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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to funding for dredging projects; creating
3 s. 311.115, F.S.; requiring the Florida Seaport
4 Transportation and Economic Development Council to
5 establish a matching funds program for certain dredging
6 projects; requiring the adoption of rules and criteria for
7 project evaluation; requiring approved projects to be
8 reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs, the
9 Department of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism,
10 Trade, and Economic Development; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 311.115, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 311.115 Dredging projects matching funds program.--

18 (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
19 Development Council shall establish a program to fund dredging
20 projects in counties having a population of less than 300,000
21 according to the last official census. Funds made available
22 under this program shall be used to fund approved projects for
23 dredging or deepening of channels, turning basins, or harbors.
24 Funding shall be on a 50-50 matching basis with any port
25 authority, as defined in s. 315.02(2), that complies with the
26 permitting requirements in part IV of chapter 373 and the local
27 financial management and reporting provisions of part III of
28 chapter 218.

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29 (2) The council shall adopt rules for evaluating projects
30 submitted for funding pursuant to this section and establish
31 criteria for evaluating the economic benefit of such projects.
32 The rules shall also establish and require an administrative
33 review process similar to the process contained in s. 311.09(5) -
34 (9) for projects approved for funding pursuant to this section
35 to be reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs, the
36 Department of Transportation, and the Office of Tourism, Trade,
37 and Economic Development.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.