

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the funding of dredging
3 projects; creating s. 311.22, F.S. ;
4 establishing a program to provide matching
5 funds for dredging projects in eligible
6 counties; requiring that funds appropriated
7 under the program be used for certain projects;
8 requiring that the Florida Seaport
9 Transportation and Economic Development Council
10 adopt rules for evaluating the dredging
11 projects; providing criteria for the rules;
12 providing for a project-review process by the
13 Department of Community Affairs, the Department
14 of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism,
15 Trade, and Economic Development; providing an
16 effective date.

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

20 Section 1. Section 311.22, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 311.22 Additional authorization for funding certain
23 dredging projects.--

24 (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
25 Development Council shall establish a program to fund dredging
26 projects in counties having a population of fewer than 300,000
27 according to the last official census. Funds made available
28 under this program may be used to fund approved projects for
29 the dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or
30 harbors on a 50-50 matching basis with any port authority, as
31 such term is defined in s. 315.02(2), which complies with the

1 water quality provisions of s. 403.061 and the local financial
2 management and reporting provisions of part III of chapter
3 218.

4 (2) The council shall adopt rules for evaluating the
5 projects that may be funded pursuant to this section. The
6 rules must provide criteria for evaluating the economic
7 benefit of the project. The rules must include the creation of
8 an administrative review process by the council which is
9 similar to the process contained in ss. 311.09(5)-(12), and
10 provide for a review by the Department of Community Affairs,
11 the Department of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism,
12 Trade, and Economic Development of all projects submitted for
13 funding under this section.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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17 SENATE SUMMARY

18 Establishes a program to fund dredging projects on a
19 50-50 matching basis in counties having a population of
20 fewer than 300,000. Requires the Florida Seaport
21 Transportation and Economic Development Council to adopt
22 rules for evaluating projects funded under the act. Sets
23 forth certain criteria for the rules. Requires that the
24 Department of Community Affairs, the Department of
25 Transportation, and the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
26 Economic Development review all projects under the act.
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