

By Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the wastewater grant program;
3 amending s. 403.0673, F.S.; authorizing the Department
4 of Environmental Protection to provide wastewater
5 grant program grants to projects directed at or
6 focused on a water body included on a specified list
7 of impaired waters; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 403.0673, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 403.0673 Wastewater grant program.—A wastewater grant
14 program is established within the Department of Environmental
15 Protection.

16 (1) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the
17 Legislature, the department may provide grants for all of the
18 following projects that are within a basin management action
19 plan, an alternative restoration plan adopted by final order, or
20 a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656 or that are
21 directed at or focused on a water body included on the verified
22 list of impaired waters developed by the department pursuant to
23 s. 403.067(4) which will individually or collectively reduce
24 excess nutrient pollution:

25 (a) Projects to retrofit onsite sewage treatment and
26 disposal systems to upgrade such systems to enhanced nutrient-
27 reducing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.

28 (b) Projects to construct, upgrade, or expand facilities to
29 provide advanced waste treatment, as defined in s. 403.086(4).

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30 (c) Projects to connect onsite sewage treatment and
31 disposal systems to central sewer facilities.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.