

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on HB 7207, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to trust funds.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 7207, 1st Eng., relating to growth management, provides for the following:

The growth management conference bill:

- Makes concurrency for parks and recreation, schools, and transportation facilities optional for local governments.
- Applies and revises the expedited comprehensive plan amendment process statewide.
- Deletes the requirement that comprehensive plans be financially feasible.
- Deletes the twice a year limitation on comprehensive plan amendments.
- Revises the small scale amendment process.
- Specifies that population projections should be a floor for requisite development except for areas of critical state concern.
- Allows additional planning periods for specific parts of the comprehensive plan.
- Abolishes 9J-5 (DCA's growth management regulations and incorporates certain provisions into the bill).
- Removes many of the state specifications and requirements for optional elements in the comprehensive plan, but allows local governments to continue to include optional elements.
- Expands and revises the optional sector plan process.
- Reduces the requirements of the evaluation and appraisal process.
- Revises the rural land stewardship program.
- Restricts the state's ability to interpret joint planning agreements.
- Clarifies and broadens the window for permit extensions.
- Creates a 4-year development of regional impact permit extension.
- Removes industrial areas, hotels/motels, and theaters from the list of developments of regional impact.
- Creates an exemption from the DRI process for mining projects and allows those mines to enter into agreements with the Department of Transportation.
- Adds a new 2-year permit extension, but caps the maximum extension at 4 years.
- Prohibits local governments from having referenda for local comprehensive plan amendments.
- Encourages planning innovation technical assistance.
- Sunsets the Century Commission in two years.
- Clarifies requirements for adopting criteria to address compatibility of lands relating to military installations.
- Allows a certain plan amendment to be readopted by a local government without being resubmitted to the state land planning agency.
- Clarifies when a local government can reject a proposed change to a development of regional impact.
- Encourages adaptation strategies.
- Requires DOT to study the proportionate share calculation.
- Allows DCA to have procedural issues on their website.

The effective date of this bill is upon becoming law.