

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Simpson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to regional planning councils;  
3       amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; deleting obsolete  
4       provisions; amending s. 163.3246, F.S.; removing  
5       restrictions on certain exemptions; amending s.  
6       163.3248, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
7       planning councils provide assistance in developing a  
8       plan for a rural land stewardship area; amending s.  
9       186.505, F.S.; removing the power of regional planning  
10      councils to establish and conduct cross-acceptance  
11      negotiation processes; amending s. 186.506, F.S.;  
12      removing the Governor's authority to revise regional  
13      planning council district boundaries; creating s.  
14      186.512, F.S.; subdividing the state into specified  
15      geographic regions for the purpose of regional  
16      comprehensive planning; amending s. 186.513, F.S.;  
17      deleting the requirement that regional planning  
18      councils make joint reports and recommendations;  
19      amending s. 253.7828, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
20      changes made by the act; amending s. 339.135, F.S.;  
21      deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 339.155,  
22      F.S.; removing certain duties of regional planning  
23      councils; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; removing the  
24      requirement that certain developers submit biennial  
25      reports to regional planning agencies; amending s.  
26      403.50663, F.S.; removing requirements relating to  
27      certain informational public meetings; amending s.  
28      403.507, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
29      planning councils prepare reports addressing the

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30 impact of proposed electrical power plants; amending  
31 s. 403.508, F.S.; removing the requirement that  
32 regional planning councils participate in certain  
33 proceedings; amending s. 403.5115, F.S.; conforming  
34 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
35 403.526, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional  
36 planning councils prepare reports addressing the  
37 impact of proposed transmission lines or corridors;  
38 amending s. 403.527, F.S.; removing the requirement  
39 that regional planning councils parties participate in  
40 certain proceedings; amending s. 403.5272, F.S.;  
41 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
42 amending s. 403.7264, F.S.; removing the requirement  
43 that regional planning councils assist with amnesty  
44 days for purging small quantities of hazardous wastes;  
45 amending s. 403.941, F.S.; removing the requirement  
46 that regional planning councils prepare reports  
47 addressing the impact of proposed natural gas  
48 transmission lines or corridors; amending s. 403.9411,  
49 F.S.; removing the requirement that regional planning  
50 councils participate in certain proceedings; amending  
51 ss. 419.001 and 985.682, F.S.; removing provisions  
52 relating to the use of a certain dispute resolution  
53 process; repealing s. 186.0201, F.S., relating to  
54 electric substation planning; repealing s. 260.018,  
55 F.S., relating to agency recognition of certain  
56 publicly owned lands and waters; providing an  
57 appropriation; providing an effective date.  
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59 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

60  
61 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 163.3175, Florida  
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of  
64 development with military installations; exchange of information  
65 between local governments and military installations.-

66 ~~(9) If a local government, as required under s.~~  
67 ~~163.3177(6)(a), does not adopt criteria and address~~  
68 ~~compatibility of lands adjacent to or closely proximate to~~  
69 ~~existing military installations in its future land use plan~~  
70 ~~element by June 30, 2012, the local government, the military~~  
71 ~~installation, the state land planning agency, and other parties~~  
72 ~~as identified by the regional planning council, including, but~~  
73 ~~not limited to, private landowner representatives, shall enter~~  
74 ~~into mediation conducted pursuant to s. 186.509. If the local~~  
75 ~~government comprehensive plan does not contain criteria~~  
76 ~~addressing compatibility by December 31, 2013, the agency may~~  
77 ~~notify the Administration Commission. The Administration~~  
78 ~~Commission may impose sanctions pursuant to s. 163.3184(8). Any~~  
79 ~~local government that amended its comprehensive plan to address~~  
80 ~~military installation compatibility requirements after 2004 and~~  
81 ~~was found to be in compliance is deemed to be in compliance with~~  
82 ~~this subsection until the local government conducts its~~  
83 ~~evaluation and appraisal review pursuant to s. 163.3191 and~~  
84 ~~determines that amendments are necessary to meet updated general~~  
85 ~~law requirements.~~

