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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 379.2273, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

379.2273 Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology



11 Development Initiative; Initiative Technology Advisory Council.—

12 (2) The Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology
13 Development Initiative is established as a partnership between
14 the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute within the commission
15 and Mote Marine Laboratory.

16 (c) Upon successful completion of science-based laboratory
17 testing of prevention, control, and mitigation technologies and
18 approaches, the initiative shall develop recommendations for
19 field trial deployment of the technologies and approaches in
20 state waters. The initiative shall submit a report on its
21 findings and recommendations to the department, the commission,
22 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and other
23 state agencies with regulatory oversight of field trial
24 deployment of the technologies and approaches in state waters.
25 The department shall evaluate the technologies and approaches
26 and identify all existing state permits Mote Marine Laboratory
27 may use to deploy and test the technologies and approaches in
28 state waters. The department shall submit its evaluation to Mote
29 Marine Laboratory within 60 days after receipt of the report. If
30 the department determines existing state permits may not be
31 used, the department shall amend its regulatory or permitting
32 processes to ensure the timely deployment of any red tide or
33 similar harmful algal bloom mitigation and control technologies
34 and approaches recommended by the initiative. Upon successful
35 testing of the technologies and approaches, the department shall
36 expedite regulatory reviews for the recurring use of the
37 technologies and approaches in state waters to control and
38 mitigate the impacts of red tide or similar harmful algal
39 blooms.



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40 ~~(4) This section expires June 30, 2025.~~

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Delete everything before the enacting clause

46 and insert:

47 A bill to be entitled

48 An act relating to the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and
49 Technology Development Initiative; amending s.

50 379.2273, F.S.; requiring the initiative to develop
51 recommendations for deployment of certain technologies
52 and approaches and submit a report to the Department
53 of Environmental Protection, the Fish and Wildlife
54 Conservation Commission, the Department of Agriculture
55 and Consumer Services, and certain state agencies;
56 requiring the department to submit an evaluation
57 regarding the technologies and approaches to Mote
58 Marine Laboratory within a specified time period and
59 amend regulatory or permitting processes and expedite
60 regulatory reviews under certain circumstances;
61 removing the expiration date of the initiative;
62 providing an effective date.