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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Conservation and
3 Recreation Lands Trust Fund; amending s.
4 259.032, F.S.; authorizing payments in lieu of
5 taxes from the trust fund to counties where
6 there are certain categories of state-owned
7 lands; providing conditions to making such
8 payments; setting the initial amount of such
9 payments at a percentage of lost taxes;
10 providing for annual increases in, and setting
11 a maximum on, the amount of the payments;
12 providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (12) of section
17 259.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 259.032 Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund;
19 purpose.--

20 (12)

21 (b) Payment in lieu of taxes shall be available:

22 1. To all counties that have a population of 150,000
23 or fewer. Population levels shall be determined pursuant to s.
24 11.031.

25 2. To all local governments located in eligible
26 counties.

27 3. To Glades County, where a privately owned and
28 operated prison leased to the state has recently been opened
29 and where privately owned and operated juvenile justice
30 facilities leased to the state have recently been constructed
31 and opened, a payment in lieu of taxes, in an amount that

1 offsets the loss of property tax revenue, which funds have
2 already been appropriated and allocated from the Department of
3 Correction's budget for the purpose of reimbursing amounts
4 equal to lost ad valorem taxes.

5 4. To all counties where there are state-owned lands,
6 a payment in lieu of taxes, in an amount that offsets the loss
7 of property tax, is authorized. Contingent upon legislative
8 appropriation and the availability of funds, payments shall
9 begin at the rate of 1 percent of the taxes that would
10 ordinarily be due on the assessed value of improved state
11 property other than military property, forests, parks,
12 recreational areas, college or university property, and
13 hospital property and shall increase each year by 1 percent of
14 such taxes but may not exceed 5 percent of such taxes.

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16 For the purposes of this subsection, "local government"
17 includes municipalities, the county school board, mosquito
18 control districts, and any other local government entity which
19 levies ad valorem taxes, with the exception of a water
20 management district.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2005.

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24 SENATE SUMMARY

25 Contingent upon legislative appropriation and
26 availability of funds, authorizes payments in lieu of
27 taxes from the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust
28 Fund to counties where there are certain categories of
29 state-owned lands. Sets the initial amount of such
30 payments at 1 percent of the lost taxes. Provides for
31 annual increases in the amount and places a cap on the
amount of such payments.