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By the Committees on Appropriations; and Agriculture; and Senator Montford

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; creating s. 15.0521, F.S.; designating tupelo honey as the official state honey; amending s. 482.111, F.S.; specifying the requirements for original certification as a pest control operator; specifying the fee for the renewal of a certificate; amending s. 482.1562, F.S.; specifying the deadline for recertification of persons who wish to apply urban landscape commercial fertilizer; providing a grace period for recertification; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "food" to include dietary supplements; defining the term "vehicle"; amending s. 500.10, F.S.; providing additional conditions under which food may be deemed adulterated; amending s. 500.11, F.S.; including failure to comply with labeling relating to major food allergens as a criterion for use in determining whether food has been misbranded; creating s. 500.90, F.S.; preempting to the department the regulation of the use or sale of polystyrene products by entities regulated under the Florida Food Safety Act; providing applicability; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the department's functions, powers, and duties; amending s. 570.30, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Division of Administration; amending s. 570.441, F.S.; authorizing the use of funds in the Pest Control Trust Fund for activities of the Division of Agricultural Environmental Services; providing for expiration; amending s. 570.53, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Division of Marketing and Development to

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remove the enforcement provisions relating to the dealers in agricultural products law; amending s. 570.544, F.S.; revising the duties of the director of the Division of Consumer Services to include enforcement provisions relating to the dealers in agricultural products law; creating s. 570.68, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to create an Office of Agriculture Technology Services; providing duties of the office; amending s. 570.681, F.S.; revising the legislative findings relating to the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park; amending s. 570.685, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to provide administrative and staff support services, meeting space, and record storage for the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park Authority; amending s. 571.24, F.S.; clarifying the intent that the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign serve as a marketing program; removing an obsolete provision relating to the designation of a division employee as a member of the Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council; amending s. 571.27, F.S.; removing obsolete provisions relating to the authority of the department to adopt rules for entering into contracts with advertising agencies for services that are directly related to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign; amending s. 571.28, F.S.; revising the composition of the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council; amending s. 576.041, F.S.; revising the frequency with

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which tonnage reports of fertilizer sales must be made; revising the timeframe for submission of such reports; creating s. 580.0365, F.S.; providing for the preemption of commercial feed and feedstuff regulation; amending s. 581.181, F.S.; providing applicability of provisions requiring treatment or destruction of infested or infected plants and plant products; creating s. 581.189, F.S.; creating the Grove Removal or Vector Elimination (GROVE) Program; specifying the purpose of the program; defining terms; requiring the department to adopt rules for reviewing and ranking applications for cost-share funding to remove or destroy abandoned citrus groves; establishing per applicant award maximums; specifying that the total funds awarded in a fiscal year cannot exceed the amount specifically appropriated for the program; specifying application requirements; specifying how the department must process applications; specifying that noncompliance will result in forfeiture of cost-share funds; requiring the department to rank and review applications and to conduct a certain inspection; specifying grounds for denial of an application; requiring applicants selected for funding to timely initiate and complete the removal of identified citrus trees in accordance with their respective applications; providing the process for making payments to applicants; authorizing the department to adopt rules; specifying that funding for the program is contingent upon specific

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program; requiring breakfast meals to be available to all students in schools that serve any combination of grades kindergarten through 5; amending s. 595.406, F.S.; renaming the "Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program" as the "Florida Farm to School Program"; authorizing the department to establish by rule a recognition program for certain sponsors; amending s. 595.407, F.S.; revising provisions of the children's summer nutrition program to include certain schools that serve any combination of grades kindergarten through 5; revising provisions relating to the duration of the program; authorizing school districts to exclude holidays and weekends; amending s. 595.408, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 595.501, F.S.; requiring certain entities to complete corrective action plans required by the department or a federal agency to be in compliance with school food and nutrition service programs; amending s. 595.601, F.S.; revising a crossreference; amending s. 601.31, F.S.; specifying that certain citrus inspectors must be licensed by the state Department of Agriculture rather than the United States Department of Agriculture; amending s. 604.21, F.S.; deleting a requirement relating to complaints filed by electronic transmission or facsimile; amending s. 604.33, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring grain dealers to submit monthly reports; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to make at least one spot check annually of each grain

148 dealer; repealing s. 582.03, F.S., relating to the 149 consequences of soil erosion; repealing s. 582.04, 150 F.S., relating to appropriate corrective methods; 151 repealing s. 582.05, F.S., relating to legislative 152 policy for conservation; repealing s. 582.08, F.S., 153 relating to additional powers of the department; 154 repealing s. 582.09, F.S., relating to an 155 administrative officer of soil and water conservation; 156 repealing s. 582.17, F.S., relating to the presumption 157 as to establishment of a district; repealing s. 158 582.21, F.S., relating to adoption of land use 159 regulations; repealing s. 582.22, F.S., relating to 160 district regulations and contents; repealing s. 161 582.23, F.S., relating to performance of work under 162 the regulations by the supervisors; repealing s. 163 582.24, F.S., relating to the board of adjustment; 164 repealing s. 582.25, F.S., relating to rules of 165 procedure of the board; repealing s. 582.26, F.S., 166 relating to petitioning the board to vary from regulations; repealing s. 582.331, F.S., relating to 167 168 the authorization to establish watershed improvement districts within soil and water conservation 169 170 districts; repealing s. 582.34, F.S., relating to 171 petitions for establishment of watershed improvement districts; repealing s. 582.35, F.S., relating to 172 173 notice and hearing on petitions, determinations of 174 need for districts, and boundaries; repealing s. 175 582.36, F.S., relating to determination of feasibility 176 of proposed districts and referenda; repealing s.

