

By Senator Evers

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the federal Resources and
3 Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and
4 Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast States
5 Act; amending s. 377.43, F.S.; clarifying that the
6 process a county, or an entity formed by the state or
7 a county, takes for appropriating funds received
8 through the RESTORE Act is subject to the open
9 government requirements of s. 24, Art. I of the State
10 Constitution and ss. 119.07(1) and 286.011, F.S.;
11 requiring a county receiving RESTORE Act funds to post
12 each proposed appropriation of funds received under
13 the act as a line item on its website within a certain
14 timeframe; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 377.43,
19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 377.43 Disbursement of funds received for damages caused by
21 the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.—

22 (6) (a) For the purpose of this section, the process a
23 county, or an entity formed by the state or a county, takes for
24 appropriating funds received through the Resources and
25 Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived
26 Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012, Pub.
27 L. 112-141, div. A, title I, subtitle F, ss. 1601 et seq., is
28 subject to the open government requirements of s. 24, Art. I of
29 the State Constitution and ss. 119.07(1) and 286.011.

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30 (b) A county receiving RESTORE Act funds shall post each
31 proposed appropriation of funds received under the act as a line
32 item on its website at least 30 days before the meeting during
33 which the proposed appropriation is to be voted on to ensure
34 that the public has ample time to review and comment on the
35 proposed appropriation.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.