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Senate

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1 Senator Saunders moved the following **amendment**:

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3 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 506 and 507,
5 insert:

6 Section 3. (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature finds
7 that desalination of seawater is a proven technology for
8 providing water supply solutions for countries around the world
9 and an increasingly cost-competitive alternative for coastal
10 cities within the United States. The potential success of
11 desalination projects would benefit the communities they directly
12 serve and the state as a whole by preserving existing natural
13 water resources and providing a practical means of ensuring
14 adequate supplies of water for future generations of Floridians.
15 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to aggressively
16 pursue desalination technologies for use in the state.



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17 (2) DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY; REPORT.--The Secretary
 18 of Environmental Protection is directed to coordinate with the
 19 water management districts to conduct a study examining all
 20 current and available desalination technologies. The study shall
 21 include an analysis of the existing desalination projects in the
 22 state and recommendations for a plan to effectively use and
 23 implement desalination technologies that are environmentally and
 24 fiscally sound and that will provide sustainability of the
 25 current water supply demands of the state as well as long-term
 26 potable water supply demands based on projected population
 27 growth. The secretary shall submit a report of the findings of
 28 the study and plan recommendations to the Governor, the President
 29 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
 30 June 30, 2009.

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33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line(s) 2-36

35 and insert:

36 An act relating to water; amending s. 403.067, F.S.;

37 providing requirements for basin management action plans;

38 allowing such plans to take into account the benefits of

39 pollutant load reduction achieved by point or nonpoint

40 sources, where appropriate; requiring that the Department

41 of Environmental Protection adopt all or part of any such

42 plan, or any amendment thereto, by secretarial order as

43 provided by state law; providing that the provisions of

44 the department's rule relating to the equitable abatement

45 of pollutants into surface waters may not be applied to

46 water bodies or water body segments for which a basin



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47 management plan that takes into account future or new
48 expanded activities or discharges has been adopted;
49 authorizing water quality protection programs to include
50 the trading of water quality credits; authorizing the
51 department to adopt rules related to the trading of water
52 quality credits; requiring that such rulemaking include
53 certain provisions; specifying that a water quality credit
54 trading pilot project be limited to the Lower St. Johns
55 River Basin as a pilot project; requiring that the
56 department provide the Legislature with an annual report
57 regarding the effectiveness of the pilot project;
58 providing report requirements; providing that the
59 department may authorize and establish specific
60 requirements for water quality credit trading as part of
61 the Lower St. Johns River Basin adopted basin management
62 action plan; correcting cross-references to conform to
63 changes made by the act; amending s. 403.088, F.S.;
64 authorizing the department to revise a water pollution
65 operation permit under certain circumstances; authorizing
66 the department to issue, renew, or reissue such a permit
67 if a water quality credit trade meets the requirements of
68 403.067, F.S.; requiring that revised permits be
69 accompanied by an order establishing a schedule for
70 achieving compliance with all permit conditions; providing
71 legislative intent; directing the Secretary of
72 Environmental Protection to coordinate with the water
73 management districts to conduct a study of certain
74 desalination technologies; providing study requirements;
75 requiring the secretary to report to the Governor and the
76 Legislature by a specified date; creating the Reclaimed



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77 | Water Coordination Task Force; providing legislative
78 | findings; providing purposes; requiring that the task
79 | force review certain rules, programs, and policies when
80 | preparing its recommendations; providing for membership of
81 | the task force; requiring that members be appointed on or
82 | before a specified date; providing for administrative
83 | support for the task force; providing duties of the task
84 | force; requiring that the Department of Environmental
85 | Protection and each water management district encourage
86 | the use of pilot projects for certain purposes; providing