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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Bradley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (7) through (12) are added to  
section 403.0855, Florida Statutes, to read:

403.0855 Biosolids management.—

(7) (a) The land application of bulk Class AA biosolids  
fertilizer and biosolids compost products may not exceed the  
appropriate agronomic rate. Land application of bulk Class AA



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biosolids fertilizer and biosolids compost products at or below the agronomic rate must be managed so that beneficial reuse, rather than biosolids disposal, is the primary objective as evidenced by the manner and circumstances of the application. As used in this subsection, the term "agronomic rate" means the nutrient application rate established using generally accepted, science-based nutrient management principles, including recommendations published by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, which considers plant nutrient requirements; site-specific characteristics, including soil conditions; characteristics of the biosolids fertilizer or biosolids compost products, including nutrient release rates and soil amendment functions; other nutrient inputs applied to the site; and the protection of groundwater and surface water resources.

(b) Bulk land application of biosolids, including Class AA biosolids, to the extent that such bulk land application constitutes disposal, is prohibited, and violations shall be subject to chapter 403. As used in this subsection, the term "disposal" means the bulk land application of biosolids, including any application exceeding the agronomic rate, where, considering the manner and circumstances of the application, the nutrients applied cannot reasonably be expected to be taken up by a crop or vegetative cover during the relevant growing season, and the application results in the discard of biosolids on the land application site.

(8) The owner or operator of a land application site at which bulk agricultural land application of biosolids fertilizer or biosolids compost products occurs shall maintain application



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records for at least 5 years. Such records must be made available to the department upon request and must include all of the following:

(a) The classification and characteristics of the biosolids applied to the land application site.

(b) The physical address of the land application site.

(c) The quantity of biosolids transported to the land application site and received by the owner or operator of the land application site.

(d) The date on which such biosolids were received by the owner or operator of the land application site.

(e) The name of the person or entity responsible for the transportation of the biosolids to the land application site.

(f) The quantity of biosolids applied to the land application site.

(g) The name of the person or entity responsible for the physical application of the biosolids on the land application site.

(h) The date on which land application of such biosolids occurred.

(9) The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences shall, on a biennial basis, publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for the beneficial reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and biosolids compost products. The initial publication must occur by November 1, 2027. The recommendations must be informed by a review of the scientific literature and applicable available agronomic guidance and must include, but may not be limited to, all of the following:



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69       (a) The characteristics of commonly produced biosolids  
70 products relevant to nutrient availability and environmental  
71 risk, including nutrient content, nutrient release  
72 characteristics, and physical form.

73       (b) Recommended agronomic rate ranges or application  
74 approaches that account for crop type, soil conditions,  
75 environmental vulnerabilities, seasonal factors, and management  
76 practices.

77       (c) The scientific basis and degree of supporting research  
78 for recommended agronomic rates, distinguishing recommendations  
79 suitable for general application from those requiring site-  
80 specific evaluation.

81       (d) Data gaps and product types, conditions, or practices  
82 for which additional field verification or research would  
83 improve future recommendations, including identification of  
84 relevant research priorities and associated resource  
85 considerations.

86       (e) Best practices for on-the-ground implementation and  
87 verification consistent with agronomic principles.

88       (10) Applicable inspection fees and tonnage reporting  
89 requirements required pursuant to chapter 576 apply to all Class  
90 AA biosolids fertilizer and biosolids compost products marketed  
91 or distributed for land application, including such products  
92 that are not sold and products that are land applied on property  
93 owned or controlled by the biosolids generator, distributor, or  
94 applicator.

95       (11) A biosolids fertilizer product or biosolids compost  
96 product may not be marketed or distributed for bulk agricultural  
97 land application as Class AA biosolids unless the product meets



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all applicable labeling and registration requirements of chapter  
576.

(12) Subsections (10) and (11) do not apply to Class AA  
biosolids compost products when the labeling does not claim any  
plant nutrients or beneficial plant growth properties, as  
defined in s. 576.011(14), and when such biosolids compost  
products are enrolled in and certified under the U.S. Composting  
Council Seal of Testing Assurance program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to biosolids management; amending s.  
403.0855, F.S.; prohibiting the land application of  
bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost  
products from exceeding the appropriate agronomic  
rate; providing requirements for the management of the  
land application of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer  
and biosolids compost products at or below the  
agronomic rate; defining the term "agronomic rate";  
prohibiting the bulk land application of biosolids  
when such bulk application constitutes disposal;  
defining the term "disposal"; requiring the owner or  
operator of certain land application sites to maintain  
application records for a specified timeframe and make  
such records available to the Department of



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Environmental Protection upon request; providing requirements for such records; requiring the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to, on a specified basis and beginning on a specified date, publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for the reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products; providing requirements for such recommendations; providing applicability for specified inspection fees and tonnage reporting; prohibiting biosolids fertilizer products or biosolids compost products from being marketed or distributed for bulk land application as Class AA biosolids unless specified labeling and registration requirements are met; providing applicability; providing an effective date.