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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and
3	Consumer Services; amending s. 288.1175, F.S.;
4	removing provisions requiring the department to give
5	certain priority consideration when evaluating
6	applications for funding of agriculture education and
7	promotion facilities; amending s. 482.1562, F.S.;
8	clarifying the date by which an application for
9	recertification of a limited certification for urban
10	landscape commercial fertilizer application is
11	required; removing provisions imposing late renewal
12	charges; providing a grace period for such
13	recertification; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; defining
14	terms relating to the Florida Food Safety Act;
15	amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising powers and duties
16	of the department to include sponsoring events;
17	authorizing the department to secure letters of
18	patent, copyrights, and trademarks on work products
19	and to engage in acts accordingly; amending s. 570.30,
20	F.S.; removing electronic data processing and
21	management information systems support for the
22	department as a power and duty of the Division of
23	Administration; amending s. 570.441, F.S.; authorizing
24	the use of funds in the Pest Control Trust Fund for
25	activities of the Division of Agricultural
26	Environmental Services; amending s. 570.50, F.S.;
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27	revising powers and duties of the Division of Food
28	Safety to include analyzing milk, milk products, and
29	frozen desserts offered for sale in the state;
30	amending s. 570.53, F.S.; revising duties of the
31	Division of Marketing and Development to remove
32	enforcement of provisions relating to dealers in
33	agricultural products; amending s. 570.544, F.S.;
34	revising duties of the director of the Division of
35	Consumer Services to include enforcement of provisions
36	relating to dealers in agricultural products and grain
37	dealers; creating s. 570.68, F.S.; authorizing the
38	Commissioner of Agriculture to create an Office of
39	Agriculture Technology Services; providing duties of
40	the office; amending s. 570.681, F.S.; clarifying
41	legislative findings with regard to the Florida
42	Agriculture Center and Horse Park; amending s.
43	570.685, F.S.; authorizing rather than requiring the
44	department to provide administrative and staff support
45	services, meeting space, and record storage for the
46	Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park Authority;
47	amending s. 571.24, F.S.; clarifying the intent of the
48	Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign as a
49	marketing program; removing an obsolete provision
50	relating to the designation of a division employee as
51	a member of the Advertising Interagency Coordinating
52	Council; amending s. 571.27, F.S.; removing obsolete
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53	provisions relating to the authority of the department
54	to adopts rules for entering into contracts with
55	advertising agencies for services which are directly
56	related to the Florida Agricultural Promotional
57	Campaign; amending s. 571.28, F.S.; revising
58	provisions specifying membership criteria of the
59	Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory
60	Council; amending s. 581.181, F.S.; providing
61	applicability of provisions requiring treatment or
62	destruction of infested or infected plants and plant
63	products; repealing s. 589.26, F.S., relating to the
64	authority of the Florida Forest Service to dedicate
65	and reserve state park lands for public use; amending
66	s. 595.402, F.S.; defining terms relating to the
67	school food and nutrition service program; amending s.
68	595.404, F.S.; revising duties of the department with
69	regard to the school food and nutrition service
70	program; directing the department to collect and
71	publish data on food purchased by sponsors through the
72	Florida Farm to School Program and other school food
73	and nutrition service programs; amending s. 595.405,
74	F.S.; clarifying requirements for the School Nutrition
75	Program; providing for breakfast meals to be available
76	to all students in schools that serve any combination
77	of grades kindergarten through 5; amending s. 595.406,
78	F.S.; renaming the "Florida Farm Fresh Schools
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79	Program" as the "Florida Farm to School Program";
80	authorizing the department to establish by rule a
81	recognition program for certain sponsors; amending s.
82	595.407, F.S.; revising provisions of the children's
83	summer nutrition program to include certain schools
84	that serve any combination of grades kindergarten
85	through 5; revising provisions relating to the
86	duration of the program; authorizing school districts
87	to exclude holidays and weekends; amending s. 595.408,
88	F.S.; conforming references to changes made by the
89	act; amending s. 595.501, F.S.; requiring entities to
90	complete corrective action plans required by the
91	department or a federal agency to be in compliance
92	with school food and nutrition service programs;
93	amending s. 595.601, F.S.; correcting a cross-
94	reference; amending s. 604.20, F.S.; removing a
95	provision requiring an applicant for license as a
96	dealer in agricultural products to submit a letter
97	acknowledging assignment of a certificate of deposit
98	from the issuing institution; amending s. 604.33,
99	F.S.; removing provisions requiring grain dealers to
100	submit monthly reports; authorizing rather than
101	requiring the department to make at least one spot
102	check annually of each grain dealer; providing an
103	effective date.
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105 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 106 107 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 108 109 288.1175 Agriculture education and promotion facility.-110 The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (5) 111 shall competitively evaluate applications for funding of an 112 agriculture education and promotion facility based on the following criteria and list the applications alphabetically by 113 applicant name. if the number of applicants exceeds three, the 114 115 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall rank the 116 applications based upon criteria developed by the Department of 117 Agriculture and Consumer Services, with priority given in 118 descending order to the following items: 119 (a) The intended use of the funds by the applicant, with 120 priority given to the construction of a new facility. The amount of local match, with priority given to the 121 (b) 122 largest percentage of local match proposed. 123 (C) The location of the facility in a brownfield site as defined in s. 376.79(3), a rural enterprise zone as defined in 124 s. 290.004, an agriculturally depressed area as defined in s. 125 570.74, or a county that has lost its agricultural land to 126 environmental restoration projects. 127 128 The net increase, as a result of the facility, of (d) 129 total available exhibition, arena, or civic center space within 130 the jurisdictional limits of the local government in which the Page 5 of 27 billdraft48745.docx

