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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to solar photovoltaic facility
3	development; providing a short title; directing the
4	Department of Environmental Protection, in
5	coordination with the Office of Energy within the
6	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to
7	conduct a study of brownfield sites and closed
8	landfill sites to determine viable locations for
9	redevelopment as solar photovoltaic facilities;
10	providing study requirements; directing the department
11	to submit a report to the Governor, Legislature,
12	Florida Public Service Commission, and regional
13	planning council chairs by a specified date; providing
14	an 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. (1) This act may be cited as the "Brownfields
19	to Brightfields Act."
20	(2) The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, in
21	coordination with the Office of Energy within the Department of
22	Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall conduct a study of
23	brownfield sites as defined in s. 288.107(1)(b) and closed
24	landfill sites to determine viable sites for redevelopment as
25	solar photovoltaic facilities.

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26	(3) The study must include, at a minimum:
27	(a) A list of brownfield sites and closed landfill sites
28	with potential for redevelopment as solar photovoltaic
29	facilities, divided into high, medium, and low potential. The
30	list must be based on:
31	1. Site characteristics including physical, legal, and
32	zoning barriers to redevelopment.
33	2. Proximity to existing energy generation and
34	transmission infrastructure.
35	3. Proximity to current and projected population centers.
36	4. Environmental justice considerations, including, but
37	not limited to, the interim final recommendations of the
38	National Environmental Justice Advisory Council dated May 13,
39	<u>2021.</u>
40	(b) An assessment of the potential and logistics for solar
41	energy generation from a diverse subset of high to medium
42	potential sites for redevelopment, including a cost-benefit
43	analysis. Potential sites must vary in lot size, geographic
44	proximity to current and projected population centers, and
45	geographic region.
46	(c) An analysis of the potential costs and benefits of
47	installing solar photovoltaic facilities to adjacent
48	communities.
49	(d) A list of recommended local and state policy changes
50	to facilitate the redevelopment of brownfield and landfill sites
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51	<u>into solar photovoltaic facilities.</u>
52	(4) The department shall submit a report on the findings
53	and recommendations of the study to the Governor, President of
54	the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Florida
55	Public Service Commission, and chairs of each Florida Regional
56	Planning Council by August 1, 2023.
57	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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