86 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 163.3246, Florida  
87 Statutes, is amended to read:

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88           163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning  
89 certification program.—

90           (11) If the local government of an area described in  
91 subsection (10) does not request that the state land planning  
92 agency review the developments of regional impact that are  
93 proposed within the certified area, an application for approval  
94 of a development order within the certified area shall be exempt  
95 from review under s. 380.06, ~~subject to the following:~~

96           ~~(a) Concurrent with filing an application for development  
97 approval with the local government, a developer proposing a  
98 project that would have been subject to review pursuant to s.  
99 380.06 shall notify in writing the regional planning council  
100 with jurisdiction.~~

101           ~~(b) The regional planning council shall coordinate with the  
102 developer and the local government to ensure that all  
103 concurrency requirements as well as federal, state, and local  
104 environmental permit requirements are met.~~

105           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 163.3248, Florida  
106 Statutes, is amended to read:

107           163.3248 Rural land stewardship areas.—

108           (4) A local government or one or more property owners may  
109 request assistance and participation in the development of a  
110 plan for the rural land stewardship area from the state land  
111 planning agency, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
112 Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the  
113 Department of Environmental Protection, the appropriate water  
114 management district, the Department of Transportation, ~~the  
115 regional planning council,~~ private land owners, and  
116 stakeholders.

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117 Section 4. Subsection (22) of section 186.505, Florida  
118 Statutes, is amended to read:

119 186.505 Regional planning councils; powers and duties.—Any  
120 regional planning council created hereunder shall have the  
121 following powers:

122 ~~(22) To establish and conduct a cross-acceptance~~  
123 ~~negotiation process with local governments intended to resolve~~  
124 ~~inconsistencies between applicable local and regional plans,~~  
125 ~~with participation by local governments being voluntary.~~

126 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 186.506, Florida  
127 Statutes, is amended to read:

128 186.506 Executive Office of the Governor; powers and  
129 duties.—The Executive Office of the Governor, or its designee,  
130 shall:

131 (4) Conduct an in-depth analysis of the current boundaries  
132 of comprehensive planning districts to ensure that the regional  
133 planning councils working within them together form a workable  
134 system for effective regional planning, and that each council  
135 can adequately perform the tasks assigned to it by law. The  
136 Executive Office of the Governor shall include in its study the  
137 preferences of local general-purpose governments; the effects of  
138 population migration, transportation networks, population  
139 increases and decreases, economic development centers, trade  
140 areas, natural resource systems, federal program requirements,  
141 designated air quality nonattainment areas, economic  
142 relationships among cities and counties, and media markets; and  
143 other data, projections, or studies that it determines to be of  
144 significance in establishing district boundaries. The Executive  
145 Office of the Governor may recommend to the Legislature ~~make~~

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146 such changes in the district boundaries of the regional planning  
147 councils as are found to be feasible and desirable, ~~shall~~  
148 ~~complete a review of existing boundaries by January 1, 1994, and~~  
149 ~~may revise and update the boundaries from time to time~~  
150 ~~thereafter.~~

151 Section 6. Section 186.512, Florida Statutes, is created to  
152 read:

153 186.512 Designation of regional planning councils.—The  
154 territorial area of the state is subdivided into the following  
155 districts for the purpose of regional comprehensive planning.  
156 The name and geographic area of each respective district shall  
157 accord with the following:

158 (1) West Florida Regional Planning Council: Bay, Escambia,  
159 Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.

160 (2) Apalachee Regional Planning Council: Calhoun, Franklin,  
161 Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla  
162 Counties.

163 (3) North Central Florida Regional Planning Council:  
164 Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton,  
165 Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union  
166 Counties.

167 (4) Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council: Baker,  
168 Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties.

169 (5) East Central Florida Regional Planning Council:  
170 Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia  
171 Counties.

172 (6) Central Florida Regional Planning Council: DeSoto,  
173 Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties.

174 (7) Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council: Citrus, Hernando,

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175 Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.

176 (8) Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council: Charlotte,  
177 Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties.

178 (9) Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council: Indian River,  
179 Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties.