177 582.37, F.S., relating to consideration of results of 178 referendums and declaration of organization of 179 districts; repealing s. 582.38, F.S., relating to the 180 organization of districts, certification to clerks of 181 circuit courts, and limitation on tax rates; repealing 182 s. 582.39, F.S., relating to establishment of 183 watershed improvement districts situated in more than 184 one soil and water conservation district; repealing s. 185 582.40, F.S., relating to change of district 186 boundaries or names; repealing s. 582.41, F.S., 187 relating to boards of directors of districts; 188 repealing s. 582.42, F.S., relating to officers, 189 agents, and employees, surety bonds, and annual 190 audits; repealing s. 582.43, F.S., relating to status 191 and general powers of districts; repealing s. 582.44, 192 F.S., relating to the levy of taxes and taxing 193 procedures; repealing s. 582.45, F.S., relating to 194 fiscal powers of a governing body; repealing s. 195 582.46, F.S., relating to additional powers and 196 authority of districts; repealing s. 582.47, F.S., 197 relating to the coordination between watershed 198 improvement districts and flood control districts; 199 repealing s. 582.48, F.S., relating to the 200 discontinuance of watershed improvement districts; repealing s. 582.49, F.S., relating to the 201 202 discontinuance of soil and water conservation 203 districts; repealing s. 589.26, F.S., relating to the 204 dedication of state park lands for public use; 205 providing effective dates.

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

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Section 1. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 15.0521, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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15.0521 Official state honey.—Tupelo honey is designated as the official Florida state honey.

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Section 2. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 482.111, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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482.111 Pest control operator's certificate.-

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certificate to each individual who qualifies under this chapter.

Before the issuance of the original certification, an individual must have completed an application for examination, paid the

(1) The department shall issue a pest control operator's

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examination. Before engaging in pest control work, each
certified operator must be certified as provided in this

examination fee provided for in s. 482.141, and passed the

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section. Application must be made and the issuance fee must be

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paid to the department for the original certificate within 60 days after the postmark date of written notification of passing the examination. During a period of 30 calendar days following

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expiration of the 60-day period, an original certificate may be issued; however, a late issuance charge of \$50 shall be assessed

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and must be paid in addition to the issuance fee. An original certificate may not be issued after expiration of the 30-day

period, without reexamination.

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(7) The fee for issuance of an original certificate or the renewal of a certificate thereof shall be set by the department but may not be more than \$150 or less than \$75; however, until

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rules setting these fees are adopted by the department, the issuance fee and the renewal fee shall each be \$75.

Section 3. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 482.1562, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

482.1562 Limited certification for urban landscape commercial fertilizer application.—

- (5) An application for recertification must be made <u>4 years</u> <u>after the date of issuance</u> at <u>least 90 days before the</u> <u>expiration</u> of the current certificate and be accompanied by:
- (a) Proof of having completed the 4 classroom hours of acceptable continuing education required under subsection (4).
- (b) A recertification fee set by the department in an amount of at least \$25 but not more than \$75. Until the fee is set by rule, the fee for certification is \$25.
- (6) A late renewal charge of \$50 per month shall be assessed 30 days after the date the application for recertification is due and must be paid in addition to the renewal fee. Unless timely recertified, a certificate automatically expires 90 days after the recertification date. Upon expiration or after a grace period ending 30 days after expiration, a certificate may be issued only upon the person reapplying in accordance with subsection (3).

Section 4. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 500.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (cc) is added to that subsection, to read:

500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability.-

- (1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term:
- (n) "Food" includes:
- 1. Articles used for food or drink for human consumption;

2. Chewing gum;

- 3. Articles used for components of any such article; and
- 4. Articles for which health claims are made, which claims are approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and which claims are made in accordance with s. 343(r) of the federal act, and which are not considered drugs solely because their labels or labeling contain health claims; and
- $\underline{5}$ . "Dietary supplements" as the term is defined in 21 U.S.C. s. 321(ff)(1) and (2).

The term includes any raw, cooked, or processed edible substance; ice; any beverage; or any ingredient used, intended for use, or sold for human consumption.

(cc) "Vehicle" means a mode of transportation or mobile carrier used to transport food from one location to another, including, but not limited to, cars, carts, cycles, trucks, vans, trains, railcars, aircraft, and watercraft.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 500.10, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

500.10 Food deemed adulterated.—A food is deemed to be adulterated:

(1) (a) If it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health; but in case the substance is not an added substance such food shall not be considered adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such substance in such food does not ordinarily render it injurious to health;

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(b) If it bears or contains any added poisonous or added deleterious substance, other than one which is a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity; a food additive; or a color additive, which is unsafe within the meaning of s. 500.13(1);

- (c) If it is a raw agricultural commodity and it bears or contains a pesticide chemical which is unsafe within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. s. 346(a) or s. 500.13(1);
- (d) If it is or it bears or contains, any food additive which is unsafe within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. s. 348 or s. 500.13(1); provided that where a pesticide chemical has been used in or on a raw agricultural commodity in conformity with an exemption granted or tolerance prescribed under 21 U.S.C. s. 346 or s. 500.13(1), and such raw agricultural commodity has been subjected to processing such as canning, cooking, freezing, dehydrating, or milling, the residue of such pesticide chemical remaining in or on such processed food shall, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 500.13, and this paragraph, not be deemed unsafe if such residue in or on the raw agricultural commodity has been removed to the extent possible in good manufacturing practice, and the concentration of such residue in the processed food when ready to eat, is not greater than the tolerance prescribed for the raw agricultural commodity;
- (e) If it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for food;
- (f) If it has been produced, prepared, packed, <u>transported</u>, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered

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diseased, unwholesome, or injurious to health;

- (g) If it is the product of a diseased animal or an animal which has died otherwise than by slaughter, or that has been fed upon the uncooked offal from a slaughterhouse; or
- (h) If its container is composed, in whole or in part, of any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents injurious to health.
- (5) If a dietary supplement or its ingredients present a significant risk of illness or injury due to:
- (a) The recommended or suggested conditions of use on the product label;
- (b) The failure to provide conditions of use on the product label; or
- (c) It containing an ingredient for which there is inadequate information to provide reasonable assurances that the ingredient does not present a significant risk of illness or injury.
- Section 6. Paragraph (m) of subsection (1) of section 500.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 500.11 Food deemed misbranded.-
  - (1) A food is deemed to be misbranded:
- (m) If it is offered for sale and its label or labeling does not comply with the requirements of 21 U.S.C. s. 343(q) or 21 U.S.C. s. 343(w) pertaining to nutrition or allergen information.
- Section 7. Section 500.90, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 500.90 Regulation of polystyrene products preempted to department.—The regulation of the use or sale of polystyrene

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products by entities regulated under this chapter is preempted to the department. This preemption does not apply to local ordinances or provisions thereof enacted before January 1, 2016, and does not limit the authority of a local government to restrict the use of polystyrene by individuals on public property, temporary vendors on public property, or entities engaged in a contractual relationship with the local government for the provision of goods or services, unless such use is otherwise preempted by law.

