

August 25, 2026

Dear Director Perdue:

Congratulations on your appointment. We write to you early in your tenure about a reporting obligation that remains outstanding.

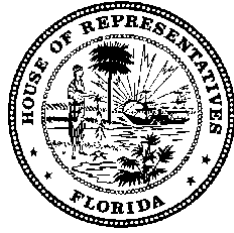
Section 252.37 of the Florida Statutes, as amended by SB 7040 — legislation this Legislature passed in this year with broad bipartisan support — requires the Division of Emergency Management to deliver a quarterly report on the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund to the Senate President and the House Speaker. The first such report was due **July 15, 2026**. It was to project the fund's year-end balance, detail its cash flow, itemize current and pending purchases, and account for the status of federal reimbursements.

As of today, that report has not been received, and it is now forty days past due.

We understand the Division indicated it had transmitted the report on July 28. The materials sent that day were five spreadsheets cataloguing disaster spending across several years. Helpful as that context is, those documents do not appear to contain the itemized accounting of inventory, assets, and invoices the statute calls for, and only one of them addressed immigration-related expenditures at all. **We would like to understand what happened, and when we can expect the report.**

We respectfully request the following in writing by the end of this month:

1. **The complete quarterly report** required by SB 7040 for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, including the projected year-end fund balance, cash flow detail, an itemized list of all current and pending purchases, and the status of all federal reimbursement requests.
2. **A brief explanation of the delay**, including what prevented the Division from meeting the July 15 deadline, the responsible parties to complete the deadline, all drafts prepared in anticipation of meeting the deadline.
3. **Clarification regarding the July 28 transmittal** — what the Division understood those documents to satisfy, and whether it considers the statutory report to have been filed.
4. **A date certain** for the next quarterly report, covering the quarter ending September 30, 2026.
5. **A current accounting of the outstanding contractor obligations**, including how long each has been pending and the anticipated source of payment.
6. **A reconciliation of federal reimbursements** — amounts requested, approved, received, denied, and still pending, with dates, vendors names, vendor invoices, payments made to vendors, the federal reimbursement criteria used to authorize payments.



We recognize that this deadline passed before you assumed leadership of the Division, and we are not asking you to account for decisions that were not yours. We are asking you to close it out.

Respectfully,

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