1	A bill to be entitled								
2	An act relating to biosolids; creating s. 403.0674,								
3	F.S.; establishing a biosolids grant program within								
4	the Department of Environmental Protection;								
5	authorizing the department, subject to legislative								
6	appropriation, to provide grants to counties, special								
7	districts, and municipalities for certain wastewater								
8	conversion projects; providing eligibility,								
9	prioritization, and funding requirements; authorizing								
10	the department to waive the funding match requirement								
11	for specified projects; requiring the department to								
12	2 develop specified annual reporting requirements for								
13	counties, special districts, and municipalities								
14	awarded such grants; providing an effective date.								
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:								
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18	Section 1. Section 403.0674, Florida Statutes, is created								
19	to read:								
20	403.0674 Biosolids grant program.—A biosolids grant								
21	program is established within the department.								
22	(1) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the								
23	Legislature, the department may provide grants to counties,								
24	special districts, and municipalities in this state to support								
25	projects that:								
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26	(a) Evaluate and implement innovative technologies and									
27	solutions for the disposal of biosolids; or									
28	(b) Construct, upgrade, expand, or retrofit domestic									
29	facilities that convert wastewater residuals to Class AA									
30	biosolids, nonfertilizer uses or disposal methods, or									
31	alternatives to synthetic fertilizers.									
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33	special district, or municipality; however, applicants are									
34	encouraged to form public-private partnerships with private									
35	utilities and firms.									
36	(3) Projects eligible for funding under this section may									
37	include, but are not limited to, projects that:									
38	(a) Reduce the amount of nutrients in biosolids.									
39	(b) Reduce the amount of emerging contaminants in									
40	biosolids.									
41	(c) Provide alternatives to the land application or									
42	landfilling of biosolids as a method of disposal.									
43	(4) In allocating grant funds, the department shall									
44	prioritize projects by considering the environmental benefit									
45	that a project may provide. To evaluate the environmental									
46	benefit of a project, the department shall review an analysis of									
47	how the project's conversion of wastewater residuals to Class AA									
48	biosolids, nonfertilizer uses or disposal methods, alternatives									
49	to synthetic fertilizers derived from wastewater residuals, or									
50	innovative technologies and solutions for the disposal of									
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51	biosolids are projected to minimize the impact of nutrients and								
52	other pollutants on water quality and the environment.								
53	(5) The department shall administer the grant program so								
54	that at least 10 percent of the funds made available each year								
55	under this section are reserved for projects within an area								
56	designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656. If								
57	the department does not receive sufficient applications for								
58	projects within an area designated as a rural area of								
59	opportunity, the department may reallocate the reserved funds to								
60	other projects prioritized by the department pursuant to								
61	subsection (4).								
62	(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the department								
63	shall require that each biosolids grant has a minimum of a 50								
64	percent funding match from local, state, federal, or private								
65	funds.								
66	(b) The department may waive, in whole or in part, the								
67	funding match requirement in paragraph (a) for proposed projects								
68	within an area designated as a rural area of opportunity under								
69	<u>s. 288.0656.</u>								
70	(7) The department shall develop annual reporting								
71	requirements for each county, special district, or municipality								
72	awarded a grant under this section which must include the								
73	phosphorous and nitrogen content, the type, and the amount of								
74	each grant-funded product derived from wastewater residuals and								
75	the buyers and users of such products.								
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