

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation; and Senator Margolis

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Recreation
Development Assistance Program; amending s.
375.075, F.S.; revising the number of grant
applications that a local government is
authorized to submit; revising the amount of
money in state funds which may be granted for a
project application; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 375.075, Florida
Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that
section, to read:

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

(3) A local government may submit up to three ~~two~~
grant applications during each application period announced by
the department. However, a local government may not have more
than three active projects expending grant funds during any
state fiscal year. The maximum project grant for each project
application may not exceed ~~\$500,000~~ \$200,000 in state funds.

(4) The department shall adopt by rule a determination
of the appropriate incentive for encouraging the construction
of inclusive playgrounds. As used in this subsection, the term
"inclusive playground" means a playground that is a
barrier-free environment designed for children of all
abilities, including those with physical, developmental,
cognitive, and sensory disabilities, to experience
independent, self-directed play, each at his or her own

1 highest level of ability, and includes play components and
2 equipment that are accessible and engage children who have
3 various motor impairments.

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

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
9 Senate Bill 1892

10 The committee substitute allows a local government to submit
11 up to three grant applications under the Florida Recreation
12 Development Assistance Program during each application period
13 instead of two. The maximum project grant amount for each
14 project application is increased from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

15 The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt, by
16 rule, a determination of the appropriate incentive for
17 encouraging the construction of inclusive playgrounds. Defines
18 "inclusive playground."
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