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Senator Clary moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 163, between lines 27 and 28,

insert:

Section 63. Section 288.980, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants program.--

(1)(a) It is the intent of this state to provide the necessary means to assist communities with military installations that would be adversely affected by federal base realignment or closure actions. It is further the intent to encourage communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission. It is critical that closure-vulnerable communities develop such a program to preserve affected military installations. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the state needs to coordinate all efforts that can facilitate the retention of

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1 all remaining military installations in the state.The
2 Legislature, therefore, declares that providing such
3 assistance to support the defense-related initiatives within
4 this section is a public purpose for which public money may be
5 used.

6 (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization
7 within Enterprise Florida, is designated as the organization
8 to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and
9 missions, and its military host communities are in competitive
10 positions as the United States continues its defense
11 realignment and downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve
12 as an overall advisory body for Enterprise Florida
13 defense-related activity. The Florida Defense Alliance shall
14 receive funding from appropriations made for that purpose
15 administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
16 Development.

17 (2)(a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
18 Development is authorized to award grants from any funds
19 available to it to support activities related to the retention
20 of military installations potentially affected by federal base
21 closure or realignment.

22 (b) The term "activities" as used in this section
23 means studies, presentations, analyses, plans, and modeling.
24 ~~Travel and costs incidental thereto, and Staff salaries, are~~
25 not considered an "activity" for which grant funds may be
26 awarded. Travel costs and costs incidental thereto incurred by
27 a grant recipient shall be considered an "activity" for which
28 grant funds may be awarded.

29 (c) Except for grants issued pursuant to the Florida
30 Military Installation Reuse Planning and Marketing Grant
31 Program as described in (3)(c), the amount of any grant

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1 provided to an applicant may not exceed \$250,000. The Office
2 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall require that
3 an applicant:

4 1. Represent a local government with a military
5 installation or military installations that could be adversely
6 affected by federal base realignment or closure.

7 2. Agree to match at least 30 ~~50~~ percent of any grant
8 awarded.

9 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action
10 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and
11 accomplished.

12 4. Provide documentation describing the potential for
13 realignment or closure of a military installation located in
14 the applicant's community and the adverse impacts such
15 realignment or closure will have on the applicant's community.

16 (d) In making grant awards the office shall consider,
17 at a minimum, the following factors:

18 1. The relative value of the particular military
19 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state
20 economy relative to other military installations vulnerable to
21 closure.

22 2. The potential job displacement within the local
23 community should the military installation be closed.

24 3. The potential adverse impact on industries and
25 technologies which service the military installation.

26 (3) The Florida Economic Reinvestment Initiative is
27 established to respond to the need for this state and
28 defense-dependent communities in this state to develop
29 alternative economic diversification strategies to lessen
30 reliance on national defense dollars in the wake of base
31 closures and reduced federal defense expenditures and the need

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1 to formulate specific base reuse plans and identify any
2 specific infrastructure needed to facilitate reuse. The
3 initiative shall consist of the following three distinct grant
4 programs to be administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade,
5 and Economic Development:

6 (a) The Florida Defense Planning Grant Program,
7 through which funds shall be used to analyze the extent to
8 which the state is dependent on defense dollars and defense
9 infrastructure and prepare alternative economic development
10 strategies. The state shall work in conjunction with
11 defense-dependent communities in developing strategies and
12 approaches that will help communities make the transition from
13 a defense economy to a nondefense economy. Grant awards may
14 not exceed ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000 per applicant and shall be
15 available on a competitive basis.

16 (b) The Florida Defense Implementation Grant Program,
17 through which funds shall be made available to
18 defense-dependent communities to implement the diversification
19 strategies developed pursuant to paragraph (a). Eligible
20 applicants include defense-dependent counties and cities, and
21 local economic development councils located within such
22 communities. Grant awards may not exceed \$100,000 per
23 applicant and shall be available on a competitive basis.
24 Awards shall be matched on a one-to-one basis.

25 (c) The Florida Military Installation Reuse Planning
26 and Marketing Grant Program, through which funds shall be used
27 to help counties, cities, and local economic development
28 councils develop and implement plans for the reuse of closed
29 or realigned military installations, including any necessary
30 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and
31 related marketing activities. ~~Grant awards are limited to not~~

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1 ~~more than \$100,000 per eligible applicant and made available~~
2 ~~through a competitive process. Awards shall be matched on a~~
3 ~~one-to-one basis.~~

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5 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a
6 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how
7 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,
8 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation
9 between civilian and military authorities in the conduct of
10 the funded activities and a plan for public involvement.

