

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Department of Environmental  
 3           Protection; transferring the powers, duties,  
 4           functions, records, personnel, property, pending  
 5           issues and existing contracts, administrative  
 6           authority, administrative rules, and unexpended  
 7           balances of appropriations, allocations, and other  
 8           funds of the Office of Energy within the Department of  
 9           Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Department of  
 10          Environmental Protection; repealing s. 570.67, F.S.,  
 11          relating to the Office of Energy; amending ss.  
 12          288.1089, 366.82, 377.6015, 377.602, 377.703, 377.711,  
 13          377.712, 377.803, 377.805, 377.808, 377.809, 377.810,  
 14          377.815, 377.816, 553.74, 570.841, and 1004.648, F.S.;  
 15          conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 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. All powers, duties, functions, records,  
 21 personnel, property, pending issues and existing contracts,  
 22 administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended  
 23 balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the  
 24 Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and  
 25 Consumer Services are transferred by a type two transfer, as

26 | defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Department of  
 27 | Environmental Protection.

28 | Section 2. Section 570.67, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

29 | Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 288.1089, Florida  
 30 | Statutes, is amended to read:

31 | 288.1089 Innovation Incentive Program.—

32 | (5) The department shall review proposals pursuant to s.  
 33 | 288.061 for all three categories of innovation incentive awards.  
 34 | Before making a recommendation to the executive director, the  
 35 | department shall solicit comments and recommendations from the  
 36 | Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer~~  
 37 | ~~Services~~. For each project, the evaluation and recommendation to  
 38 | the department must include, but need not be limited to:

39 | (a) A description of the project, its required facilities,  
 40 | and the associated product, service, or research and development  
 41 | associated with the project.

42 | (b) The percentage of match provided for the project.

43 | (c) The number of full-time equivalent jobs that will be  
 44 | created by the project, the total estimated average annual wages  
 45 | of such jobs, and the types of business activities and jobs  
 46 | likely to be stimulated by the project.

47 | (d) The cumulative investment to be dedicated to the  
 48 | project within 5 years and the total investment expected in the  
 49 | project if more than 5 years.

50 | (e) The projected economic and fiscal impacts on the local

51 and state economies relative to investment.

52 (f) A statement of any special impacts the project is  
53 expected to stimulate in a particular business sector in the  
54 state or regional economy or in the state's universities and  
55 community colleges.

56 (g) A statement of any anticipated or proposed  
57 relationships with state universities.

58 (h) A statement of the role the incentive is expected to  
59 play in the decision of the applicant to locate or expand in  
60 this state.

61 (i) A recommendation and explanation of the amount of the  
62 award needed to cause the applicant to expand or locate in this  
63 state.

64 (j) A discussion of the efforts and commitments made by  
65 the local community in which the project is to be located to  
66 induce the applicant's location or expansion, taking into  
67 consideration local resources and abilities.

68 (k) A recommendation for specific performance criteria the  
69 applicant would be expected to achieve in order to receive  
70 payments from the fund and penalties or sanctions for failure to  
71 meet or maintain performance conditions.

72 (l) Additional evaluative criteria for a research and  
73 development facility project, including:

74 1. A description of the extent to which the project has  
75 the potential to serve as catalyst for an emerging or evolving

76 cluster.

77         2. A description of the extent to which the project has or  
78 could have a long-term collaborative research and development  
79 relationship with one or more universities or community colleges  
80 in this state.

81         3. A description of the existing or projected impact of  
82 the project on established clusters or targeted industry  
83 sectors.

84         4. A description of the project's contribution to the  
85 diversity and resiliency of the innovation economy of this  
86 state.

87         5. A description of the project's impact on special needs  
88 communities, including, but not limited to, rural areas,  
89 distressed urban areas, and enterprise zones.

