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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/26/2016	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Hays) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 20.255,  
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is  
created a Department of Environmental Protection.

(2) (a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are to  
be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the



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11 secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the  
12 responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy  
13 for any division, office, or district. ~~The following special~~  
14 ~~offices are established and headed by managers, each of whom is~~  
15 ~~to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:~~

- 16 ~~1. Office of Chief of Staff;~~
- 17 ~~2. Office of General Counsel;~~
- 18 ~~3. Office of Inspector General;~~
- 19 ~~4. Office of External Affairs;~~
- 20 ~~5. Office of Legislative Affairs;~~
- 21 ~~6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and~~
- 22 ~~7. Office of Greenways and Trails.~~
- 23 ~~8. Office of Emergency Response.~~

24 (b) The Office of the Secretary is established. The  
25 secretary may establish offices within divisions or within the  
26 Office of the Secretary to promote the efficient and effective  
27 operation of the department.

28 (c) The secretary shall appoint a general counsel who is  
29 directly responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the  
30 secretary. The general counsel is responsible for all legal  
31 matters of the department.

32 (d) ~~(b)~~ There shall be six administrative districts involved  
33 in regulatory matters of waste management, water resource  
34 management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be headed  
35 by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve at the  
36 pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the department may have  
37 one assistant or two deputy division directors, as required to  
38 facilitate effective operation.

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40 The directors ~~managers~~ of all divisions, managers of all ~~and~~  
41 ~~offices, specifically named in this section~~ and the managers  
42 ~~directors~~ of the six administrative districts are exempt from  
43 part II of chapter 110 and are included in the Senior Management  
44 Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(j).

45 (3) The following divisions of the Department of  
46 Environmental Protection are established:

- 47 (a) Division of Administrative Services.
- 48 (b) Division of Air Resource Management.
- 49 (c) Division of Water Resource Management.
- 50 (d) Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration.
- 51 (e) Division of Waste Management.
- 52 (f) Division of Recreation and Parks.
- 53 (g) Division of State Lands, the director of which is to be  
54 appointed by the secretary of the department, subject to  
55 confirmation by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the Board of  
56 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
- 57 (h) Division of Water Restoration Assistance.

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59 In order to ensure statewide and intradepartmental consistency,  
60 the department's divisions shall direct the district offices and  
61 bureaus on matters of interpretation and applicability of the  
62 department's rules and programs.

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

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65 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
68 and insert:



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69                                   A bill to be entitled  
70           An act relating to the organizational structure of the  
71           Department of Environmental Protection; amending s.  
72           20.255, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring certain  
73           offices within the department; establishing the Office  
74           of the Secretary; authorizing the secretary to  
75           establish offices within divisions or the Office of  
76           the Secretary as necessary to promote the efficient  
77           and effective operation of the department; requiring  
78           the appointment of a general counsel; providing an  
79           exemption for certain managers and directors from part  
80           II of ch. 110, F.S.; establishing the Division of  
81           Water Restoration Assistance within the department;  
82           providing an effective date.