

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and  
Senator Rodriguez

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to wastewater grants; amending s.  
3       403.0673, F.S.; authorizing the Department of  
4       Environmental Protection to provide grants for certain  
5       projects to restore specified impaired water bodies  
6       and water segments; providing an effective date.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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10       Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 403.0673, Florida  
11       Statutes, is amended to read:

12       403.0673 Wastewater grant program.—A wastewater grant  
13       program is established within the Department of Environmental  
14       Protection.

15       (1) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
16       Legislature, the department may provide grants for the following  
17       projects within a basin management action plan, an alternative  
18       restoration plan adopted by final order, or a rural area of  
19       opportunity under s. 288.0656 or intended to restore a water  
20       body or water body segment listed as impaired pursuant to s.  
21       403.067 which will individually or collectively reduce excess  
22       nutrient pollution:

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

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

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

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