

By the Committee on Environmental Protection and  
Representative Eggelletion

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to environmental equity and  
3           justice; creating s. 760.854, F.S.; creating  
4           the Center for Environmental Equity and  
5           Justice; providing purpose of the center;  
6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Section 760.854, Florida Statutes, is  
11 created to read:

12                   760.854 Center for Environmental Equity and Justice.--

13                   (1) There is hereby established the Center for  
14 Environmental Equity and Justice.

15                   (2) The purpose of the center is to conduct and  
16 facilitate research, develop policies, and engage in  
17 education, training, and community outreach with respect to  
18 environmental equity and justice issues.

19                   (3) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice  
20 shall be established at the Florida Agricultural and  
21 Mechanical University within the Environmental Sciences  
22 Institute.

23                   (4) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice  
24 shall sponsor students to serve as interns at the Department  
25 of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
26 Department of Community Affairs, and other relevant state  
27 agencies. The Center may enter into a memorandum of  
28 understanding with these agencies to address environmental  
29 equity and justice issues.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming  
31 law.