

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Pruitt

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to stormwater management system  
3           design; establishing a task force to develop  
4           recommendations relating to stormwater management  
5           system design; specifying study criteria; providing  
6           for task force membership, meetings, and expiration;  
7           requiring the task force to submit findings and  
8           legislative recommendations to the Legislature by a  
9           specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. (1) A task force is established to develop  
14 legislative recommendations relating to stormwater management  
15 system design in the state. The task force shall:

16           (a) Review the Joint Professional Engineers and Landscape  
17 Architecture Committee Report conducted pursuant to s. 17,  
18 chapter 88-347, Laws of Florida, and determine the current  
19 validity of the report and the need to revise any of the  
20 conclusions or recommendations.

21           (b) Determine how a licensed and registered professional  
22 might demonstrate competency for stormwater management system  
23 design.

24           (c) Determine how the Board of Professional Engineers and  
25 the Board of Landscape Architecture might administer  
26 certification tests or continuing education requirements for  
27 stormwater management system design.

28           (d) Provide recommendations for grandfathering the rights  
29 of licensed professionals who currently practice stormwater

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30 management design in a manner that will allow them to continue  
31 to practice without meeting any new requirements the task force  
32 recommends be placed on licensed professionals in the future.

33 (2) (a) The Board of Landscape Architecture, the Board of  
34 Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the  
35 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects,  
36 the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the Secretary of  
37 Transportation shall each appoint one member to the task force.

38 (b) Members of the task force may not be reimbursed for  
39 travel, per diem, or any other costs associated with serving on  
40 the task force.

41 (c) The task force shall meet a minimum of four times  
42 either in person or via teleconference; however, a minimum of  
43 two meetings shall be public hearings with testimony.

44 (d) The task force shall expire on November 1, 2009.

45 (3) The task force shall provide its findings and  
46 legislative recommendations to the President of the Senate and  
47 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2009.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.