131 facility is to be located, with priority given to the largest 132 percentage increase of total exhibition, arena, or civic center 133 space.

(e) The historic record of the applicant in promoting
agriculture and educating the public about agriculture,
including, without limitation, awards, premiums, scholarships,
auctions, and other such activities.

(f) The highest projection on paid attendance attracted by
the agriculture education and promotion facility and the
proposed economic impact on the local community.

(g) The location of the facility with respect to an
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) facility
with priority given to facilities closer in proximity to an IFAS
facility.

Section 2. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 482.1562, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

147 482.1562 Limited certification for urban landscape148 commercial fertilizer application.-

(5) An application for recertification must be made <u>4</u>
 years after the date of issuance at least 90 days before the
 expiration of the current certificate and be accompanied by:

(a) Proof of having completed the 4 classroom hours ofacceptable continuing education required under subsection (4).

(b) A recertification fee set by the department in an amount of at least \$25 but not more than \$75. Until the fee is set by rule, the fee for certification is \$25.

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157	(6) A late renewal charge of \$50 per month shall be
158	assessed 30 days after the date the application for
159	recertification is due and must be paid in addition to the
160	renewal fee. Unless timely recertified, a certificate
161	automatically expires 90 days after the recertification date.
162	Upon expiration, or after a grace period which does not exceed
163	30 days after expiration, a certificate may be issued only upon
164	reapplying in accordance with subsection (3).
165	Section 3. Paragraph (bb) of subsection (1) of section
166	500.03, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (cc), and
167	a new paragraph (bb) and paragraphs (dd) and (ee) are added to
168	that subsection, to read:
169	500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability
170	(1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term:
171	(bb) "Retail" means the offering of food directly to the
172	consumer.
173	(dd) "Vehicle" means a mode of transportation or mobile
174	carrier used to transport food from one location to another,
175	including, but not limited to, carts, vans, trucks, cars, trains
176	and railway transport, and aircraft and watercraft type
177	transport.
178	(ee) "Wholesale" means the offering of food to businesses
179	for resale.
180	Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (20) of section
181	570.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (44) is
182	added to that section, to read:
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183 570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; 184 functions, powers, and duties.-The department shall have and 185 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties: 186 (20)187 To sponsor events, trade breakfasts, luncheons, and (C) 188 dinners and distribute promotional materials and favors in 189 connection with meetings, conferences, and conventions of 190 dealers, buyers, food editors, and merchandising executives that 191 will assist in the promotion and marketing of Florida's 192 agricultural and agricultural business products to the consuming public. 193 194 195 The department is authorized to receive and expend donations 196 contributed by private persons for the purpose of covering costs 197 associated with the above described activities. 198 The department may, in its own name: (44) 199 (a) Perform all things necessary to secure letters of 200 patent, copyrights, and trademarks on any work products of the 201 department and enforce its rights therein. 202 License, lease, assign, or otherwise give written (b) 203 consent to any person, firm, or corporation for the manufacture 204 or use of such department work products on a royalty basis or 205 for such other consideration as the department shall deem 206 proper. (c) Take any action necessary, including legal action, to 207 208 protect such department work products against improper or Page 8 of 27

