

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Water Protection and Sustainability
 3 Program; amending s. 373.1961, F.S.; revising requirements
 4 for the expenditure of funds provided pursuant to the
 5 program; specifying authority for the Northwest Florida
 6 Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water
 7 Management District to use such funds for additional
 8 purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 13 373.1961, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 373.1961 Water production; general powers and duties;
 15 identification of needs; funding criteria; economic incentives;
 16 reuse funding.—

17 (3) FUNDING.—

18 (c) The financial assistance for alternative water supply
 19 projects allocated in each district's budget as required in s.
 20 373.196(6) shall be combined with the state funds and used to
 21 assist in funding the project construction costs of alternative
 22 water supply projects selected by the governing board. ~~If the~~
 23 ~~district has not completed any regional water supply plan, or~~
 24 ~~the regional water supply plan does not identify the need for~~
 25 ~~any alternative water supply projects,~~ Funds deposited in the
 26 Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to the
 27 credit of the Northwest Florida Water Management District and
 28 the Suwannee River Water Management District ~~that district's~~

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29 | ~~trust fund~~ may also be used for regional water supply planning,
30 | water resource development, and water resource projects,
31 | including, but not limited to, springs protection.

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.