180 (10) South Florida Regional Planning Council: Broward,  
181 Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties.

182 Section 7. Section 186.513, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
183 read:

184 186.513 Reports.—Each regional planning council shall  
185 prepare and furnish an annual report on its activities to the  
186 state land planning agency as defined in s. 163.3164 and the  
187 local general-purpose governments within its boundaries and,  
188 upon payment as may be established by the council, to any  
189 interested person. ~~The regional planning councils shall make a~~  
190 ~~joint report and recommendations to appropriate legislative~~  
191 ~~committees.~~

192 Section 8. Section 253.7828, Florida Statutes, is amended  
193 to read:

194 253.7828 Impairment of use or conservation by agencies  
195 prohibited.—All agencies of the state, ~~regional planning~~  
196 ~~councils,~~ water management districts, and local governments  
197 shall recognize the special character of the lands and waters  
198 designated by the state as the Cross Florida Greenways State  
199 Recreation and Conservation Area and shall not take any action  
200 which will impair its use and conservation.

201 Section 9. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section  
202 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

203 339.135 Work program; legislative budget request;

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204 definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.-

205 (4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.-

206 ~~(j) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and for the 2014-2015~~  
207 ~~fiscal year only, the department may use up to \$15 million of~~  
208 ~~appropriated funds to pay the costs of strategic and regionally~~  
209 ~~significant transportation projects. Funds may be used to~~  
210 ~~provide up to 75 percent of project costs for production-ready~~  
211 ~~eligible projects. Preference shall be given to projects that~~  
212 ~~support the state's economic regions, or that have been~~  
213 ~~identified as regionally significant in accordance with s.~~  
214 ~~339.155(4)(c), (d), and (e), and that have an increased level of~~  
215 ~~nonstate match. This paragraph expires July 1, 2015.~~

216 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
217 339.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218 339.155 Transportation planning.-

219 (4) ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.-

220 (b) Each regional planning council, as provided for in s.  
221 186.504, or any successor agency thereto, shall develop, as an  
222 element of its strategic regional policy plan, transportation  
223 goals and policies. The transportation goals and policies must  
224 be prioritized to comply with the prevailing principles provided  
225 in subsection (1) and s. 334.046(1). The transportation goals  
226 and policies shall be consistent, to the maximum extent  
227 feasible, with the goals and policies of the metropolitan  
228 planning organization and the Florida Transportation Plan. The  
229 transportation goals and policies of the regional planning  
230 council will be advisory only and shall be submitted to the  
231 department and any affected metropolitan planning organization  
232 for their consideration and comments. Metropolitan planning



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233 organization plans and other local transportation plans shall be  
234 developed consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the  
235 regional transportation goals and policies. ~~The regional~~  
236 ~~planning council shall review urbanized area transportation~~  
237 ~~plans and any other planning products stipulated in s. 339.175~~  
238 ~~and provide the department and respective metropolitan planning~~  
239 ~~organizations with written recommendations, which the department~~  
240 ~~and the metropolitan planning organizations shall take under~~  
241 ~~advisement. Further, the regional planning councils shall~~  
242 ~~directly assist local governments that are not part of a~~  
243 ~~metropolitan area transportation planning process in the~~  
244 ~~development of the transportation element of their comprehensive~~  
245 ~~plans as required by s. 163.3177.~~

246 Section 11. Subsection (18) of section 380.06, Florida  
247 Statutes, is amended to read:

248 380.06 Developments of regional impact.—

249 (18) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—The developer shall submit a  
250 biennial report on the development of regional impact to the  
251 local government, the regional planning agency, the state land  
252 planning agency, and all affected permit agencies in alternate  
253 years on the date specified in the development order, unless the  
254 development order by its terms requires more frequent  
255 monitoring. If the report is not received, ~~the regional planning~~  
256 ~~agency or~~ the state land planning agency shall notify the local  
257 government. If the local government does not receive the report  
258 or receives notification that ~~the regional planning agency or~~  
259 the state land planning agency has not received the report, the  
260 local government shall request in writing that the developer  
261 submit the report within 30 days. The failure to submit the

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262 report after 30 days shall result in the temporary suspension of  
263 the development order by the local government. If no additional  
264 development pursuant to the development order has occurred since  
265 the submission of the previous report, then a letter from the  
266 developer stating that no development has occurred shall satisfy  
267 the requirement for a report. Development orders that require  
268 annual reports may be amended to require biennial reports at the  
269 option of the local government.

