

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to land authorities; amending s.
3 380.0666, F.S.; authorizing land authorities to
4 acquire real and personal property or any interest
5 therein to reduce impacts on hurricane evacuation
6 clearance times and to contribute funds to the
7 Department of Environmental Protection for the
8 acquisition of lands by the department; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 380.0666, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 380.0666 Powers of land authority.—The land authority shall
16 have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and
17 effectuate the purposes and provisions of this act, including
18 the following powers, which are in addition to all other powers
19 granted by other provisions of this act:

20 (3) To acquire and dispose of real and personal property or
21 any interest therein when such acquisition is necessary or
22 appropriate to protect the natural environment, provide public
23 access or public recreational facilities, preserve wildlife
24 habitat areas, provide affordable housing to families whose
25 income does not exceed 160 percent of the median family income
26 for the area, reduce impacts on hurricane evacuation clearance
27 times, or provide access to management of acquired lands; to
28 acquire interests in land by means of land exchanges; to
29 contribute tourist impact tax revenues received pursuant to s.
30 125.0108 to its most populous municipality or the housing
31 authority of such municipality, at the request of the commission
32 or council of such municipality, for the construction,

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33 redevelopment, or preservation of affordable housing in an area
34 of critical state concern within such municipality; to
35 contribute funds to the Department of Environmental Protection
36 for the acquisition of lands by the department; and to enter
37 into all alternatives to the acquisition of fee interests in
38 land, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of
39 easements, development rights, life estates, leases, and
40 leaseback arrangements. However, the land authority shall make
41 an ~~such~~ acquisition or contribution to the Department of
42 Environmental Protection only if:

43 (a) Such acquisition or contribution is consistent with
44 land development regulations and local comprehensive plans
45 adopted and approved pursuant to this chapter;

46 (b) The property acquired is within an area designated as
47 an area of critical state concern at the time of acquisition or
48 is within an area that was designated as an area of critical
49 state concern for at least 20 consecutive years before ~~prior to~~
50 removal of the designation; and

51 (c) The property to be acquired has not been selected for
52 purchase through another local, regional, state, or federal
53 public land acquisition program. Such restriction does ~~shall~~ not
54 apply if the land authority cooperates with the other public
55 land acquisition programs which listed the lands for
56 acquisition, to coordinate the acquisition and disposition of
57 such lands. In such cases, the land authority may enter into
58 contractual or other agreements to acquire lands jointly or for
59 eventual resale to other public land acquisition programs.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.