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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to water resources; amending s.
3 373.0831, F.S.; revising the criteria by which
4 water supply development projects may receive
5 priority consideration for funding assistance;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 373.0831, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 373.0831 Water resource development; water supply
13 development.--

14 (4)(a) Water supply development projects which are
15 consistent with the relevant regional water supply plans and
16 which meet at least one ~~or more~~ of the following criteria
17 shall receive priority consideration for state or water
18 management district funding assistance:

19 1. The project supports establishment of a dependable,
20 sustainable, and affordable supply of water ~~which is not~~
21 ~~otherwise financially feasible~~;

22 2. The project provides substantial environmental
23 benefits by preventing or limiting adverse water resource
24 impacts, but requires funding assistance to be economically
25 competitive with other options; or

26 3. The project significantly implements reuse,
27 storage, recharge, or conservation of water in a manner that
28 contributes to the efficient use and sustainability of
29 regional water supply sources.

30 (b) Water supply development projects which meet the
31 criteria in paragraph (a) and also bring about replacement of

1 existing sources in order to help implement a minimum flow or
2 level shall be given first consideration for state or water
3 management district funding assistance.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

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