270 Section 12. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 403.50663,  
271 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

272 403.50663 Informational public meetings.—

273 (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at  
274 the option of each local government ~~or regional planning council~~  
275 ~~if a public meeting is not held by the local government~~. It is  
276 the legislative intent that local governments ~~or regional~~  
277 ~~planning councils~~ attempt to hold such public meetings. Parties  
278 to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to attend;  
279 however, no party other than the applicant and the department  
280 shall be required to attend such informational public meetings.

281 (3) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
282 intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide  
283 notice of the meeting to all parties not less than 5 days prior  
284 to the meeting and to the general public in accordance with s.  
285 403.5115(5). The expense for such notice is eligible for  
286 reimbursement under s. 403.518(2)(c)1.

287 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
288 403.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

289 403.507 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, project  
290 analyses, and studies.—

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291 (2) (a) No later than 100 days after the certification  
292 application has been determined complete, the following agencies  
293 shall prepare reports as provided below and shall submit them to  
294 the department and the applicant, unless a final order denying  
295 the determination of need has been issued under s. 403.519:

296 1. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
297 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
298 the public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the  
299 degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with  
300 the applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan,  
301 emergency management, and other such matters within its  
302 jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity may also  
303 comment on the consistency of the proposed electrical power  
304 plant with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local  
305 comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

306 2. The water management district shall prepare a report as  
307 to matters within its jurisdiction, including but not limited  
308 to, the impact of the proposed electrical power plant on water  
309 resources, regional water supply planning, and district-owned  
310 lands and works.

311 3. Each local government in whose jurisdiction the proposed  
312 electrical power plant is to be located shall prepare a report  
313 as to the consistency of the proposed electrical power plant  
314 with all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or  
315 criteria that apply to the proposed electrical power plant,  
316 including any applicable local environmental regulations adopted  
317 pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means.

318 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
319 prepare a report as to matters within its jurisdiction.

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320 ~~5. Each regional planning council shall prepare a report~~  
321 ~~containing recommendations that address the impact upon the~~  
322 ~~public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the~~  
323 ~~degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with~~  
324 ~~the applicable provisions of the strategic regional policy plan~~  
325 ~~adopted pursuant to chapter 186 and other matters within its~~  
326 ~~jurisdiction.~~

327 5.6. The Department of Transportation shall address the  
328 impact of the proposed electrical power plant on matters within  
329 its jurisdiction.

330 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
331 (a) of subsection (4) of section 403.508, Florida Statutes, are  
332 amended to read:

333 403.508 Land use and certification hearings, parties,  
334 participants.-

335 (3) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall include:

- 336 1. The applicant.
- 337 2. The Public Service Commission.
- 338 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 339 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 340 5. The water management district.
- 341 6. The department.
- 342 ~~7. The regional planning council.~~
- 343 7.8. The local government.
- 344 8.9. The Department of Transportation.

345 (4) (a) The order of presentation at the certification  
346 hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law  
347 judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and  
348 evidence, shall be:

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- 349 1. The applicant.  
350 2. The department.  
351 3. State agencies.  
352 4. Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~  
353 ~~and~~ water management districts.  
354 5. Local governments.  
355 6. Other parties.

356 Section 15. Subsection (5) of section 403.5115, Florida  
357 Statutes, is amended to read:

358 403.5115 Public notice.—

359 (5) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
360 proposes to conduct an informational public meeting pursuant to  
361 s. 403.50663 must publish notice of the meeting in a newspaper  
362 of general circulation within the county or counties in which  
363 the proposed electrical power plant will be located no later  
364 than 7 days prior to the meeting. A newspaper of general  
365 circulation shall be the newspaper that has the largest daily  
366 circulation in that county and has its principal office in that  
367 county. If the newspaper with the largest daily circulation has  
368 its principal office outside the county, the notices shall  
369 appear in both the newspaper having the largest circulation in  
370 that county and in a newspaper authorized to publish legal  
371 notices in that county.

