

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to coastal management; amending s.
3 161.101, F.S.; revising the criteria to be considered
4 by the Department of Environmental Protection in
5 determining and assigning annual funding priorities
6 for beach management and erosion control projects;
7 specifying tiers for such criteria; requiring tiers to
8 be given certain weight; requiring the department to
9 update active project lists on its website; redefining
10 the term "significant change"; revising the
11 department's reporting requirements; specifying
12 allowable uses for certain surplus funds; revising the
13 requirements for a specified summary; requiring that
14 funding for certain projects remain available for a
15 specified period; amending s. 161.143, F.S.;
16 specifying the scope of certain projects; revising the
17 list of projects that are included as inlet management
18 projects; requiring that certain projects be
19 considered separate and apart from other specified
20 projects; revising the ranking criteria to be used by
21 the department to establish certain funding priorities
22 for certain inlet-caused beach erosion projects;
23 revising provisions authorizing the department to
24 spend certain appropriated funds for the management of
25 inlets; deleting a provision authorizing the

26 department to spend certain appropriated funds for
27 specified inlet studies; revising the required
28 elements of the department's report of prioritized
29 inlet management projects; revising the funds that the
30 department must make available to certain inlet
31 management projects; requiring the department to
32 include specified activities on the inlet management
33 project list; deleting provisions requiring the
34 department to make available funding for specified
35 projects; deleting a requirement that the Legislature
36 designate a project as an Inlet of the Year; requiring
37 the department to update and maintain a report
38 regarding the progress of certain inlet management
39 projects; revising the requirements for the report;
40 deleting certain temporary provisions relating to
41 specified appropriations; amending s. 161.161, F.S.;
42 revising requirements for the comprehensive long-term
43 management plan; requiring the plan to include a
44 strategic beach management plan, a critically eroded
45 beaches report, and a statewide long-range budget
46 plan; providing for the development and maintenance of
47 such plans; deleting a requirement that the department
48 submit a certain beach management plan on a certain
49 date each year; requiring the department to hold a
50 public meeting before finalization of the strategic

51 beach management plan; requiring the department to
 52 submit a 3-year work plan and a related forecast for
 53 the availability of funding to the Legislature;
 54 providing an effective date.

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

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 58 Section 1. Subsections (14) and (20) of section 161.101,
 59 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

60 161.101 State and local participation in authorized
 61 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
 62 control.—

63 (14) The intent of the Legislature in preserving and
 64 protecting Florida's sandy beaches pursuant to this act is to
 65 direct beach erosion control appropriations to the state's most
 66 severely eroded beaches, and to prevent further adverse impact
 67 caused by improved, modified, or altered inlets, coastal
 68 armoring, or existing upland development. In establishing annual
 69 project funding priorities, the department shall seek formal
 70 input from local coastal governments, beach and general
 71 government interest groups, and university experts. The
 72 department shall adopt by rule a scoring system to determine
 73 annual project funding priorities. The scoring system must
 74 consist of the following criteria equally weighted within the
 75 following specified tiers ~~criteria to be considered by the~~

76 | ~~department in determining annual funding priorities shall~~
 77 | ~~include:~~

78 | (a) Tier 1 must account for 20 percent of the total score
 79 | and consist of the tourism-related return on investment and the
 80 | ~~severity of erosion conditions, the threat to existing upland~~
 81 | ~~development, and recreational and/or economic impact of the~~
 82 | project. The return on investment of the project is the ratio of
 83 | the tourism-related tax revenues for the most recent year to the
 84 | amount of state funding requested for the proposed project. The
 85 | economic impact of the project is the ratio of the tourism-
 86 | related tax revenues for the most recent year to all county tax
 87 | revenues for the most recent year. The department must calculate
 88 | these ratios using state sales tax and tourism development tax
 89 | data of the county having jurisdiction over the project area. If
 90 | multiple counties have jurisdiction over the project area, the
 91 | department must assess each county individually using these
 92 | ratios. The department shall calculate the mean average of these
 93 | ratios to determine the final overall assessment for the
 94 | multicounty project ~~benefits.~~

