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	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 The Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs offered the  
12 following:

14 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 Remove everything after the enacting clause

17 and insert:

18 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1)  
19 and subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of section  
20 163.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

21 163.05 Small County Technical Assistance Program.--

22 (1) Among small counties, the Legislature finds that:

23 (a) The percentage of the population of small counties  
24 residing in the unincorporated areas is relatively high based  
25 on the census of 2000 ~~and increased substantially between~~  
26 ~~1980 and 1990.~~

27 (c) Fiscal shortfalls persist even though 12~~13~~ of the  
28 small counties levied the maximum ad valorem millage  
29 authorized in their jurisdictions in 2001~~1990~~ and an  
30 additional 15 ~~13~~ small counties levied between 8 and 10 mills.

31 (4) The Commissioner of Agriculture~~Comptroller~~ shall

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1 enter into contracts with program providers who shall:

2 (a) Be a non profit 501c(3) foundation with a  
3 governing board having representation of county commissioners  
4 and county professional staff.~~Be a public agency or private,~~  
5 ~~nonprofit corporation, association, or entity.~~

6 (b) Have a substantial and documented experience  
7 working closely with all county governments in providing both  
8 education and technical assistance.

9 ~~(c)~~(b) Use existing resources, services, and  
10 information that are available from state or local agencies,  
11 universities, or the private sector.

12 ~~(d)~~(c) Seek and accept funding from any public or  
13 private source.

14 ~~(d)~~ Annually submit information to assist the  
15 ~~Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations in~~  
16 ~~preparing a performance review that will include an analysis~~  
17 ~~of the effectiveness of the program.~~

18 (e) Assist small counties in developing alternative  
19 revenue sources.

20 (f) Provide assistance to small counties in ~~the~~ areas  
21 ~~such as~~of financial management, accounting, investing,  
22 purchasing, planning and budgeting, debt issuance, public  
23 management, management systems, computers and information  
24 technology, economic and community development, and public  
25 safety management.

26 (g) Provide for an annual independent financial audit  
27 of the program.

28 (h) In each county served, conduct a needs assessment  
29 upon which the assistance provided for that county will be  
30 designed.

31 (5)(a) The Commissioner of Agriculture~~Comptroller~~

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1 shall issue a request for proposals to provide assistance to  
2 small counties. The request for proposals shall be required no  
3 more frequently than every third year beginning with fiscal  
4 year 2004-2005. All contracts in existence on the effective  
5 date of this legislation between the Comptroller and any other  
6 party with respect to the Small County Technical Assistance  
7 Program may be accepted by the Commissioner of Agriculture as  
8 the party in interest and said contract(s) shall remain in  
9 full force and effect according to its terms.~~At the request~~  
10 ~~of the Comptroller, the Legislative Committee on~~  
11 ~~Intergovernmental Relations shall assist in the preparation of~~  
12 ~~the request for proposals.~~

13 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture~~Comptroller~~ shall  
14 review each contract proposal submitted.

15 ~~(c) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental~~  
16 ~~Relations shall review each contract proposal and submit to~~  
17 ~~the Comptroller, in writing, advisory comments and~~  
18 ~~recommendations, citing with specificity the reasons for its~~  
19 ~~recommendations.~~

20 ~~(c)(d)~~ The Commissioner of Agriculture~~Comptroller~~ and  
21 ~~the council~~ shall consider the following factors in reviewing  
22 contract proposals:

23 1. The demonstrated capacity of the provider to  
24 conduct needs assessments and implement the program as  
25 proposed.

26 2. The number of small counties to be served under the  
27 proposal.

28 3. The cost of the program as specified in a proposed  
29 budget.

30 4. The short-term and long-term benefits of the  
31 assistance to small counties.

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1           5. The form and extent to which existing resources,  
2 services, and information that are available from state and  
3 local agencies, universities, and the private sector will be  
4 used by the provider under the contract.

5           (6) A decision of the Commissioner of  
6 Agriculture~~Comptroller~~ to award a contract under this section  
7 is final and shall be in writing ~~with a copy provided to the~~  
8 ~~Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.~~

9           ~~(7) The Comptroller may enter into contracts and~~  
10 ~~agreements with other state and local agencies and with any~~  
11 ~~person, association, corporation, or entity other than the~~  
12 ~~program providers, for the purpose of administering this~~  
13 ~~section.~~

14           ~~(7)~~<sup>(8)</sup> The Commissioner of Agriculture~~Comptroller~~  
15 shall provide fiscal oversight to ensure that funds expended  
16 for the program are used in accordance with the contracts  
17 entered into pursuant to subsection (4)and shall conduct a  
18 performance review of the program as may be necessary to  
19 ensure that the goals and objectives of the program are being  
20 met.

21           ~~(9) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental~~  
22 ~~Relations shall annually conduct a performance review of the~~  
23 ~~program. The findings of the review shall be presented in a~~  
24 ~~report submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate,~~  
25 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the~~  
26 ~~Comptroller by January 15 of each year.~~

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect on June 30,  
28 2002.

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1 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, lines 2-15,  
4 remove: all of said lines

5  
6 and insert:

7 An act relating to the Small County Technical  
8 Assistance Program; amending s. 163.05, F.S.;  
9 revising legislative findings; providing  
10 criteria for contracts between the Commissioner  
11 of Agriculture and program providers; deleting  
12 responsibilities of the Legislative Committee  
13 on Intergovernmental Relations; authorizing the  
14 Commissioner of Agriculture to award contracts  
15 to provide assistance to small counties;  
16 requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to  
17 provide fiscal oversight and performance  
18 reviews; providing an effective date.

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