Section 8. Subsection (20) of section 570.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (44) is added to that section, to read:

- 570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:
- (20)(a) To stimulate, encourage, and foster the production and consumption of agricultural and agricultural business products;
- (b) To conduct activities that may foster a better understanding and more efficient cooperation among producers, dealers, buyers, food editors, and the consuming public in the promotion and marketing of Florida's agricultural and agricultural business products; and
- (c) To sponsor <u>events</u>, trade breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners and distribute promotional materials and favors in connection with meetings, conferences, and conventions of dealers, buyers, food editors, and merchandising executives that will assist in the promotion and marketing of Florida's agricultural and agricultural business products to the consuming

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The department is authorized to receive and expend donations contributed by private persons for the purpose of covering costs associated with the above described activities.

- (44) In its own name:
- (a) To perform all acts necessary to secure letters of patent, copyrights, and trademarks on any work products of the department and enforce its rights therein.
- (b) To license, lease, assign, or otherwise give written consent to any person, firm, or corporation for the manufacture or use of such department work products on a royalty basis or for such other consideration as the department deems proper.
- (c) To take any action necessary, including legal action, to protect such department work products against improper or unlawful use or infringement.
- (d) To enforce the collection of any sums due to the department for the manufacture or use of such department work products by another party.
- (e) To sell any of such department work products and execute all instruments necessary to consummate any such sale.
- (f) To do all other acts necessary and proper for the execution of powers and duties conferred upon the department by this section, including adopting rules, as necessary, in order to administer this section.
- Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 570.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 570.30 Division of Administration; powers and duties.—The Division of Administration shall render services required by the

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department and its other divisions, or by the commissioner in the exercise of constitutional and cabinet responsibilities, that can advantageously and effectively be centralized and administered and any other function of the department that is not specifically assigned by law to some other division. The duties of this division include, but are not limited to:

(5) Providing electronic data processing and management information systems support for the department.

Section 10. Subsection (4) is added to section 570.441, Florida Statutes, to read:

570.441 Pest Control Trust Fund.

(4) In addition to the uses authorized under subsection
(2), the department may use moneys collected or received under
chapter 482 to carry out s. 570.44. This subsection expires June
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Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 570.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.53 Division of Marketing and Development; powers and duties.—The powers and duties of the Division of Marketing and Development include, but are not limited to:

(2) Enforcing the provisions of ss. 604.15-604.34, the dealers in agricultural products law, and ss. 534.47-534.53.

Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 570.544, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.544 Division of Consumer Services; director; powers; processing of complaints; records.—

(2) The director shall supervise, direct, and coordinate the activities of the division and shall, under the direction of the department, enforce ss. 604.15-604.34 and the provisions of

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chapters 472, 496, 501, 507, 525, 526, 527, 531, 539, 559, 616, and 849.

Section 13. Section 570.68, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

570.68 Office of Agriculture Technology Services.—The commissioner may create an Office of Agriculture Technology Services under the supervision of a senior manager. The senior manager is exempt under s. 110.205 in the Senior Management Service and shall be appointed by the commissioner. The office shall provide electronic data processing and agency information technology services to support and facilitate the functions, powers, and duties of the department.

Section 14. Section 570.681, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.681 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park; legislative findings.—It is the finding of the Legislature that:

- (1) Agriculture is an important industry to the State of Florida, producing over \$6 billion per year while supporting over 230,000 jobs.
- $\underline{(1)}$  Equine and other agriculture-related industries  $\frac{\text{will}}{\text{strengthen}}$  strengthen and benefit each other with the establishment of a statewide agriculture and horse facility.
- $\underline{(2)}$  The A Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park provides will provide Florida with a unique tourist experience for visitors and residents, thus generating taxes and additional dollars for the state.
- $\underline{(3)}$  (4) Promoting the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park as a joint effort between the state and the private sector  $\underline{allows}$  will allow this facility to  $\underline{use}$  utilize experts and

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generate revenue from many areas to ensure the success of this facility.

Section 15. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of section 570.685, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

570.685 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park Authority.—

- (4) The authority shall meet at least semiannually and elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary for 1-year terms.
- (b) The department <u>may provide</u> shall be responsible for providing administrative and staff support services relating to the meetings of the authority and shall provide suitable space in the offices of the department for the meetings and the storage of records of the authority.
- (c) In conducting its meetings, the authority shall use accepted rules of procedure. The secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting showing, which record shall show the names of the members present and the actions taken. These records shall be kept on file with the department, and such records and other documents regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the authority shall be subject to inspection by members of the authority.

Section 16. Section 571.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

571.24 Purpose; duties of the department.—The purpose of this part is to authorize the department to establish and coordinate the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. The campaign is intended to serve as a marketing program for the promotion of agricultural commodities, value-added products, and agricultural-related businesses of this state. The campaign is

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not a food safety and traceability program. The duties of the department shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Developing logos and authorizing the use of logos as provided by rule.
  - (2) Registering participants.
  - (3) Assessing and collecting fees.
  - (4) Collecting rental receipts for industry promotions.
  - (5) Developing in-kind advertising programs.
- (6) Contracting with media representatives for the purpose of dispersing promotional materials.
- (7) Assisting the representative of the department who serves on the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council.
- (8) Designating a division employee to be a member of the Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council.
- (8) (9) Adopting rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this part.
- (9)(10) Enforcing and administering the provisions of this part, including measures ensuring that only Florida agricultural or agricultural based products are marketed under the "Fresh From Florida" or "From Florida" logos or other logos of the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign.
- Section 17. Section 571.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 571.27 Rules.—The department is authorized to adopt rules that implement, make specific, and interpret the provisions of this part, including rules for entering into contracts with advertising agencies for services which are directly related to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. Such rules shall

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establish the procedures for negotiating costs with the offerors of such advertising services who have been determined by the department to be qualified on the basis of technical merit, creative ability, and professional competency. Such determination of qualifications shall also include consideration of the provisions in s. 287.055(3), (4), and (5). The department is further authorized to determine, by rule, the logos or product identifiers to be depicted for use in advertising, publicizing, and promoting the sale of Florida agricultural products or agricultural-based products in the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. The department may also adopt rules consistent not inconsistent with the provisions of this part as in its judgment may be necessary for participant registration, renewal of registration, classes of membership, application forms, and as well as other forms and enforcement measures ensuring compliance with this part.

Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 571.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

571.28 Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council.—

(1) ORGANIZATION.—There is hereby created within the department the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council, to consist of 15 members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture for 4-year staggered terms. The membership shall include: 13 six members representing agricultural producers, shippers, or packers, three members representing agricultural retailers, two members representing agricultural associations, and wholesalers one member representing a wholesaler of agricultural products: 1, one

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member representing consumers;  $\tau$  and t one member representing the department. Initial appointment of the council members shall be four members to a term of 4 years, four members to a term of 3 years, four members to a term of 2 years, and three members to a term of 1 year.

Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 576.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

576.041 Inspection fees; records.-

- (2) Before the distribution of a fertilizer, each licensee shall make application upon a form provided by the department to report <u>quarterly</u> monthly the tonnage of fertilizer sold in the state and make payment of the inspection fee. The continuance of a license is conditioned upon the applicant's:
- (a) Maintaining records and a bookkeeping system that will accurately indicate the tonnage of fertilizer sold by the licensee; and
- (b) Consent to examination of the business records and books by the department for a verification of the correctness of tonnage reports and inspection fees. Tonnage reports of sales and payment of inspection fee shall be made quarterly using the department's regulatory website or monthly on forms furnished by the department and submitted within 30 days following the close of the reporting period on or before the fifteenth day of the month succeeding the month covered by the reports.

Section 20. Section 580.0365, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

580.0365 Preemption of regulatory authority over commercial feed and feedstuff.—It is the intent of the Legislature to eliminate duplication of regulation over commercial feed and

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regulate, inspect, sample, and analyze commercial feed or feedstuff distributed in this state or to exercise the powers and duties of regulation granted by this chapter, including the assessment of penalties for violation of this chapter, is preempted to the department.

Section 21. Subsection (3) is added to section 581.181, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 581.181 Notice of infection of plants; destruction.-
- (3) This section does not apply to plants or plant products infested with pests or noxious weeds if such pests and weeds are determined to be widely established within the state and are not specifically regulated under rules adopted by the department or under any other provisions of law.

Section 22. Effective upon becoming a law, section 581.189, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

581.189 Grove Removal or Vector Elimination (GROVE)
Program.—

- (1) There is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the Grove Removal or Vector Elimination Program, a cost-sharing program for the removal or destruction of abandoned citrus groves to eliminate the material harboring the citrus disease Huanglongbing, also known as citrus greening, and the vectors that spread the disease.
  - (2) For purposes of this section, the term:
- (a) "Abandoned citrus grove" means a citrus grove that has minimal or no production value and is no longer economically viable as a commercial citrus grove.
  - (b) "Applicant" means the person who owns an abandoned

citrus grove.

- (c) "Eligible costs" means the costs, incurred after an application is selected for funding, of the removal or destruction the citrus trees and the elimination of any citrus greening vectors, as described in the removal or destruction plan in the funded application.
- (d) "Funded application" means an application selected for cost-share funding pursuant to this section and rules adopted by the department.
- $\underline{\mbox{(e) "Program" means the Grove Removal or Vector Elimination}} \\ \mbox{Program.}$
- (3) The department shall adopt by rule the standards to be used in reviewing and ranking applications for cost-share funding under the program based on the following factors:
- (a) The length of time the citrus groves have been abandoned.
- (b) Whether the citrus groves are located within a Citrus Health Management Area.
- (c) The proximity of the abandoned citrus groves to other citrus groves currently in production.
- (4) An applicant may submit multiple applications for the program, but is eligible only for a maximum of \$125,000 in program cost-share funding in a given fiscal year. The department may award to each funded application a cost-share of up to 80 percent of eligible costs. The total amount of cost-share allocated under the program in each fiscal year may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for the program for the fiscal year.
  - (5) An applicant seeking cost-share assistance under the

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program must submit an application to the department by a date determined by department rule. The application must include, at minimum:

- (a) The applicant's plan to remove or destroy citrus trees and any citrus greening vectors in the abandoned citrus grove.
- (b) An affidavit from the applicant certifying that all information contained in the application is true and correct.
- (c) All information determined by rule to be necessary for the department to determine eligibility for the program and rank applications.
- (6) If the department determines an application to be incomplete, it may require the applicant to submit additional information within 10 days after such determination is made.
- (7) Each fiscal year, the department shall review all complete applications received in accordance with its rules adopted pursuant to subsection (5). For each such complete submitted application, the department must rank the applications in accordance with the factors specified in subsection (3) and, before selecting an application for funding, must conduct an inspection of the abandoned citrus grove that is the subject of the application.
- (8) The department may deny an application pursuant to chapter 120 for failure to comply with this section and department rules.
- (9) If an application is selected for funding, the applicant must initiate and complete the removal or destruction of the citrus trees identified in the application within the timeframe specified by department rule. The applicant's failure to initiate and complete the removal or destruction of the

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identified citrus trees within the time specified by the department results in the forfeiture of the cost-share funding approved based on the application. Upon such occurrence, the department shall notify the next eligible applicant, based upon its ranking of applicants for the fiscal year, of the availability of cost-share funding. Such applicant, upon acceptance, may be awarded cost-share funding pursuant to this section, subject to available program funds.

- (10) Upon completion of the removal or destruction of the citrus trees identified in the funded application, the applicant shall present proof of payment of removal or destruction costs to the department. Upon receipt of satisfactory proof of payment and satisfactory proof of the removal or destruction of the trees identified in the funded application, the department may issue payment to the applicant for the previously approved costshare amount.
- (11) The department may adopt rules to implement and administer this section, including an application process and requirements, an application ranking process that is consistent with the factors specified in subsection (3), and the administration of cost-share funding.
- (12) The annual awarding of funding through the program is subject to specific legislative appropriation for this purpose.

