

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

HB 407 — Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern

by Rep. Shoaf and others (SB 702 by Senators Simon and Trumbull)

The bill permits the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to expend up to \$5 million each fiscal year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and continuing through Fiscal Year 2027-2028, for the purpose of entering into financial assistance agreements with the City of Apalachicola to implement projects that improve surface water and groundwater quality within the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern.

Projects for which the City of Apalachicola may receive funds include the construction of stormwater management facilities and central sewage collection facilities, installation of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, direct and indirect potable reuse, and other water quality and water supply projects. The subsection created by the bill will expire on June 30, 2028.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 110-0