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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
(Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 910 and 911

insert:

Section 22. Section 125.569, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

125.569 Sanitary sewer lateral inspection program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "sanitary sewer  
lateral" means a privately owned pipeline connecting a property  
to the main sewer line which is maintained and repaired by the



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11 property owner.

12 (2) By July 1, 2022, counties are encouraged to establish  
13 an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary sewer  
14 laterals on residential and commercial properties within the  
15 county's jurisdiction to identify and reduce extraneous flow  
16 from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a minimum, the program  
17 may do all of the following:

18 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or  
19 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and  
20 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the county.

21 (b) Consider economical methods for a property owner to  
22 repair or replace a defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary  
23 sewer lateral.

24 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database  
25 to store information concerning properties where a defective,  
26 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
27 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
28 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
29 persons the county notified concerning the faulty sanitary sewer  
30 lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

31 Section 23. Section 166.0481, Florida Statutes, is created  
32 to read:

33 166.0481 Sanitary sewer lateral inspection program.-

34 (1) As used in this section, the term "sanitary sewer  
35 lateral" means a privately owned pipeline connecting a property  
36 to the main sewer line which is maintained and repaired by the  
37 property owner.

38 (2) By July 1, 2022, municipalities are encouraged to  
39 establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary



40 sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within  
41 the municipality's jurisdiction to identify and reduce  
42 extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a  
43 minimum, the program may do all of the following:

44 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or  
45 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and  
46 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the  
47 municipality.

48 (b) Consider economical methods for a property owner to  
49 repair or replace a defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary  
50 sewer lateral.

51 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database  
52 to store information concerning properties where a defective,  
53 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
54 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
55 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
56 persons the municipality notified concerning the faulty sanitary  
57 sewer lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

58 Section 24. Section 689.301, Florida Statutes, is created  
59 to read:

60 689.301 Disclosure of known defects in sanitary sewer  
61 laterals to prospective purchaser.—Before executing a contract  
62 for sale, a seller of real property shall disclose to a  
63 prospective purchaser any defects in the property's sanitary  
64 sewer lateral which are known to the seller. As used in this  
65 section, the term "sanitary sewer lateral" means the privately  
66 owned pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line.

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69 And the title is amended as follows:

70       Between lines 48 and 49

71 insert:

72       creating ss. 125.569 and 166.0481, F.S.; defining the  
73       term "sanitary sewer lateral"; encouraging counties  
74       and municipalities, respectively, to establish a  
75       sanitary sewer lateral inspection program by a  
76       specified date; providing parameters for such a  
77       program; creating s. 689.301, F.S.; requiring a seller  
78       of real property to disclose any known defects in the  
79       property's sanitary sewer lateral; defining the term  
80       "sanitary sewer lateral";