A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund; deleting an obsolete provision; prohibiting moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 375.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund.-

- (3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:
- (a) First, to pay debt service or to fund debt service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to Florida Forever bonds issued under s. 215.618; and pay debt service, provide reserves, and pay rebate obligations and other amounts due with respect to Everglades restoration bonds issued under s. 215.619; and
- (b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a), but before funds may be appropriated, pledged, or dedicated for other uses:
 - 1. A minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million

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shall be appropriated annually for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to Congressional authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595. From these funds, \$32 million shall be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32 million distributed under this subparagraph, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million shall be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering, and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project, the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, the C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir Project, the Indian River Lagoon-South Project, the Western Everglades Restoration Project, and the Picayune Strand Restoration Project. The Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District shall give preference to those Everglades restoration projects that reduce harmful discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner. For the

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purpose of performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this subparagraph.

- 2. A minimum of the lesser of 7.6 percent or \$50 million shall be appropriated annually for spring restoration, protection, and management projects. For the purpose of performing the calculation provided in this subparagraph, the amount of debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) for bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under paragraph (b) shall be added to the amount remaining after the payments required under paragraph (a). The amount of the distribution calculated shall then be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth under this subparagraph.
- 3. The sum of \$5 million shall be appropriated annually each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year to the St. Johns River Water Management District for projects dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka. This distribution shall be

reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2016, for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.

- 4. The sum of \$64 million is appropriated and shall be transferred to the Everglades Trust Fund for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, for the EAA reservoir project pursuant to s. 373.4598. Any funds remaining in any fiscal year shall be made available only for Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project or projects identified in subparagraph 1. and must be used in accordance with laws relating to such projects. Any funds made available for such purposes in a fiscal year are in addition to the amount appropriated under subparagraph 1. This distribution shall be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid pursuant to paragraph (a) on bonds issued after July 1, 2017, for the purposes set forth in this subparagraph.
- 5. The sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated annually to the Florida Forever Trust Fund Notwithstanding subparagraph

 3., for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, funds shall be appropriated as provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2019.
- (4) Any remaining moneys in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund which are not distributed as provided in subsection (3) may be appropriated from time to time for the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution except that moneys

101	distributed from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund may not be used
102	for costs associated with the following budget entities:
103	(a) The Executive Direction and Support Services and the
104	Technology and Information Services within the Department of
105	Environmental Protection;
106	(b) The Executive Direction and Support Services and the
107	Office of Agriculture Technology Services within the Department
108	of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
109	(c) The Office of Executive Direction and Administrative
110	Support Services within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
111	Commission; and
112	(d) The Executive Direction and Support Services within
113	the Department of State.
114	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.