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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the protection of water
3 quality in the Wekiva Study Area; amending s.
4 369.318, F.S.; requiring the Department of
5 Agriculture and Consumer Services, in
6 conjunction with the Institute of Food and
7 Agricultural Sciences at the University of
8 Florida, to facilitate certain recommendations
9 for the use of fertilizer within the Wekiva
10 Study Area; requiring that the recommendations
11 be provided to the Department of Environmental
12 Protection for incorporation into certain best
13 management practices for a nonagricultural,
14 nonpoint source of pollution; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 369.318, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 369.318 Studies.--

22 (9) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer
23 Services shall be the lead agency in coordinating the
24 reduction of agricultural nonpoint sources of pollution. The
25 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall study,
26 and if necessary, initiate rulemaking to implement new or
27 revised best management practices for improving and protecting
28 water bodies, including those basins with impaired water
29 bodies addressed by the Total Maximum Daily Loads Program. The
30 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in
31 conjunction with the Institute of Food and Agricultural

1 Sciences at the University of Florida, shall facilitate the
2 development of recommendations for using agronomically-based
3 fertilizer for nonagricultural settings within the Wekiva
4 Study Area which protect the quality of surface and ground
5 water. Information regarding such fertilizer recommendations
6 shall be made available to the Department of Environmental
7 Protection for incorporation into the best management
8 practices for nonpoint sources developed pursuant to s.
9 403.067(7)(c)1. for the Wekiva Study Area.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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13 SENATE SUMMARY

14 Directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
15 Services, in conjunction with the Institute of Food and
16 Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida, to
17 facilitate certain fertilizer recommendations for the
18 Wekiva Study Area in order to protect water quality.
19 Authorizes provision of information regarding such
20 recommendations to the Department of Environmental
21 Protection for incorporation into certain best management
22 practices for a nonagricultural, nonpoint source of water
23 pollution.
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