95 | (b) Tier 2 must account for 45 percent of the total score
 96 | and consist of the following criteria:

97 | 1. The availability of federal matching dollars,
 98 | considering federal authorization, the federal cost-share
 99 | percentage, and the status of the funding award;-

100 | 2. The storm damage reduction benefits of the project

101 based on the following considerations:

102 a. The current conditions of the project area, including
103 any recent storm damage impact, as a percentage of volume of
104 sand lost since the most recent beach nourishment event or most
105 recent beach surveys. If the project area has not been
106 previously restored, the department must use the historical
107 background erosion rate;

108 b. The overall potential threat to existing upland
109 development, including public and private structures and
110 infrastructure, based on the percentage of vulnerable shoreline
111 within the project boundaries; and

112 c. The value of upland property benefiting from the
113 protection provided by the project and its subsequent
114 maintenance. A property must be within one-quarter mile of the
115 project boundaries to be considered under the criterion
116 specified in this subparagraph; and

117 3. The cost-effectiveness of the project based on the
118 yearly cost per volume per mile of proposed beach fill
119 placement. The department shall also consider the following when
120 assessing cost-effectiveness pursuant to this subparagraph:

121 a. The existence of projects with proposed structural or
122 design components to extend the beach nourishment interval;

123 b. Existing beach nourishment projects that reduce upland
124 storm damage costs by incorporating new or enhanced dune
125 structures or new or existing dune restoration and revegetation

126 projects;

127 c. Proposed innovative technologies designed to reduce
128 project costs; and

129 d. Regional sediment management strategies and
130 coordination to conserve sand source resources and reduce
131 project costs.

132 (c) Tier 3 must account for 20 percent of the total score
133 and consist of the following criteria: ~~The extent of local~~
134 ~~government sponsor financial and administrative commitment to~~
135 ~~the project, including a long-term financial plan with a~~
136 ~~designated funding source or sources for initial construction~~
137 ~~and periodic maintenance.~~

138 1. ~~(d)~~ Previous state commitment and involvement in the
139 project, considering previously funded phases, the total amount
140 of previous state funding, and previous partial appropriations
141 for the proposed project;

142 2. The recreational benefits of the project based on:

143 a. The accessible beach area added by the project; and

144 b. The percentage of linear footage within the project
145 boundaries that is zoned:

146 (I) As recreational or open space;

147 (II) For commercial use; or

148 (III) To otherwise allow for public lodging

149 establishments; ~~;~~

150 ~~(c) The anticipated physical performance of the proposed~~

151 ~~project, including the frequency of periodic planned~~
152 ~~nourishment.~~

153 3.(f) The extent to which the ~~proposed~~ project mitigates
154 the adverse impact of improved, modified, or altered inlets on
155 adjacent beaches; ~~and.~~

156 ~~(g) Innovative, cost-effective, and environmentally~~
157 ~~sensitive applications to reduce erosion.~~

158 ~~(h) Projects that provide enhanced habitat within or~~
159 ~~adjacent to designated refuges of nesting sea turtles.~~

160 ~~(i) The extent to which local or regional sponsors of~~
161 ~~beach erosion control projects agree to coordinate the planning,~~
162 ~~design, and construction of their projects to take advantage of~~
163 ~~identifiable cost savings.~~

164 4.(j) The degree to which the project addresses the
165 state's most significant beach erosion problems based on the
166 ratio of the linear footage of the project shoreline to the
167 cubic yards of sand placed per mile per year.

