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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to disposal of food waste materials
3 study; directing the Department of Environmental
4 Protection to conduct a study on the disposal of food
5 waste materials and submit a report to the Legislature
6 by a specified date; providing study requirements;
7 providing an appropriation; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Protection
13 shall conduct a study on the disposal of food waste materials
14 and submit a report to the President of the Senate and the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before July 1,
16 2024.

17 (2) The study must:

18 (a) Determine the current impact of the disposal of food
19 waste materials in landfills and at solid waste facilities.

20 (b) Determine what composting facilities, anaerobic
21 digestion facilities, and other recycling facilities currently
22 exist in the state with the capacity to accept food waste
23 materials.

24 (c) Examine the current cost of the disposal of food waste
25 materials in landfills and at solid waste facilities versus the
26 cost of the disposal of food waste materials at composting
27 facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, and other recycling
28 facilities.

29 (d) Provide legislative recommendations on the feasibility

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30 of a pilot program to require food outlets, food service
31 establishments, schools or other educational facilities, and
32 businesses to recycle food waste materials and the most
33 efficient method to accomplish the goal of redirecting the
34 disposal of food waste materials in landfills and at solid waste
35 facilities to composting facilities, anaerobic digestion
36 facilities, and other recycling facilities. The department may
37 provide legislative recommendations for additional goals of the
38 pilot program.

39 (e) Provide legislative recommendations for educational
40 materials on the benefits of alternative food disposal methods.

41 (f) Determine the type and size of food outlets, food
42 service establishments, schools or other educational facilities,
43 and businesses that should participate in the pilot program
44 under paragraph (d).

45 (3) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring sum of
46 \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the
47 department for the purpose of conducting a study on the disposal
48 of food waste materials pursuant to this section.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.