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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Bennett) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 32 and 33
insert:

Section 2. (1) (a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, within the Executive Office of the Governor, shall create the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program to develop a model to help communities encourage and attain renewable electric energy generation, the manufacture of products that contribute to energy conservation, green jobs, and energy-efficient land development designs. The office shall



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12 consult with the state land planning agency and the Florida
13 Energy and Climate Commission in developing and administering
14 the pilot program.

15 (b) Sarasota County may apply to the office for designation
16 as the pilot program community. The governing board of the pilot
17 program community shall adopt a strategic plan for development
18 and redevelopment in the energy economic zone. The plan must
19 include multimodal development and land use patterns to reduce
20 reliance on automobiles, encourage certified green building
21 developments and renewable energy systems, encourage
22 demonstrations of creating green jobs, and show indications of
23 how local financial and regulatory incentives will be used in
24 the energy economic zone area.

25 (c) The office shall provide the pilot program community
26 and businesses in the energy economic zone technical assistance
27 in identifying and qualifying for eligible grants and credits in
28 job creation, energy, and other areas.

29 (2) (a) The office shall submit an interim report by
30 February 15, 2010, to the Governor, the President of the
31 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
32 regarding the status of the pilot program and any
33 recommendations for statutory changes to accomplish the goals of
34 the pilot program community, including whether it would be
35 beneficial to provide financial incentives similar to those
36 offered an enterprise zone.

37 (b) The office shall submit a final report to the same
38 officers by February 15, 2012, evaluating whether the pilot
39 program has demonstrated any success in development and
40 redevelopment in the energy economic zone incorporating



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41 renewable energy generation systems, low-impact design, and
42 energy-efficient land use patterns, and shall recommend whether
43 the program should be expanded for use by other local
44 governments and whether state policies should be revised to
45 encourage the goals of the program.

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47 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Delete lines 10 - 11

50 and insert:

51 date of the enterprise zone; providing for the
52 creation of the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program by
53 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;
54 providing powers and duties of the office relating to
55 the pilot program; providing for the designation of a
56 pilot program community and providing guidelines and
57 requirements for the conduct of the program within the
58 community; providing for reports by the office;
59 providing an effective date.