

By the Committee on Natural Resources and Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Everglades
Restoration Trust Fund; creating s. 375.046,
F.S.; creating the Florida Everglades
Restoration Trust Fund; providing for its
purposes; providing a contingent effective
date.

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

Section 1. Section 375.046, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

375.046 Florida Everglades Restoration Trust Fund.--

(1) There is created the Florida Everglades
Restoration Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of
Environmental Protection. Proceeds from the sale of revenue
bonds issued pursuant to s. 375.051 and s. 11(e), Article VII
of the State Constitution for the Florida Everglades
Restoration Act shall be deposited into this trust fund. The
bond resolution adopted by the governing board of the Division
of Bond Finance may provide for additional provisions that
govern the disbursement of the bond proceeds. Also, other
funds from grants and donations, federal funds, or other funds
from other sources specified by law may be deposited into this
fund and used for purposes of the Florida Everglades
Restoration Act.

(2) Moneys deposited in this fund shall be spent only
on the following types of activities:

(a) Projects that are joint federal-state partnerships
with project plans reflecting cost-share with federal or local
governments.

1 (b) Projects to restore natural water flows, retain
2 seasonal flows, release impounded water, or improve a system's
3 ability to remove nutrients and sediments.

4 (c) Projects that restore freshwater flows to major
5 estuarine systems including Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay.

6 (d) Projects that have a goal of restoring native
7 plant and animal communities.

8 (e) Projects that meet one or more of the provisions
9 of s. 11(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution.

10 Section 2. In accordance with Section 19(f)(2),
11 Article III of the State Constitution, the Florida Everglades
12 Restoration Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be
13 terminated on July 1, 2004. Before its scheduled termination,
14 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in section
15 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the effective
17 date of Senate Bill 2156, but it shall not take effect unless
18 it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each
19 house of the Legislature and unless SB 2156, 1999 Regular
20 Session, becomes a law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 2158

The trust fund has been retitled as the Florida Everglades Restoration Trust Fund, and may, additionally, receive deposits from sources other than bond sales.

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- Projects that are joint federal-state partnerships with project plans reflecting cost-share with federal or local governments.
- Projects to restore natural water flows, retain seasonal flows, release impounded water, or improve a system's ability to remove nutrients and sediments.
- Projects that restore freshwater flows to major estuarine systems including Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay.
- Projects that have a goal of restoring native plant and animal communities.
- Projects that meet one or more of the provisions of s. 11(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution.

The bill will only become effective upon the passage of SB 2156.