

By Senator Laurent

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Lake Okeechobee
3 Protection Trust Fund; creating s. 373.45952,
4 F.S.; creating the Lake Okeechobee Protection
5 Trust Fund; providing for administration by the
6 Department of Environmental Protection;
7 providing for its purposes; providing for
8 review and termination or re-creation of the
9 trust fund; providing a contingent effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 373.45952, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 373.45952 Lake Okeechobee Protection Trust Fund.--

17 (1) The Lake Okeechobee Protection Trust Fund is
18 created within the Department of Environmental Protection.

19 (2) Funds to be credited to the trust fund consist of
20 funds appropriated annually by the Legislature and as provided
21 for by general law. Funds may be used solely for the purposes
22 set forth in s. 373.4595 and for related purposes undertaken
23 under ss. 373.451-373.459.

24 Section 2. In accordance with Section 19(f)(2),
25 Article III of the State Constitution, the Lake Okeechobee
26 Protection Trust Fund shall be terminated on July 1, 2004,
27 unless terminated sooner. Before its scheduled termination,
28 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in section
29 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida Statutes.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the effective
31 date of Senate Bill 1494, but it shall not take effect unless

1 it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each
2 house of the Legislature and unless SB____, 2000 Regular
3 Session, becomes a law.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

7 Creates the Lake Okeechobee Protection Trust Fund to be
8 administered by the Department of Environmental
9 Protection. Provides for review and termination or
10 re-creation of the trust fund.

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