

By Representative Saunders

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; creating the
3 Florida Green Communities Trust Fund within the
4 Department of Environmental Protection;
5 providing for sources of moneys and purposes;
6 providing for future review and termination or
7 re-creation of the trust fund; providing a
8 contingent effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. The Florida Green Communities Trust Fund is
13 hereby created, to be administered by the Department of
14 Environmental Protection. Funds shall be credited to the
15 trust fund as provided in HB or similar legislation, to
16 be used for the purposes set forth therein.

17 Section 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Section
18 19(f)(2), Article III of the State Constitution, the Florida
19 Green Communities Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner,
20 be terminated on July 1, 2004.

21 (2) Prior to the regular legislative session
22 immediately preceding the date on which the trust fund is
23 scheduled to be terminated, the Department of Environmental
24 Protection and the Governor shall recommend to the President
25 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
26 whether the trust fund should be allowed to terminate or
27 should be re-created. These recommendations shall be based on
28 a review of the purpose and use of the trust fund and a
29 determination of whether the trust fund will continue to be
30 necessary. A recommendation to re-create the trust fund may
31 include suggested modifications to the purposes, sources of

1 receipts, and allowable expenditures for the trust fund. The
2 department's recommendation shall be made as a part of its
3 legislative budget request to the Legislature pursuant to
4 section 216.023, Florida Statutes. The Governor's
5 recommendation shall be made as a part of the recommended
6 budget presented to the Legislature pursuant to section
7 216.162, Florida Statutes.

8 (3) If the trust fund is terminated, the Department of
9 Environmental Protection shall pay any outstanding debts or
10 obligations of the trust fund as soon as practicable and the
11 Comptroller shall close out and remove the trust fund from the
12 various state accounting systems, using generally accepted
13 accounting practices concerning warrants outstanding, assets,
14 and liabilities.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, if
16 HB or similar legislation is adopted in the same
17 legislative session or an extension thereof.

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20 HOUSE SUMMARY

21 Effective July 1, 2000, creates the Florida Green
22 Communities Trust Fund within the Department of
23 Environmental Protection, to be administered by the
24 department, and provides for its sources of moneys and
25 purposes. Provides for future review and termination or
26 re-creation of the trust fund.
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