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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the inland and coastal flood
3 control funding assessment; amending s. 403.928, F.S.;
4 requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic
5 Research to include specified information relating to
6 inland and coastal flood control in certain
7 assessments; providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsections (3) through (7) of section 403.928,
12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 403.928 Assessment of water resources and conservation
14 lands.—The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall
15 conduct an annual assessment of Florida's water resources and
16 conservation lands.

17 (3) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The assessment must:

18 (a) ~~shall~~ Include analyses on a statewide, regional, or
19 geographic basis, as appropriate, and shall identify analytical
20 challenges in assessing information across the different regions
21 of the state.

22 (b) ~~(4) The assessment must~~ Identify any overlap in the
23 expenditures for water resources and conservation lands.

24 (4) INLAND AND COASTAL FLOOD CONTROL.—At least every 5
25 years, beginning in 2021, the Office of Economic and Demographic
26 Research must include in the assessment an analysis of future
27 expenditures by federal, state, regional, and local governments
28 necessary to improve resilience to inland and coastal flooding
29 associated with sea-level rise, high-tide events, storm surge,

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30 flash flood, stormwater runoff, and increased rainfall on a 50-
31 year or longer planning period. The analysis must identify gaps
32 between projected and estimated revenues, expenditures, and
33 needs.

34 (5) ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE.—

35 (a) The water management districts, the Department of
36 Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and
37 Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
38 Commission, counties, municipalities, and special districts
39 shall provide assistance to the Office of Economic and
40 Demographic Research related to their respective areas of
41 expertise.

42 (b) ~~(6)~~ The Office of Economic and Demographic Research must
43 be given access to any data held by an agency as defined in s.
44 112.312 if the Office of Economic and Demographic Research
45 considers the data necessary to complete the assessment,
46 including any confidential data.

47 (6) ~~(7)~~ ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION.—The assessment shall be
48 submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
49 House of Representatives by January 1, 2017, and by January 1 of
50 each year thereafter.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.