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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a comprehensive waste reduction and
3 recycling plan; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring
4 the Department of Environmental Protection to develop
5 a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for
6 this state by a specified date, based on certain
7 department recommendations; requiring the department
8 to convene a technical assistance group for a
9 specified purpose; providing minimum requirements for
10 the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to
11 submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of
12 the comprehensive plan; providing requirements for the
13 report; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 403.7032,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 403.7032 Recycling.—

20 (6) By July 1, 2024, the Department of Environmental
21 Protection shall develop a comprehensive waste reduction and
22 recycling plan for this state based on recommendations from the
23 department's Florida and the 2020 75% Recycling Goal Final
24 Report. The department shall convene a technical assistance
25 group within the department to help develop the plan.

26 (a) At a minimum, the comprehensive plan must:

27 1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials
28 management and waste diversion.

29 2. Include a 3-year plan to implement all of the following

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30 strategies:

31 a. Recycling education and outreach. The department shall
32 propose statewide solutions to provide local recycling
33 information and education throughout this state.

34 b. Local government recycling assistance. The department
35 shall evaluate the benefits and challenges of the former state
36 Recycling and Education Grant Program and provide
37 recommendations for reinstating the program or considering other
38 means of providing recycling assistance to local governments.

39 c. Recycling materials market development. The department
40 shall consider and recommend plans to develop and promote
41 markets for recycling materials.

42 (b) Upon completion of the plan, the department shall
43 provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
44 of the House of Representatives. The report must include an
45 update on the status of the plan and any recommendations for
46 statutory changes necessary to achieve the recycling goals or
47 strategies identified in the plan.

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