

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

CS/HB 513 — Comprehensive Review Study of the Central and Southern Florida Project

by State Affairs Committee and Reps. Bartleman, Busatta Cabrera, and others (CS/SB 1326 by Community Affairs Committee and Senators Rodriguez, Farmer, Jones, and Berman)

The bill requires the South Florida Water Management District (District) to prepare and submit a consolidated annual report regarding the status of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 216 Central and Southern Florida Project Infrastructure Resiliency Study to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report is due by October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter.

The bill requires the report to include:

- A summary of the findings in the District’s annual sea level rise and flood resiliency plan.
- A list of structures that are expected to fall below the expected service level in the next 5 years.
- Initial recommendations for the refurbishment or replacement of the structures identified in the preceding bullet, including:
 - Future cost estimates and timelines for the refurbishment or replacement of the most vulnerable structures.
 - An estimate of project costs and current funds available to implement the recommendations for each vulnerable structure based on a 10-year horizon.
- A summary of the state and federal funds expended toward the implementation of the USACE Section 216 Central and Southern Florida Project Infrastructure Resiliency Study and other directly related flood control infrastructure resiliency projects of the District through June 30 of each year.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0