

Bill No. CS for SB 2276

Amendment No. Barcode 655206

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Senator Lawson moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.1175 Agriculture education and promotion facility.--

(1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall serve as the state agency for screening applicants for state funding pursuant to this section and for certifying an applicant as a qualified agriculture education and promotion facility as defined in subsection (3).

(2) The department shall develop rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for the receipt and processing of applications for funding of projects pursuant to this section.

(3) As used in this section, the term "agriculture education and promotion facility" means an exhibition hall, arena, civic center, exposition center, or other capital

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1 project or facility which can be used for exhibitions,
2 demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events, and
3 other purposes that promote agriculture, horticulture,
4 livestock, equestrian, and other resources of the state and
5 educate the residents as to these resources.

6 (4) The department shall certify a facility as an
7 agriculture education and promotion facility if the department
8 determines that:

9 (a) The applicant is a unit of local government as
10 defined in s. 218.369, or a fair association as defined in s.
11 616.001(9), which is responsible for the planning, design,
12 permitting, construction, renovation, management, and
13 operation of the agriculture education and promotion facility
14 or holds title to the property on which such facility is to be
15 developed and located.

16 (b) The applicant has projections, verified by the
17 department, which demonstrate that the agriculture education
18 and promotion facility will serve more than 25,000 visitors
19 annually.

20 (c) The municipality in which the facility is located,
21 or the county if the facility is located in an unincorporated
22 area, has certified by resolution after a public hearing that
23 the proposed agriculture education and promotion facility
24 serves a public purpose.

25 (d) The applicant has demonstrated that it has
26 provided, is capable of providing, or has financial or other
27 commitments to provide more than 40 percent of the costs
28 incurred or related to the planning, design, permitting,
29 construction, or renovation of the facility. The applicant may
30 include the value of the land and any improvements thereon in
31 determining its contribution to the development of the

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1 facility.

2 (5) The department shall competitively evaluate
3 applications for funding of an agriculture education and
4 promotion facility. If the number of applicants exceeds three,
5 the department shall rank the applications based upon criteria
6 developed by the department, with equal weight given for each
7 of the following items:

8 (a) The amount of local match, with priority given to
9 the largest percentage of local match proposed.

10 (b) The location of the facility in a brownfield site
11 as defined in s. 376.79(3), a rural enterprise zone as defined
12 in s. 290.004(8), an agriculturally depressed area as defined
13 in s. 570.242(1), a redevelopment area established pursuant to
14 s. 373.461(5)(g), or a county that has lost its agricultural
15 land to environmental restoration projects.

16 (c) The net increase, as a result of the facility, of
17 total available exhibition, arena, or civic center space
18 within the jurisdictional limits of the local government in
19 which the facility is to be located, with priority given to
20 the largest percentage increase of total exhibition, arena, or
21 civic center space.

22 (d) The intended use of the funds by the applicant,
23 with priority given to the construction of a new facility.

24 (e) The highest projection on paid attendance
25 attracted by the agriculture education and promotion facility
26 and the proposed economic impact on the local community.

27 (f) The location of the facility with respect to an
28 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) facility,
29 with priority given to facilities closer in proximity to an
30 IFAS facility.

31 (6) Funds may not be expended to develop or subsidize

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1 privately owned facilities, except for facilities owned by
2 fair associations as defined in s. 616.001(9).

3 (7) An applicant may use funds provided pursuant to
4 this section only for the public purpose of paying for the
5 planning, design, permitting, construction, or renovation of
6 an agriculture education and promotion facility or to pay or
7 pledge for the payment of debt service on, or to fund debt
8 service reserve funds, arbitrage rebate obligations, or other
9 amounts payable with respect to, bonds issued for the
10 planning, design, permitting, construction, or renovation of
11 such facility or for the reimbursement of such costs or the
12 refinancing of bonds issued for such purposes.

13 (8) Applications must be submitted by October 1 of
14 each year. The department may not recommend funding for less
15 than the requested amount to any applicant certified as an
16 agriculture education and promotion facility. Funding of
17 certified applicants shall be subject to the amount provided
18 by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act for this
19 program.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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28 and insert:

29 A bill to be entitled
30 An act relating to agriculture education and
31 promotion facilities; creating s. 288.1175,

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1 F.S.; providing that the Department of
 2 Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be the
 3 state agency for screening applicants for state
 4 funding and certification as an agriculture
 5 education and promotion facility; providing for
 6 rules; providing definitions; providing
 7 criteria for applicants; providing for
 8 evaluation by the department; providing
 9 criteria; prohibiting the expenditure of funds
 10 to develop or subsidize privately owned
 11 facilities; providing an exception; providing
 12 an effective date.

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