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2 An act relating to military installations; amending s.  
3 253.025, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees of  
4 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to acquire certain  
5 nonconservation lands to buffer a military  
6 installation against encroachment; amending s.  
7 288.980, F.S.; providing legislative findings;  
8 providing functions of the Military Base Protection  
9 Program; authorizing the Department of Economic  
10 Opportunity to annually recommend nonconservation  
11 lands for acquisition through fee simple purchase or  
12 less-than-fee interest purchase to the Board of  
13 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for  
14 the purpose of preventing the encroachment of military  
15 installations; requiring the board of trustees to also  
16 consider land acquisition recommendations of the  
17 Florida Defense Support Task Force; authorizing funds  
18 appropriated to the Military Base Protection Program  
19 to be used for land acquisition to prevent or reduce  
20 encroachment of military installations; providing a  
21 definition for the term "nonconservation lands";  
22 providing an effective date.

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

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26 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 253.025,  
27 Florida Statutes, to read:

28 253.025 Acquisition of state lands for purposes other than  
29 preservation, conservation, and recreation.—

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30           (18) The board of trustees may acquire, pursuant to s.  
31 288.980(2)(b), nonconservation lands from the annual list  
32 submitted by the Department of Economic Opportunity for the  
33 purpose of buffering a military installation against  
34 encroachment.

35           Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.980,  
36 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

37           288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants  
38 program.—

39           (1)(a) It is the intent of this state to provide the  
40 necessary means to assist communities with military  
41 installations in supporting and sustaining those installations.  
42 It is further the intent to encourage communities to initiate a  
43 coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of  
44 future actions of the federal government relating to  
45 realignments and closures. It is critical that communities  
46 develop and implement strategies to preserve and protect  
47 military installations. The Legislature hereby recognizes that  
48 the state needs to coordinate all efforts that can support  
49 military installations throughout the state. The Legislature,  
50 therefore, declares that providing such assistance to support  
51 the defense-related initiatives within this section is a public  
52 purpose for which public money may be used.

53           (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within  
54 Enterprise Florida, Inc., is designated as the organization to  
55 ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions,  
56 and its military host communities are in competitive positions  
57 as the United States continues its defense realignment and  
58 downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall

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59 advisory body for defense-related activity of Enterprise  
60 Florida, Inc. The Florida Defense Alliance may receive funding  
61 from appropriations made for that purpose administered by the  
62 department.

63 (c) The Legislature finds that encroachment of military  
64 installations has been identified by local, state, and federal  
65 leaders as a critical threat to protecting, preserving, and  
66 enhancing military installations in this state. Encroachment can  
67 be detrimental to the current and future missions of military  
68 installations due to the incompatible use of adjacent land. The  
69 Legislature recognizes the unique need to secure lands that have  
70 no conservation value, but may present an encroachment threat to  
71 a military installation.

72 (2)(a) The Military Base Protection Program is created. The  
73 functions of the Military Base Protection Program includes, but  
74 is not limited to:

75 1. Securing nonconservation lands to serve as a buffer to  
76 protect military installations against encroachment; and

77 2. Supporting local community efforts to engage in service  
78 partnerships with military installations.

79 (b) The department may annually submit a list to the Board  
80 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of  
81 nonconservation lands to acquire, subject to a specific  
82 appropriation, through fee simple purchase or through perpetual,  
83 less-than-fee interest purchase, for the purpose of buffering a  
84 military installation against encroachment. The Board of  
85 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall also  
86 consider the recommendations of the Florida Defense Support Task  
87 Force, created in s. 288.987, when selecting nonconservation

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88 lands to purchase for the purpose of securing and protecting a  
89 military installation against encroachment. This paragraph does  
90 not preclude the acquisition of such lands by local governments  
91 through fee simple purchase or through perpetual, less-than-fee  
92 interest purchase, for the purpose of buffering a military  
93 installation against encroachment.

94 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "nonconservation  
95 lands" means lands not subject to acquisition by the Florida  
96 Forever Program.

97 (d) Funds appropriated to this program may be used to  
98 address emergent needs relating to mission sustainment,  
99 encroachment reduction or prevention, and base retention. All  
100 funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible  
101 to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall  
102 coordinate and implement this program.

103 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.