168 (d) Tier 4 must account for 15 percent of the total score
169 and consist of the following criteria:

170 1. Increased prioritization of projects that have been on
171 the department's ranked project list for successive years and
172 that have not previously secured state funding for project
173 implementation;

174 2. Environmental habitat enhancement, recognizing state or
175 federal critical habitat areas for threatened or endangered

176 species which may be subject to extensive shoreline armoring or
177 recognizing areas where extensive shoreline armoring threatens
178 the availability or quality of habitat for such species. Turtle-
179 friendly designs, dune and vegetation projects for areas with
180 redesigned or reduced fill templates, proposed incorporation of
181 best management practices and adaptive management strategies to
182 protect resources, and innovative technologies designed to
183 benefit critical habitat preservation may also be considered;
184 and

185 3. The overall readiness of the project to proceed in a
186 timely manner considering the project's readiness for the
187 construction phase of development, the status of required
188 permits, the status of any needed easement acquisition, the
189 availability of local funding sources, and the establishment of
190 an erosion control line. If the department identifies specific
191 reasonable and documented concerns that the project will not
192 proceed in a timely manner, the department may choose not to
193 include the project in the annual funding priorities submitted
194 to the Legislature.

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196 If ~~In the event that~~ more than one project qualifies equally
197 under the provisions of this subsection, the department shall
198 assign funding priority to those projects shown to be most ~~that~~
199 ~~are~~ ready to proceed.

200 (20) The department shall maintain active project lists,

201 updated at least quarterly, ~~listings~~ on its website by fiscal
202 year in order to provide transparency regarding those projects
203 receiving funding and the funding amounts, and to facilitate
204 legislative reporting and oversight. In consideration of this
205 intent:

206 (a) The department shall notify the Executive Office of
207 the Governor and the Legislature regarding any significant
208 changes in the funding levels of a given project as initially
209 requested in the department's budget submission and subsequently
210 included in approved annual funding allocations. The term
211 "significant change" means a project-specific change or
212 cumulative changes that exceed the project's original allocation
213 by \$500,000 or that exceed ~~those changes exceeding~~ 25 percent of
214 the a project's original allocation.

215 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., if there is
216 surplus funding, the department must provide a notification and
217 supporting justification ~~shall be provided~~ to the Executive
218 Office of the Governor and the Legislature to indicate whether
219 surplus ~~additional~~ dollars are intended to be used for inlet
220 management projects pursuant to s. 161.143 or for beach
221 restoration and beach nourishment projects, offered for
222 reversion as part of the next appropriations process, or used
223 for other specified priority projects on active project lists.

224 2. For surplus funds for projects that do not have a
225 significant change, the department may use such funds for the

226 same purposes identified in subparagraph 1. The department shall
 227 post the uses of such funds on the project listing web page of
 228 its website. No other notice or supporting justification is
 229 required before the use of surplus funds for a project that does
 230 not have a significant change.

231 (b) The department shall prepare a summary of ~~specific~~
 232 project activities for the current fiscal year, their funding
 233 status, and changes to annual project lists for the current and
 234 preceding fiscal year. ~~shall be prepared by~~ The department shall
 235 include the summary and ~~included~~ with the department's
 236 submission of its annual legislative budget request.

237 (c) Funding for specific projects on annual project lists
 238 approved by the Legislature must remain available for such
 239 projects for 18 months. A local project sponsor may at any time
 240 release, in whole or in part, appropriated project dollars by
 241 formal notification to the department. The department, ~~which~~
 242 shall notify the Executive Office of the Governor and the
 243 Legislature of such release and. Notification must indicate in
 244 the notification how the project dollars are recommended
 245 intended to be used after such release.

