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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Jones)  
recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 46, between lines 10 and 11,

insert:

Section 26. The Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a salary study for environmental permitting staff and submit a plan to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations by November 1, 2007, which implements a pay parity compensation plan not to exceed 3 years beginning fiscal year 2009 which is comparable to similar positions within water management districts, local governments, and the private sector marine construction industry. The plan shall enable the Department of Environmental Protection to attract, train, and retain qualified staff involved with environmental resource permitting and related wetlands permit programs at the state and district levels.

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1           Section 27. The Department of Environmental Protection  
2 shall develop a project management plan to implement the  
3 remaining phases of an e-permitting program that allows for  
4 timely submittal, processing, and exchange of permit  
5 application and compliance information that yields positive  
6 benefits in support of the department's mission, permit  
7 applicants, permit holders, and the public. The plan shall  
8 include an implementation timetable, estimated costs, and  
9 transaction fees. The Department of Environmental Protection  
10 shall submit the plan to the President of the Senate, the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative  
12 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations by November 1, 2007.

13           Section 28. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
14 law, a local government is prohibited from specifying the  
15 method or format of a determination by the Department of  
16 Environmental Protection or a water management district that a  
17 project meets the provisions of authorization under chapter  
18 253, chapter 373, or chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

19           Section 29. Subsection (41) is added to section  
20 403.061, Florida Statutes, to read:

21           403.061 Department; powers and duties.--The department  
22 shall have the power and the duty to control and prohibit  
23 pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and  
24 rules adopted and promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:

25           (41) Maintain a list of projects or activities that  
26 applicants may consider when developing proposals to meet the  
27 applicable public interest and mitigation requirements of  
28 chapter 253, chapter 373, or this chapter. Maintenance of such  
29 a list is not a rule under the provisions of chapter 120, and  
30 listing of a specific project or activity shall not be  
31 construed to imply approval as meeting the conditions of

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1 issuance for an authorization for any specific project. County  
 2 governments shall develop an inventory of projects or  
 3 activities for inclusion on the list by obtaining input from  
 4 local stakeholder groups in the public, private, and nonprofit  
 5 sectors to include: municipal and county governments, port  
 6 authorities, marine contractors and other representatives of  
 7 the marine construction industry, environmental or  
 8 conservation organizations, and other interested parties  
 9 representing working waterfronts.

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11 The department shall implement such programs in conjunction  
 12 with its other powers and duties and shall place special  
 13 emphasis on reducing and eliminating contamination that  
 14 presents a threat to humans, animals or plants, or to the  
 15 environment.

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17 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 3, line 23, following the semicolon

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24 insert:

25 requiring the Department of Environmental  
 26 Protection to conduct a salary study and submit  
 27 a plan; requiring the Department of  
 28 Environmental Protection to develop a project  
 29 management plan to implement the remaining  
 30 phases of an e-permitting program and submit a  
 31 plan; prohibiting local governments from

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1 specifying the method or format of a  
2 determination by the Department of  
3 Environmental Protection or a water management  
4 district with respect to certain projects;  
5 amending s. 403.061, F.S.; authorizing the  
6 Department of Environmental Protection to  
7 maintain a list of projects and activities that  
8 applicants may consider in developing certain  
9 proposals;

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