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1 development. Thus, the Legislature recognizes and finds that  
2 reduced state oversight of local comprehensive planning is  
3 justified for some local governments in urban areas.

4 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that this  
5 state's urban areas require a reduced level of state oversight  
6 because of their high degree of urbanization and the planning  
7 capabilities and resources of many of their local governments.  
8 An alternative state review process that is adequate to  
9 protect issues of regional or statewide importance should be  
10 created for appropriate local governments in these areas.  
11 Further, the Legislature finds that development, including  
12 urban infill and redevelopment, should be encouraged in these  
13 urban areas. The Legislature finds that an alternative process  
14 for amending local comprehensive plans in these areas should  
15 be established with an objective of streamlining the process  
16 and recognizing local responsibility and accountability.

17 (c) The Legislature finds a pilot program will be  
18 beneficial in evaluating an alternative, expedited plan  
19 amendment adoption and review process. Pilot local governments  
20 shall represent highly developed counties and the  
21 municipalities within these counties and highly populated  
22 municipalities.

23 (2) ALTERNATIVE STATE REVIEW PROCESS PILOT  
24 PROGRAM.--Pinellas and Broward Counties, and the  
25 municipalities within these counties, and Jacksonville, Miami,  
26 and Hialeah, shall follow an alternative state review process  
27 provided in this section. Municipalities within the pilot  
28 counties may elect, by super majority vote of the governing  
29 body, not to participate in the pilot program.

30 (3) PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
31 AMENDMENTS UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM.--

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1       (a) Plan amendments adopted by the pilot program  
2 jurisdictions shall follow the alternate, expedited process in  
3 subsections (4) and (5), except as set forth in paragraphs (b)  
4 through (e) of this subsection.

5       (b) Amendments that qualify as small-scale development  
6 amendments may continue to be adopted by the pilot program  
7 jurisdictions pursuant to ss. 163.3187(1)(c) and (3).

8       (c) Plan amendments that propose a rural land  
9 stewardship area pursuant to s. 163.3177(11)(d); propose an  
10 optional sector plan; update a comprehensive plan based on an  
11 evaluation and appraisal report; implement new statutory  
12 requirements; or new plans for newly incorporated  
13 municipalities are subject to state review as set forth in s.  
14 163.3184.

15       (d) Pilot program jurisdictions shall be subject to  
16 the frequency and timing requirements for plan amendments set  
17 forth in ss. 163.3187 and 163.3191, except where otherwise  
18 stated in this section.

19       (e) The mediation and expedited hearing provisions in  
20 s. 163.3189(3) apply to all plan amendments adopted by the  
21 pilot program jurisdictions.

22       (4) INITIAL HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT  
23 FOR PILOT PROGRAM.--

24       (a) The local government shall hold its first public  
25 hearing on a comprehensive plan amendment on a weekday at  
26 least seven days after the day the first advertisement is  
27 published pursuant to the requirements of chapters 125 or 166.  
28 Upon an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the  
29 members of the governing body present at the hearing, the  
30 local government shall immediately transmit the amendment or  
31 amendments and appropriate supporting data and analyses to the

1 state land planning agency; the appropriate regional planning  
 2 council and water management district; the Department of  
 3 Environmental Protection; the Department of State; the  
 4 Department of Transportation; in the case of municipal plans,  
 5 to the appropriate county; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
 6 Commission; the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
 7 Services; and in the case of amendments that include or impact  
 8 the public school facilities element, the Office of  
 9 Educational Facilities of the Commissioner of Education. The  
 10 local governing body shall also transmit a copy of the  
 11 amendments and supporting data and analyses to any other local  
 12 government or governmental agency that has filed a written  
 13 request with the governing body.

14       (b) The agencies and local governments specified in  
 15 paragraph (a) may provide comments regarding the amendment or  
 16 amendments to the local government. The regional planning  
 17 council review and comment shall be limited to effects on  
 18 regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic  
 19 regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that  
 20 would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of the  
 21 affected local government. A regional planning council shall  
 22 not review and comment on a proposed comprehensive plan  
 23 amendment prepared by such council unless the plan has been  
 24 changed by the local government subsequent to the preparation  
 25 of the plan by the regional planning agency. County comments  
 26 on municipal comprehensive plan amendments shall be primarily  
 27 in the context of the relationship and effect of the proposed  
 28 plan amendments on the county plan. Municipal comments on  
 29 county plan amendments shall be primarily in the context of  
 30 the relationship and effect of the amendments on the municipal  
 31 plan. State agency comments may include technical guidance on

1 issues of agency jurisdiction as it relates to the  
 2 requirements of this part. Such comments shall clearly  
 3 identify issues of regional or statewide importance that, if  
 4 not resolved, may result in an agency challenge to the  
 5 amendment. Agencies and local governments must transmit their  
 6 comments to the affected local government such that they are  
 7 received by the local government not later than thirty days  
 8 from the date on which the agency or government received the  
 9 amendment or amendments.