Section 23. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (7), and (8) of section 582.01, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

582.01 Definitions.—Wherever used or referred to in this chapter unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(1) "District" or "soil conservation district" or "soil and

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water conservation district" means a governmental subdivision of this state, and a body corporate and politic, organized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, for the purpose, with the powers, and subject to the provisions set forth in this chapter. The term "district," or "soil conservation district," when used in this chapter, means and includes a "soil and water conservation district." All districts heretofore or hereafter organized under this chapter shall be known as soil and water conservation districts and shall have all the powers set out herein.

- (4) "Landowner" or "owner of land" includes any person who  $\underline{\text{holds}}$  shall hold legal or equitable title to any lands lying within a district organized under the provisions of this chapter.
- (5) "Land occupier" or "occupier of land" includes any person, other than the owner, who <u>is a lessee</u>, renter, or tenant <u>or who is otherwise</u> shall be in possession of <u>land</u> any lands lying within a district <del>organized under the provisions of this chapter, whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise</del>.
- (7) "Due notice," in addition to notice required pursuant to the provisions of chapter 120, means notice published at least twice, with an interval of at least 7 days between the two publication dates, in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation within the appropriate area or, if no such publication of general circulation be available, by posting at a reasonable number of conspicuous places within the appropriate area, such posting to include, where possible, posting at public places where it may be customary to post notices concerning county or municipal affairs generally. At any hearing held

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pursuant to such notice, at the time and place designated in such notice, adjournment may be made from time to time without the necessity of renewing such notice for such adjourned dates.

- (8) "Administrative officer" means the administrative officer of soil and water conservation created by s. 582.09.
- Section 24. Section 582.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 582.02 <u>Legislative intent and findings; purpose of</u> <u>districts</u> <del>Lands a basic asset of state.</del>
- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the appropriate and efficient use of soil and water resources, protect water quality, prevent floodwater and sediment damage, preserve wildlife, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (2) The Legislature finds that the farm, forest, and grazing lands; green spaces; recreational areas; and natural areas of the state are among its the basic assets of the state and that the conservation preservation of these assets lands is in the public interest necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its people; improper land use practices have caused and have contributed to, and are now causing and contributing to a progressively more serious erosion of the farm and grazing lands of this state by fire, wind and water; the breaking of natural grass, plant, and forest cover has interfered with the natural factors of soil stabilization, causing loosening of soil and exhaustion of humus, and developing a soil condition that favors erosion; the top soil is being burned, washed and blown out of fields and pastures; there has been an accelerated washing of sloping

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fields; these processes of erosion by fire, wind and water speed up with removal of absorptive topsoil, causing exposure of less absorptive and less protective but more erosive subsoil; failure by any landowner or occupier to conserve the soil and control erosion upon her or his lands causes destruction by burning, washing and blowing of soil and water from her or his lands onto other lands and makes the conservation of soil and control erosion of such other lands difficult or impossible.

- appropriate land and water resource protection practices be implemented to ensure the conservation of this state's farm, forest, and grazing lands; green spaces; recreational areas; and natural areas and to conserve, protect, and properly use soil and water resources.
- (4) The purpose of the soil and water conservation districts is to provide assistance, guidance, and education to landowners, land occupiers, the agricultural industry, and the general public in implementing land and water resource protection practices and to work in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies in all matters to implement this chapter.

Section 25. Section 582.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 582.055 Powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—<u>The department has all of the following powers and duties:</u>
- (1) <u>To administer</u> The provisions of this chapter shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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(2) The department is authorized To receive gifts, appropriations, materials, equipment, lands, and facilities and to manage, operate, and disburse them for the use and benefit of the soil and water conservation districts of the state.

- (3) To require The department shall provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements.
- (4)  $\underline{\text{To}}$  The department may furnish information and call upon any state or local agencies for cooperation in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.
- (5) To offer assistance as may be appropriate to the supervisors of soil and water conservation districts and to facilitate communication and cooperation between the districts.
- (6) To seek the cooperation and assistance of the Federal Government and any of its agencies, and of agencies and counties of this state, in the work of such districts, including the receipt and expenditure of state, federal, or other funds or contributions.
- (7) To disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the soil and water conservation districts and to encourage the formation of such districts in areas where their organization is desirable.
- (8) To create or dissolve a soil and water conservation district pursuant to this chapter.
- (9) To adopt rules, as necessary, to implement this chapter.
- Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 582.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 582.06 Soil and Water Conservation Council; powers and duties.—

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(2) POWERS AND DUTIES; MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS.-

- (a) The meetings, powers and duties, procedures, and recordkeeping of the Soil and Water Conservation Council shall be conducted pursuant to s. 570.232.
- (b) The council shall accept and review requests for creating or dissolving soil and water conservation districts and shall, by a majority vote, recommend to the commissioner by resolution that a district be created or dissolved pursuant to the request or that the request be denied.
- (c) At the request of the Governor or a district, the council shall consider and recommend to the Governor the removal or retention of a supervisor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

Section 27. Section 582.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

582.16 Change of Addition of territory to district boundaries or removal of territory therefrom.—Requests to increase or decrease the boundaries of Petitions for including additional territory or removing territory within an existing district may be filed with the department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the department shall follow the proceedings provided for in this chapter to create a district in the case of petitions to organize a district shall be observed in the case of petitions for such inclusion or removal. The department shall prescribe the form for such petition, which shall be as nearly as may be in the form prescribed in this chapter for petitions to organize a district. If the petition is signed by a majority of the landowners of such area, no referendum need be held. In referenda upon petitions for such

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inclusions or removals, all owners of land lying within the proposed area to be added or removed shall be eligible to vote.

