The Committee on Community Affairs (Lee) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 30 - 40 and insert:

(b) The Legislature recognizes the importance of mitigation banks as an appropriate and allowable mitigation alternative to permittee-responsible mitigation. However, the Legislature also recognizes that certain timing and geographical constraints could result in the unavailability of mitigation bank credits for a certain project upon completion of the project’s...
application. If state and federal mitigation credits are not available to offset the adverse impacts of a project, a local government may allow permittee-responsible mitigation consisting of the restoration or enhancement of lands purchased and owned by a local government for conservation purposes, and such mitigation must conform to the permitting requirements of s. 373.4136. Except where a local government has allowed a public or private mitigation project to be created on land it has purchased for conservation purposes pursuant to this paragraph, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a governmental entity may not create or provide mitigation for a project other than its own unless the governmental entity uses land that was not previously purchased for conservation and unless the governmental entity provides the same financial assurances as required for mitigation banks permitted under s. 373.4136. This paragraph does not apply to:

== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==
And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 3 - 6

and insert:

373.4135, F.S.; authorizing a local government to allow permittee-responsible mitigation on lands purchased and owned by a local government for conservation purposes under certain circumstances; requiring such mitigation to meet specified requirements; providing an effective date.