10 (5) ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PILOT  
 11 AREAS.--

12 (a) The local government shall hold its second public  
 13 hearing, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt one or  
 14 more comprehensive plan amendments, on a weekday at least five  
 15 days after the day the second advertisement is published  
 16 pursuant to the requirements of chapters 125 or 166. Adoption  
 17 of comprehensive plan amendments must be by ordinance and  
 18 requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of  
 19 the governing body present at the second hearing.

20 (b) All comprehensive plan amendments adopted by the  
 21 governing body along with the supporting data and analysis  
 22 shall be transmitted within ten days of the second public  
 23 hearing to the state land planning agency and any other agency  
 24 or local government that provided timely comments under  
 25 subsection 4(b).

26 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES TO PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR  
 27 PILOT PROGRAM.--

28 (a) Any "affected person" as defined in s.  
 29 163.3184(1)(a) may file a petition with the Division of  
 30 Administrative Hearings pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57,  
 31 with a copy served on the affected local government, to

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1 request a formal hearing to challenge whether the amendments  
2 are "in compliance" as defined in s. 163.3184(1)(b). This  
3 petition must be filed with the Division within 30 days after  
4 the local government adopts the amendment. The state land  
5 planning may intervene in a proceeding instituted by an  
6 affected person.

7       (b) The state land planning agency may file a petition  
8 with the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to ss.  
9 120.569 and 120.57, with a copy served on the affected local  
10 government, to request a formal hearing. This petition must be  
11 filed with the Division within 30 days after the state land  
12 planning agency notifies the local government that the plan  
13 amendment package is complete. For purposes of this section,  
14 an amendment shall be deemed complete if it contains a full,  
15 executed copy of the adoption ordinance or ordinances; in the  
16 case of a text amendment, a full copy of the amended language  
17 in legislative format with new words inserted in the text  
18 underlined, and words to be deleted lined through with  
19 hyphens; in the case of a future land use map amendment, a  
20 copy of the future land use map clearly depicting the parcel,  
21 its existing future land use designation, and its adopted  
22 designation; and a copy of any data and analyses the local  
23 government deems appropriate. The state land planning agency  
24 shall notify the local government of any deficiencies within  
25 five working days of receipt of amendment package.

26       (c) The state land planning agency challenge shall be  
27 limited to issues of regional or statewide importance as they  
28 relate to consistency with the requirements of this part. The  
29 agency's challenge shall be limited to those issues raised in  
30 the comments provided by the reviewing agencies pursuant to  
31 subsection (4)(a). The agency may challenge a plan amendment

1 that has substantially changed from the version on which the  
 2 agencies provided comments, regardless of specific comments  
 3 provided to the local government if such change will result in  
 4 an impact to issues of regional or statewide importance that  
 5 the proposed amendment did not impact.

6 (d) An administrative law judge shall hold a hearing  
 7 in the affected local jurisdiction. The local government's  
 8 determination that the amendment is "in compliance" is  
 9 presumed to be correct and shall be sustained unless it is  
 10 shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the amendment is  
 11 not "in compliance."

12 (e) If the administrative law judge recommends that  
 13 the amendment be found not in compliance, the judge shall  
 14 submit the recommended order to the Administration Commission  
 15 for final agency action. The Administration Commission shall  
 16 enter a final order within 45 days after its receipt of the  
 17 recommended order.

18 (f) If the administrative law judge recommends that  
 19 the amendment be found in compliance, the judge shall submit  
 20 the recommended order to the state land planning agency.

21 1. If the state land planning agency determines that  
 22 the plan amendment should be found not in compliance, the  
 23 agency shall refer, within 30 days of receipt of the  
 24 recommended order, the recommended order and its determination  
 25 to the Administration Commission for final agency action. If  
 26 the commission determines that the amendment is not in  
 27 compliance, it may sanction the local government as set forth  
 28 in s. 163.3184(11).

29 2. If the state land planning agency determines that  
 30 the plan amendment should be found in compliance, the agency  
 31 shall enter its final order not later than 30 days from

1 receipt of the recommended order.

