By the Committee on General Government Appropriations; and Senator Dean

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund; amending s. 373.1961, F.S.; revising requirements for the use of moneys in the trust fund; authorizing the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District to use a portion of moneys in the trust fund for specific purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 373.1961, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.1961 Water production; general powers and duties; identification of needs; funding criteria; economic incentives; reuse funding.—

- (3) FUNDING.-
- (c) The financial assistance for alternative water supply projects allocated in each district's budget as required in s. 373.196(6) shall be combined with the state funds and used to assist in funding the project construction costs of alternative water supply projects selected by the governing board. Funds If the district has not completed any regional water supply plan, or the regional water supply plan does not identify the need for any alternative water supply projects, funds deposited in the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to the credit of the Northwest Florida Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District that district's

601-05135A-09 20092334c1 30 trust fund may also be used for regional water supply planning, water resource development, and projects, including, but not 31 limited to, springs protection. 32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009. 33