246 Section 2. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 161.143,
 247 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

248 161.143 Inlet management; planning, prioritizing, funding,
 249 approving, and implementing projects.-

250 (2) The department shall establish annual funding

251 | priorities for studies, activities, or other projects concerning
252 | inlet management. Such inlet management projects constitute the
253 | intended scope of this section and s. 161.142 and consist of
254 | ~~include, but are not limited to,~~ inlet sand bypassing,
255 | improvement of infrastructure to facilitate sand bypassing,
256 | modifications to channel dredging, jetty redesign, jetty repair,
257 | disposal of spoil material, and the development, revision,
258 | adoption, or implementation of an inlet management plan.
259 | Projects considered for funding pursuant to this section shall
260 | be considered separate and apart from projects reviewed and
261 | prioritized in s. 161.101(14). The funding priorities
262 | established by the department under this section must be
263 | consistent with the requirements and legislative declaration in
264 | ss. 161.101(14), 161.142, and 161.161(1)(b). In establishing
265 | funding priorities under this subsection and before transmitting
266 | the annual inlet project list to the Legislature under
267 | subsection (4) ~~(5)~~, the department shall seek formal input from
268 | local coastal governments, beach and general government
269 | associations and other coastal interest groups, and university
270 | experts concerning annual funding priorities for inlet
271 | management projects. In order to maximize the benefits of
272 | efforts to address the inlet-caused beach erosion problems of
273 | this state, the ranking criteria used by the department to
274 | establish funding priorities for studies, activities, or other
275 | projects concerning inlet management must include equal

276 consideration of:

277 (a) An estimate of the annual quantity of beach-quality
278 sand reaching the updrift boundary of the improved jetty or
279 inlet channel.

280 (b) The severity of the erosion to the adjacent beaches
281 caused by the inlet ~~and the extent to which the proposed project~~
282 ~~mitigates the erosive effects of the inlet.~~

283 (c) The overall significance and anticipated success of
284 the proposed project in mitigating the erosive effects of the
285 inlet, balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent
286 beaches, and addressing the sand deficit along the inlet-
287 affected shorelines.

288 (d) The extent to which ~~existing~~ bypassing activities at
289 an inlet would benefit from modest, cost-effective improvements
290 when considering the volumetric increases from the proposed
291 project, the availability of beach-quality sand currently not
292 being bypassed to adjacent eroding beaches, and the ease with
293 which such beach-quality sand may be obtained.

294 (e) The cost-effectiveness of sand made available by a
295 proposed inlet management project or activity relative to other
296 sand source opportunities that would be used to address inlet-
297 caused beach erosion ~~The interest and commitment of local~~
298 ~~governments as demonstrated by their willingness to coordinate~~
299 ~~the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an inlet~~
300 ~~management project and their financial plan for funding the~~

301 ~~local cost share for initial construction, ongoing sand~~
302 ~~bypassing, channel dredging, and maintenance.~~

303 (f) The existence of a proposed or recently updated ~~The~~
304 ~~previous completion or approval of a state-sponsored inlet~~
305 ~~management plan or a local-government-sponsored inlet study~~
306 addressing concerning the inlet addressed by the proposed
307 ~~project, the ease of updating and revising any such plan or~~
308 ~~study, and the adequacy and specificity of the plan's or study's~~
309 ~~recommendations concerning~~ the mitigation of an inlet's erosive
310 effects on adjacent beaches.

311 (g) The degree to which the proposed project will enhance
312 the performance and longevity of proximate beach nourishment
313 projects, thereby reducing the frequency of such periodic
314 nourishment projects.

315 (h) The project-ranking criteria in s. 161.101(14) to the
316 extent such criteria are applicable to inlet management studies,
317 projects, and activities and are distinct from, and not
318 duplicative of, the criteria listed in paragraphs (a)-(g).

