

Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

CS/SB 948 — Water Supply

by Agriculture Committee and Senator Grimsley

The bill amends ss. 373.701, 373.703, 373.709, 570.076, and 570.085, F.S., to require the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to establish an agricultural water supply planning program to develop data regarding prospective agricultural water supply demand. For purposes of regional water supply plans, the bill requires water management districts to consider the data supplied by the DACS, and agricultural demand projection data and analysis submitted by local governments, in determining the best available data for future agricultural water supply demands.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0