommodations please feel free to call me.

Below you will also see a list of attendees.
Look forward to your response and participation.

Please and thank you

Mike Elfenbein
941-258-1616

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Jessica Norfleet FL-03
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