319 (3) The department may pay from legislative appropriations
320 up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major
321 inlet management project component for the purpose of mitigating
322 the erosive effects of the inlet to the shoreline and balancing
323 the sediment budget. The remaining balance of such construction
324 costs must be paid from other funding sources, such as local
325 sponsors. All project costs not associated with an initial major

326 inlet management project component must be shared equally by
327 state and local sponsors in accordance with, ~~pursuant to s.~~
328 ~~161.101 and notwithstanding s. 161.101(15), pay from legislative~~
329 ~~appropriations provided for these purposes 75 percent of the~~
330 ~~total costs, or, if applicable, the nonfederal costs, of a~~
331 ~~study, activity, or other project concerning the management of~~
332 ~~an inlet. The balance must be paid by the local governments or~~
333 ~~special districts having jurisdiction over the property where~~
334 ~~the inlet is located.~~

335 ~~(4) Using the legislative appropriation to the statewide~~
336 ~~beach management support category of the department's fixed~~
337 ~~capital outlay funding request, the department may employ~~
338 ~~university based or other contractual sources and pay 100~~
339 ~~percent of the costs of studies that are consistent with the~~
340 ~~legislative declaration in s. 161.142 and that:~~

341 ~~(a) Determine, calculate, refine, and achieve general~~
342 ~~consensus regarding net annual sediment transport volumes to be~~
343 ~~used for the purpose of planning and prioritizing inlet~~
344 ~~management projects; and~~

345 ~~(b) Appropriate, assign, and apportion responsibilities~~
346 ~~between inlet beneficiaries for the erosion caused by a~~
347 ~~particular inlet on adjacent beaches.~~

348 (4) ~~(5)~~ The department shall annually provide an inlet
349 management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature
350 as part of the department's budget request. ~~The list must~~

351 ~~include studies, projects, or other activities that address the~~
352 ~~management of at least 10 separate inlets and that are ranked~~
353 ~~according to the criteria established under subsection (2).~~

354 (a) The department shall designate for ~~make available at~~
355 ~~least 10 percent of the total amount that the Legislature~~
356 ~~appropriates in each fiscal year for statewide beach management~~
357 ~~for the three highest-ranked projects on the current year's~~
358 ~~inlet management project list,~~ in priority order, an amount that
359 is at least equal to the greater of:

360 1. Ten percent of the total amount that the Legislature
361 appropriates in the fiscal year for statewide beach management;
362 or

363 2. The percentage of inlet management funding requests
364 from local sponsors as a proportion of the total amount of
365 statewide beach management dollars requested in a given year.

366 (b) The department shall include inlet monitoring
367 activities ranked on the inlet management project list as one
368 aggregated subcategory on the overall inlet management project
369 list ~~make available at least 50 percent of the funds~~
370 ~~appropriated for the feasibility and design category in the~~
371 ~~department's fixed capital outlay funding request for projects~~
372 ~~on the current year's inlet management project list which~~
373 ~~involve the study for, or design or development of, an inlet~~
374 ~~management project.~~

375 (c) ~~The department shall make available all statewide~~

376 ~~beach management funds that remain unencumbered or are allocated~~
377 ~~to non-project specific activities for projects on legislatively~~
378 ~~approved inlet management project lists. Funding for local-~~
379 ~~government-specific projects on annual project lists approved by~~
380 ~~the Legislature must remain available for such purposes for a~~
381 ~~period of 18 months pursuant to s. 216.301(2) (a). Based on an~~
382 ~~assessment and the department's determination that a project~~
383 ~~will not be ready to proceed during this 18-month period, such~~
384 ~~funds shall be used for inlet management projects on~~
385 ~~legislatively approved lists.~~

386 (5)(d) ~~The Legislature shall designate one of the three~~
387 ~~highest projects on the inlet management project list in any~~
388 ~~year as the Inlet of the Year. The department shall update and~~
389 ~~maintain an annual annually report on its website to the~~
390 ~~Legislature concerning the extent to which each inlet project~~
391 ~~designated by the Legislature as Inlet of the Year has succeeded~~
392 ~~in balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent~~
393 ~~beaches and in, mitigating the inlet's erosive effects on~~
394 ~~adjacent beaches. The report must provide an estimate of the~~
395 ~~quantity of sediment bypassed, transferred, and transferring or~~
396 ~~otherwise placed placing beach-quality sand on adjacent eroding~~
397 ~~beaches, or in such beaches' nearshore area, for the purpose of~~
398 ~~offsetting the erosive effects of inlets on the beaches of this~~
399 ~~state.~~

