

By Representative Peterman

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the South Florida Water
3 Management District; directing the district to
4 develop an Everglades restoration information
5 outreach program targeting minority communities
6 located near the Everglades; providing for
7 certain dissemination of information; providing
8 for assistance from an African-American or
9 Hispanic environmentalist or scientist;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Everglades restoration information
15 outreach.--The South Florida Water Management District shall,
16 within existing resources, develop and implement an Everglades
17 restoration information outreach program. The purpose of the
18 program shall be to disseminate information and improve public
19 understanding regarding the state's Everglades restoration
20 effort, within the predominantly African-American and Hispanic
21 communities located near the Everglades. The district shall,
22 at a minimum, present information explaining the Everglades
23 restoration process in newspapers and other media within the
24 targeted communities and respond to the questions and concerns
25 communicated by members of those communities. In addition, the
26 district may make public presentations and, at the request of
27 local school officials, present programs to children in the
28 local schools, on the Everglades and the state's restoration
29 process. The district shall seek the assistance and
30 involvement of an African-American or Hispanic
31 environmentalist or scientist with knowledge of the Everglades

