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11	Senators Silver, Thomas, Turner, and Gutman moved the
12	following amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 48, lines 19-21, delete those lines
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17	and insert: the team shall consider projects which provide
18	retail employment opportunities and may select retail projects
19	if: the projects provide significant employment opportunities
20	for WAGES Program participants; the project developers either
21	have or can obtain the necessary permits to begin construction
22	of the project on or before December 1, 1998; and the sponsors
23	of the project are willing to enter into a contract with the
24	state to deliver the commitments required under this
25	subsection. The team shall give priority attention to any
26	retail development project if such a project: is located in an
27	area of critical state economic concern; is designed to
28	provide for more than 5,000 permanent jobs; provides for the
29	right of first refusal for at least 3,000 construction jobs to
30	WAGES Program participants; provides a program for the
31	transportation of WAGES Program participants employed in the
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construction of the project to and from the construction site; 1 2 provides on-the-job training for WAGES Program participants at 3 the project site; provides for multiple job fairs for WAGES 4 Program participants; provides that a substantial portion of operational and clerical positions hired directly by the 5 6 project be WAGES Program participants; and provides for rent 7 and lease incentive programs for businesses renting or leasing space in project facilities based upon the employment of WAGES 8 Program participants. The team may consider any other contract 9 10 provision designed to increase employment opportunities for WAGES Program participants. The Department of Community 11 12 Affairs, on behalf of the team, shall develop a contract in 13 consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment Security, the Department of Children and Family Services, and 14 15 the Department of Transportation, which will utilize state 16 resources such as the Department of Agriculture's Florida 17 AgVentures Program, the Department of Community Affairs' 18 Community Development Block Grant Loan Guarantee Program, the Department of Labor's Welfare-to-Work Program, additional 19 federal funds provided to the Department of Transportation in 20 21 fiscal year 1998-99, through the reauthorization of the Federal Highway Act, the Department of Environmental 22 Protection's Sewage Treatment Facilities Revolving Loan 23 24 Program, and WAGES Program support funds to facilitate 25 projects meeting the requirements under this subsection. 26 27 28 29 And the title is amended as follows: 30 On page 4, line 6, after the semicolon 31

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