

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

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
 45 chair.

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

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

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

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

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59 All appointments to the task force must be made no later than
60 August 1, 2021. Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in
61 the same manner as the original appointment.

62 (3) The Chief Resilience Officer shall convene the task
63 force by no later than October 1, 2021. The task force shall
64 meet thereafter upon the call of the chair.

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

73 (b) The task force may request the Department of
74 Environmental Protection to contract for services to assist the
75 task force in developing the recommended official baseline

76 projections. The Department of Environmental Protection shall
77 serve as the contract administrator for any such contracts.

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

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

83 (5) By January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit its
84 recommended consensus baseline projections to the Environmental
85 Regulation Commission, created pursuant to s. 20.255(6). The
86 commission shall adopt or reject the task force's recommended
87 projections. Following adoption by the commission, these
88 projections serve as the state's official estimate of sea-level
89 rise and flooding impacts along the state's coastline and must
90 be used for the purpose of developing future state projects,
91 plans, and programs. In its report, the task force must include
92 supporting data and assumptions used by the task force in
93 developing the recommended projections. The task force shall
94 review the adopted consensus baseline projections as it deems
95 appropriate, and shall submit any recommended revisions to the
96 projections to the commission.

97 (6) Subsections (1) through (5) and this subsection are
98 repealed July 1, 2024.

99 Section 2. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the sum of
100 \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General

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101 Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for
102 the purpose of funding any contracts for services entered into
103 by the department to assist the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task
104 Force in developing its recommended official baseline
105 projections and for the administrative expenses of the task
106 force.

107 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.