

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 effective dates.

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

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 58 Section 1. Effective July 1, 2018, subsection (14) of
 59 section 161.101, Florida Statutes, is 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 Section 2. Subsection (20) of section 161.101, Florida

201 Statutes, is amended to read:

202 161.101 State and local participation in authorized
 203 projects and studies relating to beach management and erosion
 204 control.—

205 (20) The department shall maintain active project lists,
 206 updated at least quarterly, ~~listings~~ on its website by fiscal
 207 year in order to provide transparency regarding those projects
 208 receiving funding and the funding amounts, and to facilitate
 209 legislative reporting and oversight. In consideration of this
 210 intent:

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

220 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., if there is
 221 surplus funding, the department must provide a notification and
 222 supporting justification ~~shall be provided~~ to the Executive
 223 Office of the Governor and the Legislature to indicate whether
 224 surplus ~~additional~~ dollars are intended to be used for inlet
 225 management projects pursuant to s. 161.143 or for beach

226 restoration and beach nourishment projects, offered for
227 reversion as part of the next appropriations process, or used
228 for other specified priority projects on active project lists.

229 2. For surplus funds for projects that do not have a
230 significant change, the department may use such funds for the
231 same purposes identified in subparagraph 1. The department shall
232 post the uses of such funds on the project listing web page of
233 its website. No other notice or supporting justification is
234 required before the use of surplus funds for a project that does
235 not have a significant change.

236 (b) The department shall prepare a summary of specific
237 project activities for the current fiscal year, their funding
238 status, and changes to annual project lists for the current and
239 preceding fiscal year. shall be prepared by The department shall
240 include the summary and included with the department's
241 submission of its annual legislative budget request.

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

251 Section 3. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 161.143,
252 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

253 161.143 Inlet management; planning, prioritizing, funding,
254 approving, and implementing projects.—

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

276 management projects. In order to maximize the benefits of
277 efforts to address the inlet-caused beach erosion problems of
278 this state, the ranking criteria used by the department to
279 establish funding priorities for studies, activities, or other
280 projects concerning inlet management must include equal
281 consideration of:

282 (a) An estimate of the annual quantity of beach-quality
283 sand reaching the updrift boundary of the improved jetty or
284 inlet channel.

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

288 (c) The overall significance and anticipated success of
289 the proposed project in mitigating the erosive effects of the
290 inlet, balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent
291 beaches, and addressing the sand deficit along the inlet-
292 affected shorelines.

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

299 (e) The cost-effectiveness of sand made available by a
300 proposed inlet management project or activity relative to other

301 sand source opportunities that would be used to address inlet-
302 caused beach erosion ~~The interest and commitment of local~~
303 ~~governments as demonstrated by their willingness to coordinate~~
304 ~~the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of an inlet~~
305 ~~management project and their financial plan for funding the~~
306 ~~local cost share for initial construction, ongoing sand~~
307 ~~bypassing, channel dredging, and maintenance.~~

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

316 (g) The degree to which the proposed project will enhance
317 the performance and longevity of proximate beach nourishment
318 projects, thereby reducing the frequency of such periodic
319 nourishment projects.

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

324 (3) The department may pay from legislative appropriations
325 up to 75 percent of the construction costs of an initial major

326 inlet management project component for the purpose of mitigating
327 the erosive effects of the inlet to the shoreline and balancing
328 the sediment budget. The remaining balance of such construction
329 costs must be paid from other funding sources, such as local
330 sponsors. All project costs not associated with an initial major
331 inlet management project component must be shared equally by
332 state and local sponsors in accordance with, ~~pursuant to s.~~
333 ~~161.101 and notwithstanding s. 161.101(15),~~ pay from legislative
334 appropriations provided for these purposes 75 percent of the
335 total costs, or, if applicable, the nonfederal costs, of a
336 study, activity, or other project concerning the management of
337 an inlet. The balance must be paid by the local governments or
338 special districts having jurisdiction over the property where
339 the inlet is located.