372 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
373 403.526, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

374 403.526 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and  
375 project analyses; studies.—

376 (2) (a) No later than 90 days after the filing of the  
377 application, the following agencies shall prepare reports as

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378 provided below, unless a final order denying the determination  
379 of need has been issued under s. 403.537:

380 1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact  
381 of each proposed transmission line or corridor as it relates to  
382 matters within its jurisdiction.

383 2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
384 which a proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located  
385 shall prepare a report as to the impact on water resources and  
386 other matters within its jurisdiction.

387 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
388 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
389 the public of the proposed transmission line or corridor, based  
390 on the degree to which the proposed transmission line or  
391 corridor is consistent with the applicable portions of the state  
392 comprehensive plan, emergency management, and other matters  
393 within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity  
394 may also comment on the consistency of the proposed transmission  
395 line or corridor with applicable strategic regional policy plans  
396 or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

397 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
398 prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed transmission  
399 line or corridor on fish and wildlife resources and other  
400 matters within its jurisdiction.

401 5. Each local government shall prepare a report as to the  
402 impact of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters  
403 within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of the  
404 proposed transmission line or corridor with all applicable local  
405 ordinances, regulations, standards, or criteria that apply to  
406 the proposed transmission line or corridor, including local

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407 comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, land development  
408 regulations, and any applicable local environmental regulations  
409 adopted pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means. A change by  
410 the responsible local government or local agency in local  
411 comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, or other regulations  
412 made after the date required for the filing of the local  
413 government's report required by this section is not applicable  
414 to the certification of the proposed transmission line or  
415 corridor unless the certification is denied or the application  
416 is withdrawn.

417 ~~6. Each regional planning council shall present a report~~  
418 ~~containing recommendations that address the impact upon the~~  
419 ~~public of the proposed transmission line or corridor based on~~  
420 ~~the degree to which the transmission line or corridor is~~  
421 ~~consistent with the applicable provisions of the strategic~~  
422 ~~regional policy plan adopted under chapter 186 and other impacts~~  
423 ~~of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters within~~  
424 ~~its jurisdiction.~~

425 6.7. The Department of Transportation shall prepare a  
426 report as to the impact of the proposed transmission line or  
427 corridor on state roads, railroads, airports, aeronautics,  
428 seaports, and other matters within its jurisdiction.

429 ~~7.8.~~ The commission shall prepare a report containing its  
430 determination under s. 403.537, and the report may include the  
431 comments from the commission with respect to any other subject  
432 within its jurisdiction.

433 8.9. Any other agency, if requested by the department,  
434 shall also perform studies or prepare reports as to subjects  
435 within the jurisdiction of the agency which may potentially be

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436 affected by the proposed transmission line.

437 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
438 (a) of subsection (3) of section 403.527, Florida Statutes, are  
439 amended to read:

440 403.527 Certification hearing, parties, participants.—

441 (2) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall be:

442 1. The applicant.

443 2. The department.

444 3. The commission.

445 4. The Department of Economic Opportunity.

446 5. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

447 6. The Department of Transportation.

448 7. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
449 which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be  
450 located.

451 8. The local government.

452 ~~9. The regional planning council.~~

453 (3) (a) The order of presentation at the certification  
454 hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law  
455 judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and  
456 evidence, shall be:

457 1. The applicant.

458 2. The department.

459 3. State agencies.

460 4. Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~  
461 ~~and~~ water management districts.

462 5. Local governments.

463 6. Other parties.

464 Section 18. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 403.5272,



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465 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

466 403.5272 Informational public meetings.—

467 (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at  
468 the option of each local government ~~or regional planning~~  
469 ~~council~~. It is the legislative intent that local governments ~~or~~  
470 ~~regional planning councils~~ attempt to hold such public meetings.  
471 Parties to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to  
472 attend; however, a party other than the applicant and the  
473 department is not required to attend the informational public  
474 meetings.

