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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency
 3 Research Program; creating s. 403.9119, F.S.;
 4 establishing the program within the Department of
 5 Environmental Protection; providing for program
 6 purpose and participants; requiring the program to
 7 submit the Florida Resiliency Plan to the Governor and
 8 Legislature at specified intervals; providing plan
 9 requirements; directing the department to coordinate
 10 and oversee the program and provide staff support;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 403.9119, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 403.9119 Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program.-

18 (1) The Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program, an
 19 interagency program, is established within the Department of
 20 Environmental Protection for the purpose of assisting the state
 21 in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to the
 22 effects of climate change.

23 (2) The program shall prepare an assessment that analyzes,
 24 integrates, evaluates, and interprets the effects of climate
 25 change on the natural environment, land and water resources,
 26 biological diversity, agriculture, energy production and use,
 27 economic growth, employment, financial risk, disaster
 28 preparedness, human health and welfare, and transportation
 29 within the state, as well as current trends in climate change,

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30 both human induced and natural, and projected major trends for
31 the subsequent 25 to 100 years.

32 (3) The program shall consist of the following
33 participants:

34 (a) The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife
35 Conservation Commission or his or her designee.

36 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee.

37 (c) The chair of the Public Service Commission or his or
38 her designee.

39 (d) The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.

40 (e) The coordinator of the Office of Economic and
41 Demographic Research or his or her designee.

42 (f) The executive director of the Department of Economic
43 Opportunity or his or her designee.

44 (g) The director of the Division of Emergency Management or
45 his or her designee.

46 (h) The Surgeon General or his or her designee.

47 (i) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

48 (j) The Chief Science Officer of the Office of
49 Environmental Accountability and Transparency.

50 (k) Three representatives from nongovernmental
51 organizations that are not included in this subsection who have
52 expertise in public health, energy, planning, land management,
53 or conservation.

54 (l) A representative from the Florida Climate Institute.

55 (m) A representative from each of the following Florida
56 climate collaboratives:

57 1. The Public-Private Regional Resiliency Committee.

58 2. The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

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59 3. The Tampa Bay Regional Resilience Coalition.

60 4. The East Central Florida Regional Resilience
61 Collaborative.

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63 Additional representatives from resiliency coalitions may be
64 included in the program as such coalitions are established.

65 (4) Beginning January 1, 2021, and at least once every 4
66 years thereafter, the program shall deliver the Florida
67 Resiliency Plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
68 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The plan shall
69 include the program's assessment of the effects of climate
70 change in the state and recommendations on strategies to
71 mitigate those effects and improve resiliency throughout the
72 state. Each version of the plan must have a specific focus that
73 is determined by the program. The focus of the initial plan must
74 be sea-level rise and coastal resiliency.

75 (5) The Secretary of Environmental Protection and the Chief
76 Resilience Officer shall jointly coordinate and oversee the
77 program, and the department shall provide staff support to
78 assist the program in the performance of its duties.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.