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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to military readiness; creating s.
 163.3175, F.S.; providing legislative findings relating to
 the compatibility of development with military
 installations; providing for an exchange of information
 between certain local governments and military bases or
 installations; requiring the local government to consider
 the comments of the commanding officer of a military base
 or installation relating to potential adverse effects on
 the base or installation which may result from rezonings
 or changes in land use; amending s. 163.3177, F.S.;
 providing that an element relating to military readiness
 is a mandatory element of the comprehensive plans for
 certain local governments; requiring the local governments
 to seek advice from individuals who may be affected by
 this element; providing factors that must be considered in
 connection with this element; amending s. 163.3187, F.S.;
 exempting from certain restrictions on the adoption of
 amendments to comprehensive plans an amendment relating to
 military readiness; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 163.3175, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of
 development with military bases and installations; exchange of
 information between local governments and military bases and
 installations.--



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30 (1) The Legislature finds that incompatible residential
31 and commercial development of land close to military bases or
32 military installations can adversely affect the ability of such
33 a base or installation to carry out its mission. The Legislature
34 further finds that such development also threatens the public
35 safety because of the possibility of accidents occurring within
36 the areas surrounding a military base or military installation.
37 In addition, the economic health of a community is affected if
38 military operations and missions must relocate because of urban
39 encroachment. Therefore, the Legislature finds it desirable for
40 the local governments in this state to cooperate with military
41 bases and installations to encourage compatible land use, help
42 prevent encroachment, and facilitate the continued presence of
43 major military bases and installations in this state.

44 (2) In any county that has a military base or installation
45 located within its boundaries, each local government, including
46 the county government, must transmit to the commanding officer
47 of the military base or installation information regarding
48 proposed changes in land use or proposed rezonings that would,
49 if approved, affect the density or use of the property that is
50 the subject of the application. The commanding officer or his or
51 her designee may submit to the local government written comments
52 regarding any adverse effects that the proposed changes or
53 rezonings may have on military bases or installations, operating
54 areas, or ranges, including, but not limited to, the commanding
55 officer's opinion as to whether those proposed changes will
56 violate the safety and noise standards contained in the Air
57 Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) prepared for a military
58 airfield or whether the changes are incompatible with the
59 Installation Environmental Noise Management Program (IENMP) of



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60 the United States Army. The commanding officer is encouraged to
61 include information about any community planning assistance
62 grants that might be available to the local government through
63 the federal Office of Economic Adjustment, as an incentive for
64 communities to participate in a joint planning process that
65 would facilitate the compatibility of community planning and
66 activities vital to the national defense. The local government
67 shall take the comments of the commanding officer or his or her
68 designee into consideration when rezoning or making changes in
69 land use.

70 Section 2. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (6) of
71 section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, to read:

72 163.3177 Required and optional elements of comprehensive
73 plan; studies and surveys.--

74 (6) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1)-
75 (5), the comprehensive plan shall include the following
76 elements:

77 (1) For each unit of local government within a county that
78 has a military base or military installation within its
79 boundaries, a military readiness element. In preparing to adopt
80 this element, the local government must seek advice from
81 residents of the county and others who are likely to be affected
82 by the provisions therein, including, but not limited to,
83 builders and developers, conservation groups, representatives of
84 the armed services, and neighborhood groups.

85 1. The military readiness element must take into
86 consideration how the public health, safety, and welfare is
87 likely to be affected by the proximity of residential areas to
88 military bases or installations, operating areas, and ranges and



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89 must make reasonable provision for preserving open space and
90 compatible land uses near a military base or installation.

91 2. The military readiness element must also take into
92 consideration the findings of the Department of Defense Joint
93 Land Use Study Program, which promotes incorporating the
94 findings of the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) and
95 of the Installation Environmental Noise Management Program
96 (IENMP, which was formerly the Installation Compatible Use Zone,
97 or ICUZ, program).

98 3. In counties that contain a military airfield, the
99 military readiness element must take into consideration the
100 extent to which the use of land surrounding the airfield is
101 consistent with the safety and noise standards contained in the
102 AICUZ prepared for that military airfield.

103 Section 3. A new paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1)
104 of section 163.3187, Florida Statutes, to read:

105 163.3187 Amendment of adopted comprehensive plan.--

106 (1) Amendments to comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to
107 this part may be made not more than two times during any
108 calendar year, except:

109 (m) A comprehensive plan amendment relating to military
110 readiness may be made at any time and does not count toward the
111 limitation on the frequency of plan amendments.

112 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.