

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Statewide Office of Resiliency;  
3           creating s. 14.2031, F.S.; establishing the office  
4           within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing  
5           for appointment of the Chief Resilience Officer by the  
6           Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task  
7           Force within the office; specifying the purpose of the  
8           task force; providing for the membership of the task  
9           force; providing timeframes for initial appointments  
10          and the task force's initial meeting; specifying  
11          duties of the task force; authorizing the Department  
12          of Environmental Protection to contract for specified  
13          services, upon request of the task force; requiring  
14          the Department of Environmental Protection to serve as  
15          the task force's contract administrator and to provide  
16          administrative support; authorizing the designation of  
17          technical advisory groups for specified purposes;  
18          prescribing reporting requirements; requiring the  
19          Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain  
20          action on the task force's recommendations; specifying  
21          the function of the consensus baseline projections;  
22          providing for future repeal of the task force;  
23          providing an appropriation; providing an effective  
24          date.

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

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28           Section 1. Section 14.2031, Florida Statutes, is created to  
29           read:

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30 14.2031 Statewide Office of Resiliency.—The Statewide  
31 Office of Resiliency is established within the Executive Office  
32 of the Governor. The office shall be headed by a Chief  
33 Resilience Officer, who is appointed by and serves at the  
34 pleasure of the Governor. The Chief Resilience Officer shall  
35 perform duties and responsibilities assigned by the Governor.

36 (1) The Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force, a task force  
37 as defined in s. 20.03(8), is created adjunct to the Statewide  
38 Office of Resiliency. Except as otherwise provided in this  
39 section, the task force shall operate in a manner consistent  
40 with s. 20.052. The purpose of the task force is to recommend  
41 consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and  
42 flooding impacts along this state's coastline.

43 (2) The task force is composed of the following members:

44 (a) The Chief Resilience Officer, who shall serve as chair.

45 (b) The Chief Science Officer of the Department of  
46 Environmental Protection, who shall serve as vice chair.

47 (c) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

48 (d) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
49 Representatives.

50 (e) One representative each from the Department of  
51 Transportation, the Division of Emergency Management, the  
52 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and  
53 Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of Economic  
54 Opportunity, each appointed by his or her respective agency  
55 head, division director, executive director, or commission  
56 chair.

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58 All appointments to the task force must be made no later than

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59 August 1, 2020. Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in  
60 the same manner as the original appointment.

61 (3) The Chief Resilience Officer shall convene the task  
62 force by no later than October 1, 2020. The task force shall  
63 meet thereafter upon the call of the chair.

64 (4) (a) The task force shall develop official scientific  
65 information, from appropriate sources as determined by the task  
66 force, necessary to make recommendations on consensus baseline  
67 projections, or a range of projections, of the expected rise in  
68 sea level along the state's coastline for planning horizons  
69 designated by the task force. The projections may address  
70 various geographic areas of the state, as determined by the task  
71 force.

72 (b) The task force may request the Department of  
73 Environmental Protection to contract for services to assist the  
74 task force in developing the recommended official baseline  
75 projections. The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
76 serve as the contract administrator for any such contracts.

77 (c) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
78 provide administrative support to the task force.

79 (d) The task force may designate technical advisory groups,  
80 as it deems necessary, to assist in the gathering of scientific  
81 data to inform the task force's decisionmaking.

82 (5) By January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit its  
83 recommended consensus baseline projections to the Environmental  
84 Regulation Commission, created pursuant to s. 20.255(6). The  
85 commission shall adopt or reject the task force's recommended  
86 projections. Following adoption by the commission, these  
87 projections serve as the state's official estimate of sea-level

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88 rise and flooding impacts along the state's coastline and must  
89 be used for the purpose of developing future state projects,  
90 plans, and programs. In its report, the task force must include  
91 supporting data and assumptions used by the task force in  
92 developing the recommended projections. The task force shall  
93 review the adopted consensus baseline projections as it deems  
94 appropriate, and shall submit any recommended revisions to the  
95 projections to the commission.

96 (6) Subsections (1) through (5) and this subsection are  
97 repealed July 1, 2023.

98 Section 2. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of  
99 \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
100 Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for  
101 the purpose of funding any contracts for services entered into  
102 by the department to assist the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task  
103 Force in developing its recommended official baseline  
104 projections and for the administrative expenses of the task  
105 force.

106 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.