

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a study of the Little Wekiva River;  
3           requiring the Department of Environmental Protection,  
4           in consultation with the St. Johns River Water  
5           Management District, Seminole County, the Fish and  
6           Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department  
7           of Transportation, to conduct a study and issue a  
8           report on sediment accumulation and water quality in  
9           the Little Wekiva River by a specified date; amending  
10          s. 369.307, F.S.; requiring a permit application for a  
11          development located partially or wholly within the  
12          Wekiva River Protection Area to include a study of the  
13          potential impacts to the Wekiva River; providing an  
14          effective date.

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

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18          Section 1. The Department of Environmental Protection, in  
19 consultation with the St. Johns River Water Management District,  
20 Seminole County, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,  
21 and the Department of Transportation, shall conduct a study and  
22 issue a report by December 31, 2021, to identify the source of  
23 sediment accumulation in the Little Wekiva River and detail  
24 improvements to the water quality and ecology of the area which  
25 might be achieved by efforts to dredge the river channel and

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26 | remove invasive plants. The report must include an estimated  
27 | cost for each improvement and potential funding sources.

28 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 369.307, Florida  
29 | Statutes, is amended to read:

30 | 369.307 Developments of regional impact in the Wekiva  
31 | River Protection Area; land acquisition.—

32 | (1) Notwithstanding s. 380.06(4), the counties shall  
33 | consider and issue the development permits applicable to a  
34 | proposed development of regional impact which is located  
35 | partially or wholly within the Wekiva River Protection Area at  
36 | the same time as the development order approving, approving with  
37 | conditions, or denying a development of regional impact. A  
38 | permit application for a development that is located partially  
39 | or wholly within the Wekiva River Protection Area must include a  
40 | study of the potential impacts to the Wekiva River from the  
41 | proposed development project.

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