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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to solid waste management;  
3           amending s. 403.706, F.S.; requiring the  
4           Department of Environmental Protection to  
5           conduct a comprehensive review of certain waste  
6           reduction and recycling goals; providing that  
7           the department must issue a report; amending s.  
8           403.7095, F.S.; providing that the Department  
9           of Environmental Protection may provide certain  
10          counties with solid waste management and  
11          recycling grants; deleting the provision that  
12          these grants be limited to certain funding  
13          received in fiscal year 1997-1998; requiring  
14          the department to provide a specified amount  
15          for recycling and waste-reduction grants  
16          available to all counties on a competitive  
17          basis for innovative programs; providing for  
18          the expiration of the provision for innovative  
19          grants; providing an effective date.

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

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23           Section 1. Subsection (24) is added to section  
24 403.706, Florida Statutes, to read:

25           403.706 Local government solid waste  
26 responsibilities.--

27           (24) The department shall conduct a comprehensive  
28 review of the waste reduction and recycling goals set out in  
29 this section. The review shall include, but is not limited to,  
30 the appropriateness of maintaining, extending, or revising the  
31 goals; the effectiveness of current programs for meeting the

1 goals; the role of Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.; the need to  
2 continue those programs; alternative techniques for improving  
3 those programs; and alternative strategies for meeting the  
4 needs of the programs. The department shall consult with  
5 persons knowledgeable about recycling and waste reduction,  
6 including, but not limited to, representatives of local  
7 government, the private recycling industry, and private waste  
8 management industry. The department shall issue its report and  
9 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
10 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 30,  
11 2002.

12 Section 2. Subsections (8) and (9) of section  
13 403.7095, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 403.7095 Solid waste management grant program.--

15 (8) For fiscal year 2001-2002 ~~2000-2001~~ only, the  
16 department may ~~shall~~ provide counties with populations under  
17 100,000 with ~~at least 80 percent of the level of funding they~~  
18 ~~received in fiscal year 1997-1998 for solid waste management~~  
19 ~~and recycling grants. This subsection is repealed on July 1,~~  
20 ~~2001.~~

21 (9) ~~For fiscal year 2000-2001 only,~~The department  
22 shall provide \$4.1 million ~~25 percent of the total funds~~  
23 ~~available after the requirements of subsection (8) are met for~~  
24 ~~recycling and waste reduction grants available to all counties~~  
25 ~~on a competitive basis for innovative programs. Because the~~  
26 ~~Legislature recognizes that input from the recycling industry~~  
27 ~~is essential to the success of this funding program, the~~  
28 ~~department shall cooperate with affected organizations to~~  
29 ~~develop a process and define specific criteria for evaluating~~  
30 ~~proposals and selecting programs for funding that comply with~~  
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1 the following general guidelines. Programs selected for  
2 funding shall:

3 (a) Demonstrate technologies or processes that are not  
4 in common use in Florida, that represent a novel application  
5 of an existing technology or process, or that overcome  
6 obstacles to recycling in new or innovative ways.

7 (b) Collect and recycle or reduce materials targeted  
8 by the department and the recycling industry.

9 (c) Demonstrate the potential economic and  
10 environmental benefits of the proposed recycling program and  
11 the cost-effectiveness of the program's approach.

12 (d) Demonstrate transferability of technology and  
13 processes used in the program and specify how the program will  
14 promote transferability.

15 (e) Demonstrate local support for the proposed program  
16 by the commitment of cash or in-kind matching funds.

17 (f) This subsection expires ~~is repealed~~ on July 1,  
18 2002 ~~2001~~.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to  
24 conduct a comprehensive review of waste reduction and  
25 recycling goals and report its recommendations to the  
26 Governor and the Legislature. Authorizes the department  
27 to provide solid waste management and recycling grants to  
28 certain counties. Requires the department to provide a  
29 specified sum of money for recycling and waste reduction  
30 grants to all counties on a competitive basis.  
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