

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 332

An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 403.891, F.S.; creating the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for an annual carryforward of funds; providing for future legislative review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 403.891, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.891 Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of the Department of Environmental Protection.—

(1) The Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund is created within the Department of Environmental Protection. The purpose of the trust fund is to receive funds pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(d)2., funds from other sources provided for in law and the General Appropriations Act, and funds received by the department in order to implement the provisions of the Water Sustainability and Protection Program created in s. 403.890.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

(3) Pursuant to s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2009. Prior to its scheduled termination, the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, if CS for CS for CS for Senate Bill 444 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 2005.

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