90         (m) Additional evaluative criteria for alternative and  
91 renewable energy proposals, including:

92             1. The availability of matching funds or other in-kind  
93 contributions applied to the total project from an applicant.  
94 The Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and~~  
95 ~~Consumer Services~~ shall give greater preference to projects that  
96 provide such matching funds or other in-kind contributions.

97             2. The degree to which the project stimulates in-state  
98 capital investment and economic development in metropolitan and  
99 rural areas, including the creation of jobs and the future  
100 development of a commercial market for renewable energy

101 technologies.

102 3. The extent to which the proposed project has been  
103 demonstrated to be technically feasible based on pilot project  
104 demonstrations, laboratory testing, scientific modeling, or  
105 engineering or chemical theory that supports the proposal.

106 4. The degree to which the project incorporates an  
107 innovative new technology or an innovative application of an  
108 existing technology.

109 5. The degree to which a project generates thermal,  
110 mechanical, or electrical energy by means of a renewable energy  
111 resource that has substantial long-term production potential.

112 6. The degree to which a project demonstrates efficient  
113 use of energy and material resources.

114 7. The degree to which the project fosters overall  
115 understanding and appreciation of renewable energy technologies.

116 8. The ability to administer a complete project.

117 9. Project duration and timeline for expenditures.

118 10. The geographic area in which the project is to be  
119 conducted in relation to other projects.

120 11. The degree of public visibility and interaction.

121 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 366.82, Florida  
122 Statutes, is amended to read:

123 366.82 Definition; goals; plans; programs; annual reports;  
124 energy audits.—

125 (5) The Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture~~

126 ~~and Consumer Services~~ shall be a party in the proceedings to  
 127 adopt goals and shall file with the commission comments on the  
 128 proposed goals, including, but not limited to:

129 (a) An evaluation of utility load forecasts, including an  
 130 assessment of alternative supply-side and demand-side resource  
 131 options.

132 (b) An analysis of various policy options that can be  
 133 implemented to achieve a least-cost strategy, including  
 134 nonutility programs targeted at reducing and controlling the per  
 135 capita use of electricity in the state.

136 (c) An analysis of the impact of state and local building  
 137 codes and appliance efficiency standards on the need for  
 138 utility-sponsored conservation and energy efficiency measures  
 139 and programs.

140 Section 5. Section 377.6015, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 141 to read:

142 377.6015 Department of Environmental Protection  
 143 ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~; powers and duties.—

144 (1) The department may:

145 (a) Employ staff and counsel as needed in the performance  
 146 of its duties.

147 (b) Prosecute and defend legal actions in its own name.

148 (c) Form advisory groups consisting of members of the  
 149 public to provide information on specific issues.

150 (2) The department shall:

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151 (a) Administer the Florida Renewable Energy and Energy-  
152 Efficient Technologies Grants Program pursuant to s. 377.804 to  
153 assure a robust grant portfolio.

154 (b) Develop policy for requiring grantees to provide  
155 royalty-sharing or licensing agreements with state government  
156 for commercialized products developed under a state grant.

157 (c) Administer the Florida Green Government Grants Act  
158 pursuant to s. 377.808 and set annual priorities for grants.

159 (d) Administer the information gathering and reporting  
160 functions pursuant to ss. 377.601-377.608.

161 (e) Administer the provisions of the Florida Energy and  
162 Climate Protection Act pursuant to ss. 377.801-377.804.

163 (f) Advocate for energy and climate change issues and  
164 provide educational outreach and technical assistance in  
165 cooperation with the state's academic institutions.

166 (g) Be a party in the proceedings to adopt goals and  
167 submit comments to the Public Service Commission pursuant to s.  
168 366.82.

169 (h) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 in order to  
170 implement all powers and duties described in this section.

171 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 377.602, Florida  
172 Statutes, is amended to read:

173 377.602 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.601-377.608:

174 (1) "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
175 Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~.

