

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senators Baker and Bullard moved the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (454474) (with title amendment)

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insert:

Section 9. Subsection (26) of section 334.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

334.044 Department; powers and duties.—The department shall have the following general powers and duties:

(26) To provide for the enhancement of environmental benefits, including air and water quality, to prevent roadside erosion, to conserve the conservation of natural roadside growth



and scenery and for the implementation and maintenance of roadside conservation, enhancement, and stabilization beautification programs, and no less than 1.5 percent of the amount contracted for construction projects shall be allocated by the department to beautification programs. Except where prohibited by federal law or federal regulation and to the greatest extent practical, a minimum of 50 percent of these funds shall be used to purchase large plant materials with the remaining funds for other plant materials. All such plant materials shall be purchased from commercial nursery Floridabased nurseryman stock in this state on a uniform competitive bid basis. The department will develop grades and standards for landscaping materials purchased through this process. To accomplish these activities, the department may contract with nonprofit organizations having the primary purpose of developing youth employment opportunities.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 48

and insert:

functional at all times; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation; amending s. 339.62, F.S.;