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209	unlawful use or infringement.
210	(d) Enforce the collection of any sums due to the
211	department for the manufacture or use of such department work
212	products by another party.
213	(e) Sell any of such department work products and execute
214	all instruments necessary to consummate any such sale.
215	(f) Do all other acts necessary and proper for the
216	execution of powers and duties conferred upon the department by
217	this section, including adopting rules, as necessary, in order
218	to administer this section.
219	Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 570.30, Florida
220	Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) of that section is
221	renumbered as subsection (5), to read:
222	570.30 Division of Administration; powers and dutiesThe
223	Division of Administration shall render services required by the
224	department and its other divisions, or by the commissioner in
225	the exercise of constitutional and cabinet responsibilities,
226	that can advantageously and effectively be centralized and
227	administered and any other function of the department that is
228	not specifically assigned by law to some other division. The
229	duties of this division include, but are not limited to:
230	(5) Providing electronic data processing and management
231	information systems support for the department.
232	Section 6. Subsection (4) is added to section 570.441,
233	Florida Statutes, to read:
234	570.441 Pest Control Trust Fund
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235	(4) In addition to the uses authorized under subsection
236	(2), moneys collected or received by the department under
237	chapter 482 may be used to carry out the provisions of s.
238	570.44. This subsection expires June 30, 2018.
239	Section 7. Subsection (5) of section 570.50, Florida
240	Statutes, is amended to read:
241	570.50 Division of Food Safety; powers and dutiesThe
242	duties of the Division of Food Safety include, but are not
243	limited to:
244	(5) Analyzing food and feed samples offered for sale in
245	the state for chemical residues as required under the
246	adulteration sections of chapters 500, 502, and 580.
247	Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 570.53, Florida
248	Statutes, is amended to read:
249	570.53 Division of Marketing and Development; powers and
250	duties.—The powers and duties of the Division of Marketing and
251	Development include, but are not limited to:
252	(2) Enforcing the provisions of ss. 604.15-604.34, the
253	dealers in agricultural products law, and ss. 534.47-534.53.
254	Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 570.544, Florida
255	Statutes, is amended to read:
256	570.544 Division of Consumer Services; director; powers;
257	processing of complaints; records
258	(2) The director shall supervise, direct, and coordinate
259	the activities of the division and shall, under the direction of
260	the department, enforce the provisions of <u>ss. 604.15-604.34, and</u>
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261	chapters 472, 496, 501, 507, 525, 526, 527, 531, 539, 559, 616,
262	and 849.
263	Section 10. Section 570.68, Florida Statutes, is created
264	to read:
265	570.68 Office of Agriculture Technology ServicesThe
266	commissioner may create an Office of Agriculture Technology
267	Services under the supervision of a senior manager exempt under
268	s. 110.205 in the Senior Management Service. The office shall
269	provide electronic data processing and agency information
270	technology services to support and facilitate the functions,
271	powers, and duties of the department.
272	Section 11. Section 570.681, Florida Statutes, is amended
273	to read:
274	570.681 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park;
275	legislative findings.—It is the finding of the Legislature that:
276	(1) Agriculture is an important industry to the State of
277	Florida, producing over \$6 billion per year while supporting
278	over 230,000 jobs.
279	(1)(2) Equine and other agriculture-related industries
280	$\stackrel{\mbox{will}}{\mbox{strengthen}}$ and benefit each other with the establishment of
281	a statewide agriculture and horse facility.
282	(2) (3) The A Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
283	provides will provide Florida with a unique tourist experience
284	for visitors and residents, thus generating taxes and additional
285	dollars for the state.
286	(3)(4) Promoting the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse
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Park as a joint effort between the state and the private sector allows will allow this facility to use utilize experts and generate revenue from many areas to ensure the success of this facility.

291 Section 12. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of 292 section 570.685, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

293 570.685 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
 294 Authority.-

(4) The authority shall meet at least semiannually and
elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary for 1-year terms.

(b) The department <u>may provide</u> shall be responsible for providing administrative and staff support services relating to the meetings of the authority and <u>may</u> shall provide suitable space in the offices of the department for the meetings and the storage of records of the authority.