176 Section 7. Paragraphs (h), (k), and (n) of subsection (2)  
 177 and subsection (3) of section 377.703, Florida Statutes, are  
 178 amended to read:

179 377.703 Additional functions of the Department of  
 180 Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~—

181 (2) DUTIES.—The department shall perform the following  
 182 functions, unless as otherwise provided, consistent with the  
 183 development of a state energy policy:

184 (h) The department shall promote the development and use  
 185 of renewable energy resources, in conformance with chapter 187  
 186 and s. 377.601, by:

187 1. Establishing goals and strategies for increasing the  
 188 use of renewable energy in this state.

189 2. Aiding and promoting the commercialization of renewable  
 190 energy resources, in cooperation with the Florida Energy Systems  
 191 Consortium, the Florida Solar Energy Center, Enterprise Florida,  
 192 Inc., and any other federal, state, or local governmental agency  
 193 that may seek to promote research, development, and the  
 194 demonstration of renewable energy equipment and technology.

195 3. Identifying barriers to greater use of renewable energy  
 196 resources in this state, and developing specific recommendations  
 197 for overcoming identified barriers, with findings and  
 198 recommendations to be submitted annually in the report to the  
 199 Governor and Legislature required under paragraph (f).

200 4. In cooperation with ~~the Department of Environmental~~



201 ~~Protection,~~ the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
202 Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc., the Florida  
203 Energy Systems Consortium, the Florida Solar Energy Center, and  
204 the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association, investigating  
205 opportunities, pursuant to the national Energy Policy Act of  
206 1992, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and any  
207 subsequent federal legislation, for renewable energy resources,  
208 electric vehicles, and other renewable energy manufacturing,  
209 distribution, installation, and financing efforts that enhance  
210 this state's position as the leader in renewable energy  
211 research, development, and use.

212         5. Undertaking other initiatives to advance the  
213 development and use of renewable energy resources in this state.

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215 In the exercise of its responsibilities under this paragraph,  
216 the department shall seek the assistance of the renewable energy  
217 industry in this state and other interested parties and may  
218 enter into contracts, retain professional consulting services,  
219 and expend funds appropriated by the Legislature for such  
220 purposes.

221         (k) The department shall coordinate energy-related  
222 programs of state government, including, but not limited to, the  
223 programs provided in this section. To this end, the department  
224 shall:

225             1. Provide assistance to other state agencies, counties,

226 municipalities, and regional planning agencies to further and  
227 promote their energy planning activities.

228 2. Require, in cooperation with the Department of  
229 Management Services, all state agencies to operate state-owned  
230 and state-leased buildings in accordance with energy  
231 conservation standards as adopted by the Department of  
232 Management Services. Every 3 months, the Department of  
233 Management Services shall furnish the department data on  
234 agencies' energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases  
235 in a format prescribed by the department.

236 3. Promote the development and use of renewable energy  
237 resources, energy efficiency technologies, and conservation  
238 measures.

239 4. Promote the recovery of energy from wastes, including,  
240 but not limited to, the use of waste heat, the use of  
241 agricultural products as a source of energy, and recycling of  
242 manufactured products. Such promotion shall be conducted in  
243 conjunction with, and after consultation with, ~~the Department of~~  
244 ~~Environmental Protection and the Florida Public Service~~  
245 Commission where electrical generation or natural gas is  
246 involved, and any other relevant federal, state, or local  
247 governmental agency having responsibility for resource recovery  
248 programs.

249 (n) On an annual basis, the department shall prepare an  
250 assessment of the utilization of ~~the renewable energy~~

251 ~~technologies investment tax credit authorized in s. 220.192 and~~  
252 the renewable energy production credit authorized in s. 220.193,  
253 which the department shall submit to the President of the  
254 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
255 Executive Office of the Governor by February 1 of each year. The  
256 assessment shall include, at a minimum, the following  
257 information:

258 ~~1. For the renewable energy technologies investment tax~~  
259 ~~credit authorized in s. 220.192:~~

