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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Brodeur) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 77 - 134

and insert:

(2)

(d) The department, in consultation with the St. Johns River Water Management District, the South Florida Water Management District, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall adopt uniform rules for application within the



11 Central Florida Water Initiative Area that include:
12 1. A single, uniform definition of the term "harmful to the
13 water resources" consistent with the term's usage in s. 373.219;
14 2. A single method for calculating residential per capita
15 water use;
16 3. A single process for permit reviews;
17 4. A single, consistent process, as appropriate, to set
18 minimum flows and minimum water levels and water reservations;
19 5. A goal for residential per capita water use for each
20 consumptive use permit; ~~and~~
21 6. An annual conservation goal for each consumptive use
22 permit consistent with the regional water supply plan;
23 7. An annual supplemental irrigation requirement allocation
24 for agricultural uses based on a 2-in-10-year drought condition,
25 or a more frequent occurring drought condition if the applicant
26 so requests; and
27 8. A process for the applicable water management district
28 to examine an agriculture user's average annual supplemental
29 irrigation water use over 5-year periods against the annual
30 supplemental irrigation needs in the 5-in-10-year rainfall
31 condition. If this examination indicates that the agricultural
32 user's average annual use exceeds that needed in such rainfall
33 condition for reasons other than prolonged periods of below
34 average rainfall, the water management district may request that
35 the agricultural user explain the reason for the exceedance and
36 what measures that user will employ to reduce such future
37 average annual water use to be no greater than that needed in
38 the 5-in-10-year rainfall condition. However, nothing in this
39 process shall be identified as an allocation.



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41 Subparagraphs 7. and 8. above shall not apply to areas where
42 existing recovery strategies within the Central Florida Water
43 Initiative Area adopted before July 1, 2016, contain
44 supplemental irrigation allocation requirements. The uniform
45 rules must include existing recovery strategies within the
46 Central Florida Water Initiative Area adopted before July 1,
47 2016. The department may grant variances to the uniform rules if
48 there are unique circumstances or hydrogeological factors that
49 make application of the uniform rules unrealistic or
50 impractical.

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54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete lines 15 - 27

56 and insert:

57 373.0465, F.S.; requiring the department, in
58 consultation with specified water management
59 districts, to adopt rules that include an annual
60 supplemental irrigation requirement allocation for
61 agricultural uses and a process for examining an
62 agriculture user's average annual supplemental
63 irrigation needs; providing for the applicability of
64 specified rules to areas with certain existing
65 recovery strategies; creating s. 373.0466, F.S.;