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The Committee on Environmental Preservation (Constantine)  
recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal  
System Compliance Grant Program.--

(1) The Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal  
System Compliance Grant Program is established in the  
Department of Health, to be administered by the department.  
The purpose of the program is to provide grants to low-income  
property owners in the Wekiva Study Area or the Wekiva River  
Protection Area using onsite disposal systems to assist the  
property owners in complying with rules for onsite sewage  
treatment and disposal systems developed by the Department of  
Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, or the St.  
Johns River Water Management District to enforce compliance  
with onsite sewage treatment and disposal system standards.  
The grant program shall become effective upon final adoption

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1 of department rules and shall apply to costs incurred on or  
2 after such date.

3 (2) Any property owner in the Wekiva Study Area or the  
4 Wekiva River Protection Area having an income less than or  
5 equal to 200 percent of the federal poverty level who is  
6 required by rule of the Department of Health, the Department  
7 of Environmental Protection, or the St. Johns River Water  
8 Management District to alter, repair, or modify any existing  
9 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system to a  
10 nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system on such  
11 property may apply to the Department of Health for a grant to  
12 assist such owner with the cost of compliance.

13 (3) The amount of the grant is limited to the cost  
14 differential between the replacement of a comparable existing  
15 onsite sewage treatment and disposal system and that of an  
16 upgraded nitrogen-reducing performance-based treatment system,  
17 but may not exceed \$10,000 per property.

18 (4) The grant shall be in the form of a rebate to the  
19 property owner for costs incurred in complying with  
20 requirements for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.  
21 The property owner shall provide to the Department of Health  
22 in the grant application documentation of costs incurred in  
23 complying with requirements for such system.

24 (5) The Department of Health shall adopt rules  
25 providing forms, procedures, and requirements for applying for  
26 an disbursing grants including bid requirements and for  
27 documenting compliance costs incurred.

28 (6) The Department of Health, in coordination with the  
29 Department of Environmental Protection and the St. Johns River  
30 Water Management District, shall continue to evaluate, by any  
31 means the department deems appropriate, the level of nitrogen

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1 deposited in the Wekiva Study Area caused by onsite sewage  
2 treatment and disposal systems.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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and insert:

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An act relating to the Wekiva Onsite Sewage  
Treatment and Disposal System Compliance Grant  
Program; creating the program in the Department  
of Health; providing purposes; authorizing  
certain property owners in certain areas of the  
Wekiva basin to apply for grants for certain  
purposes; providing grant limitations;  
providing for the grant as a rebate of costs  
incurred; requiring documentation of costs;  
requiring the department to adopt rules to  
administer the grant program; providing an  
effective date.

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