Section 28. Section 582.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

582.20 Powers of districts and supervisors.—A soil and water conservation district organized under the provisions of this chapter constitutes shall constitute a governmental subdivision of this state, and a public body corporate and politic, exercising public powers, and such district and the supervisors thereof, shall have all of the following powers, in addition to others granted in other sections of this chapter:

- (1) To conduct surveys, studies investigations, and research relating to the character of soil and water resources and erosion and floodwater and sediment damages, to the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water resources and the disposal of water, and to the preventive and control measures and works of improvement needed; to publish and disseminate the results of such surveys, studies, and investigations, or research,; and related to disseminate information. concerning such preventive and control measures and works of improvement; provided, however, that in order to avoid duplication of research activities, no district shall initiate any research program except in cooperation with the government of this state or any of its agencies, or with the United States or any of its agencies;
- (2) To conduct <u>agricultural best management practices</u> <u>demonstration</u> <u>demonstrational</u> projects <u>and projects for the conservation</u>, protection, and restoration of soil and water resources:

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(a) Within the district's boundaries;

- (b) Within another district's boundaries, subject to the other district's approval; territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or territory
- (c) In areas not contained within any district's boundaries on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction thereof; or, and
- (d) On any other lands within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or on lands territory not contained within any district's boundaries upon obtaining the consent of the owner and occupiers of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands. in order to demonstrate by example the means, methods, and measures by which soil and soil resources may be conserved, and soil erosion in the form of soil blowing and soil washing may be prevented and controlled, and works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the disposal of water may be carried out;
- (3) To carry out preventive and control measures and works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or territory not contained within any district's boundaries, including, but not limited to, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of

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vegetation, changes in use of land, and the measures listed in s. 582.04 on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction thereof, and on any other lands within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or territory not contained within any district's boundaries upon obtaining the consent of the owner and the occupiers of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands;

(3) (4) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, and within the limits of appropriations duly made available to it by law, to furnish financial or other aid to, any special district, municipality, county, water management district, state or federal agency, governmental or otherwise, or any owner or occupier of lands within the district's boundaries; on lands, territory within another district's boundaries, subject to the other district's approval; or on lands, or territory not contained within any district's boundaries, to further the purpose of this chapter. in the carrying on of erosion control or prevention operations and works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development and utilization, of soil and water resources and the disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or territory not contained within any district's boundaries, subject to such conditions as the supervisors may deem necessary to advance the purposes of this chapter;

 $\underline{(4)}$  (5) To obtain options upon and to acquire, by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, any

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property, real or personal, or rights or interests <u>in such</u>
property therein; to maintain, administer, and improve any
properties acquired, to receive income from such properties, and
to expend such income in <u>complying with carrying out the</u>
purposes and provisions of this chapter; and to sell, lease, or
otherwise dispose of any of its property or interests therein in
compliance with <u>furtherance of the purposes and the provisions</u>
of this chapter.;

(5)(6) To make available, on such terms as it shall prescribe, agricultural, engineering, and other machinery, materials, and equipment to landowners and occupiers of land within the district's boundaries, on lands territory within another district's boundaries, subject to the other district's approval; or on lands territory not contained within any district's boundaries. Such machinery, materials, and equipment must, agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment, fertilizer, seeds and seedlings, and such other material or equipment, as will assist such landowners and occupiers of land to conduct earry on operations upon their lands for the conservation and protection of soil and water resources. and for the prevention or control of soil erosion and for flood prevention or the conservation, development and utilization, of soil and water resources and the disposal of water;

 $\underline{(6)}$  (7) To construct, improve, operate, and maintain such structures as may be necessary or convenient for the performance of any of the operations authorized in this chapter.

(7) (8) To provide or assist in providing training and education programs that further the purposes of this chapter.

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(9) To take over, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to administer any soil-conservation, erosion-control, erosion-prevention project, or any project for flood-prevention or for the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the disposal of water, located within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or territory not contained within any district's boundaries, undertaken by the United States or any of its agencies, or by this state or any of its agencies; to manage as agent of the United States or any of the state or any of

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(8) (10) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to have a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed; to have perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in this chapter; to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and upon a majority vote of the supervisors of the district, to borrow money and to execute promissory notes and other evidences of

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indebtedness in connection therewith, and to pledge, mortgage, and assign the income of the district and its personal property as security therefor, the notes and other evidences of indebtedness to be general obligations only of the district and in no event to constitute an indebtedness for which the faith and credit of the state or any of its revenues are pledged; to make, amend, and repeal rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter to carry into effect its purposes and powers.

- the services of the county agricultural agents and the facilities of their offices, if practicable and feasible. The supervisors may employ additional permanent or temporary staff, as needed, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The supervisors may delegate to their chair, to one or more supervisors, or to employees such powers and duties as they may deem proper, consistent with this chapter. The supervisors shall furnish to the department, upon request, copies of rules, orders, contracts, forms, and other documents they adopt or employ, and other information concerning their activities which the department may require in the performance of its duties under this chapter.
- (10) To adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to implement this chapter.
- (11) To request that the Governor remove a supervisor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office by adoption of a resolution at a public meeting. If the district believes there is a need for a review of the request, the district may request the council, by resolution, to review the request and recommend action to the Governor. As a condition to the extending of any

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benefits under this chapter to, or the performance of work upon, any lands not owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, the supervisors may require contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise to any operations conferring such benefits, and may require landowners and occupiers to enter into and perform such agreements or covenants as to the permanent use of such lands as will tend to prevent or control erosion and prevent floodwater and sediment damages thereon;

(12) No Provisions with respect to the acquisition, operation, or disposition of property by public bodies of this state do not apply shall be applicable to a district organized under this chapter hereunder unless the Legislature shall specifically provides for their application so state. The property and property rights of every kind and nature acquired by a any district organized under the provisions of this chapter are shall be exempt from state, county, and other taxation.

Section 29. Section 582.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

582.29 State agencies to cooperate.—Agencies of this state which shall have jurisdiction over, or are be charged with, the administration of any state-owned lands, and agencies of any county, or other governmental subdivision of the state, which shall have jurisdiction over, or are be charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned lands, lying within the boundaries of any district organized under this chapter, the boundaries of another district subject to that district's approval, or territory not contained within the boundaries of any district organized under this chapter, shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the supervisors of

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such districts in the <u>implementation</u> effectuation of programs and operations undertaken by the supervisors under the provisions of this chapter. The supervisors of such districts shall be given free access to enter and perform work upon such publicly owned lands. The provisions of land use regulations adopted shall be in all respects observed by the agencies administering such publicly owned lands.

