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Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (Simpson)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 28 - 71

and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 288.980,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(3) (a) The department is authorized to award grants on a
competitive basis from any funds available to it to support



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11 activities related to the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant
12 Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program.

13 (b) As used in this section, the term "activities" ~~as used~~
14 ~~in this section~~ means studies, presentations, analyses, plans,
15 and modeling. For the purposes of the Florida Defense
16 Reinvestment Grant Program, the term also includes, but is not
17 limited to, economic development grants provided to businesses
18 in defense-dependent communities. For the purposes of the
19 Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program, the term
20 ~~"activities"~~ also includes, but is not limited to, construction,
21 land purchases, and easements. Staff salaries are not considered
22 an "activity" for which grant funds may be awarded. Travel costs
23 and costs incidental thereto incurred by a grant recipient shall
24 be considered an "activity" for which grant funds may be
25 awarded.

26 (c) The department shall require that an applicant:

27 1. Represent a local government with a military
28 installation or military installations that could be adversely
29 affected by federal actions.

30 2. ~~Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded.~~

31 ~~3.~~ Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action
32 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and
33 accomplished.

34 ~~3.4.~~ Provide documentation describing the potential for
35 changes to the mission of a military installation located in the
36 applicant's community and the potential impacts such changes
37 will have on the applicant's community.

38 (d) In making grant awards the department shall consider,
39 at a minimum, the following factors:



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40 1. The relative value of the particular military
41 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state
42 economy relative to other military installations.

43 2. The potential job displacement within the local
44 community should the mission of the military installation be
45 changed.

46 3. The potential impact on industries and technologies
47 which service the military installation.

48 (4) The Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program is
49 established to respond to the need for this state to work in
50 conjunction with defense-dependent communities in developing and
51 implementing strategies and approaches that will help
52 communities support the missions of military installations, and
53 in developing and implementing alternative economic
54 diversification strategies to transition from a defense economy
55 to a nondefense economy. Eligible applicants include defense-
56 dependent counties and cities, and local economic development
57 councils located within such communities. The program shall be
58 administered by the department and grant awards may be provided
59 to support community-based activities that:

60 (a) Protect existing military installations;

61 (b) Diversify or grow the economy of a defense-dependent
62 community; or

63 (c) Develop plans for the reuse of closed or realigned
64 military installations, including any plans necessary for
65 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and
66 related marketing activities.

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68 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a



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69 | coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how
70 | the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,
71 | which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between
72 | civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded
73 | activities and a plan for public involvement. An applicant must
74 | agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded.

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76 | ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

77 | And the title is amended as follows:

78 | Delete line 3

79 | and insert:

80 | amending s. 288.980, F.S.; revising the definition of
81 | the term "activities"; removing the requirement