

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to financial matters; creating
3 s. 215.245, F.S.; authorizing the state and its
4 political subdivisions to enter into
5 indemnification agreements with the Federal
6 Government with respect to water resources
7 development projects; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 215.245, Florida Statutes, is
13 created to read:

14 215.245 Contracts with Federal Government;
15 indemnification authorized in certain circumstances.--The
16 state and its political subdivisions, which are authorized to
17 enter into cooperative agreements or otherwise contract or
18 participate with the Federal Government in constructing water
19 resources development projects under the jurisdiction of the
20 Secretary of the Army, are authorized to agree in such
21 contracts or participation agreements to indemnify and hold
22 harmless the United States from damages due to the
23 construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and
24 rehabilitation of the projects and any state or local sponsor
25 project-related betterments, except for damages due to the
26 fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors;
27 however, this section does not obligate the Legislature to
28 provide future appropriations and does not abrogate the
29 provisions of s. 45.062.

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