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An act relating to displacement of private waste companies; amending s. 403.70605, F.S.; requiring a local government to pay a specified amount of compensation to a displaced private waste company at the end of a specified notice period; removing a provision authorizing a local government to pay a specified amount of compensation to a private waste company as an alternative to delaying displacement for a specified period; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 403.70605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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403.70605 Solid waste collection services in competition with private companies.—

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paragraph (b), but not later than 1 year after the hearing, the local government may proceed to take those measures necessary to provide the service. The $\frac{1}{4}$ local government shall provide 3 years' notice to $\frac{1}{4}$ private company before it engages in the actual provision of the service that displaces the company. At

Following the final public hearing held under

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the end of the 3-year notice period As an alternative to delaying displacement 3 years, the a local government shall may pay the a displaced company an amount equal to the company's preceding 18 15 months' gross receipts for the displaced service in the displacement area. The 3-year notice period shall lapse as to any private company being displaced when the company ceases to provide service within the displacement area. Nothing in This paragraph does not prohibit prohibits the local government and the company from voluntarily negotiating a different notice period or amount of compensation.

Section 2. This act does not apply to any displacement as defined in s. 403.70605(3)(a), Florida Statutes, if the local government provided 3 years' notice to the displaced private company or companies on or before December 31, 2020.

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