

(7) For the 1997-1998 fiscal year only, the use of funds allocated to the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund shall be as provided in the General Appropriations Act. There is transferred \$6 million for the surface water improvement and management program and \$6 million for the aquatic weed control program from revenues provided by this section. This subsection expires July 1, 1998.

Section 33.

In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1307 and 1309 of the 1997-1998 General Appropriations Act, counties receiving funds for aquatic weed control programs as provided by section 212.20(7), Florida Statutes, may use these funds for recycling purposes. This authorization expires June 30, 1998.

Section 34.

In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1307 and 1309 of the 1997-1998 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 403.7095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 403.7095 Solid waste management grant program.--

(7)(a) Annual solid waste and recycling grants shall be available to counties with populations of fewer than 100,000. The sum of \$50,000 shall be available annually to each eligible county from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund through June 30, 1998. These grants shall be made by October 1 of each year to any county applying to the department prior to August 1 of any given year.

Section 35.

In order to implement Specific Appropriations 1307 and 1309 of the 1997-1998 General Appropriations Act, subsections (8) and (9) are added to section 403.7095, Florida

Statutes, to read:

403.7095 Solid waste management grant program.--(8) For fiscal year 1997-1998 the department shall provide counties with populations under 100,000 with at least the same level of funding they received in fiscal year 1996-1997 for solid waste management and recycling grants.

(9) For fiscal year 1997-1998 the department shall provide 10 percent of the total funds available after the requirements of subsection (8) are met for recycling grants available to all counties on a competitive basis for innovative programs that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Demonstrate advanced technologies or processes.
- (b) Collect and recycle nontraditional materials.
- (c) Demonstrate substantial improvement in program cost effectiveness and efficiency as measured against statewide average costs for the same or similar programs.
- (d) Demonstrate transferability of technology and processes used in program.
- (e) Demonstrate and implement multi-county or regional recycling programs.

Section 36.

There is created the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund Review Commission consisting of 10 members.

- (1) The commission shall review the following matters, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) The current uses of funds; the need to continue those uses; and alternative techniques for phasing out grants to local governments;
  - (b) Alternative techniques for restructuring grants to local governments for recycling and education purposes, including measures that make the grants more performance-based or competitive;

(c) The appropriateness of allowing local governments to use funds available to the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund for either recycling activities, surface water improvement and management program activities, or aquatic weed control activities; and

(d) Alternative funding strategies for meeting the needs of solid waste management, the surface water improvement and management program, and aquatic weed control.

(2) The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection shall appoint members to the review commission so that there are representatives of local governments knowledgeable about local needs for recycling, surface water improvement and management, and aquatic weed control, agency representatives for the recycling program, for the surface water improvement and management program, and for the aquatic weed control program, private industry representatives for recycling programs, for surface water improvement and management programs, and for the aquatic weed control program and other representatives the secretary determines to be appropriate on the commission.

(3) Each member may receive per diem and expenses for travel, as provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes, while carrying out the official business of the commission. Such expenses shall be paid from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund.

(4) Staff for the activities of the commission shall be assigned as needed by the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.

(5) The commission shall issue its report and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 30, 1998.

(6) This section expires July 1, 1998.