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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/31/2021	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 151 and 152
insert:

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
381.00655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

381.00655 Connection of existing onsite sewage treatment
and disposal systems to central sewerage system; requirements.—

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) or any other provision
of law to the contrary notwithstanding:



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11 (c) A local government or water and sewer district
12 responsible for the operation of a centralized sewer system
13 under s. 153.62 may grant a variance to an owner of a
14 performance-based onsite sewage treatment and disposal system
15 permitted by the department as long as the onsite system is
16 functioning properly and satisfying the conditions of the
17 operating permit. The department or a district created under
18 chapter 189 may waive the requirements for the owner of an
19 individual septic system to connect to a centralized sewer
20 system or construct an onsite treatment system provided the
21 individual lots operating on a septic system was identified in
22 the master plan of the centralized sewer plan and approved by
23 the permitting entities as being excluded for service by the
24 centralized sewer system. ~~Nothing in~~ This paragraph may not
25 ~~shall~~ be construed to require a local government or water and
26 sewer district to issue a variance under any circumstance.
27 ~~Nothing in~~ This paragraph may not ~~shall~~ be construed as limiting
28 local government authority to enact ordinances under s. 4,
29 chapter 99-395, Laws of Florida. A local government or water and
30 sewer district located in any of the following areas is shall
31 ~~not be~~ required to issue a variance under any circumstance:
32 1. An area of critical state concern.
33 2. An area that was designated as an area of critical state
34 concern for at least 20 consecutive years prior to removal of
35 the designation.
36 3. An area in the South Florida Water Management District
37 west C-11 basin that discharges through the S-9 pump into the
38 Everglades.
39 4. An area designated by the Lake Okeechobee Protection



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43 And the title is amended as follows:

44 Delete line 20

45 and insert:

46 contracting; amending s. 381.00655, F.S.; authorizing

47 the department or certain districts to waive

48 requirements related to conversion of septic systems

49 to centralized sewer systems under certain

50 circumstances; creating s. 381.00635, F.S.;

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