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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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3/27/2008	.	
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The Committee on Communications and Public Utilities (Bennett)
recommended the following **amendment**:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 2408 and 2409
insert:

Section 33. Section 377.808, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

377.808 Florida Green Government Grants Act.--

(1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Green
Government Grants Act."

(2) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission within the
Executive Office of the Governor shall use funds specifically
appropriated to award grants under this section to assist local
governments, including municipalities, counties, and school
districts in the development of programs that achieve green
standards. Those standards are to be determined by the commission



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18 and must provide for cost-efficient solutions, reducing
19 greenhouse gas emissions, improving quality of life, and
20 strengthening this state's economy.

21 (3) (a) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
22 120 to administer the grants provided for in this section. In
23 accordance with the rules adopted by the commission under this
24 section, the commission may provide grants from funds
25 specifically appropriated for this purpose to local governments
26 for the costs of achieving green standards, including necessary
27 administrative expenses.

28 (b) The rules of the commission must:

29 1. Designate one or more suitable green government
30 standards framework from which local governments may develop a
31 greening government initiative, and from which projects may be
32 eligible for funding pursuant to this statute.

33 2. Require projects that plan, design, construct, upgrade,
34 or replace facilities be cost-effective, environmentally sound,
35 reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and be permittable and
36 implementable.

37 3. Require local governments to match state funds with
38 direct project cost share or in-kind services.

39 4. Provide for a scale of matching requirements for local
40 governments on the basis of population in order to assist rural
41 and undeveloped areas of the state with any financial burden of
42 addressing climate change impacts.

43 5. Require grant applications to be submitted on
44 appropriate forms developed and adopted by the commission with
45 appropriate supporting documentation and require records to be
46 maintained.



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47 6. Establish a system to determine the relative priority of
48 grant applications. The system must consider greenhouse gas
49 reductions, energy savings and efficiencies, and proven
50 technologies.

51 7. Establish requirements for competitive procurement of
52 engineering and construction services, materials, and equipment.

53 8. Provide for termination of grants when program
54 requirements are not met.

55 9. Each local government is limited to not more than two
56 grant applications during each application period announced by
57 the commission. However, a local government may not have more
58 than three active projects expending grant funds during any state
59 fiscal year.

60 (c) The commission shall perform adequate overview of each
61 grant, which may include technical review, site inspections,
62 disbursement approvals, and auditing to successfully implement
63 this section.

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65 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 On line(s) 188, after the semicolon,
68 insert:

69 creating s. 377.808, F.S.; creating the Florida Green
70 Government Grants Act; providing a short title; requiring
71 the Florida Energy and Climate Commission within the
72 Executive Office of the Governor to award grants to assist
73 local governments in the development of programs that
74 achieve green standards; requiring the commission to adopt
75 rules; providing requirements for the rules; limiting a
76 certain number of grant applications made by a local



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77 | government; limiting the number of active projects
78 | expending grant funds by a local government; requiring the
79 | commission to perform an overview of each grant;