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A bill to be entitled

An act related to Department of Health Trust Funds;

amending s. 20.435(7), Florida Statutes; authorizing deposits in the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to support cancer initiatives appropriated in the General

Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 20.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.435 Department of Health; trust funds.—The following trust funds shall be administered by the Department of Health:

- (7) Biomedical Research Trust Fund.
- (a) Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature. Funds shall be used for the purposes of the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program, and the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program as specified in ss. 215.5602, 288.955, 381.915, and 381.922, or other cancer research initiatives as appropriated in the General Appropriations Act. The trust fund is exempt from the service charges imposed by s. 215.20.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund. The department may invest these funds independently through the Chief Financial Officer or may

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- (c) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance of any appropriation from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund which is not disbursed but which is obligated pursuant to contract or committed to be expended may be carried forward for up to 5 years following the effective date of the original appropriation.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.