

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a review of the Department of
3 Environmental Protection under the Florida Government
4 Accountability Act; reenacting s. 20.255, F.S., relating
5 to the establishment of the department; providing an
6 effective date.
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8 WHEREAS, ss. 11.901-11.920, Florida Statutes, the Florida
9 Government Accountability Act, subjects the Department of
10 Environmental Protection and its respective advisory committees
11 to a sunset review process in order to determine whether the
12 agency should be retained, modified, or abolished, and
13 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection
14 produced a report providing specific information, as enumerated
15 in s. 11.906, Florida Statutes, and
16 WHEREAS, upon receipt of the report, the Joint Legislative
17 Sunset Committee and committees of the Senate and the House of
18 Representatives assigned to act as sunset review committees
19 reviewed the report and requested studies by the Office of
20 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and
21 WHEREAS, based on the department's report, studies of the
22 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
23 Accountability, and public input, the Joint Legislative Sunset
24 Committee and legislative sunset review committees made
25 recommendations on the abolition, continuation, or
26 reorganization of the Department of Environmental Protection
27 and its advisory committees; on the need for the functions
28 performed by the agency and its advisory committees; and on the
29 consolidation, transfer, or reorganization of programs within

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30 | the Department of Environmental Protection, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 | Section 1. Section 20.255, Florida Statutes, is reenacted.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.