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The Committee on Ways and Means (Pruitt) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 22, line 29 through page 23, line 20, delete those lines

and insert:

(6)(a) The statewide funds provided pursuant to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program serve to supplement existing water management district or basin board funding for alternative water supply development assistance and should not result in a reduction of such funding. Therefore, the water management districts shall include, in the annual tentative and adopted budget submittals required under this chapter the amount of funds allocated for water resource development that supports alternative water supply development and the funds allocated for alternative water supply projects selected for inclusion in the Water Protection and Sustainability Program. It shall be the goal of each water management district and basin boards that the combined funds

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1 allocated annually for these purposes be, at a minimum, the
2 equivalent of 25 percent of the state funding provided to the
3 water management district for alternative water supply
4 development. If this goal is not achieved, the water
5 management district shall provide in the budget submittal an
6 explanation of the reasons or constraints that prevent this
7 goal from being met.

8 (b) State funds from the Water Protection and
9 Sustainability Program created in s. 403.890 shall be made
10 available for financial assistance for the project
11 construction costs of alternative water supply development
12 projects selected by a water management district governing
13 board for inclusion in the program.

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