475 (3) A local government ~~or regional planning council~~ that  
476 intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide  
477 notice of the meeting, with notice sent to all parties listed in  
478 s. 403.527(2)(a), not less than 15 days before the meeting and  
479 to the general public in accordance with s. 403.5363(4).

480 Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 403.7264, Florida  
481 Statutes, is amended to read:

482 403.7264 Amnesty days for purging small quantities of  
483 hazardous wastes.—Amnesty days are authorized by the state for  
484 the purpose of purging small quantities of hazardous waste, free  
485 of charge, from the possession of homeowners, farmers, schools,  
486 state agencies, and small businesses. These entities have no  
487 appropriate economically feasible mechanism for disposing of  
488 their hazardous wastes at the present time. In order to raise  
489 public awareness on this issue, provide an educational process,  
490 accommodate those entities which have a need to dispose of small  
491 quantities of hazardous waste, and preserve the waters of the  
492 state, amnesty days shall be carried out in the following  
493 manner:

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494 ~~(4) Regional planning councils shall assist the department~~  
495 ~~in site selection, public awareness, and program coordination.~~  
496 ~~However, the department shall retain full responsibility for the~~  
497 ~~state amnesty days program.~~

498 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
499 403.941, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

500 403.941 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and  
501 studies.—

502 (2) (a) The affected agencies shall prepare reports as  
503 provided in this paragraph and shall submit them to the  
504 department and the applicant within 60 days after the  
505 application is determined sufficient:

506 1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact  
507 of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
508 as it relates to matters within its jurisdiction.

509 2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of  
510 which a proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
511 is to be located shall prepare a report as to the impact on  
512 water resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.

513 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a  
514 report containing recommendations which address the impact upon  
515 the public of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or  
516 corridor, based on the degree to which the proposed natural gas  
517 transmission pipeline or corridor is consistent with the  
518 applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan and other  
519 matters within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic  
520 Opportunity may also comment on the consistency of the proposed  
521 natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with applicable  
522 strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and

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523 land development regulations.

524 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
525 prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed natural gas  
526 transmission pipeline or corridor on fish and wildlife resources  
527 and other matters within its jurisdiction.

528 5. Each local government in which the natural gas  
529 transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline  
530 corridor will be located shall prepare a report as to the impact  
531 of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor  
532 on matters within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of  
533 the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with  
534 all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or  
535 criteria that apply to the proposed natural gas transmission  
536 pipeline or corridor, including local comprehensive plans,  
537 zoning regulations, land development regulations, and any  
538 applicable local environmental regulations adopted pursuant to  
539 s. 403.182 or by other means. No change by the responsible local  
540 government or local agency in local comprehensive plans, zoning  
541 ordinances, or other regulations made after the date required  
542 for the filing of the local government's report required by this  
543 section shall be applicable to the certification of the proposed  
544 natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor unless the  
545 certification is denied or the application is withdrawn.

546 ~~6. Each regional planning council in which the natural gas~~  
547 ~~transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline~~  
548 ~~corridor will be located shall present a report containing~~  
549 ~~recommendations that address the impact upon the public of the~~  
550 ~~proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor, based on~~  
551 ~~the degree to which the natural gas transmission pipeline or~~

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552 ~~corridor is consistent with the applicable provisions of the~~  
553 ~~strategic regional policy plan adopted pursuant to chapter 186~~  
554 ~~and other impacts of each proposed natural gas transmission~~  
555 ~~pipeline or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.~~

556 6.7. The Department of Transportation shall prepare a  
557 report on the effect of the natural gas transmission pipeline or  
558 natural gas transmission pipeline corridor on matters within its  
559 jurisdiction, including roadway crossings by the pipeline. The  
560 report shall contain at a minimum:

561 a. A report by the applicant to the department stating that  
562 all requirements of the department's utilities accommodation  
563 guide have been or will be met in regard to the proposed  
564 pipeline or pipeline corridor; and

565 b. A statement by the department as to the adequacy of the  
566 report to the department by the applicant.

