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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 322 and 323
insert:

Section 3. 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 natural roadside growth and scenery; and to provide for the implementation and maintenance of roadside conservation, enhancement, and stabilization programs.



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14 No less than 1.5 percent of the amount contracted for
15 construction projects that add capacity or provide significant
16 enhancements to the existing system shall be allocated by the
17 department for the purchase of plant materials. Department
18 districts may not expend funds for landscaping in connection
19 with any project that is limited to resurfacing existing lanes
20 unless the expenditure has been approved by the department's
21 secretary or the secretary's designee. ~~with~~ To the greatest
22 extent practical, a minimum of 50 percent of these funds shall
23 be allocated for large plant materials and the remaining funds
24 for other plant materials. All such plant materials shall be
25 purchased from Florida commercial nursery stock in this state on
26 a uniform competitive bid basis. The department will develop
27 grades and standards for landscaping materials purchased through
28 this process. To accomplish these activities, the department may
29 contract with nonprofit organizations having the primary purpose
30 of developing youth employment opportunities.

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33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 9
35 and insert:
36 specified terms and conditions; amending s. 334.044,
37 F.S.; clarifying that amounts allocated by the
38 department for the purchase of plant materials are for
39 certain types of construction projects; limiting the
40 expenditure of funds for landscaping in connection
41 with certain projects unless the department secretary
42 or his or her designee approves the expenditure;



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amending s. 373.4137,