400 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), and for the~~

401 ~~2016-2017 fiscal year only, the amount allocated for inlet~~
402 ~~management funding is provided in the 2016-2017 General~~
403 ~~Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2017.~~

404 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 161.161,
405 Florida Statutes, are amended, and present subsections (3)
406 through (7) are renumbered as subsections (4) through (8),
407 respectively, to read:

408 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

409 (1) The department shall develop and maintain a
410 comprehensive long-term beach management plan for the
411 restoration and maintenance of the state's critically eroded
412 beaches fronting the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Straits
413 of Florida. In developing and maintaining this ~~the beach~~
414 ~~management~~ plan the department shall:

415 (a) Address long-term solutions to the problem of
416 critically eroded beaches in this state.

417 (b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and
418 determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach
419 erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a
420 significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include:

421 ~~1.~~ the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
422 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
423 including, but not limited to, ~~recommendations regarding~~ inlet
424 sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate
425 sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design,

426 and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches;
 427 and beach restoration and beach nourishment;~~and~~

428 ~~2. Cost estimates necessary to take inlet corrective~~
 429 ~~measures and recommendations regarding cost sharing among the~~
 430 ~~beneficiaries of such inlet.~~

431 (c) Evaluate ~~Design~~ criteria for beach restoration and
 432 beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to,~~±~~

433 ~~1. dune elevation and width and revegetation and~~
 434 ~~stabilization requirements,~~~~±~~ and

435 ~~2. beach profiles~~ profile.

436 (d) Consider ~~Evaluate~~ the establishment of regional
 437 sediment management alternatives for one or more individual
 438 beach and inlet sand bypassing projects ~~feeder beaches~~ as an
 439 alternative to ~~direct~~ beach restoration when appropriate and
 440 cost effective, and recommend the location of such regional
 441 sediment management alternatives ~~feeder beaches~~ and the source
 442 of beach-compatible sand.

443 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,
 444 determine ~~calculate~~ erosion rates, and maintain an updated list
 445 of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and
 446 investigations of shoreline conditions ~~and project long-term~~
 447 ~~erosion for all major beach and dune systems by surveys and~~
 448 ~~profiles.~~

449 (f) ~~Identify shoreline development and degree of density~~
 450 ~~and~~ Assess impacts of development and coastal protection

451 ~~shoreline protective~~ structures on shoreline change and erosion.

452 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
453 benefits of beaches to the state of Florida and individual beach
454 communities, ~~including recreational value to user groups, tax~~
455 ~~base, revenues generated, and beach acquisition and maintenance~~
456 ~~costs.~~

457 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
458 existing beach nourishment projects without dune features or
459 with dunes without adequate elevations, and encourage dune
460 restoration and revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm
461 damage recovery projects or future dune maintenance events.

462 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
463 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
464 and nesting locations.

465 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
466 undeveloped beach and dune systems and, ~~to restore damaged beach~~
467 ~~and dune systems.~~ In identifying such management responses, the
468 department shall consider, at minimum, and to prevent
469 ~~inappropriate development and redevelopment on migrating~~
470 ~~beaches, and consider~~ beach restoration and nourishment,
471 armoring, relocation ~~and abandonment~~, dune and vegetation
472 restoration, and acquisition.

473 (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing post-
474 storm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,
475 including repair cost estimates. ~~Establish criteria, including~~

476 ~~costs and specific implementation actions, for alternative~~
477 ~~management techniques.~~

478 (1) Identify and assess ~~Select and recommend~~ appropriate
479 management measures for all of the state's critically eroded
480 sandy beaches ~~in a beach management program.~~

481 ~~(m) Establish a list of beach restoration and beach~~
482 ~~nourishment projects, arranged in order of priority, and the~~
483 ~~funding levels needed for such projects.~~

484 (2) The comprehensive long-term management plan developed
485 and maintained by the department pursuant to subsection (1) must
486 include, at a minimum, a strategic beach management plan, a
487 critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range
488 budget plan. The long-range budget plan must include a 3-year
489 work plan for beach nourishment projects and inlet management
490 projects that lists planned projects for each of the 3 fiscal
491 years addressed in the work plan.