260 ~~a. The name of each taxpayer receiving an allocation under~~  
261 ~~this section;~~

262 ~~b. The amount of the credits allocated for that fiscal~~  
263 ~~year for each taxpayer; and~~

264 ~~e. The type of technology and a description of each~~  
265 ~~investment for which each taxpayer receives an allocation.~~

266 ~~2. For the renewable energy production credit authorized~~  
267 ~~in s. 220.193:~~

268 ~~1.a.~~ 1.a. The name of each taxpayer receiving an allocation  
269 under this section;

270 ~~2.b.~~ 2.b. The amount of credits allocated for that fiscal year  
271 for each taxpayer;

272 ~~3.c.~~ 3.c. The type and amount of renewable energy produced and  
273 sold, whether the facility producing that energy is a new or  
274 expanded facility, and the approximate date on which production  
275 began; and

276 ~~4.d.~~ The aggregate amount of credits allocated for all  
 277 taxpayers claiming credits under this section for the fiscal  
 278 year.

279 (3) The department ~~of Environmental Protection~~ is  
 280 responsible for the administration of the Coastal Energy Impact  
 281 Program provided for and described in Pub. L. No. 94-370, 16  
 282 U.S.C. s. 1456a.

283 Section 8. Paragraph (h) of subsection (5) of section  
 284 377.711, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

285 377.711 Florida party to Southern States Energy Compact.—  
 286 The Southern States Energy Compact is enacted into law and  
 287 entered into by the state as a party, and is of full force and  
 288 effect between the state and any other states joining therein in  
 289 accordance with the terms of the compact, which compact is  
 290 substantially as follows:

291 (5) POWERS.—The board shall have the power to:

292 (h) Recommend such changes in, or amendments or additions  
 293 to, the laws, codes, rules, regulations, administrative  
 294 procedures and practices, or ordinances of the party states in  
 295 any of the fields of its interest and competence as in its  
 296 judgment may be appropriate. Any such recommendation shall be  
 297 made, in the case of Florida, through the Department of  
 298 Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~.

299 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 300 377.712, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

301 377.712 Florida participation.—

302 (1)

303 (b) The Secretary of Environmental Protection ~~Commissioner~~  
 304 ~~of Agriculture~~ may appoint one member of the Southern States  
 305 Energy Board. The member or the secretary ~~commissioner~~ may  
 306 designate another person as the assistant or deputy to such  
 307 member.

308 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 377.803, Florida  
 309 Statutes, is amended to read:

310 377.803 Definitions.—As used in ss. 377.801-377.804, the  
 311 term:

312 (2) "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
 313 Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~.

314 Section 11. Section 377.805, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 315 to read:

316 377.805 Energy efficiency and conservation clearinghouse.—  
 317 ~~The Office of Energy within the~~ Department of Environmental  
 318 Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~, in consultation  
 319 with the Public Service Commission, the Florida Building  
 320 Commission, and the Florida Energy Systems Consortium, shall  
 321 develop a clearinghouse of information regarding cost savings  
 322 associated with various energy efficiency and conservation  
 323 measures. The department ~~of Agriculture and Consumer Services~~  
 324 shall post the information on its website.

325 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 377.808, Florida

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326 Statutes, is amended to read:

327 377.808 Florida Green Government Grants Act.—

328 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall use  
329 funds specifically appropriated to award grants under this  
330 section to assist local governments, including municipalities,  
331 counties, and school districts, in the development and  
332 implementation of programs that achieve green standards. Green  
333 standards shall be determined by the department and shall  
334 provide for cost-efficient solutions, reducing greenhouse gas  
335 emissions, improving quality of life, and strengthening the  
336 state's economy.

