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The Committee on Ways and Means (Pruitt) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 28, line 11 through page 31 line 17, delete those lines

and insert:

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2005-2006, the state shall annually provide a portion of those revenues deposited into the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund for the purpose of providing funding assistance for the development of alternative water supplies pursuant to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program. At the beginning of each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2005-2006, such revenues shall be distributed by the department into the alternative water supply trust fund accounts created by each district for the purpose of alternative water supply development under the following funding formula:

1. Thirty percent to the South Florida Water Management District;

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1 2. Twenty-five percent to the Southwest Florida Water
2 Management District;

3 3. Twenty-five percent to the St. Johns River Water
4 Management District;

5 4. Ten percent to the Suwannee River Water Management
6 District; and

7 5. Ten percent to the Northwest Florida Water
8 Management District.

9 (c) The financial assistance for alternative water
10 supply projects allocated in each district's budget as
11 required in s. 373.196(6) shall be combined with the state
12 funds and used to assist in funding the project construction
13 costs of alternative water supply projects selected by the
14 governing board. If the district has not completed any
15 regional water supply plan, or the regional water supply plan
16 does not identify the need for any alternative water supply
17 projects, funds deposited in that district's trust fund may be
18 used for water resource development projects, including, but
19 not limited to, springs protection.

20 (d) All projects submitted to the governing board for
21 consideration shall reflect the total capital cost for
22 implementation. The costs shall be segregated pursuant to the
23 categories described in the definition of capital costs.

24 (e) Applicants for projects that may receive funding
25 assistance pursuant to the Water Protection and Sustainability
26 Program shall, at a minimum, be required to pay 60 percent of
27 the project's construction costs. The water management
28 districts may, at their discretion, totally or partially waive
29 this requirement for projects sponsored by financially
30 disadvantaged small local governments as defined in s.
31 403.885(4).

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1 (f) The governing boards shall determine those
 2 projects that will be selected for financial assistance. The
 3 governing boards may establish factors to determine project
 4 funding; however, significant weight shall be given to the
 5 following factors:

6 1. Whether the project provides substantial
 7 environmental benefits by preventing or limiting adverse water
 8 resource impacts.

9 2. Whether the project reduces competition for water
 10 supplies.

11 3. Whether the project brings about replacement of
 12 traditional sources in order to help implement a minimum flow
 13 or level or a reservation.

14 4. Whether the project will be implemented by a
 15 consumptive use permittee that has achieved the targets
 16 contained in a goal-based water conservation program approved
 17 pursuant to s. 373.227.

18 5. The quantity of water supplied by the project as
 19 compared to its cost.

20 6. Projects in which the construction and delivery to
 21 end users of reuse water is a major component.

22 7. Whether the project will be implemented by a
 23 multi-jurisdictional water supply entity or regional water
 24 supply authority.

25 (g) Additional factors to be considered in determining
 26 project funding shall include:

27 1. Whether the project is part of a plan to implement
 28 two or more alternative water supply projects, all of which
 29 will be operated to produce water at a uniform rate for the
 30 participants in a multi-jurisdictional water supply entity or
 31 regional water supply authority.

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1 2. The percentage of project costs to be funded by the
2 water supplier or water user.

3 3. Whether the project proposal includes sufficient
4 preliminary planning and engineering to demonstrate that the
5 project can reasonably be implemented within the timeframes
6 provided in the regional water supply plan.

7 4. Whether the project is a subsequent phase of an
8 alternative water supply project that is underway.

9 5. Whether and in what percentage a local government
10 or local government utility is transferring water supply
11 system revenues to the local government general fund in excess
12 of reimbursements for services received from the general fund,
13 including direct and indirect costs and legitimate payments in
14 lieu of taxes.

15 (h) After conducting one or more meetings to solicit
16 public input on eligible projects including input from those
17 entities identified pursuant to s. 373.036(2)(a)3.d. for
18 implementation of alternative water supply projects, the
19 governing board of each water management district shall select
20 projects for funding assistance based upon the criteria set
21 forth in paragraphs (f) and (g). The governing board may
22 select a project identified or listed as an alternative water
23 supply development project in the regional water supply plan,
24 or allocate up to 20 percent of the funding for alternative
25 water supply projects that are not identified or listed in the
26 regional water supply plan but are consistent with the goals
27 of the plan.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 On page 2, lines 24 through 31, delete those lines
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3 and insert:
4 total capital costs of an approved project;
5 establishing a selection process and criteria;
6 providing for cost recovery approval from the
7 Public Service Commission; amending s.
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