Section 30. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section 595.402, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (4) and subsections (7) and (8) are added to that section, to read:

- 595.402 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (4) "School breakfast program" means a program authorized by s. 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and administered by the department.
- (7) "Summer nutrition program" means one or more of the programs authorized under 42 U.S.C. s. 1761.
- (8) "Universal school breakfast program" means a program that makes breakfast available at no cost to all students regardless of their household income.

Section 31. Section 595.404, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

595.404 School food and other nutrition programs service program; powers and duties of the department.—The department has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To conduct, supervise, and administer the program that will be carried out using federal or state funds, or funds from any other source.
  - (2) To conduct, supervise, and administer a Farmers' Market

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Nutrition Program to provide participants in the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

(WIC) with locally grown fruits and vegetables. The program is

to be carried out using federal or state funds or funds from any
other source.

- $\underline{(3)}$  (2) To fully cooperate with the United States Government and its agencies and instrumentalities so that the department may receive the benefit of all federal financial allotments and assistance possible to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- $\underline{(4)}$  To implement and adopt by rule, as required, federal regulations to maximize federal assistance for the program.
- (5)(4) To act as agent of, or contract with, the Federal Government, another state agency, any county or municipal government, or sponsor for the administration of the program, including the distribution of funds provided by the Federal Government to support the program.
- (6) (5) To provide make a reasonable effort to ensure that any school designated as a "severe need school" receives the highest rate of reimbursement to which it is entitled under 42 U.S.C. s. 1773 for each breakfast meal served.
- $\underline{(7)}$  To develop and propose legislation necessary to implement the program, encourage the development of innovative school food and nutrition services, and expand participation in the program.
- (8) (7) To annually allocate among the sponsors, as applicable, funds provided from the school breakfast supplement in the General Appropriations Act based on each district's total number of free and reduced-price breakfast meals served.
  - (9) (8) To employ such persons as are necessary to perform

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(10) (9) To adopt rules covering the administration, operation, and enforcement of the program, and the Farmers'

Market Nutrition Program, as well as to implement the provisions of this chapter.

- (11) (10) To adopt and implement an appeal process by rule, as required by federal regulations, for applicants and participants under the <u>programs implemented under this chapter program</u>, notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57-120.595.
- $\underline{(12)}$  (11) To assist, train, and review each sponsor in its implementation of the program.
- (13) (12) To advance funds from the program's annual appropriation to a summer nutrition program sponsor sponsors, when requested, in order to implement the provisions of this chapter and in accordance with federal regulations.
- (14) To collect data on food purchased through the programs defined in ss. 595.402(3) and 595.406 and to publish that data annually.
- (15) To enter into agreements with federal or state agencies to coordinate or cooperate in the implementation of nutrition programs.
- Section 32. Section 595.405, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 595.405 <u>School nutrition</u> program requirements <del>for school</del> districts and sponsors.
- (1) Each school district school board shall consider the recommendations of the district school superintendent and adopt policies to provide for an appropriate food and nutrition service program for students consistent with federal law and

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- (2) Each school district school board shall implement school breakfast programs that make breakfast meals available to all students in each elementary school that serves any combination of grades kindergarten through 5. Universal school breakfast programs shall be offered in schools in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Each school shall, to the maximum extent practicable, make breakfast meals available to students at an alternative site location, which may include, but need not be limited to, alternative breakfast options as described in publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the federal School Breakfast Program.
- (3) Each school district school board must annually set prices for breakfast meals at rates that, combined with federal reimbursements and state allocations, are sufficient to defray costs of school breakfast programs without requiring allocations from the district's operating funds, except if the district school board approves lower rates.
- (4) Each school district is encouraged to provide universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school. Each school district shall approve or disapprove a policy, after receiving public testimony concerning the proposed policy at two or more regular meetings, which makes universal, free school breakfast meals available to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

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(4) (5) Each elementary, middle, and high school operating a breakfast program shall make a breakfast meal available if a student arrives at school on the school bus less than 15 minutes before the first bell rings and shall allow the student at least 15 minutes to eat the breakfast.

- (5) Each district school board is encouraged to provide universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school. A universal school breakfast program shall be implemented in each school in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, unless the district school board, after considering public testimony at two or more regularly scheduled board meetings, decides to not implement such a program in such schools.
- (6) To increase school breakfast and universal school breakfast program participation, each school district must, to the maximum extent practicable, make breakfast meals available to students through alternative service models as described in publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the federal School Breakfast Program.
- (7)(6) Each school district school board shall annually provide to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school information prepared by the district's food service administration regarding available its school breakfast programs. The information shall be communicated through school announcements and written notices sent to all parents.
- (8)(7) A school district school board may operate a breakfast program providing for food preparation at the school

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site or in central locations with distribution to designated satellite schools or any combination thereof.

(8) Each sponsor shall complete all corrective action plans required by the department or a federal agency to be in compliance with the program.

Section 33. Section 595.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

595.406 Florida Farm to School Fresh Schools Program.-

- (1) In order to implement the Florida Farm to School Fresh Schools Program, the department shall develop policies pertaining to school food services which encourage:
- (a) Sponsors to buy fresh and high-quality foods grown in this state when feasible.
- (b) Farmers in this state to sell their products to sponsors, school districts, and schools.
- (c) Sponsors to demonstrate a preference for competitively priced organic food products.
- (d) Sponsors to make reasonable efforts to select foods based on a preference for those that have maximum nutritional content.
- (2) The department shall provide outreach, guidance, and training to sponsors, schools, school food service directors, parent and teacher organizations, and students about the benefit of fresh food products from farms in this state.
- (3) The department may recognize sponsors who purchase at least 10 percent of the food they serve from the Florida Farm to School Program.

Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 595.407, Florida 1249 Statutes, is amended to read:

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595.407 Children's summer nutrition program.—

- (2) Each school district shall develop a plan to sponsor <u>or operate</u> a summer nutrition program to operate sites in the school district as follows:
- (a) Within 5 miles of at least one elementary school that serves any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and for the duration of 35 consecutive days between the end of the school year and the beginning of the next school year. School districts may exclude holidays and weekends.
- (b) Within 10 miles of each elementary school that serves any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, except as operated pursuant to paragraph (a).

