

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s.
3 334.044, F.S.; providing for the allocation of
4 a certain percentage of each project for
5 roadside beautification by the Department of
6 Transportation; amending s. 335.0415, F.S.;
7 modifying the date on which jurisdiction and
8 responsibility for public roads is determined;
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (26) of section 334.044, Florida
14 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:15 334.044 Department; powers and duties.--The department
16 shall have the following general powers and duties:

17 (26) To provide for the conservation of natural
18 roadside growth and scenery and for the implementation and
19 maintenance of roadside beautification programs. To accomplish
20 this, for fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 no
21 less than one percent, and for subsequent fiscal years no less
22 than one and one-half percent of the amount contracted for
23 construction projects shall be allocated by the department to
24 beautification programs. Except where prohibited by federal
25 law or federal regulation and to the extent practical, a
26 minimum of 50 percent of these funds shall be used to purchase
27 large plant materials with the remaining funds for other plant
28 materials and these materials shall be purchased from
29 Florida-based nurseryman stock on a uniform competitive bid
30 basis. The department will develop grades and standards for
31 landscaping materials purchased through this process.To

1 accomplish these activities, the department may contract with
2 nonprofit organizations having the primary purpose of
3 developing youth employment opportunities.

4 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 335.0415, Florida
5 Statutes, is amended to read:

6 335.0415 Public road jurisdiction and transfer
7 process.--

8 (1) The jurisdiction of public roads and the
9 responsibility for operation and maintenance within the
10 right-of-way of any road within the state, county, and
11 municipal road system shall be that which existed ~~exists~~ on
12 June 10 ~~July 1~~, 1995.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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