2 (g) An amendment adopted under the expedited  
3 provisions of this section shall not become effective until 31  
4 days after adoption. If timely challenged, an amendment shall  
5 not become effective until the state land planning agency or  
6 the Administration Commission enters a final order determining  
7 the adopted amendment to be in compliance.

8 (h) Parties to a proceeding under this section may  
9 enter into compliance agreements using the process in s.  
10 163.3184(16). Any remedial amendment adopted pursuant to a  
11 settlement agreement shall be provided to the agencies and  
12 governments listed in paragraph (4)(a).

13 (7) APPLICABILITY OF PILOT PROGRAM IN CERTAIN LOCAL  
14 GOVERNMENTS.--Local governments and specific areas that have  
15 been designated for alternate review process pursuant to ss.  
16 163.3246 and 163.3184(17) and (18) are not subject to this  
17 section.

18 (8) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY FOR PILOT PROGRAM.--Agencies  
19 shall not promulgate rules to implement this pilot program.

20 (9) REPORT.--The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
21 Government Accountability shall submit to the Governor, the  
22 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives by December 1, 2008, a report and  
24 recommendations for implementing a statewide program that  
25 addresses the legislative findings in subsection (1) in areas  
26 that meet urban criteria. The Office of Program Policy  
27 Analysis and Government Accountability in consultation with  
28 the state land planning agency shall develop the report and  
29 recommendations with input from other state and regional  
30 agencies, local governments and interest groups. Additionally,  
31 the office shall review local and state actions and



1 correspondence relating to the pilot program to identify  
 2 issues of process and substance in recommending changes to the  
 3 pilot program. At a minimum, the report and recommendations  
 4 shall include the following:

5       (a) Identification of local governments beyond those  
 6 participating in the pilot program that should be subject to  
 7 the alternative expedited state review process. The report may  
 8 recommend that pilot program local governments may no longer  
 9 be appropriate for such alternative review process.

10       (b) Changes to the alternative expedited state review  
 11 process for local comprehensive plan amendments identified in  
 12 the pilot program.

13       (c) Criteria for determining issues of regional or  
 14 statewide importance that are to be protected in the  
 15 alternative state review process.

16       (d) In preparing the report and recommendations, the  
 17 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
 18 Accountability shall consult with the state land planning  
 19 agency, the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
 20 Environmental Protection, and the regional planning agencies  
 21 in identifying highly developed local governments to  
 22 participate in the alternative expedited state review process.  
 23 The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Governmental  
 24 Accountability shall also solicit citizen input in the  
 25 potentially affected areas and consult with the affected local  
 26 governments, and stakeholder groups.

27       Section 7. There is established four full-time  
 28 equivalent planning positions and appropriated rate in the  
 29 amount of \$220,000 and salary budget authority in the amount  
 30 of \$326,620 from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the  
 31 Division of Community Planning for the purposes of providing

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1 technical assistance and advice to state and local governments  
 2 in their ability to respond to growth-related issues, and to  
 3 ensure compliance with chapter 163 comprehensive planning  
 4 issues.

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 6 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)  
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 9 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

10 And the title is amended as follows:

11           On page 16, line 28, after the semicolon,  
 12  
 13 insert:  
 14           creating s. 163.32465, F.S.; providing for a  
 15           pilot program to provide a plan review process  
 16           for certain densely developed areas; providing  
 17           legislative findings; providing for exempting  
 18           certain local governments from compliance  
 19           review by the state land planning agency;  
 20           authorizing certain municipalities to not  
 21           participate in the program; providing  
 22           procedures and requirements for adopting  
 23           comprehensive plan amendments in such areas;  
 24           requiring public hearings; providing hearing  
 25           requirements; providing requirements for local  
 26           government transmittal of proposed plan  
 27           amendments; providing for intergovernmental  
 28           review; providing for regional, county, and  
 29           municipal review; providing requirements for  
 30           local government review of certain comments;  
 31           providing requirements for adoption and

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1 transmittal of plan amendments; providing  
2 procedures and requirements for challenges to  
3 compliance of adopted plan amendments;  
4 providing for administrative hearings;  
5 providing for applicability of program  
6 provisions; requiring the Office of Program  
7 Policy Analysis and Governmental Accountability  
8 to evaluate the pilot program and prepare and  
9 submit a report to the Governor and  
10 Legislature; providing report requirements;  
11 establishing four full-time equivalent planning  
12 positions; providing an appropriation;

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