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

346 ~~(a) Determine, calculate, refine, and achieve general~~
347 ~~consensus regarding net annual sediment transport volumes to be~~
348 ~~used for the purpose of planning and prioritizing inlet~~
349 ~~management projects; and~~

350 ~~(b) Appropriate, assign, and apportion responsibilities~~

351 ~~between inlet beneficiaries for the erosion caused by a~~
352 ~~particular inlet on adjacent beaches.~~

353 ~~(4)-(5)~~ The department shall annually provide an inlet
354 management project list, in priority order, to the Legislature
355 as part of the department's budget request. ~~The list must~~
356 ~~include studies, projects, or other activities that address the~~
357 ~~management of at least 10 separate inlets and that are ranked~~
358 ~~according to the criteria established under subsection (2).~~

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

365 1. Ten percent of the total amount that the Legislature
366 appropriates in the fiscal year for statewide beach management;
367 or

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

371 (b) The department shall include inlet monitoring
372 activities ranked on the inlet management project list as one
373 aggregated subcategory on the overall inlet management project
374 list ~~make available at least 50 percent of the funds~~
375 ~~appropriated for the feasibility and design category in the~~

376 ~~department's fixed capital outlay funding request for projects~~
377 ~~on the current year's inlet management project list which~~
378 ~~involve the study for, or design or development of, an inlet~~
379 ~~management project.~~

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

391 ~~(5) (d) The Legislature shall designate one of the three~~
392 ~~highest projects on the inlet management project list in any~~
393 ~~year as the Inlet of the Year. The department shall update and~~
394 ~~maintain an annual annually report on its website ~~to the~~~~
395 ~~Legislature concerning the extent to which each inlet project~~
396 ~~designated by the Legislature as Inlet of the Year has succeeded~~
397 ~~in balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent~~
398 ~~beaches and in, mitigating the inlet's erosive effects on~~
399 ~~adjacent beaches. The report must provide an estimate of the~~
400 ~~quantity of sediment bypassed, transferred, and transferring or~~

401 otherwise placed ~~placing beach-quality sand~~ on adjacent eroding
402 beaches, or in such beaches' nearshore area, for the purpose of
403 offsetting the erosive effects of inlets on the beaches of this
404 state.

405 ~~(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), and for the~~
406 ~~2016-2017 fiscal year only, the amount allocated for inlet~~
407 ~~management funding is provided in the 2016-2017 General~~
408 ~~Appropriations Act. This paragraph expires July 1, 2017.~~

409 Section 4. Effective July 1, 2018, subsections (1) and (2)
410 of section 161.161, Florida Statutes, are amended, and present
411 subsections (3) through (7) are renumbered as subsections (4)
412 through (8), respectively, to read:

413 161.161 Procedure for approval of projects.—

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

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

422 (b) Evaluate each improved, modified, or altered inlet and
423 determine whether the inlet is a significant cause of beach
424 erosion. With respect to each inlet determined to be a
425 significant cause of beach erosion, the plan shall include+

426 ~~1.~~ the extent to which such inlet causes beach erosion and
 427 recommendations to mitigate the erosive impact of the inlet,
 428 including, but not limited to, ~~recommendations regarding~~ inlet
 429 sediment bypassing; improvement of infrastructure to facilitate
 430 sand bypassing; modifications to channel dredging, jetty design,
 431 and disposal of spoil material; establishment of feeder beaches;
 432 and beach restoration and beach nourishment; ~~and~~

433 ~~2.~~ ~~Cost estimates necessary to take inlet corrective~~
 434 ~~measures and recommendations regarding cost sharing among the~~
 435 ~~beneficiaries of such inlet.~~

436 (c) Evaluate ~~Design~~ criteria for beach restoration and
 437 beach nourishment projects, including, but not limited to, ÷

438 ~~1.~~ dune elevation and width and revegetation and
 439 stabilization requirements, ÷ and

440 ~~2.~~ beach profiles ~~profile~~.

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

448 (e) Identify causes of shoreline erosion and change,
 449 determine ~~calculate~~ erosion rates, and maintain an updated list
 450 of critically eroded sandy beaches based on data, analyses, and

451 investigations of shoreline conditions and project long-term
452 erosion for all major beach and dune systems by surveys and
453 profiles.

454 (f) ~~Identify shoreline development and degree of density~~
455 and Assess impacts of development and coastal protection
456 ~~shoreline protective structures on shoreline change and erosion.~~

457 (g) Identify short-term and long-term economic costs and
458 benefits of beaches to the state of Florida and individual beach
459 communities, including recreational value to user groups, tax
460 base, revenues generated, and beach acquisition and maintenance
461 costs.

462 (h) Study dune and vegetation conditions, identify
463 existing beach projects without dune features or with dunes
464 without adequate elevations, and encourage dune restoration and
465 revegetation to be incorporated as part of storm damage recovery
466 projects or future dune maintenance events.

467 (i) Identify beach areas used by marine turtles and
468 develop strategies for protection of the turtles and their nests
469 and nesting locations.

