

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to funding for environmental resource
 3 management; amending s. 259.1055, F.S.; removing
 4 provisions authorizing voluntary agreements with
 5 private landowners for environmental services within
 6 the Florida wildlife corridor; repealing ss. 260.0145
 7 and 380.095, F.S., relating to the Local Trail
 8 Management Grant Program and dedicated funding for
 9 conservation lands, resiliency, and clean water
 10 infrastructure, respectively; amending ss. 17.71 and
 11 259.037, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
 12 by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 **Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 259.1055, Florida**
 17 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 259.1055 Florida wildlife corridor.—

19 ~~(6) MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. The Fish and Wildlife~~
 20 ~~Conservation Commission is authorized to enter into voluntary~~
 21 ~~agreements with private landowners for environmental services~~
 22 ~~within the Florida wildlife corridor.~~

23 ~~(a) The agreements must require that the landowner protect~~
 24 ~~and restore water resources; improve management of wildlife~~
 25 ~~habitat, including the long-term conservation of forest and~~

26 ~~grassland soils and native plants; manage the land in a manner~~
27 ~~that keeps the desired ecosystem healthy for protected species,~~
28 ~~such as the gopher tortoise and the Florida panther; or provide~~
29 ~~other incentives to landowners to continue and improve land uses~~
30 ~~that are both economically sustainable and beneficial to the~~
31 ~~environment of this state.~~

32 ~~(b) The commission shall ensure that any agreement for~~
33 ~~environmental services entered into requires the landowner to~~
34 ~~manage the land in a manner that improves or enhances the land~~
35 ~~beyond what is required under any other agreement or contract~~
36 ~~the landowner may have with the state.~~

37 ~~(c) Subject to appropriation, the commission may use land~~
38 ~~management funds received pursuant to s. 380.095 for this~~
39 ~~purpose.~~

40 **Section 2.** Section 260.0145, Florida Statutes, is
41 repealed.

42 **Section 3.** Section 380.095, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

43 **Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 17.71, Florida**
44 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), and subsection (2)**
45 **and present subsection (3) of that section are amended, to read:**

46 17.71 Indian Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund.—

47 (2) Funds shall be credited to the Indian Gaming Revenue
48 Clearing Trust Fund ~~as provided in s. 380.095.~~ Funds received
49 from such revenue-sharing payments and deposited into the trust
50 fund are exempt from the service charges imposed pursuant to s.

51 215.20.

52 ~~(3) The department shall disburse funds, by nonoperating~~
 53 ~~transfer, from the Indian Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund as~~
 54 ~~provided in s. 380.095.~~

55 **Section 5. Subsection (7) of section 259.037, Florida**
 56 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

57 259.037 Land Management Uniform Accounting Council.—

58 ~~(7) (a) The LMUAC shall recommend the most efficient and~~
 59 ~~effective use of the funds available to state agencies for land~~
 60 ~~management activities pursuant to s. 380.095. The~~
 61 ~~recommendations must be based on a review of the resources of~~
 62 ~~each land management agency to determine current expenditures,~~
 63 ~~including personnel costs, spent specifically on upland~~
 64 ~~management activities and invasive species removal. The~~
 65 ~~recommendations must include a calculation methodology to~~
 66 ~~distribute the funds to the state agencies specified in s.~~
 67 ~~380.095(2) (b).~~

68 ~~(b) The LMUAC shall adopt its initial recommendation and~~
 69 ~~submit it to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President~~
 70 ~~of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~
 71 ~~by January 3, 2027. Thereafter, the LMUAC shall update its~~
 72 ~~recommendation in the biennial report developed pursuant to this~~
 73 ~~section.~~

74 **Section 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.