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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Miami River; creating s.  
163.065, F.S.; creating the "Miami River  
Improvement Act"; providing findings and  
purpose; directing state and regional agencies  
to assist the Miami River Commission; requiring  
a plan; providing an appropriation; providing  
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 163.065, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

163.065 Miami River Improvement Act.--

(1) SHORT TITLE.--This section may be cited as the  
"Miami River Improvement Act."

(2) FINDINGS; PURPOSE.--

(a) The Miami River Commission was created by chapter  
98-402, Laws of Florida, to be the official coordinating  
clearinghouse for all public policy and projects related to  
the Miami River.

(b) The United States Congress has provided funding  
for an initial federal share of 80 percent for the  
environmental and navigational improvements to the Miami  
River. The governments of the City of Miami and Miami-Dade  
County are coordinating with the Legislature and the Florida  
Department of Environmental Protection to determine how the 20  
percent local share will be provided.

(c) Successful revitalizing and sustaining the urban  
redevelopment of the areas adjacent to the Miami River is  
dependent on addressing, through an integrated and coordinated

1 intergovernmental plan, a range of varied components essential  
2 to a healthy urban environment, including cultural,  
3 recreational, economic, and transportation components.

4 (d) The purpose of this section is to ensure a  
5 coordinated federal, state, regional, and local effort to  
6 improve the Miami River and adjacent areas.

7 (3) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.--All state and regional  
8 agencies shall provide all available assistance to the Miami  
9 River Commission in the conduct of its activities.

10 (4) PLAN.--The Miami River Commission, working with  
11 the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County, shall consider the  
12 merits of the following:

13 (a) Development and adoption of an urban infill and  
14 redevelopment plan, under ss. 163.2511-163.2526, and  
15 participating state and regional agencies shall review the  
16 proposed plan for the purposes of consistency with applicable  
17 law.

18 (b) Development of a greenway/riverwalk and blueway,  
19 where appropriate, as authorized in s. 260.101, to provide an  
20 attractive and safe connector system of bicycle, pedestrian,  
21 and transit routes and water taxis to link jobs, waterfront  
22 amenities, and people, and contribute to the comprehensive  
23 revitalization of the Miami River.

24 Section 2. The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from  
25 the General Revenue Fund to the Miami River Commission to  
26 carry out the purpose of this act during the 2000-2001 fiscal  
27 year.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the "Miami River Improvement Act." Directs state and regional agencies to work with the Miami River Commission, the City of Miami, and Miami-Dade County in considering an urban infill and redevelopment plan. Provides an appropriation.