302 In conducting its meetings, the authority shall use (C) accepted rules of procedure. The secretary shall keep a complete 303 304 record of the proceedings of each meeting, which shows record 305 shall show the names of the members present and the actions 306 taken. These records shall be kept on file with the department, 307 and such records and other documents regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the authority shall be subject to inspection 308 309 by members of the authority.

310 Section 13. Section 571.24, Florida Statutes, is amended 311 to read:

312 571.24 Purpose; duties of the department.-The purpose of Page 12 of 27

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313	this part is to authorize the department to establish and
314	coordinate the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign, which
315	is intended to serve as a marketing program to promote Florida
316	agricultural commodities, value-added products, and agricultural
317	related businesses and not a food safety or traceability
318	program. The duties of the department shall include, but are not
319	limited to:
320	(1) Developing logos and authorizing the use of logos as
321	provided by rule.
322	(2) Registering participants.
323	(3) Assessing and collecting fees.
324	(4) Collecting rental receipts for industry promotions.
325	(5) Developing in-kind advertising programs.
326	(6) Contracting with media representatives for the purpose
327	of dispersing promotional materials.
328	(7) Assisting the representative of the department who
329	serves on the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory
330	Council.
331	(8) Designating a division employee to be a member of the
332	Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council.
333	(8) (9) Adopting rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and
334	120.54 to implement the provisions of this part.
335	<u>(9)</u> Enforcing and administering the provisions of this
336	part, including measures ensuring that only Florida agricultural
337	or agricultural based products are marketed under the "Fresh
338	From Florida" or "From Florida" logos or other logos of the
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339 Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign.

340 Section 14. Section 571.27, Florida Statutes, is amended 341 to read:

Rules.-The department is authorized to adopt rules 342 571.27 343 that implement, make specific, and interpret the provisions of 344 this part, including rules for entering into contracts with 345 advertising agencies for services which are directly related to 346 the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. Such rules shall 347 establish the procedures for negotiating costs with the offerors of such advertising services who have been determined by the 348 349 department to be qualified on the basis of technical merit, 350 creative ability, and professional competency. Such 351 determination of qualifications shall also include consideration 352 of the provisions in s. 287.055(3), (4), and (5). The department 353 is further authorized to determine, by rule, the logos or 354 product identifiers to be depicted for use in advertising, 355 publicizing, and promoting the sale of Florida agricultural 356 products or agricultural-based products in the Florida 357 Agricultural Promotional Campaign. The department may also adopt 358 rules consistent not inconsistent with the provisions of this 359 part as in its judgment may be necessary for participant 360 registration, renewal of registration, classes of membership, application forms, and as well as other forms and enforcement 361 362 measures ensuring compliance with this part. 363 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 571.28, Florida

364 Statutes, is amended to read:

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365 571.28 Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory 366 Council.-367 ORGANIZATION.-There is hereby created within the (1)368 department the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign 369 Advisory Council, to consist of 15 members appointed by the 370 Commissioner of Agriculture for 4-year staggered terms. The 371 membership shall include: 13 six members representing 372 agricultural producers, shippers, or packers, three members 373 representing agricultural retailers, two members representing 374 agricultural associations, and wholesalers one member representing a wholesaler of agricultural products, one member 375 376 representing consumers, and one member representing the 377 department. Initial appointment of the council members shall be 378 four members to a term of 4 years, four members to a term of 3 379 years, four members to a term of 2 years, and three members to a 380 term of 1 year. 381 Section 16. Subsection (3) is added to section 581.181, 382 Florida Statutes, to read: 383 581.181 Notice of infection of plants; destruction.-384 This section does not apply to plants or plant (3) 385 products infested with pests or noxious weeds that are determined to be widely established with in the state and are not 386 387 specifically regulated under other sections of statutes or rules 388 adopted by the department. 389 Section 17. Section 589.26, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 390 Section 18. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 595.402, Page 15 of 27

