

By the Committees on Ways and Means; Environmental Preservation; and Senator Dockery

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1                                    A bill to be entitled  
2                    An act relating to trust funds; creating s.  
3                    403.891, F.S.; creating the Water Protection  
4                    and Sustainability Trust Fund within the  
5                    Department of Environmental Protection;  
6                    providing for sources of funds and purposes;  
7                    providing for an annual carryforward of funds;  
8                    providing for future legislative review and  
9                    termination or re-creation of the trust fund;  
10                    providing a contingent effective date.

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

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14                    Section 1. Section 403.891, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16                    403.891 Water Protection and Sustainability Program  
17 Trust Fund of the Department of Environmental Protection.--

18                    (1) The Water Protection and Sustainability Program  
19 Trust Fund is created within the Department of Environmental  
20 Protection. The purpose of the trust fund is to receive funds  
21 pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(d)2., funds from other sources  
22 provided for in law and the General Appropriations Act, and  
23 funds received by the department in order to implement the  
24 provisions of the Water Sustainability and Protection Program  
25 created in s. 403.890.

26                    (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s.  
27 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any  
28 fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the  
29 year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of  
30 the trust fund.

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1           (3) Pursuant to s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
2 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner,  
3 be terminated on July 1, 2009. Prior to its scheduled  
4 termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in  
5 s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, if  
7 CS for CS for CS for Senate Bill 444 or similar legislation is  
8 adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
9 thereof and becomes law.

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11                           STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
12   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
13   CS Senate Bill 332

14           The committee substitute removes the reference to bonding, and  
15 allows the department to deposit federal grants and other  
16 funds into the Water Sustainability and Protection Trust Fund.  
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