337 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 377.809, Florida  
338 Statutes, is amended to read:

339 377.809 Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program.—

340 (1) The Department of Economic Opportunity, in  
341 consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall  
342 implement an Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program for the purpose  
343 of developing a model to help communities cultivate green  
344 economic development, encourage renewable electric energy  
345 generation, manufacture products that contribute to energy  
346 conservation and green jobs, and further implement chapter 2008-  
347 191, Laws of Florida, relative to discouraging sprawl and  
348 developing energy-efficient land use patterns and greenhouse gas  
349 reduction strategies. The Department of Environmental Protection  
350 ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~ shall provide technical

351 assistance to the departments in developing and administering  
 352 the program.

353 Section 14. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection  
 354 (2), and subsections (8) and (9) of section 377.810, Florida  
 355 Statutes, are amended to read:

356 377.810 Natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program.—

357 (1) CREATION AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.—There is created  
 358 within the Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture~~  
 359 ~~and Consumer Services~~ a natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate  
 360 program. The purpose of this program is to help reduce  
 361 transportation costs in this state and encourage freight  
 362 mobility investments that contribute to the economic growth of  
 363 the state.

364 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term:

365 (b) "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
 366 Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~.

367 ~~(8) REPORT.—By January 31, 2016, the Office of Program~~  
 368 ~~Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall release a~~  
 369 ~~report reviewing the rebate program to the Governor, the~~  
 370 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~  
 371 ~~Representatives. The review shall include an analysis of the~~  
 372 ~~economic benefits resulting to the state from the program.~~

373 ~~(9) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect July 1,~~  
 374 ~~2013.~~

375 Section 15. Section 377.815, Florida Statutes, is amended

376 to read:

377           377.815 Alternative fueling stations and electric vehicle  
378 charging stations.—The Department of Environmental Protection  
379 ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~ may post information on its  
380 website relating to alternative fueling stations or electric  
381 vehicle charging stations that are available for public use in  
382 this state.

383           (1) As used in this section, the term "alternative fuel"  
384 means nontraditional transportation fuel, such as pure methanol,  
385 ethanol, and other alcohols; blends of 85 percent or more of  
386 alcohol with gasoline; natural gas and liquid fuels domestically  
387 produced from natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; coal-derived  
388 liquid fuels; hydrogen; electricity; pure biodiesel; fuels,  
389 other than alcohol, derived from biological materials; and P-  
390 series fuels.

391           (2) An owner or operator of an alternative fueling station  
392 that is available in this state may report the following  
393 information to the department:

394           (a) The type of alternative fuel available;  
395           (b) The station's name, address, or location; or  
396           (c) The fees or costs associated with the alternative fuel  
397 that is available for purchase.

398           (3) The owner or operator of an electric vehicle charging  
399 station that is available in this state may report the following  
400 information to the department:



- 401 (a) The station's name, address, or location; or
- 402 (b) The fees or costs, if any, associated with the
- 403 electric vehicle charging services provided by the station.

404 Section 16. Section 377.816, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 405 to read:

406 377.816 Qualified energy conservation bond allocation.—

407 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

408 (a) "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
 409 Protection.

410 (b)(a) "Eligible issuer" means an entity that is created  
 411 under or pursuant to the constitution or laws of this state and  
 412 that is authorized by this state to issue bonds or enter into a  
 413 lease-purchase agreement, or any other entity in this state  
 414 authorized to issue qualified energy conservation bonds pursuant  
 415 to the Internal Revenue Code.

416 ~~(b) "Office" means the Office of Energy within the~~  
 417 ~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~

418 (c) "Qualified energy conservation bond" means a bond  
 419 described in 26 U.S.C. s. 54D(a).

420 (d) "Qualified project" means a project eligible to be  
 421 financed pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 54D(f).

422 (2) ALLOCATION OF STATE VOLUME LIMITATION.—

423 (a) The department ~~office~~ shall establish an allocation  
 424 program for allocating or reallocating the qualified energy  
 425 conservation bond volume limitation provided by 26 U.S.C. s.

426 54D. The allocation program must provide notification of all  
 427 mandatory allocations required or authorized pursuant to the  
 428 Internal Revenue Code.

