By Representatives Kilmer, Sorensen, Farkas, Melvin, Diaz de la Portilla, Rubio, Kendrick, Stansel, Bean, Baker, Benson, Berfield, Hogan, Allen, Baxley, Kallinger, Brutus, Paul, Gibson, Brummer, Cantens, Argenziano, Bense, Harrell, Green, (Additional Sponsors on Last Printed Page)

1 A bill to be entitled An act relating to sewer and water systems and 2 3 stormwater systems; providing for 4 administration of a grant program by the 5 Department of Environmental Protection to establish or upgrade sewer and water systems 6 7 and stormwater systems; providing priority of 8 projects to be funded; requiring an annual 9 report; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date. 10 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Grants for sewer and water facilities and Section 1. 15 stormwater systems. --16 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and to 17 the fullest extent possible, the Department of Environmental 18 Protection shall administer grant programs and other authorized disbursements of funds for the purpose of 19 20 establishing or upgrading sewer and water systems and 21 stormwater systems according to the following priorities: Projects in communities with a millage rate of 8.5 22 23 mills or higher that are under a consent order from the department for inadequate sewer and water facilities or 24 25 stormwater systems. 26 (b) Projects in communities with a millage rate of 8.5 mills or higher that are under a moratorium from the 27 department that inhibits the development of adequate housing 28

for community residents or other economic development

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30 31 activities.

1	(2) Fifty percent of funds remaining after the
2	criteria in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) have been met shall be
3	utilized for projects in communities in rural areas of
4	critical economic concern.
5	(3) The department shall report each January 1 to the
6	Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
7	House of Representatives regarding the amount of funding
8	disbursed for the projects in the categories identified in
9	paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) and the number and identity of
10	projects remaining in those categories. The department shall
11	also report on the amount of funding disbursed in the category
12	identified in subsection (2).
13	(4) This section shall stand repealed on June 30,
14	2006.
15	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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19	Discrete the Description of Description to
20	Directs the Department of Environmental Protection to administer a grant program to establish or upgrade sewer
21	and water systems and stormwater systems in communities that meet specified criteria. Provides priority of
22	projects to be funded. Requires the department to report annually to the Governor and Legislature on funding
23	disbursed and projects remaining. Terminates the program on June 30, 2006.
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27	ADDITIONAL SPONSORS
28	Littlefield, Bilirakis, Barreiro, Bowen, Weissman, Needelman,
29	Kottkamp, Fiorentino, Bullard, Holloway, Jennings, Davis, Ball, Wallace, Crow, Atwater, Johnson, Spratt, Harrington and
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