

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to inhibiting encroachment of military
 3 bases; amending s. 288.980, F.S.; providing
 4 legislative findings; specifying functions of the
 5 Military Base Protection Program; authorizing the
 6 Department of Economic Opportunity to annually submit
 7 to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
 8 Trust Fund a list of nonconservation lands to be
 9 acquired for the purpose of buffering a military base
 10 against encroachment; requiring the board of trustees
 11 to consider recommendations of the Florida Defense
 12 Support Task Force; providing for applicability;
 13 authorizing additional uses of funds provided for the
 14 program; amending s. 253.025, F.S.; authorizing the
 15 board of trustees to acquire specified lands;
 16 providing an effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 288.980, Florida
 21 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection
 22 (1) of that section, to read:

23 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;
 24 grants program.—

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26 (c) The Legislature finds that encroachment of military
 27 bases has been identified by local, state and federal leaders as
 28 a critical issue in protecting, preserving and enhancing

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29 military bases in the state. Encroachment can be detrimental to
30 the current and future missions of military bases because of
31 incompatible land uses of adjacent lands. The Legislature
32 recognizes the unique need to secure land that may present an
33 encroachment threat to a military base, but which has no
34 conservation value.

35 (2) (a) The Military Base Protection Program is created.
36 The functions of the program include, but are not limited to:

37 1. Securing nonconservation lands to buffer military bases
38 against encroachment.

39 2. Supporting local community efforts to engage in service
40 partnerships with military bases.

41 (b) The department may, pursuant to s. 253.025(18), submit
42 a list annually to the Board of Trustees of the Internal
43 Improvement Trust Fund of nonconservation lands to acquire,
44 subject to a specific appropriation, through fee simple purchase
45 or through perpetual, less-than-fee interest in such lands, for
46 the purpose of buffering a military base against encroachment.
47 In making determinations for the purchase of nonconservation
48 lands to secure and protect a military base against
49 encroachment, the board of trustees shall consider the
50 recommendations of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, as
51 created in s. 288.987. This paragraph does not preclude local
52 governments from acquiring such lands, through fee simple
53 purchase or through perpetual, less-than-fee interest, for the
54 purpose of buffering a military base against encroachment.

55 (c) Funds appropriated to this program may be used to
56 address emergent needs relating to mission sustainment,

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57 | encroachment reduction or prevention, and base retention. All
58 | funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible
59 | to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall
60 | coordinate and implement this program.

61 | Section 2. Subsection (18) is added to section 253.025,
62 | Florida Statutes, to read:

63 | 253.025 Acquisition of state lands for purposes other than
64 | preservation, conservation, and recreation.—

65 | (18) Pursuant to s. 288.980(2)(b), the board of trustees
66 | may acquire nonconservation lands from the list submitted to it
67 | by the Department of Economic Opportunity for the purpose of
68 | buffering a military base against encroachment.

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