Section 35. Section 595.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 595.408 <u>Food</u> <u>Commodity</u> distribution services; department responsibilities and functions.—
- (1) (a) The department shall conduct, supervise, and administer all <u>food</u> commodity distribution services that will be carried on using federal or state funds, or funds from any other source, or <u>food</u> commodities received and distributed from the United States or any of its agencies.
- (b) The department shall determine the benefits each applicant or recipient of assistance is entitled to receive under this chapter, provided that each applicant or recipient is a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States or

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is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law.

- (2) The department shall cooperate fully with the United States Government and its agencies and instrumentalities so that the department may receive the benefit of all federal financial allotments and assistance possible to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
  - (3) The department may:
- (a) Accept any duties with respect to <u>food</u> <del>commodity</del> distribution services as are delegated to it by an agency of the Federal Government or any state, county, or municipal government.
- (b) Act as agent of, or contract with, the Federal Government, state government, or any county or municipal government in the administration of <u>food</u> commodity distribution services to secure the benefits of any public assistance that is available from the Federal Government or any of its agencies, and in the distribution of funds received from the Federal Government, state government, or any county or municipal government for <u>food</u> commodity distribution services within the state.
- (c) Accept from any person or organization all offers of personal services, <u>food</u> <del>commodities</del>, or other aid or assistance.
- (4) This chapter does not limit, abrogate, or abridge the powers and duties of any other state agency.
- Section 36. Section 595.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 595.501 Penalties.-

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(1) If a corrective action plan is issued by the department or a federal agency, each sponsor must complete the corrective action plan to be in compliance with the program.

(2) Any person or, sponsor, or school district that violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted thereunder or otherwise does not comply with the program is subject to a suspension or revocation of their agreement, loss of reimbursement, or a financial penalty in accordance with federal or state law or both. This section does not restrict the applicability of any other law.

Section 37. Section 595.601, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

595.601 Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund.—Chapter 99-37, Laws of Florida, recreated the Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund to record revenue and disbursements of Federal Food and Nutrition funds received by the department as authorized in ss. 595.404 and 598.408 s. 595.405.

Section 38. Section 601.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

Agriculture may in each year employ as many citrus fruit inspectors for such period or periods, not exceeding 1 year, as the Department of Agriculture shall deem necessary for the effective enforcement of the citrus fruit laws of this state. All persons authorized to inspect and certify to the maturity and grade of citrus fruit shall be governed in the discharge of their duties as such inspectors by the provisions of law and by the rules adopted by the Department of Citrus and the Department of Agriculture and shall perform their duties under the

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direction and supervision of the Department of Agriculture. All citrus inspectors appointed for the enforcement of this chapter shall be persons who are duly licensed or certified by the United States Department of Agriculture as citrus fruit inspectors.

Section 39. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 604.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

604.21 Complaint; investigation; hearing.—

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- (b) To be considered timely filed, a complaint together with any required affidavits or notarizations must be received by the department within 6 months after the date of sale by electronic transmission, facsimile, regular mail, certified mail, or private delivery service. If the complaint is sent by a service other than electronic mail or facsimile, the mailing shall be postmarked or dated on or before the 6-month deadline to be accepted as timely filed.
- (d) A person, partnership, corporation, or other business entity filing a complaint shall submit to the department <u>a</u> the following documents: three completed complaint <u>affidavit</u> affidavits on a form provided by the department <u>which bears</u> with an original signature of an owner, partner, general partner, or corporate officer and an original notarization <u>and which is</u> accompanied by on each affidavit. If the complaint is filed by electronic transmission or facsimile, the original affidavits and original notarizations shall be filed with the department not later than the close of business of the tenth business day following the electronic transmission or facsimile filing.

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Attached to each complaint affidavit shall be copies of all documents that to support the complaint. Supporting documents may include be copies of invoices, bills of lading, packing or shipping documents, demand letters, or any other documentation to support the claim. In cases in which there are multiple invoices are being claimed, a summary list of all claimed invoices must accompany the complaint.

(2) Upon the filing of a such complaint under this subsection in the manner herein provided, the department shall investigate the complaint and matters complained of; whereupon, if it finds that, in the opinion of the department, the facts contained in the complaint warrant it such action, the department shall serve notice of the filing of complaint on to the dealer against whom the complaint has been filed at the last address of record. Such notice shall be accompanied by a true copy of the complaint. A copy of such notice and complaint shall also be served on any to the surety company, if any, that provided the bond for the dealer, and the which surety company shall become party to the action. Such notice of the complaint shall inform the dealer of a reasonable time within which to answer the complaint by advising the department in writing that the allegations in the complaint are admitted or denied or that the complaint has been satisfied. Such notice shall also inform the dealer and the surety company or financial institution of a right to request a hearing on the complaint, if requested.

Section 40. Section 604.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

604.33 Security requirements for grain dealers.—Each grain dealer doing business in the state shall maintain liquid

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security, in the form of grain on hand, cash, certificates of deposit, or other nonvolatile security that can be liquidated in 10 days or less, or cash bonds, surety bonds, or letters of credit, that have been assigned to the department and that are conditioned to secure the faithful accounting for and payment to the producers for grain stored or purchased, in an amount equal to the value of grain which the grain dealer has received from grain producers for which the producers have not received payment. The bonds must be executed by the applicant as principal and by a surety corporation authorized to transact business in the state. The certificates of deposit and letters of credit must be from a recognized financial institution doing business in the United States. Each grain dealer shall report to the department monthly, on or before a date established by rule of the department, the value of grain she or he has received from producers for which the producers have not received payment and the types of transaction involved, showing the value of each type of transaction. The report shall also include a statement showing the type and amount of security maintained to cover the grain dealer's liability to producers. The department may shall make at least one spot check annually of each grain dealer to determine compliance with the requirements of this section.

Section 41. Section 582.03, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 42. <u>Section 582.04</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 43. <u>Section 582.05</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 44. Section 582.08, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 45. Section 582.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 46. <u>Section 582.17</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 47. Section 582.21, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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           Section 48. Section 582.22, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
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           Section 69. Section 582.49, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
           Section 70. Section 589.26, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
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           Section 71. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
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      act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.
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