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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to land acquisition; amending
ss. 259.105 and 373.470, F.S.; eliminating
obsolete provisions relating to the
distribution of funds in the Florida Forever
Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 259.105, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

259.105 The Florida Forever Act.--

(11) For the purposes of funding projects pursuant to
paragraph (3)(a), the Secretary of Environmental Protection
shall ensure that each water management district receives the
following percentage of funds annually:

(a) Thirty-five percent to the South Florida Water
Management District, of which amount \$25 million for 2 years
beginning in fiscal year 2000-2001 shall be transferred by the
Department of Environmental Protection into the Save Our
Everglades Trust Fund and shall be used exclusively to
implement the comprehensive plan under s. 373.470.

(b) Twenty-five percent to the Southwest Florida Water
Management District.

(c) Twenty-five percent to the St. John's River Water
Management District.

(d) Seven and one-half percent to the Suwannee River
Water Management District.

(e) Seven and one-half percent to the Northwest
Florida Water Management District.

1 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 373.470, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 373.470 Everglades restoration.--

4 (5) SAVE OUR EVERGLADES TRUST FUND SUPPLEMENTED.--

5 (a)~~1~~ For fiscal year 2000-2001, \$50 million of state
6 funds shall be deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust
7 Fund created by s. 373.472.

8 **(b)2** For each year of the 9 consecutive years
9 beginning with fiscal year 2001-2002, \$75 million of state
10 funds shall be deposited into the Save Our Everglades Trust
11 Fund created by s. 373.472.

12 (c)~~3~~ As an alternative to paragraph (b) subparagraph
13 ~~2~~, proceeds of bonds issued under s. 215.619 may be deposited
14 into the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund created under s.
15 373.472. To enhance flexibility, funds to be deposited into
16 the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund may consist of any
17 combination of state funds and Everglades restoration bonds.

18 ~~(b) For each year of the 2 consecutive years beginning~~
19 ~~with fiscal year 2000-2001, the department shall deposit \$25~~
20 ~~million of the funds allocated to the district by the~~
21 ~~department under s. 259.105(11)(a) into the Save Our~~
22 ~~Everglades Trust Fund created by s. 373.472.~~

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
24 law.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Eliminates obsolete provisions relating to the
29 distribution of funds in the Florida Forever Trust Fund.
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