

- 1 (c) Reducing dependence on energy resources produced
2 outside this state.
- 3 (d) Providing a market for crops grown in this state.
- 4 (e) Improving air quality by the use of cleaner
5 renewable resources.
- 6 (f) Continuing and enhancing this state's leadership
7 in renewable energy.
- 8 (g) Increasing the state's tax base.
- 9 (h) Developing examples for others to emulate.
- 10 (2) As used in this section, the term:
- 11 (a) "Biofuel" means a fuel made from plant materials.
- 12 (b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of
13 Agriculture.
- 14 (c) "Incentives" means funding through various means,
15 including grants, loans, or loan guarantees.
- 16 (d) "Local government" means a county, a municipality,
17 or a municipal utility.
- 18 (3) Using funding that is available from state or
19 federal sources, the commissioner shall provide incentives to
20 encourage:
- 21 (a) Farmers in this state to grow crops, such as
22 soybeans or rapeseed, which can be used to produce biofuel;
- 23 (b) Persons to produce and sell biofuel in this state;
24 and
- 25 (c) Local governments and others to consume biofuel
26 that is produced in this state or produced from crops that are
27 grown in this state.
- 28 (4) Recipients of the incentives must be selected
29 through a competitive-procurement process. To be eligible to
30 receive incentives, a project must:
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- 1 (a) Assist in achieving the purposes stated in
2 subsection (1).
- 3 (b) Have a sponsor whose technical and financial
4 experience and credentials are appropriate for successfully
5 undertaking and completing the project.
- 6 (c) Be proposed for completion within 2 years, or such
7 other period as the commissioner specifies by rule. A
8 longer-term project may be divided into shorter phases that
9 are evaluated as separate projects.
- 10 (d) Specify deliverables and have a work plan and
11 budget that are feasible and complete.
- 12 (e) Not have had financing for the project secured or
13 otherwise approved on or before July 1, 2007.
- 14 (5) In selecting eligible projects, the commissioner
15 shall give priority to projects that:
- 16 (a) Leverage significant commercial, institutional,
17 financial, or technical resources.
- 18 (b) Have demonstration value that will accelerate the
19 commercial use of biofuel.
- 20 (c) Coordinate initiatives within the State University
21 System involving the development, demonstration, and use of
22 biofuel.
- 23 (d) Build technical and financial capability for
24 developing or using biofuel within a region.
- 25 (e) Foster sustainable development in rural areas of
26 this state.
- 27 (f) Achieve other goals that are consistent with the
28 purposes stated in subsection (1).
- 29 (6) Each recipient of an incentive under this section
30 shall provide the commissioner with an annual written report
31 that specifies the activities conducted, the project

1 participants, the benefits resulting in comparison to the
2 initial project goals and objectives, and the events that
3 significantly affected the outcome, including a full
4 accounting of the project which specifies the expenditure of
5 funds received under this section.

6 (7) The commissioner may adopt rules under ss.
7 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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11 SENATE SUMMARY

12 Provides for a public-private partnership to develop and
13 foster the widespread use of biofuel. Provides a purpose
14 and definitions. Directs the Commissioner of Agriculture
15 to provide financial incentives to encourage farmers to
16 grow certain feedstock for the production of biofuels,
17 encourage persons to produce and sell certain biofuels,
18 and encourage local governments and others to consume
19 certain biofuels. Requires a competitive process for
20 selecting projects to receive the incentives. Provides
21 criteria to determine project eligibility and prioritize
22 funding of eligible projects. Requires reports by persons
23 whose project is funded. Authorizes rulemaking by the
24 commissioner.

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