429 1. All mandatory allocations pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.  
 430 54D(e) (2) (A) shall be allocated to eligible issuers as provided  
 431 therein.

432 2. An eligible issuer receiving a mandatory allocation  
 433 pursuant to subparagraph 1. may elect to reallocate all or any  
 434 portion of its allocation back to the state pursuant to 26  
 435 U.S.C. s. 54D(e) (2) (B).

436 (b) The department ~~office~~ may reallocate to eligible  
 437 issuers in the state any allocation that was retained by the  
 438 state from the original federal allocation or any allocation  
 439 that is waived by an eligible issuer pursuant to subparagraph  
 440 (a)2.

441 (c) Each eligible issuer receiving an allocation shall  
 442 notify the department in writing of the amount of bonds issued  
 443 and any other information relating to the bonds or the  
 444 allocation at such time and in such manner as is required by the  
 445 department ~~office~~.

446 (d) A bond subject to the limitations provided in 26  
 447 U.S.C. s. 54D may not be issued in this state unless issued  
 448 pursuant to this section.

449 (3) INFORMATION AVAILABILITY.—The department ~~office~~ shall  
 450 determine the amount of qualified energy conservation bond

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451 allocations for each qualified issuer in this state under 26  
452 U.S.C. s. 54D and shall make such information available upon  
453 request to any person or agency.

454 Section 17. Paragraph (x) of subsection (1) of section  
455 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456 553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

457 (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and located  
458 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
459 for administrative purposes. Members are appointed by the  
460 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission  
461 is composed of 27 members, consisting of the following:

462 (x) One member who is a representative of the Department  
463 of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services'~~  
464 ~~Office of Energy~~. The Secretary of Environmental Protection  
465 ~~Commissioner of Agriculture~~ is encouraged to recommend a list of  
466 candidates for consideration.

467 Section 18. Section 570.841, Florida Statutes, is amended  
468 to read:

469 570.841 Farm-to-fuel initiative.—

470 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection may develop  
471 a farm-to-fuel initiative to enhance the market for and promote  
472 the production and distribution of renewable energy from  
473 Florida-grown crops, agricultural wastes and residues, and other  
474 biomass and to enhance the value of agricultural products or  
475 expand agribusiness in the state.

476 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection may conduct  
477 a statewide comprehensive information and education program  
478 aimed at educating the general public about the benefits of  
479 renewable energy and the use of alternative fuels.

480 Section 19. Subsections (5), (11), (12), and (13) of  
481 section 1004.648, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

482 1004.648 Florida Energy Systems Consortium.—

483 (5) The director, whose office is located at the  
484 University of Florida, shall report to the Department of  
485 Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~.

486 (11) The oversight board, in consultation with the  
487 Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer~~  
488 ~~Services~~, shall ensure that the consortium:

489 (a) Maintains accurate records of any funds received by  
490 the consortium.

491 (b) Meets financial and technical performance  
492 expectations, which may include external technical reviews as  
493 required.

494 (12) The steering committee shall consist of the  
495 university representatives included in the Centers of Excellence  
496 proposals for the Florida Energy Systems Consortium and the  
497 Center of Excellence in Ocean Energy Technology-Phase II which  
498 were reviewed during the 2007-2008 fiscal year by the Florida  
499 Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board created in s.  
500 1004.226(4), Florida Statutes 2006; a university representative

501 appointed by the President of Florida International University;  
502 and a representative of the Department of Environmental  
503 Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer Services~~. The steering  
504 committee is responsible for establishing and ensuring the  
505 success of the consortium's mission under subsection (9).

506 (13) By November 1 of each year, the consortium shall  
507 submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the  
508 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
509 Department of Environmental Protection ~~Agriculture and Consumer~~  
510 ~~Services~~ regarding its activities, including, but not limited  
511 to, education and research related to, and the development and  
512 deployment of, alternative energy technologies.

513 Section 20. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.