11 (4)(a) The Defense-Related Business Adjustment Program
12 is hereby created. The Director of the Office of Tourism,
13 Trade, and Economic Development shall coordinate the
14 development of the Defense-Related Business Adjustment
15 Program. Funds shall be available to assist defense-related
16 companies in the creation of increased commercial technology
17 development through investments in technology. Such
18 technology must have a direct impact on critical state needs
19 for the purpose of generating investment-grade technologies
20 and encouraging the partnership of the private sector and
21 government defense-related business adjustment. The following
22 areas shall receive precedence in consideration for funding
23 commercial technology development: law enforcement or
24 corrections, environmental protection, transportation,
25 education, and health care. Travel and costs incidental
26 thereto, and staff salaries, are not considered an "activity"
27 for which grant funds may be awarded.

28 (b) The office shall require that an applicant:

29 1. Be a defense-related business that could be
30 adversely affected by federal base realignment or closure or
31 reduced defense expenditures.

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1 2. Agree to match at least 50 percent of any funds
2 awarded by the department in cash or in-kind services. Such
3 match shall be directly related to activities for which the
4 funds are being sought.

5 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan delineating
6 how the funds will be administered.

7 4. Provide documentation describing how
8 defense-related realignment or closure will adversely impact
9 defense-related companies.

10 (5) The Retention of Military Installations Program is
11 created. The Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
12 Economic Development shall coordinate and implement this
13 program for military installations located in counties with a
14 population greater than 824,000. Notwithstanding subsection
15 (2), the program shall provide up to \$1.2 million to assist
16 military installations potentially affected by federal base
17 closure or realignment in covering current operating costs in
18 an effort to retain the installation in this state. An
19 eligible military installation for this program shall include
20 a provider of simulation solutions for warfighting
21 experimentation, testing, and training which employs at least
22 500 civilian and military employees and has been operating in
23 the state for a period of more than 10 years or a joint
24 military command in a constitutional charter county as defined
25 in s. 125.001(1).

26 ~~(6)(5)~~ The director may award nonfederal matching
27 funds specifically appropriated for construction, maintenance,
28 and analysis of a Florida defense workforce database. Such
29 funds will be used to create a registry of worker skills that
30 can be used to match the worker needs of companies that are
31 relocating to this state or to assist workers in relocating to

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1 other areas within this state where similar or related
2 employment is available.

3 (7) Payment of administrative expenses shall be
4 limited to no more than 10 percent of any grants issued
5 pursuant to this section.

6 (8)(6) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
7 Development shall establish guidelines to implement and carry
8 out the purpose and intent of this section.

9 Section 64. There is appropriated from the General
10 Revenue Fund to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
11 Development the sum of \$800,000 to implement the programs
12 described in section 288.980, Florida Statutes. The funding
13 provided pursuant to this section is critical in assisting
14 with the improvement or upgrade of infrastructure (roads,
15 water supply, power grids, communication nets, etc.) around
16 the state's military bases which will be measured in the next
17 round of military base closures. It is the specific intent of
18 the Legislature that a portion of this appropriation be
19 expended to employ a consultant to evaluate the infrastructure
20 needs of Florida military bases in order to provide a baseline
21 and order of priority for the disbursement of funds. This
22 appropriation is in addition to any funds currently available
23 for grants to help local communities.

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25 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 On page 10, line 17, after the semicolon,

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1 insert:
2 amending s. 288.980, F.S.; providing
3 legislative intent; providing for the role of
4 the Florida Defense Alliance; providing
5 funding; removing a limitation on the amount of
6 a grant under the Florida Military Installation
7 Reuse Planning and Marketing Grant Program;
8 increasing a grant limitation with respect to
9 the Florida Defense Planning Grant Program;
10 reducing the amount of matching funds required
11 under certain grant programs; creating the
12 Retention of Military Installations Program;
13 providing eligibility criteria; providing a cap
14 on the payment of administrative expenses from
15 certain grants; providing an appropriation;

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