



1 of department rules and shall apply to costs incurred on or  
2 after such date.

3 (2) Any property owner in the Wekiva Study Area or the  
4 Wekiva River Protection Area having an income less than or  
5 equal to 200 percent of the federal poverty level who is  
6 required by rule of the Department of Health, the Department  
7 of Environmental Protection, or the St. Johns River Water  
8 Management District to alter, repair, or modify any existing  
9 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system to a  
10 nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system on such  
11 property may apply to the Department of Health for a grant to  
12 assist such owner with the cost of compliance.

13 (3) The amount of the grant is limited to the cost  
14 differential between the replacement of a comparable existing  
15 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system and that of an  
16 upgraded nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system,  
17 but may not exceed \$10,000 per property.

18 (4) The grant shall be in the form of a rebate to the  
19 property owner for costs incurred in complying with  
20 requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.  
21 The property owner shall provide to the Department of Health  
22 in the grant application documentation of costs incurred in  
23 complying with requirements for such system.

24 (5) The Department of Health shall adopt rules  
25 providing forms, procedures, and requirements for applying for  
26 and disbursing grants including bid requirements and for  
27 documenting compliance costs incurred.

28 (6) The Department of Health, in coordination with the  
29 Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River  
30 Water Management District, shall continue to evaluate, by any  
31 means the department deems appropriate, the level of nitrogen

1 deposited in the Wekiva Study Area caused by onsite sewage  
2 treatment and disposal systems.

3           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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6                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
7                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
8                   Senate Bills 1338 and 1794

9 The committee substitute combines SB 1338 and SB 1794 and  
10 establishes a Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal  
11 System Compliance Grant Program in the the Department of  
12 Health. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to  
13 low-income property owners in the Wekiva Study Area or the  
14 Wekiva River Protection Area to assist the property owners in  
15 complying with rules for onsite sewage treatment and disposal  
16 systems developed by the Department of Health.

17 The amount of the grant is limited and may not exceed \$10,000  
18 per property. The grant is in the form of a rebate to the  
19 property owner for certain costs incurred in complying with  
20 requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

21 The Department of Health, in coordination with the Department  
22 of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River Water  
23 Management District, shall continue to evaluate the level of  
24 nitrogen deposited in the Wekiva Study Area caused by onsite  
25 sewage treatment and disposal systems.

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