470 (j) Identify alternative management responses to preserve
471 undeveloped beach and dune systems and, to restore damaged beach
472 and dune systems. In identifying such management responses, the
473 department shall consider, at minimum, and to prevent
474 inappropriate development and redevelopment on migrating
475 beaches, and consider beach restoration and nourishment,

476 | armoring, relocation ~~and abandonment~~, dune and vegetation
477 | restoration, and acquisition.

478 | (k) Document procedures and policies for preparing post-
479 | storm damage assessments and corresponding recovery plans,
480 | including repair cost estimates. ~~Establish criteria, including~~
481 | ~~costs and specific implementation actions, for alternative~~
482 | ~~management techniques.~~

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

486 | ~~(m) Establish a list of beach restoration and beach~~
487 | ~~nourishment projects, arranged in order of priority, and the~~
488 | ~~funding levels needed for such projects.~~

489 | (2) The comprehensive long-term management plan developed
490 | and maintained by the department pursuant to subsection (1) must
491 | include, at a minimum, a strategic beach management plan, a
492 | critically eroded beaches report, and a statewide long-range
493 | budget plan. The long-range budget plan must include a 3-year
494 | work plan for beach restoration, beach nourishment, and inlet
495 | management projects that lists planned projects for each of the
496 | 3 fiscal years addressed in the work plan.

497 | (a) The strategic beach management plan must identify and
498 | recommend appropriate measures for all of the state's critically
499 | eroded sandy beaches and may incorporate plans ~~be prepared at~~
500 | the regional level taking into account ~~based upon~~ areas of

501 greatest need and probable federal and local funding. Upon
502 approval in accordance with this section, such regional plans,
503 along with the 3-year work plan identified in subparagraph
504 (c)1., shall be components of the statewide beach management
505 plan and shall serve as the basis for state funding decisions
506 upon approval in accordance with chapter 86-138, Laws of
507 Florida. In accordance with a schedule established for the
508 submission of regional plans by the department, any completed
509 plan must be submitted to the secretary of the department for
510 approval no later than March 1 of each year. These regional
511 plans shall include, but shall not be limited to,
512 recommendations of appropriate funding mechanisms for
513 implementing projects in the beach management plan, giving
514 consideration to the use of single-county and multicounty taxing
515 districts or other revenue generation measures by state and
516 local governments and the private sector. Before finalizing the
517 strategic beach management Prior to presenting the plan to the
518 secretary of the department, the department shall hold a public
519 meeting in the region areas for which the plan is prepared or
520 through a publicly noticed webinar. The plan submission schedule
521 shall be submitted to the secretary for approval. Any revisions
522 to such schedule must be approved in like manner.

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

526 (c) The statewide long-range budget plan must include at
527 least 5 years of planned beach restoration, beach nourishment,
528 and inlet management project funding needs as identified, and
529 subsequently refined, by local government sponsors. This plan
530 shall consist of two components:

531 1. A 3-year work plan that identifies beach restoration,
532 beach nourishment, and inlet management projects viable for
533 implementation during the next 3 ensuing fiscal years, as
534 determined by available cost-sharing, local sponsor support,
535 regulatory considerations, and the ability of the project to
536 proceed as scheduled. The 3-year work plan must, for each fiscal
537 year, identify proposed projects and their current development
538 status, listing them in priority order based on the applicable
539 criteria established in ss. 161.101(14) and 161.143(2). Specific
540 funding requests and criteria ranking, pursuant to ss.
541 161.101(14) and 161.143(2), may be modified as warranted in each
542 successive fiscal year, and such modifications must be
543 documented and submitted to the Legislature with each 3-year
544 work plan. Year one projects shall consist of those projects
545 identified for funding consideration in the ensuing fiscal year.

546 2. A long-range plan that identifies projects for
547 inclusion in the fourth and fifth ensuing fiscal years. These
548 projects may be presented by region and do not need to be
549 presented in priority order; however, the department should
550 identify issues that may prevent successful completion of such

551 projects and recommend solutions that would allow the projects
552 to progress into the 3-year work plan.

553 (3)-(2) Annually, The secretary shall annually present the
554 3-year work plan to the Legislature. The work plan must be
555 accompanied by a 3-year financial forecast for the availability
556 of funding for the projects ~~recommendations for funding beach~~
557 ~~erosion control projects prioritized according to the criteria~~
558 ~~established in s. 161.101(14).~~

559 Section 5. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this
560 act shall take effect July 1, 2017.