

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Budget

SB 2130 — Pollution Control

by Budget Committee

The bill revises requirements for the deposit of funds used in providing financial assistance for water pollution control. The bill requires that such funds be deposited into the Federal Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection (department) rather than the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the department. The bill also expands the use of existing service fees, as authorized by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to include other water quality activities performed by the department. These activities include monitoring, developing total maximum daily loads, watershed restoration best management practices, and source water assessments.

The bill has a recurring positive fiscal impact of \$1.8 million to the General Revenue Fund and \$300,000 to the Permit Fee Trust Fund by allowing the department to transfer administrative costs associated with other water quality activities from the General Revenue Fund and the Permit Fee Trust Fund to the Federal Grants Trust Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0