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391	Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),
392	respectively, and a new subsection (4) and subsections (7) and
393	(8) are added to that section, to read:
394	595.402 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
395	(4) "School breakfast program" means a program authorized
396	by section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and administered
397	by the department.
398	(7) "Summer nutrition program" means one or more of the
399	programs authorized under 42 U.S.C. s. 1761.
400	(8) "Universal school breakfast program" means a program
401	that makes breakfast available at no cost to all students
402	regardless of their household income.
403	Section 19. Subsections (5) and (12) of section 595.404,
404	Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (13) is added to
405	that section, to read:
406	595.404 School food and nutrition service program; powers
407	and duties of the departmentThe department has the following
408	powers and duties:
409	(5) To <u>provide</u> make a reasonable effort to ensure that any
410	school designated as a "severe need school" receives the highest
411	rate of reimbursement to which it is entitled under 42 U.S.C. s.
412	1773 for each breakfast meal served.
413	(12) To advance funds from the program's annual
414	appropriation to <u>a summer nutrition program</u> sponsor s , when
415	requested, in order to implement the provisions of this chapter
416	and in accordance with federal regulations.
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417	(13) To collect data on food purchased through the
418	programs defined in s. 595.402(3) and s. 595.406 and to publish
419	that data annually.
420	Section 20. Section 595.405, Florida Statutes, is amended
421	to read:
422	595.405 <u>School Nutrition</u> Program requirements for school
423	districts and sponsors
424	(1) Each school district <u>school board</u> shall consider the
425	recommendations of the district school superintendent and adopt
426	policies to provide for an appropriate food and nutrition
427	service program for students consistent with federal law and
428	department rules.
429	(2) Each school district <u>school board</u> shall implement
430	school breakfast programs that make breakfast meals available to
431	all students in each elementary school <u>that serves any</u>
432	combination of grades kindergarten through 5. Universal school
433	breakfast programs shall be offered in schools in which 80
434	percent or more of the students are eligible for free or
435	reduced-price meals. Each school shall, to the maximum extent
436	practicable, make breakfast meals available to students at an
437	alternative site location, which may include, but need not be
438	limited to, alternative breakfast options as described in
439	publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United
440	States Department of Agriculture for the federal School
441	Breakfast Program.
442	(3) Each school district <u>school board</u> must annually set
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443 prices for breakfast meals at rates that, combined with federal 444 reimbursements and state allocations, are sufficient to defray 445 costs of school breakfast programs without requiring allocations 446 from the district's operating funds, except if the district 447 school board approves lower rates.

448 (4) Each school district is encouraged to provide 449 universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each 450 elementary, middle, and high school. Each school district shall 451 approve or disapprove a policy, after receiving public testimony 452 concerning the proposed policy at two or more regular meetings, 453 which makes universal, free school breakfast meals available to 454 all students in each elementary, middle, and high school in 455 which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free 456 or reduced-price meals.

457 (4) (5) Each elementary, middle, and high school operating 458 a breakfast program shall make a breakfast meal available if a 459 student arrives at school on the school bus less than 15 minutes 460 before the first bell rings and shall allow the student at least 461 15 minutes to eat the breakfast.

462 Each school district is encouraged to provide (5) 463 universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each 464 elementary, middle, and high school. A universal school 465 breakfast program shall be implemented in each school in which 466 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or 467 reduced-price meals, unless the district school board, after 468 considering public testimony at two or more regularly scheduled Page 18 of 27

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469	board meetings, decides to not implement such a program in such
470	schools.
471	(6) To increase school breakfast and universal school
472	breakfast program participation, each school district must, to
473	the maximum extent practicable, make breakfast meals available
474	to students through alternative service models as described in
475	publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United
476	States Department of Agriculture for the federal School
477	Breakfast Program.
478	<u>(7)</u> Each school district <u>school board</u> shall annually
479	provide to all students in each elementary, middle, and high
480	school information prepared by the district's food service
481	administration regarding <u>available</u> its school breakfast
482	programs. The information shall be communicated through school
483	announcements and written notices sent to all parents.
484	<u>(8)</u> (7) A school district <u>school board</u> may operate a
485	breakfast program providing for food preparation at the school
486	site or in central locations with distribution to designated
487	satellite schools or any combination thereof.
488	(8) Each sponsor shall complete all corrective action
489	plans required by the department or a federal agency to be in
490	compliance with the program.
491	Section 21. Section 595.406, Florida Statutes, is amended
492	to read:
493	595.406 Florida Farm <u>to School</u> Fresh Schools Program.—
494	(1) In order to implement the Florida Farm <u>to School</u> Fresh
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495 Schools Program, the department shall develop policies 496 pertaining to school food services which encourage: 497 Sponsors to buy fresh and high-quality foods grown in (a) 498 this state when feasible. 499 Farmers in this state to sell their products to (b) sponsors, school districts, and schools. 500 501 Sponsors to demonstrate a preference for competitively (C) 502 priced organic food products. 503 Sponsors to make reasonable efforts to select foods (d) 504 based on a preference for those that have maximum nutritional 505 content. 506 The department shall provide outreach, guidance, and (2)507 training to sponsors, schools, school food service directors, 508 parent and teacher organizations, and students about the benefit 509 of fresh food products from farms in this state. 510 The department may recognize sponsors who purchase at (3) 511 least 10 percent of the food they serve from the Florida Farm to 512 School Program. 513 Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 595.407, Florida 514 Statutes, is amended to read: 515 595.407 Children's summer nutrition program.-Each school district shall develop a plan to sponsor 516 (2) 517 or operate a summer nutrition program to operate sites in the 518 school district as follows: 519 (a) Within 5 miles of at least one elementary school that 520 serves any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which Page 20 of 27

