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27 (b) Protect barrier and spoil islands.

28 (c) Assist Everglades restoration and Biscayne Bay  
 29 revitalization efforts, including the development of living  
 30 shoreline design options for the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve  
 31 which are ecologically acceptable and consistent with s.  
 32 258.397.

33 (d) Promote public awareness of the value of mangroves  
 34 statewide and support mangrove education campaigns conducted by  
 35 local governmental entities.

36 (e) Identify vulnerable public and private properties  
 37 along the coastline and encourage partnerships with local  
 38 governmental entities to create local mangrove protection and  
 39 restoration zone programs for implementing the rules developed  
 40 by the department pursuant to this subsection.

41 (f) Protect and maintain access to and navigation of the  
 42 marked channel and the right-of-way of the Florida Intracoastal  
 43 Waterway as defined in s. 327.02.

44 (g) Create permitting incentives and approve of and  
 45 encourage the use of new strategies for living shorelines and  
 46 nature-based features, such as mangroves for coastal protection.

47 (h) Encourage partnerships with local governmental  
 48 entities to create projects for coastal protection through the  
 49 Resilient Florida Grant Program pursuant to s. 380.093(3)(b)1.c.

50 (8) The department, in consultation with the Division of

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51 Insurance Agent and Agency Services, shall conduct a statewide  
52 feasibility study to determine the value of mangroves and other  
53 nature-based solutions for coastal flood risk reduction within  
54 coastal communities to reduce insurance premiums and improve  
55 local governments' community ratings in the National Flood  
56 Insurance Program Community Rating System. The department shall  
57 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
58 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2025.

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