

26 | section 201.15, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (i)
 27 | is added to that subsection, to read:

28 | 201.15 Distribution of taxes collected.—All taxes
 29 | collected under this chapter are hereby pledged and shall be
 30 | first made available to make payments when due on bonds issued
 31 | pursuant to s. 215.618 or s. 215.619, or any other bonds
 32 | authorized to be issued on a parity basis with such bonds. Such
 33 | pledge and availability for the payment of these bonds shall
 34 | have priority over any requirement for the costs of collection
 35 | and enforcement under this section. Before distribution pursuant
 36 | to this section, the Department of Revenue shall deduct amounts
 37 | necessary to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of
 38 | the tax levied by this chapter. The costs may not be levied
 39 | against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds to
 40 | the extent that the costs are required to pay any amounts
 41 | relating to the bonds. All of the costs of the collection and
 42 | enforcement of the tax levied by this chapter shall be available
 43 | and transferred to the extent necessary to pay debt service and
 44 | any other amounts payable with respect to bonds authorized
 45 | before January 1, 2017, secured by revenues distributed pursuant
 46 | to this section. All taxes remaining after deduction of costs
 47 | shall be distributed as follows:

48 | (4) After the required distributions to the Land
 49 | Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), the
 50 | lesser of 8 percent of the remainder or \$150 million in each

51 | fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit
 52 | of the State Housing Trust Fund and shall be expended pursuant
 53 | to s. 420.50871. If 8 percent of the remainder is greater than
 54 | \$150 million in any fiscal year, the difference between 8
 55 | percent of the remainder and \$150 million shall be paid into the
 56 | State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund. The
 57 | remainder shall be distributed as follows:

58 | (g) An amount equaling 2.875 ~~5.4175~~ percent of the
 59 | remainder shall be paid into the Resilient Florida Trust Fund to
 60 | be used for the purposes for which the Resilient Florida Trust
 61 | Fund was created and exists by law. Funds may be used for
 62 | planning and project grants.

63 | (h)1. An amount equaling 7.959 ~~5.4175~~ percent of the
 64 | remainder shall be paid into the Water Protection and
 65 | Sustainability Program Trust Fund to be used to fund water
 66 | quality improvement grants as specified in s. 403.0673.

67 | 2. Of the proceeds paid into the Water Protection and
 68 | Sustainability Program Trust Fund, 40 percent or \$60 million,
 69 | whichever is greater, shall be credited to the Department of
 70 | Environmental Protection to be used for the Indian River Lagoon
 71 | Protection Program. The funds may only be used to install and
 72 | connect those onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems
 73 | within the Indian River Lagoon Protection Program to wastewater
 74 | treatment facilities that have been prioritized by the
 75 | Department of Environmental Protection under s. 373.469(3)(e).

76 The Department of Revenue shall disburse funds to local
 77 governments but may not award grants to local governments to
 78 cover more than 50 percent of the total cost to install and
 79 connect dwellings identified with onsite sewage treatment and
 80 disposal systems to wastewater treatment facilities.

81 Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (3) of
 82 section 373.469, Florida Statutes, to read:

83 373.469 Indian River Lagoon Protection Program.—

84 (3) THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROTECTION PROGRAM.—The Indian
 85 River Lagoon Protection Program consists of the Banana River
 86 Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan, Central Indian River Lagoon
 87 Basin Management Action Plan, North Indian River Lagoon Basin
 88 Management Action Plan, and Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance
 89 Plan, and such plans are the components of the Indian River
 90 Lagoon Protection Program which achieve phosphorous and nitrogen
 91 load reductions for the Indian River Lagoon.

92 (e)1. The Indian River Lagoon Protection Wastewater
 93 Connection Plan.—Using data provided by the Department of
 94 Health, local governments, the St. Johns River Water Management
 95 District, and the South Florida Water Management District, as
 96 applicable, the Department of Environmental Protection must
 97 identify all the commercial or residential properties that use
 98 onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems located within the
 99 regions encompassed by the Banana River Lagoon Basin Management
 100 Action Plan, the Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management

101 Action Plan, the North Indian River Lagoon Basin Management
102 Action Plan, and the Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan
103 and place each of the systems into one of the following
104 categories and create maps to identify each of their locations:
105 a. Systems that directly impair a waterbody;
106 b. Systems that potentially impair a waterbody; or
107 c. Systems that do not impair a waterbody.
108 2. For each of the onsite sewage treatment and disposal
109 systems classified in subparagraph 1., the Department of
110 Environmental Protection must also determine the feasibility and
111 estimate the economic cost of connecting the system to a
112 wastewater treatment facility and place each of the systems into
113 one of the following categories:
114 a. Systems for which the economic cost to connect to a
115 wastewater treatment facility is low;
116 b. Systems for which the economic cost to connect to a
117 wastewater treatment facility is mid-tier; or
118 c. Systems for which the economic cost to connect to a
119 wastewater treatment facility is high.
120 3. Based on the results, the Department of Environmental
121 Protection must conduct a cost-benefit analysis to rank and
122 prioritize systems for which there is a high return on
123 investment in terms of providing water quality improvements to
124 the Indian River Lagoon Basin by connecting the systems to
125 wastewater treatment facilities. The highest ranking projects

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126 | shall be eligible for state funding.

127 | 4. The Department of Environmental Protection must submit
128 | an annual report that includes the information in subparagraph
129 | 3. to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
130 | Representatives, and the chairs of the appropriations committees
131 | of the Legislature no later than 30 days before the first day of
132 | the next regular session of the Legislature.

133 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.