

By Senator Bennett

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to trust funds; creating the  
3       Sustainable and Renewable Energy Policy Trust Fund  
4       within the Florida Energy Office; specifying the  
5       purpose of the trust fund; providing a funding source  
6       for the trust fund; providing for the balance in the  
7       trust fund to be carried forward each year; providing  
8       for the future review and termination or re-creation  
9       of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective  
10      date.

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

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14       Section 1. (1) The Sustainable and Renewable Energy Policy  
15 Trust Fund is created within the Florida Energy Office. The  
16 trust fund shall be administered by the head of the office or  
17 his or her designee. Funds allocated to the trust fund include  
18 funds received from state appropriations, federal and state  
19 grants, and deposits consisting of the monthly service charge  
20 collected by the electric utilities in the state from every  
21 residential, commercial, and industrial consumer of electric  
22 service. The funds in the trust fund shall be used to support  
23 the activities of the direct-support organization of the office  
24 relating to sustainable and renewable energy projects in this  
25 state.

26       (2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, and  
27 pursuant to s. 216.351, Florida Statutes, any balance in the  
28 trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the  
29 trust fund and be available for carrying out the purposes of the

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30 trust fund.

31 (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Article III of the  
32 State Constitution, the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Policy  
33 Trust Fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on  
34 July 1, 2014. Before its scheduled termination, the trust fund  
35 shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2), Florida  
36 Statutes.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
38 Senate Bill \_\_\_ or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
39 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session, or an  
40 extension thereof, and becomes law, but this act shall not take  
41 effect unless it is enacted by a three-fifths vote of the  
42 membership of each house of the Legislature.