567 ~~7.8.~~ The Department of State, Division of Historical  
568 Resources, shall prepare a report on the impact of the natural  
569 gas transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline  
570 corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.

571 8.9. The commission shall prepare a report addressing  
572 matters within its jurisdiction. The commission's report shall  
573 include its determination of need issued pursuant to s.  
574 403.9422.

575 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
576 (6) of section 403.9411, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

577 403.9411 Notice; proceedings; parties and participants.—

578 (4) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall be:

579 1. The applicant.

580 2. The department.

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- 581           3. The commission.
- 582           4. The Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 583           5. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 584           6. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of
- 585 which the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor
- 586 is to be located.
- 587           7. The local government.
- 588           ~~8. The regional planning council.~~
- 589           8.9. The Department of Transportation.
- 590           9.10. The Department of State, Division of Historical
- 591 Resources.

592           (6) The order of presentation at the certification hearing,

593 unless otherwise changed by the administrative law judge to

594 ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and evidence, shall

595 be:

- 596           (a) The applicant.
- 597           (b) The department.
- 598           (c) State agencies.
- 599           (d) Regional agencies, including ~~regional planning councils~~
- 600 ~~and~~ water management districts.
- 601           (e) Local governments.
- 602           (f) Other parties.

603           Section 22. Subsection (6) of section 419.001, Florida

604 Statutes, is amended to read:

605           419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.—

- 606           (6) If agreed to by both the local government and the
- 607 sponsoring agency, a conflict may be resolved through informal
- 608 mediation. The local government shall arrange for the services
- 609 of an independent mediator ~~or may utilize the dispute resolution~~

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610 ~~process established by a regional planning council pursuant to~~  
611 ~~s. 186.509.~~ Mediation shall be concluded within 45 days of a  
612 request therefor. The resolution of any issue through the  
613 mediation process shall not alter any person's right to a  
614 judicial determination of any issue if that person is entitled  
615 to such a determination under statutory or common law.

616 Section 23. Subsection (4) of section 985.682, Florida  
617 Statutes, is amended to read:

618 985.682 Siting of facilities; criteria.—

619 (4) When the department requests such a modification and it  
620 is denied by the local government, the local government or the  
621 department shall initiate the dispute resolution process  
622 ~~established under s. 186.509~~ to reconcile differences on the  
623 siting of correctional facilities between the department, local  
624 governments, and private citizens. ~~If the regional planning~~  
625 ~~council has not established a dispute resolution process~~  
626 ~~pursuant to s. 186.509,~~ The department shall establish, by rule,  
627 procedures for dispute resolution. The dispute resolution  
628 process shall require the parties to commence meetings to  
629 reconcile their differences. If the parties fail to resolve  
630 their differences within 30 days after the denial, the parties  
631 shall engage in voluntary mediation or similar process. If the  
632 parties fail to resolve their differences by mediation within 60  
633 days after the denial, or if no action is taken on the  
634 department's request within 90 days after the request, the  
635 department must appeal the decision of the local government on  
636 the requested modification of local plans, ordinances, or  
637 regulations to the Governor and Cabinet. Any dispute resolution  
638 process initiated under this section must conform to the time

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639 limitations set forth herein. However, upon agreement of all  
640 parties, the time limits may be extended, but in no event may  
641 the dispute resolution process extend over 180 days.

642 Section 24. Section 186.0201, Florida Statutes, is  
643 repealed.

644 Section 25. Section 260.018, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

645 Section 26. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of \$2.5  
646 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
647 appropriated to the regional planning councils, 75 percent of  
648 which must be divided equally among the councils and 25 percent  
649 must be allocated according to population. The funds must be  
650 used to implement the statutory requirements of chapter 163,  
651 Florida Statutes, and the Florida Five-Year Strategic Plan for  
652 Economic Development and to address problems of greater than  
653 local government concern and provide technical assistance to  
654 local governments, economic development organizations, and other  
655 stakeholders.

656 Section 27. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.