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521	50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or
522	reduced-price school meals and for the duration of 35
523	consecutive days between the end of the school year and the
524	beginning of the next school year. School districts may exclude
525	holidays and weekends.
526	(b) Within 10 miles of each elementary school <u>that serves</u>
527	any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which 50
528	percent or more of the students are eligible for free or
529	reduced-price school meals, except as operated pursuant to
530	paragraph (a).
531	Section 23. Section 595.408, Florida Statutes, is amended
532	to read:
533	595.408 Food Commodity distribution services; department
534	responsibilities and functions
535	(1)(a) The department shall conduct, supervise, and
536	administer all <u>food</u> commodity distribution services that will be
537	carried on using federal or state funds, or funds from any other
538	source, or <u>food</u> commodities received and distributed from the
539	United States or any of its agencies.
540	(b) The department shall determine the benefits each
541	applicant or recipient of assistance is entitled to receive
542	under this chapter, provided that each applicant or recipient is
543	a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States or
544	is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence or
545	otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color
546	of law.
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547 (2) The department shall cooperate fully with the United 548 States Government and its agencies and instrumentalities so that 549 the department may receive the benefit of all federal financial 550 allotments and assistance possible to carry out the purposes of 551 this chapter.

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(3) The department may:

(a) Accept any duties with respect to <u>food</u> commodity distribution services as are delegated to it by an agency of the federal government or any state, county, or municipal government.

557 Act as agent of, or contract with, the federal (b) 558 government, state government, or any county or municipal 559 government in the administration of food commodity distribution 560 services to secure the benefits of any public assistance that is 561 available from the federal government or any of its agencies, and in the distribution of funds received from the federal 562 563 government, state government, or any county or municipal 564 government for food commodity distribution services within the 565 state.

(c) Accept from any person or organization all offers of
 personal services, <u>food</u> commodities, or other aid or assistance.

568 (4) This chapter does not limit, abrogate, or abridge the 569 powers and duties of any other state agency.

570 Section 24. Section 595.501, Florida Statutes, is amended 571 to read:

572 595.501 Penalties.-

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573 (1) When a corrective action plan is issued by the 574 department or a federal agency, each sponsor is required to 575 complete the corrective action plan to be in compliance with the 576 program. 577 (2) Any person or τ sponsor τ or school district that 578 violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted 579 thereunder or otherwise does not comply with the program is 580 subject to a suspension or revocation of their agreement, loss 581 of reimbursement, or a financial penalty in accordance with 582 federal or state law or both. This section does not restrict the applicability of any other law. 583 Section 25. Section 595.601, Florida Statutes, is amended 584 585 to read: 586 595.601 Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund.-Chapter 587 99-37, Laws of Florida, recreated the Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund to record revenue and disbursements of 588 589 Federal Food and Nutrition funds received by the department as 590 authorized in s. 595.404 595.405. 591 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 604.20, Florida 592 Statutes, is amended to read: 593 604.20 Bond or certificate of deposit prerequisite; amount; form.-594 595 (1) Before any license is issued, the applicant therefor 596 shall make and deliver to the department a surety bond or 597 certificate of deposit in the amount of at least \$5,000 or in 598 such greater amount as the department may determine. No bond or Page 23 of 27 billdraft48745.docx

