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The Committee on Environmental Preservation (Siplin)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, lines 12-27, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 1. Section 375.075, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

375.075 Outdoor recreation; financial assistance to
local governments.--

(1) The Department of Environmental Protection is
authorized to establish the Florida Recreation Development
Assistance Program to provide grants to qualified local
governmental entities to acquire or develop land for public
outdoor recreation purposes. To the extent not needed for debt
service on bonds issued pursuant to s. 375.051, each year the
department shall develop and plan a program which shall be
based upon funding of not less than 5 percent of the money
credited to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to s.
201.15(2) and (3) in that year. Beginning fiscal year

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1 2001-2002, the department shall develop and plan a program
 2 which shall be based upon the cumulative total funding
 3 provided from this section and from the Florida Forever Trust
 4 Fund pursuant to s. 259.105(3)(c).

5 (2)(a) The department shall adopt, by rule, procedures
 6 to govern the program, which must ~~shall include, but need not~~
 7 ~~be limited to,~~ a competitive project selection process
 8 designed to maximize the outdoor recreation benefit to the
 9 public; the number of active projects receiving grant funds
 10 which a local government may have during any state fiscal
 11 year; the maximum state funds that may be awarded to each
 12 grant project; requirements for grant applications; documents
 13 and forms that must accompany an application;
 14 grant-administration procedures; accountability requirements;
 15 site dedication and management requirements; conversion
 16 requirements; public-accessibility requirements; entrance
 17 fees; native planting requirements; inspection requirements;
 18 and compliance requirements.

19 (b) Selection criteria shall, at a minimum, rank:

20 1. The extent to which the project would implement the
 21 outdoor recreation goals, objectives, and priorities specified
 22 in the state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan; and

23 2. The extent to which the project would provide for
 24 priority resource or facility needs in the region as specified
 25 in the state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

26 (c) No release of funds from the Land Acquisition
 27 Trust Fund, or from the Florida Forever Trust Fund beginning
 28 in fiscal year 2001-2002, for this program may be made for
 29 these public recreation projects until the projects have been
 30 selected through the competitive selection process provided
 31 for in this section.

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1 (3) The department shall adopt, by rule, an additional
2 program consistent with the requirements of this section to
3 provide funding for boundless playgrounds. A boundless
4 playground is defined as a playground that is a barrier-free
5 environment designed for children of all abilities, including
6 those with physical, developmental, cognitive, and sensory
7 disabilities, to experience independent, self-directed play,
8 each at his or her own highest level of ability, and that
9 includes play components and equipment that are accessible and
10 engage children who have various motor impairments. A local
11 ~~government may submit up to two grant applications during each~~
12 ~~application period announced by the department. However, a~~
13 ~~local government may not have more than three active projects~~
14 ~~expending grant funds during any state fiscal year. The~~
15 ~~maximum project grant for each project application may not~~
16 ~~exceed \$200,000 in state funds.~~

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

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21 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 On page 1, line 4,

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25 insert:

26 providing for the adoption of additional rules
27 for administering the program; deleting certain
28 restrictions on projects that a local
29 government may have;

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