

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 3 Commission Trust Funds; amending s. 379.206, F.S.;
 4 removing a provision specifying the type of agreement
 5 activities for which moneys from the Grants and
 6 Donations Trust Fund may be used; amending s. 379.209,
 7 F.S.; removing a requirement for the administration of
 8 the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund; authorizing the use
 9 of trust fund proceeds for law enforcement purposes;
 10 authorizing the commission to enter into certain
 11 agreements with private landowners; providing an
 12 effective date.

13
 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

15
 16 **Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 379.206, Florida**
 17 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 379.206 Grants and Donations Trust Fund.—
 19 (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for
 20 funds to be used for allowable grant and donor agreement
 21 activities ~~funded by restricted contractual revenue~~. Moneys to
 22 be credited to the trust fund shall consist of grants and
 23 donations from private and public nonfederal sources,
 24 development-of-regional-impact wildlife mitigation
 25 contributions, interest earnings, and cash advances from other

26 trust funds.

27 **Section 2. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 379.209,**
 28 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

29 379.209 Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund.—

30 (2) (a) There is established within the Fish and Wildlife
 31 Conservation Commission the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. The
 32 fund shall be credited with moneys collected pursuant to ss.
 33 319.32(3) and 320.02(8). Additional funds may be provided from
 34 legislative appropriations and by donations from interested
 35 individuals and organizations. The commission may invest and
 36 reinvest the funds and the interest thereof of the Nongame
 37 Wildlife Trust Fund. ~~The commission shall designate an~~
 38 ~~identifiable unit to administer the trust fund.~~

39 (b) Proceeds from the trust fund shall be used for the
 40 following purposes:

41 1. Documentation of population trends of nongame wildlife
 42 and assessment of wildlife habitat, in coordination with the
 43 database of Florida natural areas inventory.

44 2. Establishment of effective conservation, management,
 45 and regulatory programs for nongame wildlife of the state.

46 3. Public education programs.

47 4. Law enforcement.

48 (3) The commission may enter into cooperative agreements,
 49 voluntary agreements, or memoranda of understanding with related
 50 agencies and private landowners to coordinate nongame programs.

51 | **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025. |