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599 certificate of deposit may be in an amount less than \$5,000. The 600 penal sum of the bond or certificate of deposit to be furnished 601 to the department by an applicant for license as a dealer in 602 agricultural products shall be in an amount equal to twice the 603 dollar amount of agricultural products handled for a Florida 604 producer or a producer's agent or representative, by purchase or 605 otherwise, during the month of maximum transaction in such 606 products during the preceding 12-month period. An applicant for 607 license who has not handled agricultural products for a Florida producer or a producer's agent or representative, by purchase or 608 otherwise, during the preceding 12-month period shall furnish a 609 bond or certificate of deposit in an amount equal to twice the 610 estimated dollar amount of such agricultural products to be 611 612 handled, by purchase or otherwise, during the month of maximum 613 transaction during the next immediate 12 months. Such bond or 614 certificate of deposit shall be provided or assigned in the exact name in which the dealer will conduct business subject to 615 616 the provisions of ss. 604.15-604.34. Such bond must be executed 617 by a surety company authorized to transact business in the 618 state. For the purposes of ss. 604.19-604.21, the term "certificate of deposit" means a certificate of deposit at any 619 recognized financial institution doing business in the United 620 621 States. A No certificate of deposit may not be accepted in 622 connection with an application for a dealer's license unless the 623 issuing institution is properly insured by either the Federal 624 Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan

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625 Insurance Corporation. Such bond or any certificate of deposit 626 assignment or agreement shall be upon a form prescribed or 627 approved by the department and shall be conditioned to secure 628 the faithful accounting for and payment, in the manner 629 prescribed by s. 604.21(9), to producers or their agents or 630 representatives of the proceeds of all agricultural products 631 handled or purchased by such dealer and to secure payment to 632 dealers who sell agricultural products to such dealer. Such bond 633 or certificate of deposit assignment or agreement shall include terms binding the instrument to the Commissioner of Agriculture. 634 635 A certificate of deposit shall be presented with an assignment of applicant's rights in the certificate in favor of the 636 637 Commissioner of Agriculture on a form prescribed by the 638 department and with a letter from the issuing institution 639 acknowledging that the assignment has been properly recorded on 640 the books of the issuing institution and will be honored by the issuing institution. Such assignment shall be irrevocable while 641 642 the dealer's license is in effect and for an additional period 643 of 6 months after the termination or expiration of the dealer's 644 license, if a provided no complaint is not pending against the 645 licensee. If a complaint is pending, the assignment shall remain in effect until all actions on the complaint have been 646 647 finalized. The certificate of deposit may be released by the 648 assignee of the financial institution to the licensee or the 649 licensee's successors, assignee, or heirs if no claims are not 650 pending against the licensee before the department at the Page 25 of 27

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651 conclusion of 6 months after the last effective date of the 652 license. A No certificate of deposit which shall be accepted 653 that contains any provision that would give the issuing 654 institution any prior rights or claim on the proceeds or 655 principal of such certificate of deposit may not be accepted. 656 The department shall determine by rule the maximum amount of 657 bond or certificate of deposit required of a dealer and whether 658 an annual bond or certificate of deposit will be required.

659 Section 27. Section 604.33, Florida Statutes, is amended 660 to read:

661 604.33 Security requirements for grain dealers.-Each grain dealer doing business in the state shall maintain liquid 662 663 security, in the form of grain on hand, cash, certificates of 664 deposit, or other nonvolatile security that can be liquidated in 665 10 days or less, or cash bonds, surety bonds, or letters of 666 credit, that have been assigned to the department and that are 667 conditioned to secure the faithful accounting for and payment to 668 the producers for grain stored or purchased, in an amount equal 669 to the value of grain which the grain dealer has received from 670 grain producers for which the producers have not received payment. The bonds must be executed by the applicant as 671 672 principal and by a surety corporation authorized to transact 673 business in the state. The certificates of deposit and letters 674 of credit must be from a recognized financial institution doing 675 business in the United States. Each grain dealer shall report to 676 the department monthly, on or before a date established by rule Page 26 of 27

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677	of the department, the value of grain she or he has received
678	from producers for which the producers have not received payment
679	and the types of transaction involved, showing the value of each
680	type of transaction. The report shall also include a statement
681	showing the type and amount of security maintained to cover the
682	grain dealer's liability to producers. The department may shall
683	make at least one spot check annually of each grain dealer to
684	determine compliance with the requirements of this section.
685	Section 28. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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