492 (a) The strategic beach management plan must identify and
493 recommend appropriate measures for all of the state's critically
494 eroded sandy beaches and may incorporate plans ~~be~~ prepared at
495 the regional level taking into account ~~based upon~~ areas of
496 greatest need and probable federal and local funding. Upon
497 approval in accordance with this section, such regional plans,
498 along with the 3-year work plan identified in subparagraph

499 (c)1., shall be components of the statewide beach management
500 plan and shall serve as the basis for state funding decisions

501 ~~upon approval in accordance with chapter 86-138, Laws of~~
502 ~~Florida. In accordance with a schedule established for the~~
503 ~~submission of regional plans by the department, any completed~~
504 ~~plan must be submitted to the secretary of the department for~~
505 ~~approval no later than March 1 of each year. These regional~~
506 ~~plans shall include, but shall not be limited to,~~
507 ~~recommendations of appropriate funding mechanisms for~~
508 ~~implementing projects in the beach management plan, giving~~
509 ~~consideration to the use of single-county and multicounty taxing~~
510 ~~districts or other revenue generation measures by state and~~
511 ~~local governments and the private sector. Before finalizing the~~
512 ~~strategic beach management Prior to presenting the plan to the~~
513 ~~secretary of the department, the department shall hold a public~~
514 ~~meeting in the region areas for which the plan is prepared or~~
515 ~~through a publicly noticed webinar. The plan submission schedule~~
516 ~~shall be submitted to the secretary for approval. Any revisions~~
517 ~~to such schedule must be approved in like manner.~~

518 (b) The critically eroded beaches report must be developed
519 and maintained based primarily on the requirements specified in
520 paragraph (1) (e).

521 (c) The statewide long-range budget plan must include at
522 least 5 years of planned beach nourishment and inlet management
523 project funding needs as identified, and subsequently refined,
524 by local government sponsors. This plan shall consist of two
525 components:

526 1. A 3-year work plan that identifies beach nourishment
527 and inlet management projects viable for implementation during
528 the next 3 ensuing fiscal years, as determined by available
529 cost-sharing, local sponsor support, regulatory considerations,
530 and the ability of the project to proceed as scheduled. The 3-
531 year work plan must, for each fiscal year, identify proposed
532 projects and their current development status, listing them in
533 priority order based on the applicable criteria established in
534 ss. 161.101(14) and 161.143(2). Specific funding requests and
535 criteria ranking, pursuant to ss. 161.101(14) and 161.143(2),
536 may be modified as warranted in each successive fiscal year, and
537 such modifications must be documented and submitted to the
538 Legislature with each 3-year work plan. Year one projects shall
539 consist of those projects identified for funding consideration
540 in the ensuing fiscal year.

541 2. A long-range plan that identifies projects for
542 inclusion in the fourth and fifth ensuing fiscal years. These
543 projects may be presented by region and do not need to be
544 presented in priority order; however, the department should
545 identify issues that may prevent successful completion of such
546 projects and recommend solutions that would allow the projects
547 to progress into the 3-year work plan.

548 (3)(2) ~~Annually,~~ The secretary shall annually present the
549 3-year work plan to the Legislature. The work plan must be
550 accompanied by a 3-year financial forecast for the availability

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551 of funding for the projects, based on funds dedicated in s.
552 375.041 ~~recommendations for funding beach erosion control~~
553 ~~projects prioritized according to the criteria established in s.~~
554 ~~161.101(14).~~

555 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.