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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a strategic infrastructure
3 investment plan; creating s. 339.60, F.S.; requiring
4 the Department of Transportation to develop a
5 strategic infrastructure investment plan to address
6 freight mobility infrastructure; providing
7 requirements for the plan; requiring the department to
8 coordinate with certain stakeholders to develop the
9 plan; requiring the department to complete an
10 assessment of certain factors and to consider the
11 findings of the assessment in developing the plan;
12 requiring that the plan include specified strategies
13 and recommendations; requiring that the plan be
14 reviewed and updated at a specified interval;
15 requiring the Secretary of Transportation to submit
16 the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a
17 specified date biennially; amending s. 339.08, F.S.;
18 authorizing the department to expend moneys from the
19 State Transportation Trust Fund to pay the cost of any
20 projects identified in the strategic infrastructure
21 investment plan; providing an effective date.

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

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25 Section 1. Section 339.60, Florida Statutes, is created to
26 read:

27 339.60 Strategic infrastructure investment plan.-

28 (1) The department shall develop, in cooperation with
29 metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils,

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30 local governments, and other transportation providers, a 10-year
31 strategic infrastructure investment plan to address freight
32 mobility infrastructure. The plan, which must be updated at
33 least every 2 years, must take into consideration existing
34 transportation mobility infrastructure. In developing the plan,
35 the department shall coordinate with stakeholders, including,
36 but not limited to, any of the following:

37 (a) Representatives from the transportation sector.

38 (b) Representatives from the largest employers in this
39 state.

40 (c) County and municipal governments.

41 (2) In developing the plan, the department shall complete
42 an assessment of all of the following:

43 (a) Existing transportation plans, including, but not
44 limited to, seaport plans, freight rail plans, and aviation
45 plans, as well as regional transportation plans developed by
46 metropolitan planning organizations and local governments.

47 (b) Existing intermodal logistic centers (ILCs) that are
48 located in proximity to trucking rest stops, seaports, and
49 airports.

50 (c) State lands available for the construction of an ILC.

51 (d) Alternative transportation fuel sources, including, but
52 not limited to, electric and natural gas.

53 (e) The feasibility of the implementation of advanced air
54 mobility services.

55 (f) Projected population growth during the first 3 years of
56 the plan.

57 (3) The department shall consider the findings from the
58 assessment required by subsection (2) in the development of the

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59 plan, which must include all of the following:

60 (a) An outline submitted every 2 years of strategies to
61 preserve and secure a sustainable logistics transportation
62 network for current freight mobility while enhancing economic
63 development.

64 (b) Recommendations for a staged approach to improve
65 reliability, to diminish the impact of freight mobility services
66 in this state on border states, and to address future
67 development priorities of logistics transportation networks and
68 economic competitiveness throughout the southeastern United
69 States.

70 (c) Recommendations for the preservation and mitigation of
71 environmental, agricultural, and aquaculture impacts.

72 (d) Recommendations for this state's seaports, including
73 current access to seaports, level of service, warehouse
74 availability, and fuel requirements.

75 (e) Recommendations for a staggered financial investment
76 approach tied to growth and strategic outcomes.

77 (f) Recommendations for improvements that will reduce
78 congestion and improve the quality of life in communities
79 adjacent to major freight transportation pathways.

80 (g) Recommendations for the establishment of interconnected
81 multimodal freight transportation systems that foster economic
82 development, job creation, and manufacturing.

83 (h) Recommendations for the systematic placement of ILCs
84 near trucking rest stops, seaports, and airports in a way that
85 takes into account freight travel patterns and potential
86 designations of freight trucking corridors and fuel
87 requirements.

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88 (i) For each strategic infrastructure investment, a finance
89 plan that includes the identification of any funding shortfalls
90 and systematized investment tracking to monitor any strategic
91 infrastructure investments.

92 (j) A set of performance-based metrics.

93 (k) Guidance to the Legislature on financial investment for
94 strategic growth to implement the plan, which must include
95 recommendations on:

96 1. Asset management;

97 2. Optimization of return on investment;

98 3. Border state competition; and

99 4. Long-term maintenance and operation of the
100 transportation system.

101 (4) The Secretary of Transportation shall submit the plan
102 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
103 the House of Representatives on or before December 1, 2024, and
104 every 2 years thereafter.

105 Section 2. Present paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of
106 section 339.08, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
107 (o), and a new paragraph (n) is added to that subsection, to
108 read:

109 339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.—

110 (1) The department shall expend moneys in the State
111 Transportation Trust Fund accruing to the department, in
112 accordance with its annual budget. The use of such moneys shall
113 be restricted to the following purposes:

114 (n) To pay the cost of the strategic infrastructure
115 investment plan developed under s. 339.60.

116 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.