

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senator Dockery

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.196, F.S.; directing the South Florida Water Management District to develop recommendations addressing certain water storage methods; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 373.196, Florida Statutes, to read:

373.196 Alternative water supply development.--

(7) The South Florida Water Management District shall develop recommendations on the feasibility of above-ground reservoirs to be constructed, operated, and maintained for the storage of high-level discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River. In developing the recommendations, the district shall consider infrastructure necessary to transfer water being discharged from Lake Okeechobee to a reservoir and infrastructure necessary to construct, operate, and maintain water production and transmission facilities for the purpose of supplying water for multiple uses to the surrounding areas, and shall identify state and local water resource development and water supply development programs that encourage the development and use of alternative water supplies through partnership efforts.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1416

The committee substitute provides that the South Florida Water Management district shall develop recommendations on the feasibility of above ground reservoirs to be constructed, operated, and maintained for the storage of high level discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River. In developing recommendations, the district shall consider infrastructure that is necessary to transfer water being discharged from Lake Okeechobee to a reservoir. The district shall also consider infrastructure that is necessary to construct, operate, and maintain water production and transmission facilities for the purpose of supplying water for multiple uses to the surrounding areas.

The committee substitute also provides that the district shall identify state and local water resource development and water supply develop programs which encourage the development and use of alternative water supplies through partnership efforts.