

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and  
 3           Technology Development Initiative; creating s.  
 4           379.2273, F.S.; providing legislative intent;  
 5           establishing the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and  
 6           Technology Development Initiative; providing the  
 7           purpose and goal of the initiative; providing for  
 8           funding; requiring the initiative to submit an annual  
 9           report by a specified date to the Governor, the  
 10          Legislature, the Secretary of Environmental  
 11          Protection, and the executive director of the Fish and  
 12          Wildlife Conservation Commission; establishing the  
 13          Initiative Technology Advisory Council; providing for  
 14          the meetings, membership, terms of office, and  
 15          compensation of the council; providing for expiration  
 16          of the initiative; providing an effective date.

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

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 20           Section 1.   Section 379.2273, Florida Statutes, is created  
 21   to read:

22           379.2273 Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology  
 23   Development Initiative; Initiative Technology Advisory Council.-

24           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an  
 25   independent and coordinated effort among public and private

26 research entities to develop prevention, control, and mitigation  
27 technologies and approaches to address the impacts of red tide  
28 on coastal environments and communities in this state.

29 (2) The Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology  
30 Development Initiative is established as a partnership between  
31 the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute within the commission  
32 and Mote Marine Laboratory.

33 (a) The purpose of the initiative is to lead the  
34 development of innovative technologies and approaches that are  
35 critically needed to address the control and mitigation of red  
36 tide and its impacts by building upon the ongoing cooperative  
37 red tide research and monitoring program between the Fish and  
38 Wildlife Research Institute and Mote Marine Laboratory.

39 (b) The goal of the initiative is to develop, test, and  
40 implement innovative, effective, and environmentally sustainable  
41 technologies and approaches for controlling and mitigating the  
42 impacts of red tide.

43 (c) Funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature for  
44 red tide mitigation technology development projects shall be  
45 awarded by the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute to Mote  
46 Marine Laboratory to achieve the goals of the initiative.

47 1. Mote Marine Laboratory may, with the concurrence of the  
48 Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, use a portion of the  
49 awarded funds to facilitate additional engagement with other  
50 pertinent marine science and technology development

51 organizations in this state and around the world to pursue  
52 applied research and technology for the control and mitigation  
53 of the impacts of red tide.

54 2. Mote Marine Laboratory may not use more than 5 percent  
55 of its awarded funds for direct annual initiative administration  
56 coordination costs.

57 3. The initiative shall leverage state-appropriated funds  
58 with additional funds from private and federal sources.

59 (d) Beginning January 15, 2021, and each January 15  
60 thereafter until its expiration, the initiative shall submit a  
61 report that contains an overview of its accomplishments to date  
62 and priorities for subsequent years to the Governor, the  
63 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
64 Representatives, the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and  
65 the executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
66 Commission.

67 (3) There is established within the initiative the  
68 Initiative Technology Advisory Council, an advisory council as  
69 defined in s. 20.03(7), that includes marine science, technology  
70 development, and natural resource management representatives  
71 from governmental entities, private organizations, and public or  
72 private research institutions. The council shall meet at least  
73 twice annually.

74 (a) The council shall be chaired by the president and  
75 chief executive officer of Mote Marine Laboratory and shall

76 consist of the following:

77 1. One member from a private commercial enterprise,  
78 appointed by the Governor.

79 2. One member from a public or private university in this  
80 state, appointed by the President of the Senate.

81 3. One member from a nonuniversity public or private  
82 marine environmental organization, appointed by the Speaker of  
83 the House of Representatives.

84 4. One member from the Department of Environmental  
85 Protection who has expertise in red tide, appointed by the  
86 Secretary of Environmental Protection.

87 5. One member from the Fish and Wildlife Research  
88 Institute who has expertise in red tide, appointed by the  
89 executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

90 (b) Council members shall serve staggered 2-year terms and  
91 may be reappointed.

92 (c) Council members shall serve without compensation, and  
93 each organization represented shall cover all expenses of its  
94 respective representative.

95 (4) This section expires June 30, 2025.

96 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.